

February 11th, 2022

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee meeting to be held on **Monday, 14th February 2022 at 6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room Downshire Civic Centre Downpatrick and via Microsoft Teams.**

Committee Membership:

Councillor R Howell **Chairperson**

Councillor T Andrews **Deputy Chairperson**

Councillor R Burgess

Councillor W Clarke

Councillor D Curran

Councillor M Gibbons

Councillor G Hanna

Councillor V Harte

Councillor M Larkin

Councillor R Mulgrew

Councillor A McMurray

Councillor H Reilly

Councillor M Ruane

Councillor M Savage

Councillor G Stokes

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's remarks.

2.0 Declarations of Interest.

3.0 Action Sheet: Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting - Monday 17 January 2022. (Attached)

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Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration Items

4.0 Downpatrick Town Centre. (Attached)

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5.0 ORNI Service Level Agreement 2021-2022 Budget Increase. (Attached)

 *ERT Report - ORNI SLA 2021.22 Budget increase.pdf*

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Building Control and Licensing

6.0 Review of Policies. (Attached)

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 *Appx a) Review of Policies - Pavement Cafe Designation Policy.pdf*

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7.0 Review of Street Trading Sites. (Attached)

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Tourism, Culture and Events Items

8.0 TNI Spring Co-operative Marketing Programme. (Attached)

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9.0 Castlewellan Caravan/Campsite Upgrade Works. (To follow)

This item is deemed to be restricted by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

 *ERT Report - Castlewellan Forest Park Caravan Campsite Upgrade Works.pdf* **Not included**

 *Appx. Castlewellan Forest Park Caravan Campsite Upgrade Works Business Case.pdf* **Not included**

10.0 Castlewellan Forest Park Charges. (Attached)

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 *ERT Report - Castlewellan Forest Park Charges.pdf* **Not included**

11.0 Derrymore Demense Pathway Project. (Attached)

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 *ERT Report - Derrymore Demense Pathway Project.pdf* **Not included**

 *Appx - Derrymore Demense Pathways Business Case.pdf* **Not included**

12.0 Downpatrick Intangible Cultural Programme - Service Level Agreement. (Attached)

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 *ERT Report - Downpatrick Intangible Cultural Programme SLA.pdf* **Not included**

13.0 Make it Local Engagement Campaign. (Attached)

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 ***ERT Report - Make it Local 2022 Campaign.pdf*** ***Not included***

 ***Appx - Make it Local 2022 campaign Business Case.pdf*** ***Not included***

14.0 Road and Car Park Surfacing. (Attached)

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 ***ERT Report - Road and Carpark Surfacing.pdf*** ***Not included***

 ***Appx - Road and Carpark surfacing - Business Case.pdf*** ***Not included***

15.0 Service Level Agreements 2022-2023. (Attached)

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 ***ERT Report - SLAs 2022-2023.pdf*** ***Not included***

16.0 Tourism Events Programme 2022/23. (To follow)

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 ***ERT Report - Tourism Events Programme 2022-23.pdf*** ***Not included***

 ***Appx 2) Tourism Events Programme - Financial Assistance Call 1.pdf*** ***Not included***

 ***Appx 1) Tourism Events Programme List 2022-23.pdf*** ***Not included***

17.0 Warrenpoint Marina Project. (Attached)

This item is deemed to be restricted by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

 ***ERT Report - Warrenpoint Marina Project.pdf*** ***Not included***

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18.0 All Ireland Strategic Railway Consultation Response. (Attached)

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19.0 Update re: AONB and Geopark. (Attached)

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20.0 Update re: Business Growth Programmes. (Attached)

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21.0 ERT Historic Action Tracker Sheet. (Attached)

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22.0 International Women's Day. (Attached)

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23.0 Update re: Levelling Up Fund. (Attached)

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24.0 Planning Performance Figures - January 2022. (Attached)

📄 *Planning Performance Figures for Jan 2022.pdf*

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25.0 Update re: Project Stratum. (Attached)

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ACTION SHEET

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ENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETINGMONDAY 11 JANUARY 2022

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/003/2022	PRESENTATION NI HOTELS FEDERATION	The Council write to the Chancellor calling for the VAT reduction to remain in place.	A.Patterson	In progress	N
ERT/005/2022	NOTICE OF MOTION RE: FREE CAR PARKING FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES	To note the content of Report dated 17 January 2022 from Mr C Jackson Assistant Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding free parking for electric vehicles in Council off-street car parks, and that Officers continue the collaborative work in relation to both the Faster and On-Street Residential Charging Schemes in order to secure funding for increasing EV charging provision within the District.	C Jackson	The NOM did not gain committee approval. Agreed to continue the collaborative approach to increase the EV charging provision within the district.	Yes

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/006/2022	ALL IRELAND SMART CITIES FORUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To approve the cost of renewal of membership of €4,809 per annum. This cost includes facilitation support of Maynooth University Business School, the bi-monthly meetings and the Annual All-Ireland Smart Cities Conference. To note that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council continue to avail of the expertise from the All Ireland Smart Cities Forum. An ERT officer and representative from East Border Region will continue to attend the meetings and disseminate the information to relevant stakeholders. 	J McGilly	In Progress	Y
ERT/007/2022	BRCD – RENEWED AMBITION PROGRAMME	To approve Council participation in the Renewed Ambition Programme at a cost of £15,000 for 2022-23, subject to budget estimates Rate setting.	C Mallon	In Progress	Y
ERT/008/2022	SMALL SETTLEMENT REGENERATION PLAN	To approve the relevant business cases and commence the required procurement processes/framework appointments for scheme design consultants and contractors and proceed totender / quotation / assessment and award if within budget. In	J McGilly	In Progress	N

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
		advance of this all proposals will be presented to the relevant DEA for a by way of consultation.			
ERT/009/2022	(EXEMPT) CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK OPERATING MODEL PROCUREMENTS	<p>a) To award 2 No. trading pitches at Castlewellan Forest Park under the terms detailed in the report.</p> <p>b) To appoint a co-sourced grass and hedge cutting services for a three-year period via public procurement.</p> <p>c) To appoint a suitably experienced and certified specialist maintenance contractor for a three year period via a public procurement.</p>	A Patterson	In progress	Y
ERT/010/2022	(EXEMPT) LABOUR MARKET PARTNERSHIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council issue a Service Level Agreement to Southern Regional College (SRC) and also to South Eastern Regional College (SERC) to create an Apprenticeships Awareness Campaign across the District, delivering against the Labour Market Partnership Action Plan. • Council issue a Service Level Agreement to Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency and Down Business Centre to 	J McGilly	In Progress	N

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/011/2022	(EXEMPT) NEWCASTLE HARBOUR –	<p>implement the LMP Action "Stimulate self-employment as an "employment" opportunity", offering follow-on support to their Go for It Clients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council issue a Service Level Agreement to DFC (or an appropriate partner if DFC cannot fulfil within the timescales) to implement the delivery of a virtual jobs fair during 2021/2022. • To note Council have received and accepted a Letter of Offer from DFC for implementation of LMP Actions between January 2022 and March 2022. The report above outlines the anticipated actions that can be implemented within this timescale. • To note Council will commence engagement regarding the submission of a further action plan outlining LMP Actions for 2022/2023 and which is due to be submitted to DFC in February 2022. <p>To approve a pilot programme for a sailing academy to operate from Newcastle Harbour from April – October 2022 subject</p>	A Patterson	In progress	Y

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
	PROVISION OF SERVICES	to the conditions set out in the report.			
ERT/012/2022	(EXEMPT) NEW NI PLANNING IT SYSTEM	To approve the Service Level Agreement and associated costs of the Shared Service for the new Planning system.	A McKay	Completed	Y
ERT/013/2021	(EXEMPT) SHARED ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES LDA SLA	To note the content of report dated 17 January 2022 from Mr A McKay Chief Planning Officer, and approve the preferred option – i.e. agree the revised Service Level Agreement with Shared Environmental Services (SES), and allow Shared Environmental Services to continue their work through the draft Plan Strategy stage.	A McKay	Completed	Y
ERT/014/2022	(EXEMPT) TOURISM NI PRODUCT DEV FUND - SLAS	Council enter into Service Level Agreements with Newry, Mourne and Down Tourism Businesses detailed in the report to deliver a programme of Events/experiences as part of the Tourism NI Market Led Product Development Programme 2021/22.	A Patterson	In progress	Y
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Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 14 th February 2022
Subject:	Downpatrick Town Centre
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly - Assistant Director, Enterprise Employment and Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Ciara Toman – Project Support Officer, Enterprise Employment and Regeneration

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

For decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For noting only	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>Purpose To consider contents of the report and approve recommendations outlined in Section 3.0.</p> <p>Background Following a Notice and Motion presented to ERT Committee in August 2021: -</p> <p>"That this council recognises the importance of supporting the revival of Downpatrick Town Centre post pandemic and beyond. This motion calls on council to appoint a Town Centre Manager for Downpatrick. A Town Centre Manager who can liaise with the business community creating initiatives, opportunities and developing programmes that would support the future development of the county town."</p> <p>Council Officers were asked look at the feasibility of a Town Centre Manager and to engage fully with key stakeholder to explore the need and potential role for a Town Centre Manager.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>It was agreed that Council Officers would carry out further investigations/research and obtain the views of several stakeholders ranging from Department for Communities, Down Business Centre, Down Business Connect, Downpatrick Town Committee, Downpatrick Community Collective, SERC and several local business representatives.</p> <p>Following these meetings with key stakeholders it was evident that a more co-ordinated plan needs to be developed between stakeholders in order to agree key priorities and a structured way forward to inform resource requirements and</p>

	manage expectations through the development of a strategy focused on the needs of the town.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>Members are asked to consider and approve recommendations as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To organise a facilitated workshop with key stakeholders groups to discuss and identify the main priorities in order to develop a strategy focused on the needs of the Town. 2. To appoint a facilitator for the workshop and prepare a report detailing the findings and recommendations from the workshop.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Costs associated with facilitation - £2500 available in 2021-2022 budgets
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 14 th February 2022
Subject:	Challenge Fund Trail Plans SLA with ORNI 2021-2022
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Darren Rice AONB and Geopark Manager

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <p>To approve an amendment to the Service Level Agreement with Outdoor Recreation NI (ORNI) for 2021 – 2022, increasing the value by £15,000, bringing the SLA to a maximum cost of £64,500</p> <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>In October 2021 ERT agreed to establish an SLA with ORNI to undertake the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress submission of planning applications and ensure 'shovel ready' projects for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Slieve Gullion trail from the lake to Ballard ✓ Reroute a closed section of the Ring of Gullion Way ✓ Carrive summit loop in the lower hills • Progress Feasibility/scoping/assessing/developing 2 new outdoor recreation opportunities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Forkhill River walk ✓ Forkhill River Blueways <p>It is now proposed to include an additional project to this SLA: Ringhaddy Access to the Water scoping study. The SLA with ORNI will focus on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress Feasibility/scoping/assessing/developing 2 new outdoor recreation opportunities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ringhaddy <p>And if feasible:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress submission of planning applications and ensure 'shovel ready' projects for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ringhaddy <p>The project can now be included in this SLA. The funding has been secured for this work, and all budgets have been accounted for in current projections. No additional resources are required for this work.</p> <p>This project is identified for delivery within the Strangford Audit of Access and was scheduled for delivery in 22.23.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>In May 2018 An audit of access to Strangford Lough for water-based recreation was carried out by ORNI and from it a recommendation to look at access to the water at Ringhaddy.</p> <p>NMDDC successfully secured Challenge Fund from DAERA to deliver the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ringhaddy Access to the Water scoping study <p>The funding has been secured for this work, and all budgets have been accounted for in current projections. No additional resources are required for this work.</p> <p>The establishment of new outdoor recreation may also lead to additional resource requirements as part of the day-to-day management and upkeep of these assets.</p> <p>Additional budget provision for Access to the water at Ringhaddy may be required if it progresses to capital works stage. However external funding sources will be investigated for this.</p> <p>Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland is a not-for-profit organisation who make it easier for people to responsibly enjoy the outdoors. Their ethos is that partnership working is fundamental to ensure they achieve their vision and that success will be achieved through working in partnership with a with a wide range of organisations which have an interest in, or involvement with, outdoor recreation.</p> <p>ORNI proactively engage with local councils in Northern Ireland to establish Service Level Agreements. These allow them to target their dedicated expertise to enable councils to achieve their outdoor recreation potential. Current Service Level Agreements include Community Trails with NMDDC, AHC and their key areas of focus are: Delivery of MountainBikeNI.com Consortium, Delivery of WalkNI.com Consortium, Community Trail Plan Planning and Development.</p> <p>The community trails work is similar to this in that there is a period of development, enjoyment and bringing them to planning to make sure projects are shovel ready.</p> <p>The proposed 2021/2022 SLA with ORNI aims to build on the foundation work completed through previous years work.</p>

3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>Members to consider and agree:</p> <p>To increase the value of the existing Service Level Agreement with Outdoor Recreation NI (ORNI) for the 2021-2022 financial year by £15,000, bringing the total cost to £64,500.</p>
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>Revenue/Payroll: A budget of £64,500 has been identified and secured in DAERA Challenge Fund matched with Councils 2021/2022 rates estimates process to support the proposed ORNI SLA 2021/2022.</p> <p>Annual repairs, maintenance and cleansing costs for any new infrastructure will have an impact on revenue budgets. Once established these should be accounted for within the appropriate budgets and included in annual rates estimates processors going forward.</p>
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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6.0	<p>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</p>
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7.0	<p>Appendices</p>
	<p>N/A</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>
	<p>N/A</p>

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 14 th February 2022
Subject:	Review of Policies
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Colum Jackson, Assistant Director Building Control & Licensing
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Fintan Quinn, Head of Service Licensing

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To review and approve the enclosed Policies</p> <p><u>Background</u> The council have approved Policies for the regulation of its Pavement Café Licences and Road Closures Orders for Special Events. These Policies are reviewed after 4 years for approval. The enclosed Policies are due for review;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pavement Café Designation Policy b. Pavement Café Enforcement Policy c. Temporary Road Closure Policy
2.0	Key issues
2.1	The Council have responsibility for the issue of Pavement Café Licences and Road Closure Orders for Special Events. All Licences and Orders are issued in accordance with approved Policies. The above Policies have reached their review date. There are no significant changes to the Policies.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To approve the enclosed Policies.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	N/A
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)

5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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6.0	<p>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</p>
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p>

	Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.0	Appendices	
	Appx a) Pavement Café Designation Policy Appx b) Pavement Café Enforcement Policy Appx c) Temporary Road Closure Policy	
8.0	Background Documents	
	N/A	



Comhairle Ceantair
**an Iúir, Mhúrn
agus an Dúin**

**Newry, Mourne
and Down**
District Council

Pavement Cafés Designation Policy

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ENTERPRISE REGENERATION AND TOURISM DEPARTMENT

Dated: 14 February 2022

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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 shall come into force on the 1st October 2016.

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 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 (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 its 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. Where conditions permit, a reduction to 1.5m will be considered. This reduction shall be regarded as the absolute minimum and shall be restricted in length to a maximum of 6.0 m.
- (b) Where the seating area is adjacent to a road junction or vehicular access, 10 metres clearance should be left to allow for junction visibility.
- (c) 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.
- 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 photographs/manufacturers details.
- All applicants must provide risk assessments
- 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	£280.00	£95.00	£375.00 total
Renewal or Variation of pavement café licence	£185.00	£95.00	£280.00 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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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 it is recommended it not be subject to an equality impact assessment (with no mitigating measures required).

This policy has been screened in accordance with the provision of Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

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Pavement Cafés Enforcement Policy

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ENTERPRISE REGENERATION and TOURISM DEPARTMENT

Dated: 14 February 2022

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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 that 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 known, 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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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 it is recommended it not be subject to an equality impact assessment (with no mitigating measures required).

This policy has been screened in accordance with the provision of Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

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PROPERTY REMOVAL/RECEIPT FORM

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Owner's Name				Address			
Responsible Person's Name				Address			
(if different from above)							
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Temporary Road Closures on a Public Road for the Purpose of Holding a Special Event Policy

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ENTERPRISE REGENERATION and TOURISM DEPARTMENT

Dated: 14 February 2022

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1. Title

Temporary Road Closures on a Public Road for the purpose of holding a Special Event Policy.

2. Statement

Council approves this policy and any associated procedure in relation to the closure of roads under The Roads(Miscellaneous Provisions)(2010 Act) (Commencement No.1) Order(Northern Ireland) 2017.

3. Aim

- 3.1 The Roads (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 2010 amends the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) 1997 Order 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. 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 (Roads Service) (DfI) is required. If the DfI Roads Service objects on the grounds of road safety issues or traffic management issues, then approval shall not be given.
- 3.2 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 prohibited or restricted for the purpose of holding a special event on a public road.

4. Scope.

The 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.
- 4.4 Council may issue an order to:
- (a) Suspend or modify any statutory provision such as parking provision or waiting restriction.
 - (b) A restriction on the amount of time an event can last.
 - (c) Approval shall be authorised by the Director of the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Department under delegated authority.
 - (d) Refusal shall be referred to the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee for consultation.
- 4.5 Activities NOT covered in this Act include:
- (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**
- * A NEW Motor Race should be referred to DfI Roads Service
 - * A NEW cycle race should be referred to Cycling Ulster
- 4.6 The council may monitor any special events as it deems necessary and report any significant non-compliance issues to the PSNI for enforcement.
- 4.7 Any breaches of the conditions of the order shall be referred to the PSNI as the enforcement authority.

5. Related Policies.

5.1 The Roads (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 2010

5.2 Temporary Road Closures Procedure

5.2 Guidance for Applicants

6. Costs

6.1 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. (See Appendix 1 for small events).

6.2 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.

6.3 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.

7. Definitions

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

- (a) A roads which is maintained by DfI Roads Service
- (b) Includes carriageway, footway and verge
- (c) Includes any bridge or tunnel

7.2 Special Road;

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

7.3 The Department:

- The Department for Infrastructure

7.4 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.

7.5 An Order

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

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13. Procedures and arrangements for monitoring the implementation and impact of the policy

Implementation of this Policy will be by way of the Temporary Road Closures Procedure

14. Equality Screening

Yes

15. Version Control

Version 1

Appendix 1

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.

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

1. Be held on minor residential roads eg 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/borough/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.

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	For decision	X	For noting only	
1.0	Purpose and Background			
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To Approve a Resolution to Rescind a Designating Resolution authorising Street Trading at Cranfield, Bloody Bridge and Spelga.</p> <p><u>Background</u> The Council have approved a Policy for dealing with the Designation of sites for Street Trading.</p> <p>The powers of the Council are laid out in Legislation under: The Street Trading Act (Northern Ireland) 2001.</p> <p>Our policy requires the Council to review the Designation of sites in October of each year.</p>			
2.0	Key issues			
2.1	<p>Under the Street Trading Designation Policy, the District Council will consider on an annual basis in October of each year any new areas proposed for designation. The District Council will also take this opportunity to review existing designated sites. In so doing the District Council will consider all representations made to it in respect of said areas.</p> <p>The council at its meeting of 1st March 2021 have agreed to tender for trading at Cranfield, Bloody Bridge and Spelga Dam. As required under the Legislation, a notice was published in August 2021 advising of the intention to rescind the 3No.Designating Resolutions. The Traders were also written to in August 2021 and invited to make written representations within the statutory time period. No representations were received.</p>			

	The council are required to formally pass a resolution Rescinding the Designations and publish same.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>Recommendation to Pass a Resolution to Rescind the Designation Resolution for 3No.Trading Pitches at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cranfield Amenity Area • Bloody Bridge Car Park • Spelga Dam Amenity Area.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>Should the Council rescind an existing designation, the following procedures must be adhered to: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public advertising and notification of proposals on two consecutive weeks.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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	<p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
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7.0	Appendices
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8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 14 February 2022
Subject:	Tourism NI Cooperative Partnership Marketing Fund
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Michelle Boyle, Head of Product Development and Visitor Experience

For decision	X	For noting only	
1.0			Purpose and Background
1.1			<p><u>Purpose</u> To approve the recommendations set out in section 3.1 of this report on Tourism NI's Co-operative Partnership Marketing Fund.</p> <p><u>Background</u> The Council has made an application for funding of £25,000 to Tourism NI's Co-operative Partnership Marketing Fund. The fund is designed to support Northern Ireland's Tourism Industry by amplifying and extending the reach of the Northern Ireland "Embrace a Giant Spirit" Campaign for Spring.</p> <p>The following activity will be undertaken if the application is successful:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate Visit Mourne Content • Create a Social Media Campaign • Produce Photography and Video Content
2.0			Key issues
2.1			The fund criteria require all campaign activity and expenditure to be incurred by financial year-end. It is proposed that Council will utilise the services of TNI's agencies to assist with development and delivery of the creative content in line with the Embrace the Giant Spirit guidelines. Assets created will be available for future reuse by Council in further campaigns
3.0			Recommendations
3.1			Accept the offer of funding, subject to a successful bid, to deliver a digital tourism marketing campaign and use of Tourism NI's creative and marketing agencies to assist with delivery at a cost of £38,000.
4.0			Resource implications

4.1	Total project cost is £38,000 TNI will provide £25,000 inclusive of VAT Match funding of up £18,000 provided from Council marketing budget.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
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Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 14 th February 2022
Subject:	All Island Strategic Rail Review
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth Head of Regeneration and Business Development

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1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To note the response to a consultation paper on the All Island Strategic Rail Review</p> <p><u>Background</u> The Department for Infrastructure conducted a review to consider how the rail network on the island of Ireland can improve to promote sustainable connectivity into, and between, the major cities, enhance regional accessibility and support balanced regional development.</p> <p>The Review will look at how the railways are used, how they could be used in future and how the network can evolve to serve the people on the island of Ireland and achieve policy goals.</p>				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1	<p>NMDDC's response submitted on-line was as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Of the goals listed below, please rank them in terms of importance with the first being most important and the last least important.</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster economic activity • Achieve economic and financial feasibility • Improve All Island Connectivity Between Major Cities • Enhance Regional and Rural Accessibility • Contribute to Decarbonisation • Encourage sustainable mobility </td> </tr> <tr> <td>What is your personal or organisational vision for the future of rail in your area, or across the island?</td> <td> <p>On the basis of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's mission: "To support and advocate for a welcoming district which is progressive, healthy and sustainable, providing better economic, environmental and social outcomes for all", we aim to see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An increase in infrastructure investment that enables the future economic growth of the district; • Enhanced investment in the sustainable tourism offering. </td> </tr> </table>	Of the goals listed below, please rank them in terms of importance with the first being most important and the last least important.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster economic activity • Achieve economic and financial feasibility • Improve All Island Connectivity Between Major Cities • Enhance Regional and Rural Accessibility • Contribute to Decarbonisation • Encourage sustainable mobility 	What is your personal or organisational vision for the future of rail in your area, or across the island?	<p>On the basis of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's mission: "To support and advocate for a welcoming district which is progressive, healthy and sustainable, providing better economic, environmental and social outcomes for all", we aim to see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An increase in infrastructure investment that enables the future economic growth of the district; • Enhanced investment in the sustainable tourism offering.
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		<p>Both of which could be vastly contributed to with an improved interurban rail network connecting cities with urban and rural areas across our district.</p> <p>The provision of an adequate and sustainable rail network would be very much welcomed and beneficial in achieving our strategic objectives, namely: Invest in and support new and growing businesses, job creation and employment skills; Promote the revitalisation of our city, towns, villages and rural communities to further develop desirable places to live, work, invest in and visit; and To attract investment, develop modern infrastructure across the district, address needs and improve the quality of life for all.</p>
	<p>Are there any key gaps in rail provision in in your area, or elsewhere where you would like to travel by rail?</p>	<p>Newry city is serviced by a rail link on the Dublin Belfast corridor, however the entire southern eastern area has no rail provision to the wider urban areas of the district which spans 1,633 km², with over 100 miles of coastline.</p> <p>Future rail links to service the Newry, Mourne and Down District area would greatly assist in the provision of transporting individuals to work, invest and visit the Council area and particularly the principal urban areas of Downpatrick, Ballynahinch, Kilkeel, Newcastle, Warrenpoint and Crossmaglen.</p>
	<p>If you have any further comments, which have not yet been captured that you feel may be of value in the development of Review, please add them below:</p>	<p>The provision of an interurban rail network would undoubtedly improve the connectivity and accessibility of residents and visitors to the Council area, ensuring a strong economy with better connections and opportunities with financial benefits. Offering an alternative option to car transport would definitely assist with the sustainability and decarbonisation agendas, albeit at a substantial long-term investment.</p> <p>Tourism opportunities with the provision of necessary transport services, would be enhanced and make the entire District more accessible. However departments would need to work together to ensure onward travel to more rural areas is provided for the betterment of our local villages.</p> <p>A collaborative approach with key stakeholders should be adapted to ensure the needs of the local urban and rural areas are considered and addressed. The additional issue of freight transportation via rail will need to include a range of other stakeholders and business representative and require additional capital infrastructure with consideration given to the Brexit requirements which will be in place.</p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Recommendations</p>	
<p>3.1</p>	<p>To note the response to a consultation paper on the All Island Strategic Rail Review</p>	

4.0	Resource implications
4.1	N/A
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7.0	Appendices	
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Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 14 th February 2022
Subject:	AONB and Geopark Update
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director, Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Darren Rice AONB and Geopark Manager

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To note the update provided in section 2.1 on the following AONB and Geopark initiatives being delivered by NMDDC AONB and Geopark staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ring of Gullion AONB and Strangford and Lecale AONB Environment Fund 19/20 – 2223 project implementation • Ring of Gullion AONB and Strangford and Lecale AONB Challenge Fund 22/23 • Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme Legacy Phase 2019-2029 • Atlantic CultureScape update 2019-2022 • Geopark update • Shared History Fund – My Townlands Story 22/23 • Dragons in the Hills project 20/21 – 22/23 • AONB Management Review implementation • Upcoming funding applications <p><u>Background</u> This report summaries the achievements of the AONB and Geopark team for Q3 2021/22 (Oct-Dec 2021).</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Ring of Gullion AONB and Strangford and Lecale AONB Environment Fund project implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bi-Monthly eZine issued in both AONB – sign ups on respective websites continues to grow. Changing to once a quarter in April 2023.

- Slieve Gullion summit trail network maintenance annual contract awarded to Mourne Heritage Trust. Q3 work complete. One long term volunteer working every Thursday.
- Slieve Gullion – see Challenge Fund below.
- Fixed Point Photography Landscape Monitoring Q3 21/22 complete
- Youth Rangers 22.23 fully recruited and being rolled out across RoG and SLL during the Winter
- 1.2km of native hedging planned for Delamont, planting in February
- SLL Moved by Nature Calendar for 2022 released. Combined with a webinar on January 27th
- Tender for Wash-Down stations research on Strangford Lough awarded

Ring of Gullion AONB and Strangford and Lecale AONB Challenge Fund 22/23

- Advanced mooring system – replacing existing mooring systems trialling advanced mooring systems to halt damage to sea grass. Contract awarded, all statutory approvals being applied for.
- 2 x FD Grillos (Don't mow let it Grow) – project delayed due to 23% increase in costs. Will be delivered before end of March.
- Ring of Gullion way enhancement works: Glendhu vegetation clearance, complete; Slieve Gullion north path fencing work, out for quotes; Forkhill River embankment at Urney liaising with Louth CoCo, and engineer drawing being compiled.
- Bridge over Forkhill River – 170% increase in costs of materials. Project revaluated. All preparatory work to be complete this year, and funding used to install bridge after April – if costs are within budget.
- Slieve Gullion Path spec, Ring of Gullion Way re-route at Longfield Road, Carrive trail connection, Ringhaddy Slipway scoping study, Forkhill River walk scoping study and Blueways feasibility being delivered through an SLA with ORNI.
- Three AONB and one Geopark websites being delivered – will be launched shortly after April
- Mobile counters in procurement
- Forkhill Greenspace - complete
- Access Study has had to be shelved until further funding becomes available due to significant price increases with other Challenge Fund project detailed above.

Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme Legacy Phase

- No actions in Q3

Atlantic CultureScape (ACS)

- Sept- Market Testing of 8 NMDDC ACS ICH experience Providers
- Oct -Market Testing of 8 NMDDC ACS ICH experience Providers & completion of readiness report sent to all 16 visitor experience providers
- Oct- details of Interreg AA 3 call extension released- NMDDC have submitted an application on behalf of the partnership. The funding level is at 75% and runs from September 2022 until December 2023. The application totals £110,000, resulting in £82,500 grant, and £27,500 match from NMDDC.
- ACS Participants taking part in an exciting new Geopark Spring Festival in March 2022
- Eligible ACS Participants taking part in Science Week 2022

Geopark update

- Geopark Evaluation Mission Oct 2021. This is where the UNESCO Appointed Evaluators visited the geopark to assess our application and submit a report to the Global Geopark Council – Complete
- Global Geopark Council December 2021. Global Geopark Council review the report submitted by the Evaluators. They can decide to Reject, Defer or request additional information – Complete
 - March / April 2022: Global Geopark Council's decision is notified to NMDDC which will include recommendations and request for additional information
 - Sept / Oct 2022: Next Global Geopark Council meeting to consider additional information submitted by Council and Council's response to recommendations
 - Jan 2023: Global Geopark Council decision is considered / ratified at UNESCO.
- It is therefore likely to be Jan 23 before any decision is communicated to NMDDC
- Council will continue to operate as an aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark as they done from Autumn 2019.
- In April 2022 officers will implement one of the actions from the Geoparks 4 year Development Plan which will consider branding in relation to the Geopark, the three AONBs, the Visit Mourne Destination, the Council, and TNI Embrace a Giant Spirit; in essence the entire Visibility of the Geopark form a visitors point of view.

Dragons in the Hills project

- Project officer continuing to engage across the area. Focusing on the Mourne AONB until December 2022

	<p>AONB Management Review – final report and recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of 15 recommendations, 9 have been actioned to date, 1 has been postponed due to Covid. <p>Upcoming funding applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers will over the next number of months officers will explore and progress opportunities for making applications to the below funding processes. Further detail will be presented to future ERT Committees on the detail of applications, including projects to be delivered, grant aid applied for / secured <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Covid Recovery Programme Employment & Skills Initiative – grant aid support for roles / resources in the Arts, heritage, Creative Industries, sports and voluntary and community sectors. Council may not be an eligible applicant, therefore opportunities for partnership application will be explored. Fund is to open Feb 2022 and opportunities for aligned with other Council services will be explored ○ DAERA NIEA - Challenge Fund application – likely deadline April 2022. Fund to cover 22.23. ○ DAERA NIEA - Environment Fund application – likely deadline September 2022. Fund to cover 23.24 to 26.27 ○ Covid Recovery Programme Employment & Skills Initiative
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>To note the update provided in section 2.1 on the following AONB initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ring of Gullion AONB and Strangford and Lecale AONB Environment Fund project implementation • Ring of Gullion AONB and Strangford and Lecale AONB Challenge Fund 22/23 • Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme Legacy Phase • Atlantic CultureScape • Geopark • Shared History Fund - My Townlands Story 1921-2021 • Dragons in the Hills project • AONB Management Review implementation • Upcoming funding applications
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>All current projects are delivered within Letter of Offer and match funding agreed and approved budgets.</p> <p>1. Challenge Fund applications are likely to be at a rate of 75%</p>

	<p>2. Environment Fund applications are likely to be at a rate of 50%</p> <p>3. The Covid Recovery Programme Employment & Skills Initiative is at a rate of 100%</p>
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7.0	Appendices
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8.0	Background Documents
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Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 14 th February 2022
Subject:	Update on Business Development Programmes
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth Head of Regeneration and Business Development

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

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>Purpose To note the update provided under the following business development initiatives: Go for It, NMD Growth, Digital Growth, Tender for Growth, Sales Accelerator and Digital Transformation</p> <p>Background Newry, Mourne and Down District Council provide various business development programmes to assist local SME's in all aspects of business growth advice, for both start-up and existing businesses.</p> <p>The main programmes as outlined below are funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), Invest NI and Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.</p> <p>Eligibility for the business support and growth programmes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Businesses with less than 50 employees • Business who have the potential to create jobs.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Go for It – NI Business Start-Up (Implemented Sept 2017 – March 2021) The NI Business Start-Up Programme continues to support those wishing to establish a new business. Support provided includes support with a business start up business advisor, access to focused workshops on relevant topics, and completion of a business plan for the business start up proposal.</p> <p>Recruitment and delivery continues to provide a seamless programme for participants with levels of enquires and engagement for the programme remaining high. The interest in self-employment since the pandemic has increased either out of necessity or the opportunities it presents. Programme delivery continues to be provided virtually in order to adhere to social distancing regulations.</p>

GO FOR IT			
	Target (21/22)	Actual April 21 – Dec 21	% Achieved
Business Plans Approved	312	270	86.5%
Jobs Promoted (Stat Target)	187	162	86.6%
Business Start ups	187	162	86.6%

NMD Business Growth (Oct 2018 – December 2022)

Programme delivery is now 76% complete with December being month 39 of a 52-month programme. Recruitment continues for this bespoke mentoring programme which has to date provided assistance to 563 local businesses from the NMDDC area.

	Target (up to Dec 2022)	Total Actual to date	% Achieved	April to December 2021 Financial Year Period
Businesses Supported	740	578	78%	119
Mentoring Hours Delivered	8015	6431	80%	1062
Workshops	30	27	90%	2
Thematic Programmes	10	14	140%	3
Job Creation	470	81* 263.5** Total 344.5	17% 56% 73%	1
INI Referrals	40	19***	47%	3
Stakeholder Signposting	100	60	60%	8

*Immediate job creation, excluding projected job creation within 12 months

**Immediate plus projected job creation within 12 months of mentoring completion

***INI confirmed number of quality referrals as per eligibility criteria

Digital Growth (January 2020 – December 2022)

Programme recruitment and delivery continues with a view to providing essential tailored digital support for businesses. Digital Growth is currently 67% complete as at end of December 2021, being month 24, of a 36-month programme.

	Target (up to Dec 2022)	Actual to date	% Achieved	April to December 2021 Financial Year Period
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Businesses Supported	260	150	58%	60
Mentoring Hours Delivered	4410	2254	51%	847
Workshops	18	13	72%	4
Masterclasses	4	3	75%	1
Job Creation	185	44.5	24%	39
INI Referrals	20	8	40%	4

Tender for Growth (June 2020 – December 2022)

The programme which offers support to local businesses to develop their procurement processes and secure new contracts in both the public and private sector, is progressing well with 73 businesses having completed the programme fully.

Recruitments continues for the programme which is 61% completed at the end of December 2021 being month 19 of a 31-month programme.

	Target (up to Dec 2022)	Actual to date	% Achieved	April to December 2021 Financial Year Period
Businesses Supported	170	94	55%	51
Mentoring Hours Delivered	3367	1269	38%	744
Workshops	10	5	50%	3
Meet the Buyer Events	2	1	50%	1
Job Creation	145	27.5	19%	22.5
INI Referrals	15	6	40%	6
Stakeholder Signposting	20	11	55%	11

Sales Accelerator Programme

Launched in September 2021, the joint programme, with Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council, aims to provide trade focused mentoring and to support businesses to develop their sales capacity to grow sales in existing NI markets, as well as explore new and grow existing sales in GB and/or RoI.

Recruitment for the first wave of the Sales Accelerator Programme has commenced with 35 businesses registering from the NMDDC area, which is 35% of the overall target for the 15-month programme.

The Sales Accelerator Programme is delivered in three parts. Part A investigates potential sales in the NI marketplace; Part B investigates potential sales in either or GB or ROI; and Part C involves a Trade Mission to either GB or ROI. Under Part C of this programme NMDDC will lead a total of three Trade Missions as part of the Sales Accelerator Programme. The first of which took place on 1st-3rd February 2022 to Glasgow/Edinburgh. Followed by further one Trade Mission later in 2022, with

specific dates and destinations to be agreed with the delivery agent. All Trade Missions will be delivered within the agreed budget previously approved for the Sales Accelerator Programme.

	Target (up to Dec 2022)	Actual to date	% Achieved	April to December 2021 Financial Year Period
Businesses Supported	100	35	35%	35
Mentoring Hours Delivered	2,240 hrs (320 days)	330	15%	330
Workshops	60	12	20%	12
Trade Visits	2	1	50%	1
Job Creation	120	0	-	0
INI Referrals	8	0	-	0

New Programmes commencing in 2022

Digital Transformation Programme

The programme will launch in Spring 2022 with the aim of improving productivity of local businesses by incorporating digital technologies into operational activity. Programme delivery will be via workshops and one-to-one mentoring support to provide a competitive advantage to participant businesses. NMDDC target is 18 businesses.

Summary across the above programmes

	Delivery - April to December 2021
Existing Businesses Supported	265
New Business Start Up supported	162
Mentoring Hours Delivered	2983
Workshops / Events / Programmes delivered	15
Referrals to other business support programmes / partners	32

Rural Business Development Grant Scheme 2021

The regional programme providing capital only grants through DAERA's Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation (TRPSI) Programme, up to a maximum of £4,999 (50% grant rate) was available to existing micro enterprises based in rural areas of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, from all sectors.

Eligible applicants have submitted their claims which are currently being processed and finalised before approval by DAERA. A summary of grant aid awarded will be presented to ERT Committee in March 2022.

3.0

Recommendations

3.1	To note the update provided under the following business development initiatives: Go for It, NMD Growth, Digital Growth, Tender for Growth, Sales Accelerator and Digital Transformation Programmes.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	All programmes are being implemented within existing and approved budgets.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

	<p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices
	N/A
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

HISTORIC**ACTION TRACKER SHEET****ENTERPRISE REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE****(For Noting at ERT January 2022)**

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REMOVE FROM ACTION SHEET Y/N
		October 2019			
ERT/138/2019	CARLINGFORD LOUGH GREENWAY	<p>(a) The Council proceed to commence the PQQ contractor procurement stage for the Northern section of the Carlingford Lough Greenway.</p> <p>(b) Council Officers to update Councillor McMurray regarding plans for Greenways at Comber/Downpatrick.</p>	J McGill	<p>Negotiations ongoing with landowners and funder. Revised submission submitted to funders May 2020.</p> <p>Planning submitted and awaiting decision. SEUPB considering additional funding bid. Economic appraisal completed and</p>	N

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REMOVE FROM ACTION SHEET Y/N
				with SEUPB and DfI	
		(AUGUST 2020)			
ERT/095/2020	CAR PARK BANN ROAD CASTLEWELLAN	To progress the proposed redevelopment of the Bann Road parking area in collaboration with DfI and approve the submission of a planning application for a change of use for the area concerned.	C Jackson	In progress, work to commence in Feb/March 2022.	N
		SEPTEMBER 2020			
ERT/129/2020	(Historic Action) NEWCASTLE HARBOUR	A paper be brought to a meeting of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting outlining proposals to move forward with the regeneration of Newcastle Harbour.	J McGilly	Work in progress, Following September ERT Working group to be established to progress in line with Master plan review for Newcastle	N
		(JANUARY 2021)			
ERT/010/2021	WARRENPOINT FRONTSHORE PR SCHEME	1. Members area asked to accept the broad Concept Design proposals as presented by AECOM, with suggested adjustments and proceed to a Consultation Process in early 2021.	J McGilly	Scheme consultation launched April 2021	N

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REMOVE FROM ACTION SHEET Y/N
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Officers report on feedback from the consultation process to the Task and Finish Group, before proceeding to finalise the design for submission to planning. 3. Officers complete and submit the Economic Appraisal to Council and the Department For Communities for consideration of the funding package for the scheme. 4. Members approve the Business Case to carry out a Site Investigation Survey and other smaller surveys costs as required to prepare for the planning submission. 5. Once completed officers will present the DFI One Way system proposal for Warrenpoint at a future meeting of Crotlieve Cllrs in early 2021. 		Scheme approved following consultation Planning submitted and procurement underway to ensure March 2022 spend	
ERT/051/2021	WARRENPOINT BATHS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council continue to ensure that ongoing measures are taken to monitor and address Health and Safety concerns as they arise at the existing Baths Structure. 2. Council officials to continue discussions with potential funders given the development of new funding programmes - Peace Plus; Shared Prosperity Fund; 	J McGilly	SOC complete and presented to Feb SFWG	N

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ERT/093/2021	LEVELLING UP FUND	<p>NLHF, Tourism NI, etc, based on the development of the facility as per the planning approval that is currently in place on the site.</p> <p>3. Council officials proceed with appointment of a consultancy team to prepare a business case / economic appraisal on the existing Council approved scheme based on the Planning approval in place for the Warrenpoint Baths site.</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress	N
		<p>1. The Council do not submit an application in the current call for 18 June 2021 Levelling Up Fund, but explore and develop initiatives that best fit the criteria utilising the Development fund that will become available early summer.</p> <p>2. In respect of CRF, the Council explore potential joint funding bids with FE sector aligned to economic development and regeneration strategy.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(AUGUST 2021)</p>			
ERT/137/2021	NOTICE OF MOTION RE: REVIVAL OF DOWNPATRICK TOWN CENTRE	To note Report dated 09 August 2021 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration,	J McGilly	Work in progress. Report to Feb ERT on next	N

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		<p>and proceed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers carry out a detailed options appraisal in partnership with local elected Members and business representatives, looking at the most suitable option going forward, that best represents the need of the Town Centre. Report back to the ERT Committee with findings of the options appraisal exercise. 		steps following consultation with key stakeholders	
ERT/178/2021	SUBMISSIONS TO DFIRE: GREENWAY AND ACTIVE TRAVEL PROJECTS	<p>(SEPTEMBER 2021)</p> <p>Given their importance to the District's tourism industry, Task and Finish Working Groups be set up for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of Greenways - Newcastle Harbour <p>An update be provided to Councillor Stokes regarding the application in respect of Newry Greenway.</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress	N

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REMOVE FROM ACTION SHEET Y/N
ERT/183/2021	LABOUR MARKET PARTNERSHIP	<p>(OCTOBER 2021)</p> <p>a) To note that Council have prepared and submitted to the Department for Communities, a Strategic Assessment and Action Plan for implementation of a Labour Market Partnership (LMP) across the District.</p> <p>b) To approve the Business Case for the Labour Market Partnership Action Plan.</p> <p>c) To approve that Council now procure and appoint external delivery agents to implement the range of initiatives outlined in the business case, and approved for funding by Department for Communities.</p> <p>d) To approve the acceptance of Department for Communities Letters of Offer for Labour Market Partnership / Skills and Employability activity, including administration and operational costs.</p> <p>e) To approve the development and submission of a Labour Market Partnership Strategic Assessment & Action Plan for the 2022/2023 financial period, with details on same to be tabled at a further meeting of Council.</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress – update at Jan 2022 ERT	N

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REMOVE FROM ACTION SHEET Y/N
ERT/185/2021	REPORT OF WARRENPOINT FRONT SHORE PUBLIC REALM SCHEME TASK & FINISH – 05/10/2021	<p>To accept the following recommendations arising from the Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme Task and Finish Steering Group Meeting held on Tuesday 05 October 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To extend the Public Consultation process for the proposed Breakwater Scheme. • To note the Task & Finish Steering Group are in agreement to proceed based on a phased approach, to the overall delivery of a Warrenpoint Front Shore / Breakwater Public Realm Scheme. • A separate report on the project and it's cost options, to be take to the next Meeting of the Council's Strategic Finance Working Group. • The project proceeds to RIBA Stage 4 with it's Consultants, to ensure that the contractor for Phase 1 is appointed and in place to meet the required funding commitment. 	J McGilly	Work in progress	N

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ERT/212/2021	(EXEMPT) COVID 19 RECOVERY WORKING GROUP MTG 21 OCTOBER 2021	(NOVEMBER 2021) a) To support the implementation of a Jobs and Careers fair, focusing on the Hospitality and Tourism Sector. b) That works are carried out to improve beach access and provide facilities at coastal areas across the District including Warrenpoint, Rostrevor and Lecale. c) Development of a Masterplan to develop walking linkages at Quoile Downpatrick.	J McGilly	In progress In progress	N
ERT/214/2021	EXEMPT REVIEW OF TOURISM EVENTS	a) Carry out a full review of the existing flagship events historically delivered by Council during the Summer season. b) Make recommendations to Council on a programme of Summer event for 2022.	A Patterson	In progress	Y
ERT/216/2021	(EXEMPT) WARRENPOINT TOWN HALL Re: VENTILATION WORKS	To approve the allocation in the Capital Programme as outlined in Section 4.1 in Report dated 08 November 2021 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, to enable the completion of works to Warrenpoint Town Hall within the current financial year.	A Patterson	In progress	Y

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		DECEMBER 2021			
ERT/237/2021	(EXEMPT) BANN ROAD CASTLEWELLAN – PARK AND RIDE	<p>Committee members approve the attached business case for a Capital spend to develop a 72 bay Park 'n' Share facility at Bann Road, Castlewellan.</p> <p>b) Members approve the revised Capital budget as set out in Section 4.1 of Report dated 13 December 2021 from Mr C Jackson Assistant Director Building Control & Regulations.</p>	C Jackson	In progress, work to commence Feb/March 2022	N
ERT/239/2021	(EXEMPT) CAR PARK DOWNPATRICK STREET SAINTFIELD	To approve the business case for the Capital spend required to carry out the refurbishment project for Downpatrick Street car park, Saintfield.	C Jackson	In progress, work to commence Jun/July 2022	N
ERT/244/2021	WARRENPOINT PONTOON	To approve the appointment of a supplier via the existing Council framework to repair the pontoon at Warrenpoint Breakwater and to undertake the dredging of the pontoon pocket area by Warrenpoint Harbour Authority.	A Patterson	In progress	Y

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		(JANUARY 2022 TO FOLLOW) *****			

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 14 th February 2022
Subject:	Sponsorship - International Women's day
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth Head of Regeneration and Business Development

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

For decision	For noting only	x
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note Council's sponsorship of Newry Chamber of Commerce International Women's Day event at a cost of £2600. <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>International Women's Day is on Tuesday 8th March. Newry Chamber of Commerce and Trade have organised a celebration event to mark International Women's Day, for which Council will be acknowledged as a headline sponsor. The Newry Chamber of Commerce Event will take place on Friday 11th March.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>The Chamber's International Women's day theme this year is "Inspiring Women of Newry". It will be held on Friday 11th March (12pm – 3pm) at the stunning Killeavy Castle Estate. They have two panels of speakers including key note speaker Jayne Brady and other leading business professionals. These will include Women working in Newry, who are from here and those who provide true inspiration for women in this area.</p> <p>As part of Council's sponsorship package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council will be acknowledged in all publicity, The Chairperson will have an opportunity to address the audience Senior Representatives (2) will be invited to sit at the top table as a guest of Newry Chamber and other Chamber VIP guests (valued at £120) Council will receive a complimentary table for ten people (valued at £600).

3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To note Council's sponsorship of Newry Chamber of Commerce International Women's Day event at a cost of £2600.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Sponsorship available within existing budgets
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service

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

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 14 th February 2022
Subject:	Levelling Up Fund update
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration

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

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>Purpose To note the progress on the development of the fund as outlined in the recently release Government White paper.</p> <p>Background The Levelling Up Fund (LUF) will invest in local infrastructure that has a visible impact on people and their communities. This includes a range of high value local investment priorities, including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • local transport schemes, • urban regeneration projects • cultural assets <p>The Fund is jointly managed by HM Treasury (HMT), the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and the Department for Transport (DfT). This cross-departmental Fund represents a new approach to local investment and will end siloes in Whitehall that make it difficult to take a holistic approach to the infrastructure needs of local areas.</p> <p>At the Spending Review, the UK Government committed an initial £4 billion for the Levelling Up Fund for England over the next four years (up to 2024-25) and set aside at least £800 million for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The UK Government will use the new financial assistance powers in the UKIM Act to make the Fund available to the whole of the UK, enabling all communities to receive the investment and support they need to recover from the pandemic. As such, up to £4.8 billion until 2024-25 will be available for the Fund across the UK, with at least £800 million</p>

	<p>invested in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. 3% of this allocation is available for NI with £20m available in current financial year.</p> <p>At June Council meeting it was agreed due to the criteria presented, Council would not submit a bid in the initial round but rather utilise the Capacity building fund to develop suitable bids.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Government has released a new White Paper which detail the strategic aims and objectives of the programme across the entire UK (appendices 1&2 attached).</p> <p>Detail on how this translates in priority and objectives for a second call in NI still remain to be published. The LUF team which has now been established in NI has advised this is likely to issue in March. At this point Officers will bring forward proposals for consideration based on work developed to date around projects that align to current priorities and reflect any changes should there be a changes to the fund criteria and priorities etc.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	Council note the update presented, and note that Officers present a report to committee when further updated Levelling Up Fund priorities, timeframes and budgets etc have been issued and reviewed against Council priorities
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	N/A
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	<i>Rationale:</i>	
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)	
6.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service	
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	If yes, please complete the following:	
	Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.0	Appendices	
	a) Levelling up Fund – Delivering for all parts of the UK b) Levelling up Fund – Executive summary	
8.0	Background Documents	
	N/A	



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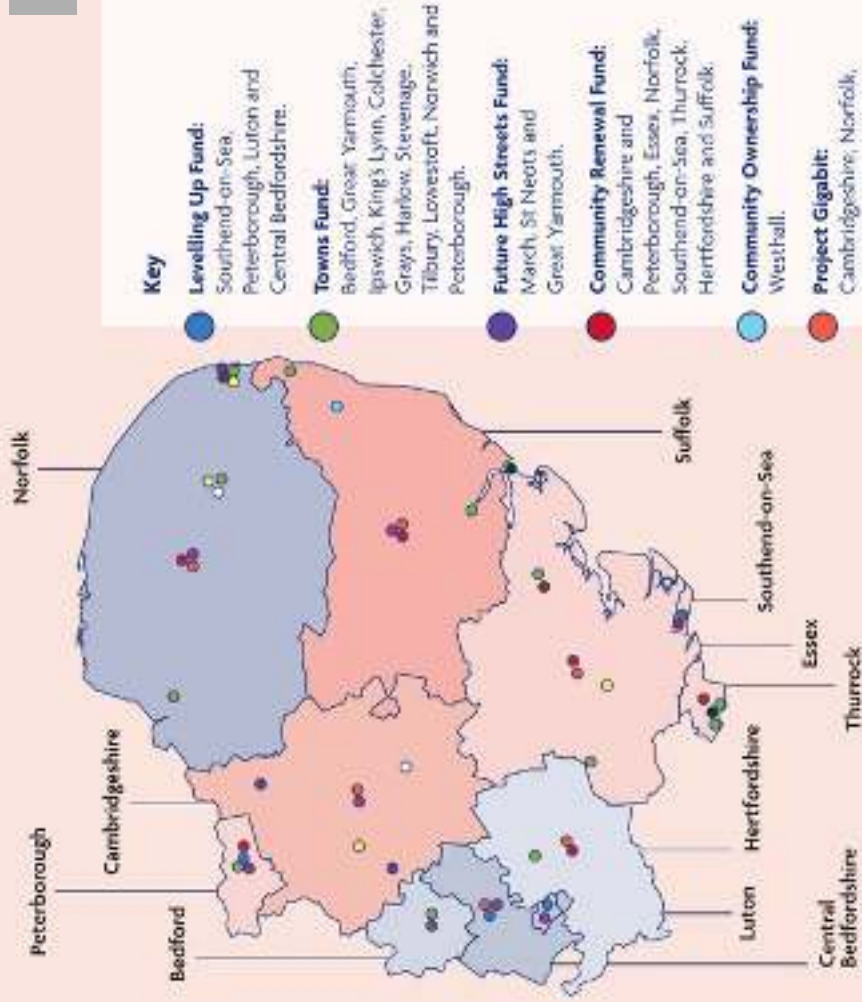
East of England

The East of England is already benefiting from investments to boost living standards, spread opportunity, restore local pride and empower local leaders.

An initial **£87m** of investment through Round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund is backing five projects in the East of England. Transport enhancements include reducing congestion and creating new walking and cycling routes in Central Bedfordshire. Coastal attractions at Southend-on-Sea will be upgraded to attract tourism and investment. In Peterborough, a new interactive "Living Lab" within the brand new university will be built and act as a beacon of transformative change in the city. Over 300 new homes and 2,000

square metres of community space will be delivered in Luton, as well as a Community Wellbeing Hub in Houghton Regis.

The Towns Fund is investing over **£287m** across 12 towns in the East of England including in Norwich, Peterborough and Great Yarmouth. Norwich will see delivery of new and improved green spaces and sustainable transport links. Peterborough will see new cultural facilities within the city centre, a lakeside activity centre and new pedestrian links created to improve access to the riverside and its green spaces adjoining the transformational new university. In Great Yarmouth, investment will be spent on reinventing public spaces, growing the arts and cultural scene and creating new jobs.



Key

- Levelling Up Fund:** Southend-on-Sea, Peterborough, Luton and Central Bedfordshire.
- Towns Fund:** Bedford, Great Yarmouth, Ipswich, King's Lynn, Colchester, Grays, Harlow, Stevenage, Tilbury, Lowestoft, Norwich and Peterborough.
- Future High Streets Fund:** March, St Neots and Great Yarmouth.
- Community Renewal Fund:** Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, Essex, Norfolk, Southend-on-Sea, Thurrock, Hertfordshire and Suffolk.
- Community Ownership Fund:** Westhall.
- Project Gigabit:** Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Essex.
- Brownfield Land Release Fund:** Colchester, Great Yarmouth.
- Freeports:** Felixstowe/Harwich and Tilbury/London Gateway in Thurrock.
- Education Investment Areas:** Peterborough, Bedford, Central Bedfordshire, Norfolk, Luton, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire.
- Transport upgrades:** Norwich, Great Yarmouth, Huntingdon and Chelmsford.
- Transforming Cities Fund:** Norwich and Cambridge.

A new Freeport for the East of England



Centred around the Port of Felixstowe and Harwich International Port, **Freeport East** will take advantage of its close proximity to major European and global trade routes. The Freeport will drive regeneration in the area and support the subregional and regional economy recover from the pandemic. It will provide high skilled, high paying jobs, building on the already well-established industries situated in and around the ports.

The UK Government has been taking action to level up the East of England:

Empowering local leaders and communities

£600m over 10 years through the Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority Devolution Deal, devolving new powers over transport, planning and skills, and providing investment funding to grow the local economy and to deliver new homes.

£500m City Deal with Greater Cambridge to enable a new wave of innovation-led growth by investing in infrastructure, housing and skills.

Both **Norfolk and Suffolk** have been invited to agree new devolution deals.

£87m for five projects from the Levelling Up Fund, including upgrading coastal attractions at Southend-on-Sea, building a new science lab and education space in Peterborough and building over 300 new homes and 2,000 square metres of community space in Luton.

Almost £24m from the Future High Streets Fund to renew and reshape high streets in March, St Neots and Great Yarmouth.

Over £287m through the Towns Fund for 12 towns and cities, supporting economic growth, to boost local economies, create jobs and new homes, transform public spaces, and revamp cultural attractions.



Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards

Local Growth Deals are delivering major growth opportunities such as building the East Coast College Skills Centre in Lowestoft, regenerating the Luton Hat district and providing a new rail station in Chemsford.

£39m through the Transforming Cities Fund for a new mobility hub at Norwich Rail Station.

Road upgrades in the East of England include the Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing, Lower Thames Crossing and the A14 from Cambridge to Huntingdon, and further A road improvements.

£462m for local roads maintenance between 2022-23 and 2024-25, and £88m for transport improvements across the East of England.

30 zero emission buses for Cambridge and Peterborough from the £70m Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas Fund.

Gigabit broadband coverage in the East of England increased from 5% in November 2019 to 61% in January 2022, and is forecast to reach 70-80% by 2025.

£500m committed across the UK through the Shared Rural Network programme to improve 4G coverage by 2025, increasing coverage to 99% in the East of England.

359,275 new businesses created in the East of England between 2010 and 2020.

830,800 jobs were furloughed and protected in the East of England through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.



Spreading opportunity and improving public services

£292m extra for mainstream schools is forecast for the East of England in 2022-23, an increase of 5.9% per pupil, compared to 2021-22. This per pupil increase excludes 'growth' funding, which is additional funding provided for schools seeing significant increases in pupil numbers.

New Education Investment Areas announced for local authority districts including Peterborough, Bedford, Central Bedfordshire, Norfolk, Luton, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire, to drive improvements in educational attainment.

A new Institute of Technology in development with South Essex College covering the South East LEP area.

31,800 apprenticeships started in the East of England in 2019-20.

1,033 more doctors and 2,599 more nurses working in hospitals in the East of England between September 2019 and September 2021.

Building five new hospitals in the East of England as part of the Government's commitment to build 40 new hospitals by 2030, including the rebuild of James Paget Hospital and West Suffolk Hospital; a new cancer hospital at Addenbrookes; a new integrated, high-tech healthcare campus to replace the ageing Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow; new hospital buildings at Watford General Hospital and the refurbishment of Hemel Hempstead and St Albans City hospitals.

8,990 Kickstart jobs started by young people and 21 youth hubs opened to help young jobseekers access local training and job opportunities.



Restoring local pride

996 extra police officers recruited in the East of England since the start of the uplift programme in October 2019.

£96,600 from the Community Ownership Fund awarded to the Racehorse Inn in Westhall.

Over £3m from the Brownfield Land Release Fund towards the regeneration of two estates, the Heart of Greenstead regeneration project in Colchester and the Middlegate Estate in Great Yarmouth.

Over £17m for 33 Community Renewal Fund projects, including funding culture-led regeneration through the film industry in Hertfordshire; Net Zero business support in Norfolk and digital skills transformation in Essex.

Over £4m from the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme for Central Bedfordshire to improve the energy efficiency of homes of low-income households, helping reduce fuel poverty.

£4m granted by the Football Foundation to improve grassroots sports facilities and increase opportunities for people to get involved in sports, especially in communities most in need.

East Midlands

The East Midlands is already benefiting from investments to boost living standards, spread opportunity, restore local pride and empower local leaders.

An initial **£203m** of investment through Round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund is backing ten projects in the East Midlands. Transport enhancements include A16 road improvements between Boston and Spalding in Lincolnshire, completing the Newark Southern Link Road between Newark and Balderton in Nottinghamshire, and a new junction on the A50 south of Derby in Derbyshire. Gainsborough Town Centre will benefit from a new cinema and a new science centre will be built at Twycross Zoo. In Leicester, the railway

station will be revitalised, high-quality office space will be provided in the city and new commercial spaces will be built at Pioneer Park to support economic growth. Stephenson Memorial Hall in Chesterfield will be remodelled and Nottingham will benefit from a programme to improve the streetscape to promote safe active travel across the city.

The Towns Fund is investing over **£346m** across 15 towns in the East Midlands including in Boston, Corby and Lincoln. Boston will see the creation of a new community hub at Boston railway station. Corby will see public realm improvements with parts of the town centre pedestrianised and Lincoln will benefit from regeneration of Cornhill Square, a key public space for the community.



Key



Levelling Up Fund: Twycross, Leicester, Gainsborough, Farnon and Balderton, Derbyshire, Chesterfield, Nottingham and Lincolnshire



Towns Fund: Kirby-in-Ashfield and Sutton-in-Ashfield, Boston, Clay Cross, Corby, Lincoln, Long Eaton, Loughborough, Mablethorpe, Mansfield, Newark, Northampton, Skegness, Stapleford and Staveley (Derbyshire)



Future High Streets Fund: Derby, Nottingham, Heanor, Buxton, Grantham, Northampton and Sutton-in-Ashfield



Community Renewal Fund: Derbyshire, Leicester, Lincolnshire, North Northamptonshire, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire and West Northamptonshire



Community Ownership Fund: Thunby (Leicestershire)



Project Gigabit: Northamptonshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire



Brownfield Land Release Fund: Derbyshire Dales, Newark and Sherwood



Freepoint: East Midlands Airport



Civil Service relocation: Loughborough (UK Anti-Doping Headquarters)



Education Investment Areas: East Midlands local authority districts, including Derby, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, North Northamptonshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire



Transport upgrades: Loughborough, Derby, Nottingham, Newark, Leicester, Milton, Mowbray and

A new Freepoint for the East Midlands



East Midlands Freepoint will create a globally connected, world-leading advanced manufacturing and logistics hub at the heart of the UK. As the only inland Freepoint in England, it offers unique and exciting opportunities for new high-value, low carbon investment and has Net Zero, skills and innovation at its core. It will also drive significant job growth in the region, creating thousands of new jobs.

The UK Government has been taking action to level up the East Midlands:



Empowering local leaders and communities

Derbyshire and Derby, Leicestershire, and Nottinghamshire and Nottingham invited to begin negotiations to agree new devolution deals.

£103m for 10 projects through the Levelling Up Fund, including in Twycross, Leicester, Gainsborough, Farnborough and Balderton, Derbyshire, Chesterfield, Nottingham and Lincolnshire.

Over £346m invested in 15 Towns Fund deals including in Clay Cross, Staveley, Long Eaton, Boston, Mablethorpe, Seegness, Corby, Stapleford and Mansfield, to boost local economies, create jobs and new homes, transform public spaces, and revitalise cultural attractions.

£63m for seven high streets through the Future High Streets Fund to improve transport links, build new homes and transform underused spaces, including in Derby, Nottingham, Heanor, Burton, Grantham, Northampton and Sutton-in-Ashfield.



Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards

Local Growth Deals are delivering major growth opportunities across the East Midlands. These include redevelopment of Nottingham's Southside area, support for Derby's Infirmary Park, unlocking land for housing and access to the M1 in Loughborough, and the creation of a medical school at the University of Lincoln.

£400m of new funding for the British Business Bank's Midlands Engine Investment Fund

£40m through the Transforming Cities Fund for Leicester, including a new Electric Bus Link to connect rail and bus stations with the city centre and over £169m for transport enhancements across Nottingham and Derby, including a new pedestrian and cycle crossing of the River Trent and improvements at Derby bus station.

Road upgrades including M1 Junctions 13-19 and 23, A38 Derby Junctions, A52 Nottingham Junctions, and improving capacity along the A46 Newark Bypass.

£387m for local roads maintenance between 2022-23 and 2024-25, and £75m for smaller transport improvement priorities through the Integrated Transport Block across the East Midlands.

£18m through the Strength in Places Fund across the Midlands for development of advanced ceramics requiring less energy usage, with partners including Rolls Royce, the University of Leicester and Loughborough University.

Gigabit broadband coverage in the East Midlands increased from 68% in November 2019 to 69% in January 2022, and is forecast to reach 70-80% by 2025.

299,720 new businesses created in the East Midlands between 2010 and 2020.

753,700 jobs were furloughed and protected in the East Midlands through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.



Spreading opportunity and improving public services

£229m extra for mainstream schools is forecast for the East Midlands in 2022-23, an increase of 6% per pupil, compared to 2021-22. This per pupil increase excludes "growth" funding, which is additional funding provided for schools seeing significant increases in pupil numbers.

831 more doctors and 1,900 more nurses working in hospitals in the East Midlands between September 2019 and September 2021.

Four hospitals to be delivered in the East Midlands, including three new hospitals that are part of the Government's commitment to build 40 new hospitals by 2030. This includes the rebuild of Leicester Royal Infirmary and Glenfield, new facilities at Leicester General, the rebuild of the Queen's Medical Centre, and City Hospital sites in Nottingham, a national rehabilitation centre at Stanford Hall near Loughborough, and the rebuild of Kettering General.

Civil Service relocation will see the UK Anti-Doping Unit located at Loughborough University Sports Park.

New Education Investment Areas announced in East Midlands local authority districts, including Derby, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, North Northamptonshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, which will drive further school improvement in these areas through funding to intervene in underperforming schools, supporting growth of strong trusts, and retaining high quality teachers.

Lincolnshire Institute of Technology established with employer partners including Siemens, Bakavor Ltd, and Olympus Automation Limited. A further Institute of Technology in development with the University of Derby, Derby College, Loughborough University and Loughborough College (covering the D2N2 and Leicestershire LEP areas).

28,080 apprenticeships started in the East Midlands in 2019-20.

7,880 Kickstart jobs started by young people and three youth hubs opened to help young jobseekers access local training and job opportunities.



Restoring local pride

841 extra police officers recruited in the East Midlands since the start of the uplift programme in October 2019.

Over £1m under the Brownfield Land Release Fund to support the regeneration of two estates, Hurst Farm Estate in Derbyshire Dales and the Yorke Drive and Lincoln Road Playing Fields in Newark and Sherwood.

Over £15m for 27 projects across the East Midlands through the Community Renewal Fund, including for work in Northamptonshire on Net Zero and local energy projects.

£250,000 from the Community Ownership Fund for the Hub Community Centre and Café in Thumby.

Over £4m from the Sustainable Warmth Fund to help Leicester and Lincoln install energy saving upgrades and low carbon heating in low-income households.

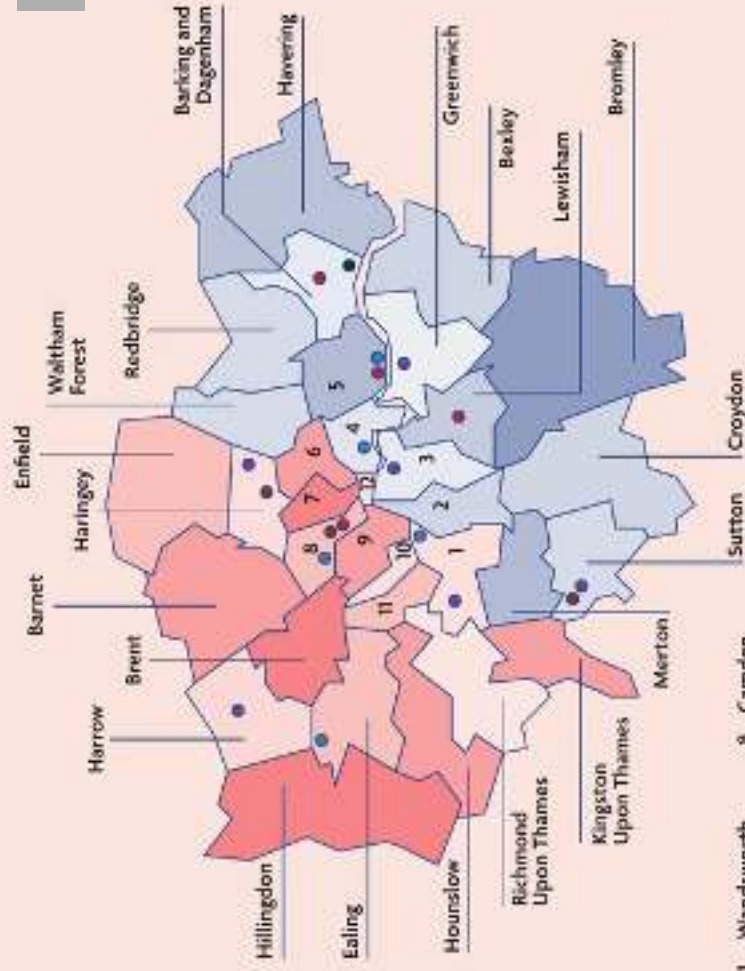
£6m granted by the Football Foundation to improve grassroots sports facilities and increase opportunities for people to get involved in sports, especially in communities most in need.

London

London is already benefiting from investments to boost living standards, spread opportunity, restore local pride and empower local leaders.

An initial £65m of investment through Round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund is backing six projects in London. Transport enhancements include connecting Northolt Station to White Hart Roundabout, highway improvements on Whitechapel Road, and a new bridge, walking and cycling improvements in Newham. A new concert venue and music education centre will be built in Nine Elms and the Carlton and Grenville community centres in South Kilburn will be refurbished.

The Future High Streets Fund is supporting the regeneration of high streets across the UK, including in London. The capital has received funding for six high streets totalling over £56m. In Woolwich, funding will help to transform the Old Town Hall, Powis Street and Beresford Square into a vibrant place to live, work, experience and shop. Along the Old Kent Road in Southwark, funding will be given to several projects along the south-eastern stretch to support wider regeneration plans. In Sutton, the funding will repurpose empty or unused buildings, build new and affordable homes, contributing to the physical regeneration of the high street, including Elm Grove, and provide more flexible commercial workspaces.



1. Wandsworth
2. Lambeth
3. Southwark
4. Tower Hamlets
5. Newham
6. Hackney
7. Islington
8. Camden
9. Westminster
10. Kensington and Chelsea
11. Hammersmith and Fulham
12. City of London

Key

- **Levelling Up Fund:** Northolt, Whitechapel, Nine Elms, South Kilburn and Newham.
- **Future High Streets Fund:** Woolwich, Tottenham, Wealdstone, Old Kent Road, Sutton and Putney.
- **Community Renewal Fund:** London-wide projects, plus local projects in Newham, Barking and Dagenham, Lewisham and Camden.
- **Brownfield Land Release Fund:** Camden, Haringey and Sutton
- **Freeport:** Dagenham.

A new Freeport on the Thames

Thames Freeport takes advantage of excellent links into central London and major European cities. It will deliver jobs, new training and upskilling opportunities, and unlock port investment and new foreign investment. The Freeport will also catalyse the generation of clean energy, including hydrogen, and innovate in low carbon technology, contributing to regional and national Net Zero targets.



The UK Government has been taking action to level up communities in London:

Empowering local leaders and communities

£65m through the Levelling Up Fund, investing in six projects to improve everyday life including in Northolt, Whitechapel Road, Nine Elms, South Kilburn and Newham.

Over £56m in Future High Streets Funding for six high streets in London including Woolwich, Tottenham, Wealdstone, Old Kent Road, Sutton and Putney.

The Levelling Up

Advisory Council will consider how to ensure London's complex economic geography and socio-economic spectrum can further benefit from levelling up.

Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards

£44.6bn to deliver a new high speed rail link between London and the West Midlands. HS2 will also transform Euston Station, with the station redevelopment expected to create up to 36,000 new jobs and 2,200 homes.

£1bn investment in London's transport network annually through Business Rates Retention, and over £1bn in additional funding since the start of the pandemic to support London's transport network, ensuring services continue to run during the pandemic.

Over £18bn investment in Crossrail which will improve connectivity across London via the Elizabeth line, and E1bn from the Public Works Loan Board to extend the Northern Line to Battersea.

£24bn strategic roads investment including the Lower Thames Crossing, increasing capacity across the Thames East of London by over 90%.

Gigabit broadband coverage in London increased from 34% in November 2019 to 78% in January 2022, and is forecast to reach 90-100% by 2025.

929,070 new businesses created in London between 2010 and 2020.



Spreading opportunity and improving public services

£322m extra for mainstream schools in 2022-23 is forecast for London, an increase of 5.4% per pupil, compared to 2021-22. This per pupil increase excludes "growth" funding which is additional funding, provided for schools seeing significant increases in pupil numbers.

Institutes of Technology established in East London, London City and West London.

36,930 apprenticeships started in London in 2019-20.

Five hospitals to be delivered in London by the end of the decade, including four new hospitals that are part of the Government's commitment to build 40 new hospitals by 2030. Projects include the rebuild of Hillingdon Hospital; the rebuild of St Mary's Paddington and Hammersmith Hospital (Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust), a new eye care, research and education facility, Moorfields Eye Hospital and UCL Institute of Ophthalmology; major floor by floor refurbishment of Charing Cross; and a new hospital at Whipps Cross.

2,264 more doctors and 3,511 more nurses working in hospitals in London between September 2019 and September 2021.

27,380 Kickstart jobs started by young people and 26 youth hubs opened to help young jobseekers access local training and job opportunities.

1,291,600 jobs were furloughed and protected in London through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.



Restoring local pride

2,155 extra police officers recruited in London since the start of the uplift programme in October 2019.

Over £3m from the Brownfield Land Release Fund for the regeneration of three estates including the Bacton Low Rise Estate in Camden, the Broadwater Farm Estate in Haringey and Beech Tree Place in Sutton.

Over £3m for the Greater London Authority for six projects through the Community Renewal Fund, to invest in people, places, businesses and communities, including in Newham and Camden.

Over £142m has been allocated to build permanent homes for rough sleepers with an ambition to deliver 1,642 homes in London in total.

Over £168m for the East Bank development to bring world class cultural institutions such as the BBC, V&A, and UCL to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, attracting an additional 1.5m visitors to the area each year, and delivering on the Olympic legacy to transform this part of East London.

£2m granted by the Football Foundation to improve grassroots sports facilities and increase opportunities for people to get involved in sports, especially in communities most in need.

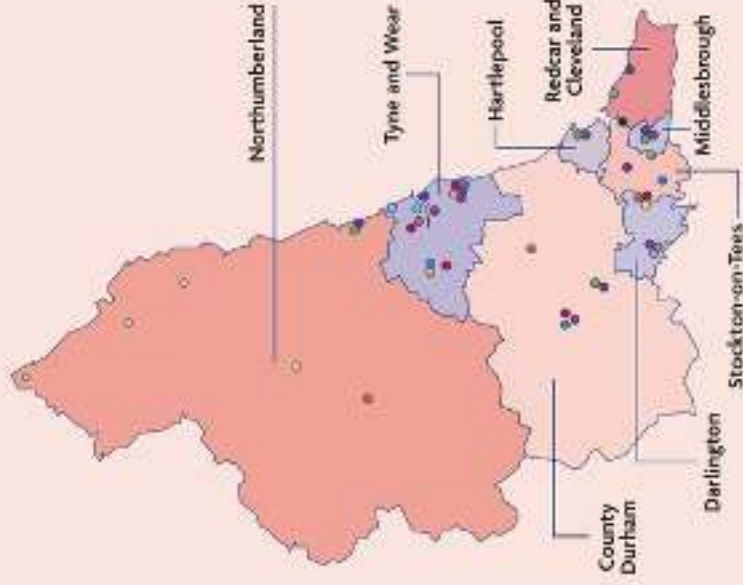
North East

The North East is already benefiting from investments to boost living standards, spread opportunity, restore local pride and empower local leaders.

An initial **£100m** of investment through Round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund is backing five projects in the North East. Town centres will be transformed with regeneration projects in Yarm and Eaglescliffe, and the restoration of Grainger Market in Newcastle. The Whorlton Bridge over the River Tees in County Durham is the world's oldest suspension bridge and will be reopened with a new visitor centre to celebrate the area's transport heritage. Establishing the

Housing Innovation and Construction Skills Academy in Sunderland and building a state-of-the-art sports facility in West Denton will provide new employment and sports opportunities.

The Towns Fund is investing over **£172m** across seven towns in the North East including Darlington, Hartlepool and Blyth. Darlington town centre will see revitalisation of the historic yards and wynds, new town centre lighting and WiFi, as well as the acquisition of a redundant office block to make way for new development. Hartlepool will see the refurbishment of derelict town centre properties and Blyth will receive funding to establish business-led skills facilities for the energy sector, helping residents to seize local job opportunities.



Key

- **Levelling Up Fund:** Yarm and Eaglescliffe, Sunderland, Newcastle and County Durham.
- **Towns Fund:** Bishop Auckland, Blyth, Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Thornaby-on-tees.
- **Future High Streets Fund:** Middlesbrough, Bishop Auckland, Blyth, Loftus, South Shields, Stockton and Sunderland.
- **Community Renewal Fund:** County Durham, Gateshead, North of Tyne, Sunderland and the Tees Valley.
- **Community Ownership Fund:** North Shields and Whitley Bay.
- **Project Gigabit:** Durham, Tyneside, Teesside and Northumberland.
- **Strength in Places Fund:** Sunderland and Newcastle.
- **Freeport:** Teesside.
- **Civil Service relocation:** Darlington.
- **Education Investment Areas:** Middlesbrough, Hartlepool, Darlington, Sunderland, South Tyneside and County Durham.
- **Transport upgrades:** Tees Valley (Middlesbrough and Darlington) and Northumberland.
- **Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal:** Alnwick, Berwick-upon-Tweed and Wooler.

Civil Service relocation to the North East

The **Darlington Economic Campus** is a pioneering new cross government hub which will bring together people across departments and public organisations to play an active role in the most important economic issues of the day. As part of the Places for Growth programme, the Campus will drive to diversify the way the UK Government makes policy, broaden access to skills and talent and widen opportunities. There will be substantial career opportunities and exciting prospects across the departments and organisations based at the campus, including HM Treasury, the Department for International Trade, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, the Office for National Statistics and



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£450m over 30 years through the Tees Valley Combined Authority Devolution Deal, which first elected its Mayor in May 2017.

£600m over 30 years through the North of Tyne Combined Authority Devolution Deal, which elected its Mayor in May 2019.

Over £98m from the Future High Streets Fund for seven towns and cities across the North East including Middlesbrough, Blyth and Sunderland.

£100m for five projects across the North East through the Levelling Up Fund, including in Yarm and Eaglescliffe, Sunderland, Newcastle and County Durham.

Over £172m for seven Towns Deals across the North East, including in Bishop Auckland, Blyth, Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Thornsby-on-Tees, to boost local economies, create jobs and new homes, transform public spaces and revamp cultural attractions.

Durham invited to begin negotiations to agree a new devolution deal and negotiations to be taken forward to agree an expanded Mayoral Combined Authority deal for the North East.



Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards

Teeside Freeport will make the most of the opportunities available from the regeneration of the site of the former Tees steelworks, providing a boost to the local economy while making a significant contribution to Net Zero.

The Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal, involving £265m of UK Government investment, is supporting cross-border partnership, innovation and growth, including in Northumberland. To date, £29.5m has been committed for projects in the North East.

£660m of additional funding for the British Business Bank Northern Powerhouse Investment Fund to finance a new round of the fund and expand it into the North East.

Over £208m for transport enhancements in the North East and over £7.5m for transport improvements in the Tees Valley through the Transforming Cities Fund.

£310m for transport schemes in the Tees Valley, including Middlesbrough and Darlington station upgrades and improving local rail links.

£34m of initial funding for preparatory works to support the reintroduction of passenger rail services on the Northumberland Line.

Gigabit broadband coverage in the North East has increased from 2% in November 2019 to 66% in January 2022, and is forecast to reach 70-80% by 2025.

77,400 new businesses created in the North East between 2010 and 2020.

Local Growth Deals for Local Enterprise Partnerships in the North East, including investment in NETPark, a leading science and technology park in Sedgfield.

329,800 jobs were furloughed and protected in the North East through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.



Spreading opportunity and improving public services

£110m extra for mainstream schools in 2022-23 is forecast for the North East, an increase of 6% per pupil, compared to 2021-22. This per pupil increase excludes 'growth' funding, which is additional funding, provided for schools seeing significant increases in pupil numbers.

New Education Investment Areas announced for Middlesbrough, Hartlepool, Darlington, Sunderland, South Tyneside and County Durham, which will drive further school improvement in these areas through funding to intervene in underperforming schools, supporting growth of strong trusts, and retaining high quality teachers.

North East Institute of Technology established covering Durham, Newcastle, Middlesbrough, Sunderland and Northumberland (North East LEP area).

17,310 apprenticeships started in the North East in 2019-20.

Two hospitals to be delivered in the North East by the end of the decade, including the rebuild of Northgate hospital and a new hospital to replace Shotton Bridge Hospital that is part of the UK Government's commitment to build 40 new hospitals by 2030.

775 more doctors and 1,552 more nurses working in hospitals in the North East between September 2019 and September 2021.

200-300 jobs at the new HM Treasury campus in Darlington as part of the Places for Growth programme.

5,310 Kickstart jobs started by young people and 12 youth hubs opened to help young jobseekers access local training and job opportunities.



Restoring local pride

645 extra police officers recruited in the North East since the start of the uplift programme in October 2019.

Over £7m from the Community Renewal Fund for 34 projects across the North East, including a project to strengthen the voluntary and community sector in Sunderland. **£600,000** for two projects in North Shields and Whitley Bay from the first round of the Community Ownership Fund to protect valued community assets.

£690,000 towards the regeneration of Church Lane North estate in Redcar and Cleveland through the Brownfield Land Release Fund.

£53m for the North East Local Net Zero Hub to improve the energy efficiency of homes of low income households, helping to reduce fuel poverty, phase out high carbon fossil fuel heating and deliver progress towards the UK's commitment to Net Zero by 2050.

Over £11m from the Sustainable Warmth Fund, to help four councils in the North East install energy saving upgrades and low carbon heating in low income households.

£1m granted by the Football Foundation to improve grassroots sports facilities and increase opportunities for people to get involved in sports, especially in communities most in need.

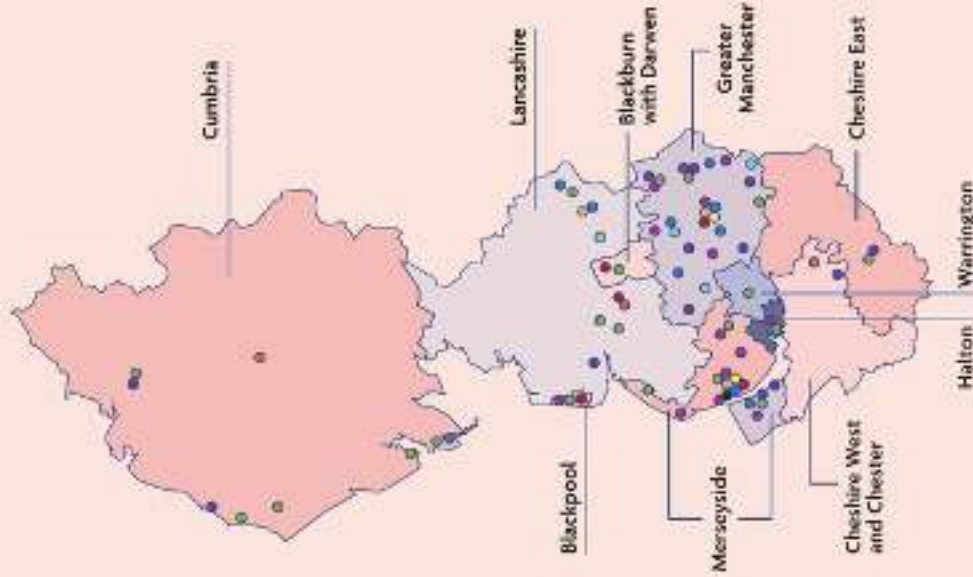
North West

The North West is already benefiting from investments to boost living standards, spread opportunity, restore local pride and empower local leaders.

An initial **£232m** of investment through Round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund is backing 12 projects in the North West. Town centres will be revitalised with investment in theatres in Colne town centre, modernising the Market Hall in Barrow-in-Furness and renovating one of Britain's favourite markets in Bury. Heritage assets will be restored with investment in Ashton Town Hall and continued regeneration of Liverpool's docks. Connectivity enhancements include segregated walking and cycling routes across Liverpool and preserving the ferry route across the Mersey in Woodside. Creating the Bolton College of Medical Sciences, delivering a new civic hub in Radcliffe and expanding the University of Central Lancashire's Burnley campus will

enhance skills, create jobs and provide new opportunities for wider development. Two dilapidated buildings in Manchester will be repurposed to deliver large, modern workspaces and the Salford Innovation Zone will be connected to surrounding communities.

The Towns Fund is investing **£486m** across 20 towns in the North West including Blackpool, Warrington, Rochdale, Southport and Warrington. Transport improvements include a new bus facility at Warrington with the capacity to support an electric bus fleet, and improvements to cycling and walking routes at Cleator Moor. Cultural and leisure attractions will be transformed, with investment in the Blackpool Illuminations and redevelopment of the Fire Service Museum in Rochdale. Town centre regeneration will be supported through the acquisition of key sites to make way for new development including in Barrow-in-Furness, Leyland and Oldham.



Key

- **Levelling Up Fund:** Bolton, Burnley, Birkenhead, Bury, Manchester, Liverpool, Colne, Barrow-in-Furness, Tameside and Salford.
- **Towns Fund:** Barrow-in-Furness, Birkenhead, Blackpool, Bolton, Carlisle, Cheadle, Cleator Moor, Crewe, Darwen, Leyland, Millom, Nelson, Oldham, Preston, Rochdale, Runcorn, Southport, St Helens, Warrington and Workington.
- **Future High Streets Fund:** Crewe, Farnworth, Oldham, Birkenhead, Maryport, Carlisle, Winsford, Kalkham, Rochdale, Stockport, Trafford, Wigan, and New Ferry.
- **Community Renewal Fund:** Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool, Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Liverpool City Region.
- **Community Ownership Fund:** Leigh, Marple, Clayton-le-Moors and Bury.
- **Project Gigabit:** Cumbria, Lancashire and Cheshire.
- **Strength in Places Fund:** Rochdale and Liverpool.
- **Freeport:** Liverpool.
- **Education Investment Areas:** Knowsley, Blackpool, Liverpool, Rochdale, St Helens, Oldham, Salford, Halton, Tameside, Sefton, Manchester Bury, the Wirral and Bolton.
- **Transport upgrades:** Greater Manchester and Liverpool.

A new Freeport for the North West

Liverpool Freeport will provide significant opportunities for the city, its people and the wider region, helping communities thrive through new investment and thousands of new jobs. Liverpool is the UK's leading transatlantic port, with excellent links to the US. It will support a globally competitive, environmentally responsible and socially inclusive city region.

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Devolution deals with Greater Manchester and Liverpool City Region Combined Authorities, devolving new powers over transport, planning and skills.

£900m investment fund over 30 years as part of Liverpool City Region Combined Authority's devolution deal.

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A trailblazer deeper devolution deal to be negotiated with Greater Manchester Combined Authority that could act as a blueprint for other MCAs including Liverpool City Region.

£32m from the Levelling Up Fund for 12 projects across the North West, including in Bolton, Burnley, Birkenhead, Radcliffe, Bury, Manchester, Liverpool, Colne, Barrow-in-Furness, Tameside and Salford.

Over £168m invested in 13 high streets through the Future High Streets Fund to support the renewal and reshaping of town centres and high streets across the region, including in Carlisle, Rochdale, Stretford, and Winsford.

£486m invested through 20 Towns Fund deals across the North West, including in Crewe, St Helens and Darwen, which will deliver new homes, transform public spaces, and revamp cultural attractions.



Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards

£172m for a new Hartree National Centre for Digital Innovation at Sci-Tech Daresbury, a five-year £20m partnership between IBM and the STFC Hartree Centre.

A pilot innovation Accelerator centred on Greater Manchester with access to £10m in funding.

£660m of additional funding for the British Business Bank Northern Powerhouse Investment Fund.

Over £1.5bn through the Local Growth Fund in the North West for projects to boost local economies.

£14.7m investment through the Transforming Cities Fund to regenerate the Friargate North and Ringway area in Preston.

Transport investment through City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements with a further £1m in Greater Manchester for schemes such as the next generation Metrolink tram-train vehicles and £70m in Liverpool City Region for schemes such as battery power for new Merseyrail trains.

£280m for local roads maintenance between 2022-23 and 2024-25 to local authorities not receiving City Region Settlements, and £31m for smaller local transport

improvements across the North West.

£23m through the Strength in Places Fund for the Advanced Machinery and Productivity Initiative in Rochdale, and £70m for the Infection Innovation Consortium led by the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.

£15m through the Transforming Foundation Industries Challenge for Glass Futures in St Helens, a state-of-the-art glass furnace R&D facility.

120 zero emission buses for Warrington from the £270m Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas Fund.

Gigabit broadband coverage in the North West has increased from 9% in November 2019 to 68% in January 2022, and is forecast to reach 80-90% by 2025.

383,885 new businesses created in the North West between 2016 and 2020.

1,041,200 jobs were furloughed and protected in the North West through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

The £2.65m Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal has so far earmarked £76m for the North West.

£32m for the North West Local Net Zero Hub to improve the energy efficiency of homes of low-income households.



Spreading opportunity and improving public services

£360m extra for mainstream schools in 2022-23 is forecast for the North West, an increase of 5.8% per pupil, compared to 2021-22. This per pupil increase excludes 'growth' funding, which is additional funding provided for schools seeing significant increases in pupil numbers.

New National Cyber Force campus at Sarnesbury in South Ribblesdale, Lancashire, which will boost the local economy and create jobs.

New Education Investment Areas announced for Knowley, Blackpool, Liverpool, Rochdale, St Helens, Oldham, Salford, Halton, Tameside, Sefton, Manchester, Bury, the Wirral and Bolton, which will drive further school improvement in these areas through funding to intervene in underperforming schools, supporting growth of strong trusts, and retaining high-quality teachers.

Three institutes of Technology in development with Blackpool & the Fylde College (covering the Lancashire LEP area), University of Salford (covering the Greater Manchester LEP area) and

Cheshire College South and West (covering the Cheshire and Warrington LEP area).

46,250 apprenticeships started in the North West in 2019-20.

Five hospitals to be delivered, including two new hospitals that are part of the UK Government's commitment to build 40 new hospitals by 2030. These include an oncology hospital in North Cumbria; the rebuild of both the Royal Preston Hospital and Royal Lancaster Infirmary subject to consultation; a new hospital to replace the Royal Liverpool University Hospital; an additional non-elective, high acuity hospital to support the Greater Manchester Major Trauma Service; and the rebuild of North Manchester General Hospital.



Restoring local pride

1,638 extra police officers recruited in the North West since the start of the uplift programme in October 2019.

£137.6m from the Getting Building Fund for 26 projects in the North West since August 2020, including £23m to create the first public park in Manchester in over 100 years. The investment in Mayfield unlocked the delivery of the park, put at risk by the pandemic, and secured up to £1bn in private sector investment in the wider development of the site.

Over £12m for 28 projects across the North West backed by the Community Renewal Fund, including for skills investment in businesses developing low-carbon technology in Blackpool and Rossendale.

£1.63m from the Community Ownership Fund to protect valued community assets in Bury, Leigh, Marple and Clayton-le-Moors.

Over £3m towards the regeneration of three estates in the North West from the Brownfield Land Release Fund, including Sutton Way estate in Blesmere Park, Lower Falgrie area in Central Rochdale and Sale West estate in Trafford.

£11m granted by the Football Foundation to improve grassroots sports facilities and increase opportunities for people to get involved in sports, especially in communities most in need.

Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland is already benefiting from investments to boost living standards, spread opportunity, restore local pride and empower local leaders.

Towns and cities across Northern Ireland will see **£617m** of investment through four City and Growth Deals. The Belfast region will see infrastructure improvements including the Newry Southern Relief Road, tourism and regeneration programmes including for the Bangor Waterfront, and programmes to support economic growth including new regional innovation hubs to incubate growing businesses such as the Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Centre. The Derry-Londonderry and Strabane Region City Deal will see investment in a suite of innovation, digital and health projects aimed at transforming the region's capability and capacity, such as the Centre for Industrial Digitalisation, Robotics and Automation. This is alongside the City Deal unlocking investment in regeneration schemes to transform Strabane town centre. Further, the Mid South West and the Causeway Coast and Glens Growth Deals will facilitate economic growth by investing in innovation, infrastructure, digital and tourism.

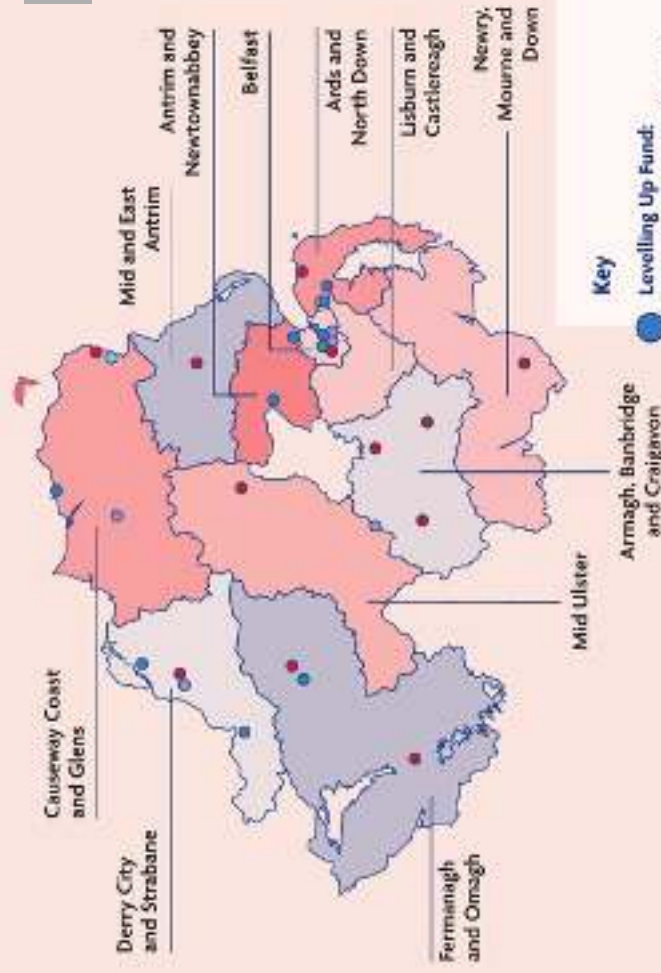
The Levelling Up Fund is investing **£49m** in 11 projects across Northern Ireland. Connectivity will be improved through the development of cycling greenways linking Bangor to Newtownards and Newtownards to Comber. There is support for Northern Ireland's film and television industry with investment in Ulster University's virtual production facilities in Belfast and cultural and leisure spaces will be transformed with the regeneration of the Daisyfield Sports Hub in Derry-Londonderry. Regenerating public spaces will have a lasting impact on communities including in Omagh, Glengormley and Antrim, while the Portrush recreation grounds and Duxton International Ice Bowl will also be redeveloped. New and upgraded sports facilities will be provided in Castleberg and an urban community farm will be established in Derry-Londonderry. The Fund will also see upgrades made to the electric vehicle charging network across Northern Ireland.

The UK Government will continue to work closely with the Northern Ireland Executive on a range of policies to drive tangible change in places and improve life chances.



Supporting Businesses in Northern Ireland

The UK Government has guaranteed **£400m** for the **New Deal for Northern Ireland** announced in December 2020. The New Deal will help boost economic growth, increase Northern Ireland's competitiveness and invest in infrastructure, and is aimed at supporting businesses to operate following the UK's exit from the EU. It will enable Northern Ireland's businesses to compete in the global market, driving forward future growth and prosperity. The funding will also invest in social development across Northern Ireland to strengthen social cohesion, including by supporting initiatives that enable children from different community backgrounds to be educated together.



Key

Levelling Up Fund:

Derry-Londonderry, Portrush, Duxton, Castleberg, Ards and North Down, Glengormley, Antrim, Lisburn and Castlereagh, Omagh and Belfast.

City and Growth Deals:

Belfast Region, Derry-Londonderry and Strabane Region, Causeway Coast and Glens and Mid South West.

Community Renewal Fund:

as well as national projects, local projects in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon, Belfast, Derry City and Strabane, Bangor, Mid & East Antrim, Omagh, Enniskillen, Mid Ulster, Mourne Mountains and Cushendun

Community Ownership Fund:

Cushendun.

Civil Service relocations:

Belfast

Trade and investment hub:

Belfast



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£1.6bn additional funding on average per year through the Barnett formula over the Spending Review 2021 period, on top of annual baseline funding of **£13.4bn**, enabling the Northern Ireland Executive to provide additional future investments in areas such as health, social care and education.

£730m for the new PEACE PLUS programme (including a contribution from the Northern Ireland Executive) to support economic stability, peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland. This represents almost 75% of the total budget and delivers in full on the UK Government's commitments to the programme.

£617m for City and Growth Deals which include funding to enable digital innovation and expand the hi-tech companies cluster.

Growing the private sector and boosting living standards

£400m New Deal for Northern Ireland, aimed at supporting businesses to operate after the UK's exit from the EU, while also ensuring that Northern Ireland is ready to seize the trade and investment opportunities ahead. Almost half has been allocated to new systems for supermarkets and small traders, medicine supply chains, trade promotion and skills development.

A new trade and investment hub in Belfast, which will ensure that the benefits of the UK's global trade policy are channelled to Northern Ireland.

£1bn for farmers and land managers and £9.3m to support fisheries from the UK Government over the 2021 Spending Review period.

Gigabit broadband coverage in Northern Ireland increased from 31% in November 2019 to 81% in January 2021, and is forecast to reach 90-100% by 2025.

59,055 new businesses created in Northern Ireland between 2010 and 2020.

£70m for a new British Business Bank investment fund in Northern Ireland, working closely with local partners.

£500m committed across the UK through the Shared Rural Network programme to improve 4G coverage by 2025, increasing coverage from 97% to 98% in Northern Ireland.

£50m over two years from the New Decade New Approach deal to support the rollout of ultra-low emission public transport.



Spreading opportunity and improving public services

60 new jobs by 2025 in Belfast from the expansion of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to this new location.

240,200 jobs were furloughed and protected in Northern Ireland through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.



Restoring local pride

Over £22m for the Tackling Paramilitarism Programme over the 2021 Spending Review period, contributing to a safer Northern Ireland.

£12m from the Community Renewal Fund to support 30 projects, such as helping small businesses in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon innovate to reduce their carbon footprint, as well as national projects supporting communities across Northern Ireland.

£300,000 for the Glens Digital Hub in Cushendall from the first round of the Community Ownership Fund to protect a valued community asset.

£49m invested in local communities for 11 successful project bids through the Levelling Up Fund, including in Dundonald, Omagh and Antrim.

£700,000 of UK Government funding to improve grassroots sports facilities and increase opportunities for people to get involved in sports, especially in communities most in need.

Scotland

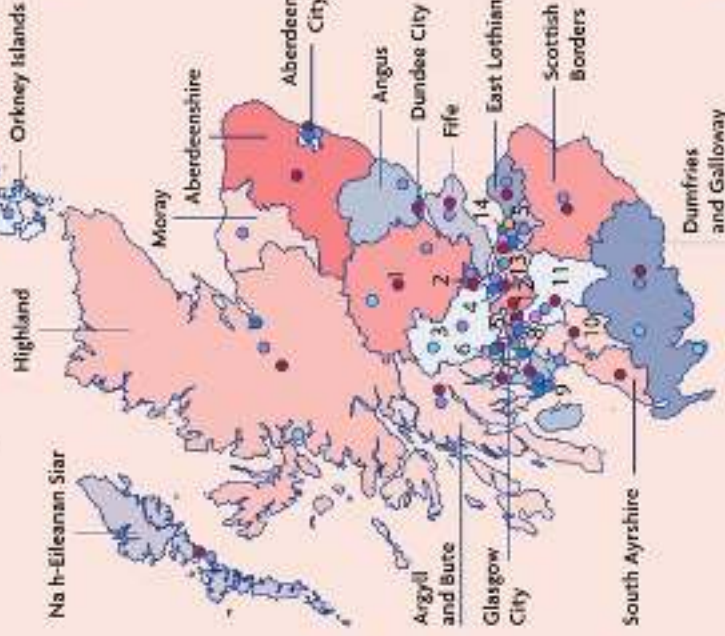
Scotland is already benefiting from investments to boost living standards, spread opportunity, restore local pride and empower local leaders.

12 regions across Scotland will see **£1.5bn** of UK Government investment through City and Growth Deals. Of these, the Ayrshire Growth Deal will see a total of up to **£103m** invested to create over 7,000 new jobs across Ayrshire. The Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal will deliver up to **£265m** of investment over the next ten to 15 years, supporting cross-border partnership, innovation and growth. The Tay Cities Region Deal will deliver up to **£150m** of investment to the region, including in aviation and cyber security, and Stirling and Clackmannanshire will see **£45m** of investment.

The first round of the Levelling Up Fund is backing eight projects in Scotland with

£172m of investment. Cultural and heritage attractions will be revitalised, including with the transformation of the Pollok Stables and Sawmill in Glasgow into a Net Zero hydro-powered heritage and community centre. Transport connectivity will be enhanced with a new direct route between Glasgow and the Three Towns in North Ayrshire, upgrades to Westfield Roundabout in Falkirk and improved links to Renfrewshire. Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District. Additionally, Granton Waterfront will be developed in Edinburgh, the Artizan Shopping Centre in West Dunbartonshire will be remodelled, Inverness Castle will be redeveloped, and a new marketplace in Aberdeen City Centre will be delivered. The UK Government will continue to work closely with the Scottish Government on a range of policies to drive tangible change in places and improve life chances.

1. Perth and Kinross
2. Clackmannanshire
3. Stirling
4. Falkirk
5. East Dunbartonshire
6. West Dunbartonshire
7. Inverclyde
8. East Renfrewshire
9. North Ayrshire
10. East Ayrshire
11. South Lanarkshire
12. North Lanarkshire
13. West Lothian
14. City of Edinburgh
15. Midlothian



Key

Levelling Up Fund: Inverness, Aberdeen, Glasgow, the Three Towns in North Ayrshire (Ardrossan, Saltcoats and Stevenston), Renfrewshire, Edinburgh, Falkirk and West Dunbartonshire.

City and Growth Deals: Glasgow City Region, Aberdeen City Region, Inverness and the Highlands, Edinburgh and South East Scotland, Stirling and Clackmannanshire, Tay Cities, Ayrshire, Borderlands, Moray, Argyll and Bute, Falkirk and the Islands (Orkney, Shetland and the Outer Hebrides).

Community Renewal Fund: Argyll and Bute, Dumfries and Galloway, East Ayrshire, Falkirk, Glasgow City, Inverclyde, Na h-Eileanan Siar, North Ayrshire, North Lanarkshire, Scottish Borders, South Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire and West Dunbartonshire.

Community Ownership Fund: Whithorn, Inverie, New Galloway, Kinloch Rannoch and Callander.

Strength in Places Fund: Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Civil Service relocation: Glasgow, East Kilbride and Edinburgh.

Trade and investment hub: Edinburgh.

Medicines Manufacturing Innovation Centre: Edinburgh.



Scotland on the global stage

In October and November 2021, Glasgow hosted the **COP26 UN Climate Change Conference**, showcasing Scotland on the global stage.

The Prime Minister brought together heads of state, climate experts and campaigners to agree coordinated action to tackle climate change. Glasgow, Scotland, and the whole of the UK, will benefit economically from having hosted the summit, including future growth in international tourism.



The UK Government has been taking action to level up Scotland:



Empowering local leaders and communities

£4.6bn additional funding to the Scottish Government per year on average through the Barnett formula from 2022-23 to 2024-25, on top of its annual baseline funding of £36.7bn. This funding enables the Scottish Government to provide additional investments in areas such as health, social care and education.

£1.5bn of UK Government investment has been committed to City and Growth Deals since 2014. These now cover every part of Scotland and will stimulate economic growth and jobs through investment in local projects.



Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards

Over 8,900 homes and businesses will get access to next-generation broadband speeds thanks to £12.5m awarded through the UK Government's nationwide gigabit programme.

Expanding the trade and investment hub in Edinburgh to ensure Scotland benefits from the UK's global trade policy.

A pilot Innovation Accelerator centred on Glasgow City Region with access to £100m in funding. This is a new partnership to support the City Region to become a globally competitive centre for research and innovation.

£21m through the Strength in Places Fund for south west Scotland and Cumbria to develop technology to support and decarbonise the dairy industry. £38m for medical innovation and research in Glasgow and £23m for the Global Open Finance Centre of Excellence in Edinburgh.

£1.9bn for farmers and land managers and £42.2m to support fisheries from the UK Government over the 2021 Spending Review period. The UK Government has extended the recommendations of the Bew Review so that additional funding will continue to be provided to farmers in Scotland over the next three years.

Gigabit broadband coverage in Scotland increased from 5% in November 2019 to 60% in November

2021, and is forecast to reach 75-80% by 2025.

£500m committed across the UK through the Shared Rural Network programme to improve 4G coverage by 2025, increasing coverage to 91% in Scotland.

North Sea Transition Deal signed to support workers, businesses and the supply chain in the oil and gas industry, concentrated in the north east of Scotland, with the transition to a low carbon future, and £27m for the Aberdeen Energy Transition Zone.

The Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal involving £265m of UK Government investment, is supporting cross-border partnership, innovation and growth, including £65m in Scotland.

217,430 new businesses created in Scotland between 2010 and 2020.

£150m for the British Business Bank to establish a new investment fund in Scotland to support access to finance for Scottish businesses, working closely with the Scottish Government and Scottish National Development Bank.

£13m for the Medicines Manufacturing Innovation Centre in Renfrewshire which will improve domestic medicine manufacturing to prepare for the risk of future health crises.



Spreading opportunity and improving public services

500 extra jobs for civil servants to be employed by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office in East Kilbride and a planned Cabinet Office base in Glasgow by 2024, providing new jobs, attracting investment and bringing policymakers closer to the people they serve in Scotland.

10,970 Kickstart jobs started by young people and 19 Youth Hubs opened to help young jobseekers access local training and job opportunities.

736,500 jobs were furloughed and protected in Scotland through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.



Restoring local pride

Over £170m for eight projects in Scotland from the Levelling Up Fund including in Inverness, Aberdeen, Falkirk and West Dunbartonshire.

Up to £3m over three years to boost Glasgow's cultural offer. The funding will be directed to the Burrell Collection, recognising its important cultural and economic contribution to the UK.

Up to £1m made available to support the delivery of an Extreme E race in Scotland, the 2022 Hebrides X-Prix. The event will highlight the climate challenges faced by different ecosystems and showcase Hebridean green Hydrogen to a global audience.

Over £1m from the Community Ownership Fund, representing 20% of the total value of fundable bids, for five projects to protect valued community assets in Whitthorn, Inverie, New Galloway, Kinloch Rannoch and Gallander.

£18m through the Community Renewal Fund for over 50 projects across Scotland including an employment and wellbeing programme for people living in the Scottish Borders.

£2m of UK Government funding to improve grassroots sports facilities and increase opportunities for people to get involved in sports, especially in communities most in need.

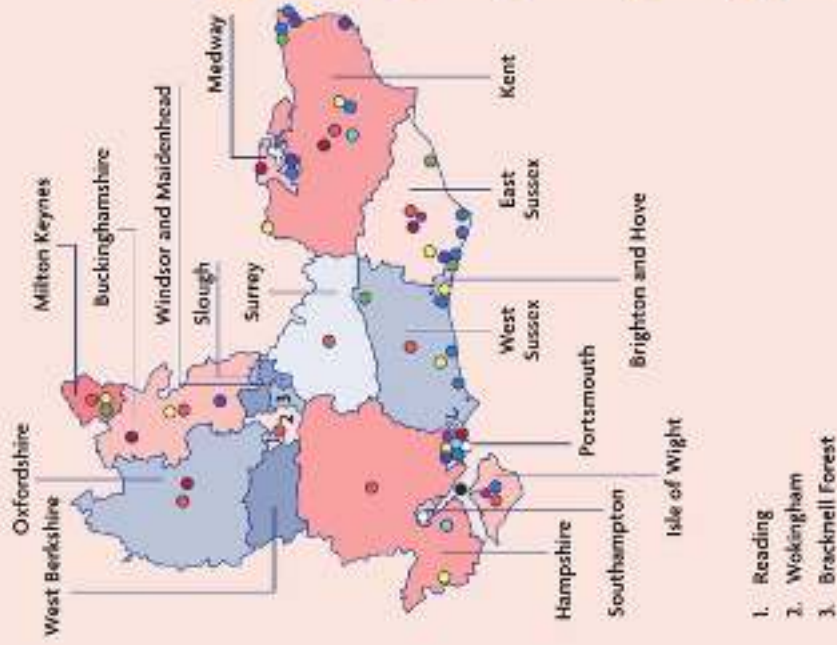
South East

The South East is already benefiting from investments to boost living standards, spread opportunity, restore local pride and empower local leaders.

An initial **£151m** of investment through Round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund is backing 11 projects in the South East. This includes connectivity improvements such as widening Exceat Bridge in Seaford and pedestrianising Victoria Place in Eastbourne, as well as regeneration including Hove seafront, the Port and Royal Harbour in Ramsgate and the iconic Columbine Building in the Isle of Wight shipyard. The funding will also support treasured community assets including by revitalising the Alexandra Theatre in Bognor Regis and repairing the Brook Theatre in Chatham town centre.

Ashford will see the development of an international film studio and new landings to support local fishermen will be built in Newhaven. The Hlseas Lido will become the cornerstone attraction of an urban linear park in Portsmouth and Margate Digital will deliver technical qualifications to young and adult learners.

The Towns Fund is investing **£109m** across five towns in the South East including Margate and Crawley. In Margate, funding will be spent on supporting town centres, creating jobs, boosting businesses and connecting people to where they live and work through physical and digital infrastructure. In Crawley, a number of projects will receive funding, including a transformed bus station and sustainable transport interchange, a new Cultural Quarter and a new Innovation Centre.



1. Reading
2. Wokingham
3. Bracknell Forest

Key

- Levelling Up Fund:** Seaford, the Isle of Wight, Ashford, Hove, Margate, Bognor Regis and Littlehampton, Portsmouth, Ramsgate, Eastbourne, Newhaven and Chatham
- Towns Fund:** Crawley, Hastings Margate, Milton Keynes and Newhaven.
- Future High Streets Fund:** High Wycombe, Chatham, Portsmouth, Newhaven, Dover and Ramsgate.
- Community Renewal Fund:** Buckinghamshire, East Sussex, Kent, Medway, Oxfordshire and Portsmouth
- Community Ownership Fund:** Portsmouth, East Bolrice and Bethersden.
- Project Gigabit:** Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Kent, Buckinghamshire, West Sussex, East Sussex, Milton Keynes and Surrey.
- Freeport:** Solent.
- Education Investment Areas:** Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and East Sussex.
- Transport upgrades:** Brighton, Ashford, Aylesbury, Dartford, Anundel, Lewes, Ringwood and Milton Keynes.
- Transforming Cities Fund:** Southampton and Portsmouth.

A new Freeport for the South East

The **Solent Freeport** in Hampshire, which includes the ports of Southampton, Portsmouth and Portsmouth International will capitalise on the area's existing maritime strengths. It will unlock investment, create thousands of new jobs and help attract new businesses in high growth sectors such as advanced manufacturing and engineering.

The UK Government has been taking action to level up the South East:

Empowering local leaders and communities

Supported the **Thames Estuary Growth Board**, a pan-regional partnership which brings together local leaders and the private sector to drive growth across East London, North Kent and South Essex, chaired by Kate Willard, the Estuary Envoy.

£109m through the Towns Fund for five towns across the South East, to boost local economies, create jobs and new homes, transform public spaces and revamp cultural attractions.

Over **£39m** through the Future High Streets Fund to support high streets across the South East to drive growth, improve experience and ensure future sustainability, including in High Wycombe, Chatham, Portsmouth (Commercial Road and Fratton), Newhaven, Dover and Ramsgate.



Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards

Over **£62m** investment in Southampton through the Transforming Cities Fund, including for developing new rapid bus links.

Over **£59m** investment in transport enhancements across Portsmouth through the Transforming Cities Fund.

£151m from the Levelling Up Fund for 11 projects across the South East, to invest in infrastructure that improves everyday life.

Rail improvements in the South East including a £9.5m line speed improvement between Ashford and Ramsgate, £20.3m for operational improvements and journey time reductions on the Brighton Main Line, and £32m for a major upgrade of Gatwick Airport station.

Road upgrades in the South East include upgrading to smart motorways along sections of the M27, M3, M4 and M25, and improvements to the south east Aylesbury link road, the planned Lower Thames Crossing, the A2 at Beair and Ebbsfleet, the A31 at Ringwood, the A27 Arundel Bypass, and the A27 East of Lewes.

56 zero emission buses for Milton Keynes and 31 zero emission buses for Kent, from the £70m Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas Fund.

£58m for local roads maintenance between 2022-23 and 2024-25, and £42m for transport improvements across the South East.

£275m investment through the Local Growth Fund to support 96 projects across the region, including creating a bio-innovation Centre – a business incubator for new life-science projects, part of a new Life Sciences building at the University of Sussex.

£18m through the Strength in Places Fund for development of climate-smart food production and processing technologies.

Gigabit broadband coverage in the South East increased from 8% in November 2019 to 66% in January 2022, and is forecast to reach 70-80% by 2025.

542,310 new businesses created in the South East between 2010 and 2020.



Spreading opportunity and improving public services

£405m extra for mainstream schools in 2022-23 is forecast for the South East of England, an increase of 5.8% per pupil, compared to 2021-22. This per pupil increase excludes 'growth' funding, which is additional funding, provided for schools seeing significant increases in pupil numbers.

1,735 more doctors and 4,090 more nurses working in hospitals in the South East between September 2019 and September 2021.

Six hospitals to be delivered in the South East by the end of the decade, including five new hospitals that are part of the Government's commitment to build 40 new hospitals by 2030. These include a new women and children's hospital at Milton Keynes

Hospital, the rebuild of Royal Berkshire; a new hospital at Basingstoke & North Hampshire Hospital; a major refurbishment of Royal Hampshire Hospital in Winchester; a new hospital for Epson General Hospital and St Heller Hospital (Epsom and NHS Trust); a new Regional Centre for Teaching, Trauma and Tertiary Care at Royal Sussex County Hospital; and a new hospital at Eastbourne.

New Education Investment Areas announced for the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and East Sussex, which will drive further school improvement in these areas through funding to intervene in underperforming schools, supporting growth of strong trusts, and retaining high quality teachers.

South Central Institute of Technology in operation, covering Buckingham, Thames Valley, Oxfordshire, South East Midlands and Thames Valley Midlands LEP areas. A further two Institutes of Technology are in development with Solent University (covering the Solent LEP area) and Chichester College Group (covering the Coast to Capital LEP area).

49,020 apprenticeships started in the South East in 2019-20.

12,030 Kickstart jobs started by young people and 21 youth hubs opened to help young jobseekers access local training and job opportunities.

1,216,600 jobs were furloughed and protected in the South East through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.



Restoring local pride

1,059 extra police officers recruited in the South East since the start of the uplift programme in October 2019.

£13m for 77 projects from the Community Renewal Fund to invest in people, places, businesses and communities including the Hastings 2066 project and skills renewal in Canterbury, Folkestone and Hythe.

Over **£1m** for three Community Ownership Fund projects to protect valued community assets - the John Jenkins Stadium in Portsmouth, Community Stores in East Boldre and The George pub in Beithersden

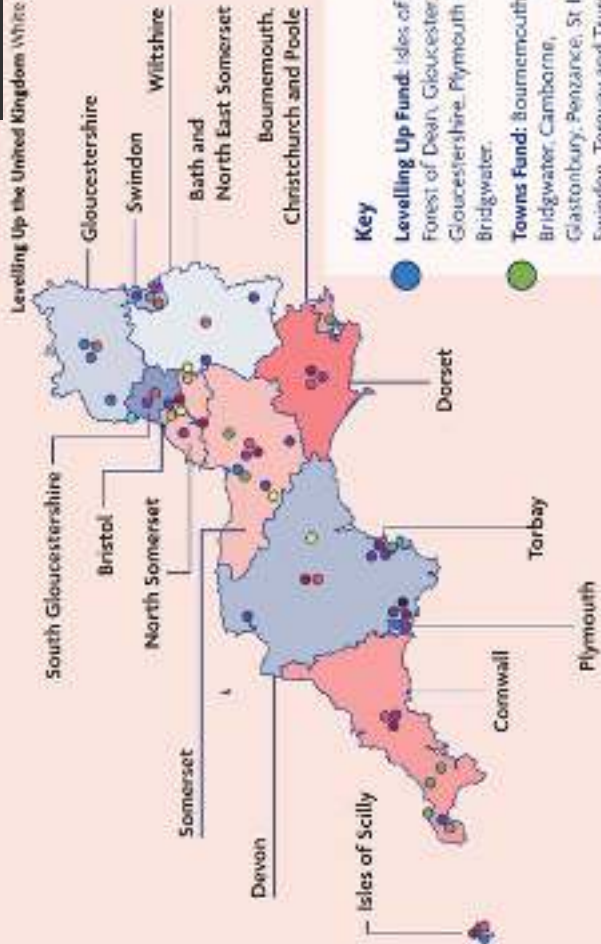
Over **£7.3m** granted by the Football Foundation to improve grassroots sports facilities and increase opportunities for people to get involved in sports, especially in communities most in need.

South West

The South West is already benefiting from investments to boost living standards, spread opportunity, restore local pride and empower local leaders.

An initial **£131m** of investment through Round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund is backing six projects in the South West. These include upgrading ferries to the Isles of Scilly, supporting the University of Gloucestershire to bring empty buildings back into use, regenerating Cinderford Town Centre, expanding the George Park and Ride site in Plymouth, linking Gloucester City Centre with its docklands and a package of improvements along the A38 corridor north of Bridgwater.

The Towns Fund is investing **£198m** across nine towns in the South West to drive sustainable economic regeneration and deliver long-term economic and productivity growth. These include almost **£22m** for Bournemouth to support regeneration plans for Boscombe, including creating new jobs and homes; over **£23m** for Camborne to fund projects to transform the town, including redeveloping redundant sites into a state-of-the-art, multi-purpose work, entertainment and living space; and over **£23m** for Glastonbury to bring existing assets back into community use, including redeveloping the historic Baily's Buildings into a zero-carbon hub for local businesses, educational groups and workshops.



Key

- Levelling Up Fund:** Isles of Scilly, Forest of Dean, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, Plymouth and Bridgwater.
- Towns Fund:** Bournemouth, Bridgwater, Camborne, Glastonbury, Penzance, St Ives, Swindon, Torquay and Truro.
- Future High Streets Fund:** Penzance, Barnstaple, Plymouth, Yeovil, Swindon, Taunton, Newton Abbot, Paignton, Kingswood, Salisbury and Trowbridge.
- Community Renewal Fund:** Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Isles of Scilly, Somerset, Plymouth, North Somerset, Torbay and the West of England Combined Authority.
- Community Ownership Fund:** Woodcroft (Forest of Dean)
- Project Gigabit:** Cornwall, Isles of Scilly, Wiltshire, South Gloucestershire, Swindon, Dorset, Devon, Somerset and Gloucestershire.
- Strength in Places Fund:** Bath and Bristol.
- Freeport:** Plymouth
- Education Investment Areas:** Plymouth, Somerset, Dorset, South Gloucestershire, Cornwall, Swindon and North Somerset
- Transport upgrades:** Bath, Bristol, Wellington (Somerset)



The South West on the global stage

Carbis Bay in St Ives hosted the G7 Summit in June 2021, showcasing Cornwall on the global stage. The Prime Minister brought the world's leading democracies together to reach major new agreements to help the world fight COVID-19, build back better from the pandemic and create a greener, more prosperous future. The total economic impact for the county from hosting the G7 Summit is estimated to be **£50m**, including **£24m** during the event itself, and over **£26m** from forecast future growth in the international tourist market over the next five years. Cornwall will also benefit from investment in its town centres and natural landscape under plans to create a long-term legacy from the G7 Summit.

The UK Government has been taking action to level up the South West:

Empowering local leaders and communities

£900m over 10 years in a devolution deal for the West of England Combined Authority, giving the West of England significant powers over transport, planning, skills and employment, and control of the investment to boost economic growth.

Cornwall and Devon, Plymouth and Torbay invited to begin formal negotiations to agree new devolution deals.

£198m invested in nine towns through the Towns Fund to boost local economies, create jobs and new homes, transform public spaces and revamp cultural attractions.

Over £138m invested in 11 high streets through the Future High Streets Fund, including Penzance, Barnstaple, Plymouth City Centre, Yeovil, Swindon, Taunton, Newton Abbot, Paignton, Kingswood, Salisbury and Trowbridge.

£131m invested in six projects through the Levelling Up Fund, including in the Isles of Scilly, Gloucester, Cinderford, Plymouth, Forest of Dean and Bridgwater.



Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards

£540m City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement over five years to transform local transport networks in the West of England, for schemes such as a fully prioritised bus route between Bristol and Bath.

£200m for the British Business Bank to expand its Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Investment Fund across the South West.

Plymouth and South Devon Freezone

(Freeport) will create a regional hub for trade, innovation and commerce by building on the region's unique capabilities in marine, defence and space, unlocking new high-skilled jobs for the region.

£30m from the Strength in Places Fund for the MyWorld collaboration in Bristol and Bath, a hub which will build on regional strengths in creative media production, technology and research.

£5m development funding to reopen rail stations in Wellington, Somerset and Cullompton, Devon.

£559m of local roads maintenance funding between 2022-23 and 2024-25 to local authorities not receiving City Region Settlements and over £76m for smaller transport improvement priorities.

£241m from the Transforming Cities Fund split across the West of England Combined Authority, the South East Dorset region and Plymouth, to build new cycle freeways and bus priority infrastructure.

Gigabit broadband coverage in the South West increased from 12% in November 2019 to 57% in January 2022, and is forecast to reach 70-80% by 2025.

266,100 new businesses created in the South West between 2010 and 2020.



Spreading opportunity and improving public services

£229m extra for mainstream schools in 2022-23 is forecast for the South West, an increase of 6.3% per pupil, compared to 2021-22. This per pupil increase excludes 'growth' funding, which is additional funding, provided for schools seeing significant increases in pupil numbers.

952 more doctors and 2,327 more nurses working in hospitals in the South West between September 2019 and September 2021.

Eleven new hospitals to be built in the South West that are part of the UK Government's commitment to build 40 new hospitals by 2030. These include a new cancer hospital at the Royal Hospitals Bath, the rebuild of Musgrove Park Hospital, Torbay Hospital and North Devon District Hospital; a new hospital in Plymouth; a new Women and Children's Hospital in Truro; new services across Dorset including integration of the Dorset Growth Hub with GP and community services in a new hospital; a new build of St Ann's Hospital for Child and Adult Mental Health Services in Dorset; the rebuild of Poole Community hospital with theatres and sterile services; the rebuild of Bournemouth Community Hospital; and the rebuild of

Christchurch Community hospital, consolidating services into new community hubs, with associated investment in the Dorset Growth Hub and mental health care.

New Education Investment Areas for

Plymouth, Somerset, Dorset, South Gloucestershire, Cornwall, Swindon and North Somerset to drive improvements through funding to intervene in underperforming schools, support growth of strong trusts and retain high-quality teachers.

Three Institutes of Technology established

covering the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly, and Heart of the South West LEP areas; Swindon & Wiltshire covering the Swindon and Wiltshire & GFirst LEP areas; and West of England covering the West of England Combined Authority LEP area.

34,690 apprenticeships

started in the South West in 2019-20.

7,160 Kickstart jobs started by young people and 7 youth jobseekers access local training and job opportunities.

771,400 jobs were furloughed

and protected in the South West through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.



Restoring local pride

712 extra police officers recruited in the South West since the start of the uplift programme in October 2019.

£175,000 for the Rising Sun Woodcroft Community Pub project in the Forest of Dean from the first round of the Community Ownership Fund to protect a valued community asset.

Over £21m from the Community Renewal Fund for 36 projects to invest in people, places, businesses and communities across the South West, including a training and work experience scheme to help young people secure jobs and support the region's transition to a green economy.

£53m for the South West Local Net Zero Hub to improve the energy efficiency of homes of low-income households, reduce fuel poverty, phase out high carbon fossil fuel heating, and deliver progress towards the UK's commitment to Net Zero by 2050.

Over £2.2m granted by the Football Foundation to improve grassroots sports facilities and increase opportunities for people to get involved in sports, especially in communities most in need.

Wales

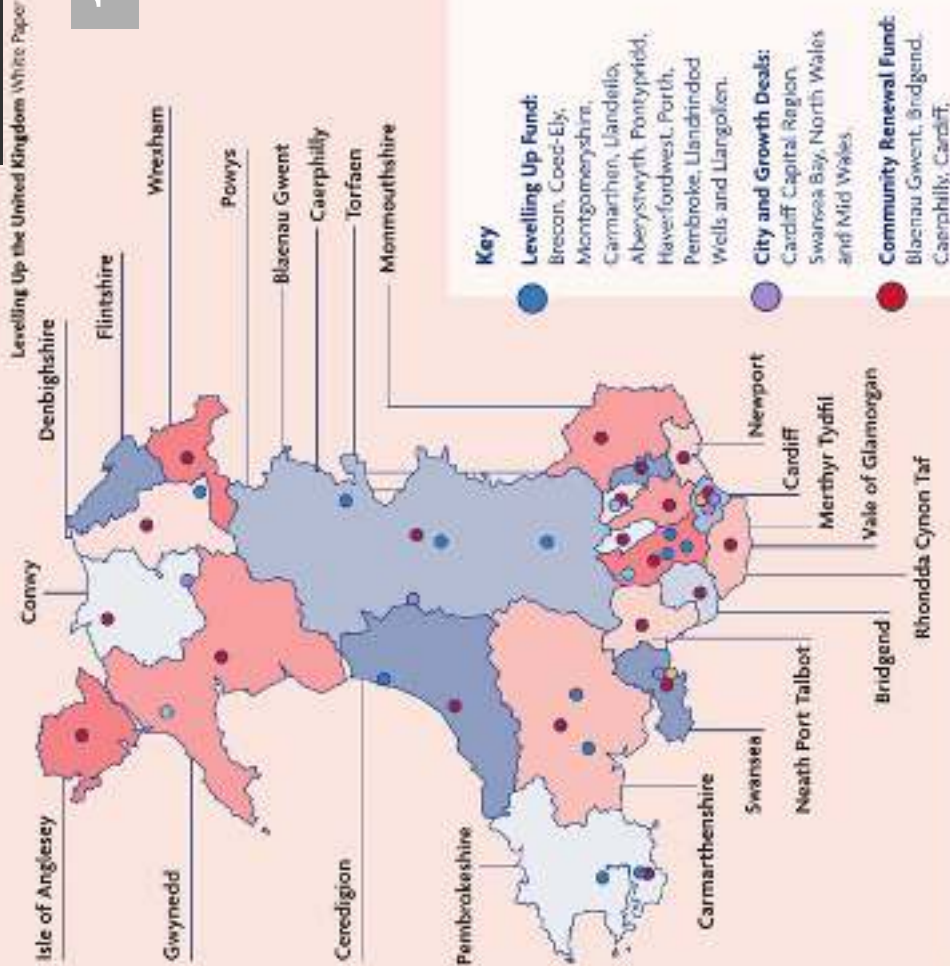
Wales is already benefiting from investments to boost living standards, spread opportunity, restore local pride and empower local leaders.

Four regions across Wales will see **£790m** of UK Government investment through City and Growth Deals. **£500m** of investment for the Cardiff Capital Region will support projects including a new Fintech development strategy and a region-wide Challenge Fund aimed at rebuilding local wealth. **£115m** of investment in Swansea Bay will support projects including constructing Swansea's Waterfront Digital District, floating offshore wind at Pembroke Dock Marine's test sites, and full-fibre broadband across the area. **£120m** in North Wales will benefit projects in advanced manufacturing, low-carbon energy and digital infrastructure. **£55m** in Mid Wales will support projects including digital connectivity, applied research and innovation, energy and skills.

£121m of investment through Round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund is backing ten projects in Wales. Transport enhancements include building the Porth Transport Hub,

dualling part of the A4119 at Coed Ely and creating a 20km walking and cycling route in the Tywi Valley from Carmarthen to Llandeilo. A disused section of the Montgomery Canal from Llanymynech to Ardleen will be revitalised and enhancements to the 11-mile Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal World Heritage site will transform leisure and tourism opportunities. Haverfordwest Castle will also be supported to become an all-weather attraction and the Muni Arts Centre in Pontypridd will be reopened. Aberystwyth will see regeneration of the Old College and Marina, while new Hwb's will provide a central venue for health, education and employment opportunities in Carmarthen and Pembroke. Investments in Brecon will see redevelopment of the Theatr Brycheiniog Arts Centre and the creation of a new Multi-Agency Hub, and in Llandrindod Wells derelict land will be revitalised to support affordable, energy efficient housing.

The UK Government will continue to work closely with the Welsh Government on a range of policies to drive tangible change in places and improve life chances.



Key

- Levelling Up Fund:** Brecon, Coed-Ely, Montgomeryshire, Carmarthen, Llandeilo, Aberystwyth, Pontypridd, Haverfordwest, Porth, Pembroke, Llandrindod Wells and Llangollen.
- City and Growth Deals:** Cardiff Capital Region, Swansea Bay, North Wales and Mid Wales.
- Community Renewal Funds:** Blaenau Gwent, Bridgend, Caerphilly, Cardiff, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Conwy, Denbighshire, Gwynedd, Isle of Anglesey, Merthyr Tydfil, Montgomeryshire, Neath Port Talbot, Newport, Pembrokeshire, Powys, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Swansea, Torfaen, Vale of Glamorgan and Wrexham.
- Community Ownership Fund:** Llandrindod, Pen-y-Waun and Tredreg.
- Strength in Places Fund:** Cardiff and Swansea.
- Civil Service relocations:** Cardiff.

Civil Service relocation to Wales

The UK Government Hub in Cardiff Ty William Morgan (William Morgan House) hosts several government departments. The building is named after Bishop William Morgan in recognition of his pivotal role in maintaining the strength of the Welsh language, and was chosen to reflect the creativity and dedication of civil servants in Wales as well as the UK Government's commitment to Welsh culture. More than 4,000 staff from various UK Government departments and agencies are working from the 12-storey hub, which has capacity to host full

The UK Government has been taking action to level up Wales:

Empowering local leaders and communities

£2.5bn additional funding per year on average for the Welsh Government from the UK Government through the Barnett formula over the 2021 Spending Review period, on top of its annual baseline funding of £15.9bn. This funding enables the Welsh Government to provide additional future investments in areas such as health, social care and education.

£790m of UK Government investment through City and Growth deals covering every part of Wales to stimulate economic growth, regeneration and jobs through locally driven projects.



Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards

£25m through the Strength in Places Fund to establish CSconnected, the world's first global centre of excellence for compound semiconductor technologies, giving the UK a global advantage in technology for sectors such as 5G communications and autonomous vehicles, and £23m for media.cymru to accelerate growth in Cardiff's media sector.

New trade and investment hub in Cardiff which will ensure the benefits of the UK's global trade policy are channelled to Wales

£30m to build a world class rail testing system, the Global Centre of Rail Excellence, at the head of the Dulais and Tawe valleys in south Wales.

119,565 new businesses created in Wales between 2010 and 2020.

Over £4m for a Hydrogen Hub in Holyhead to pilot the creation of hydrogen using renewable energy, and its use as a zero emission fuel for Heavy Goods Vehicles.

£900m for farmers and land managers and £6.2m to support fisheries from the UK Government over the 2021 Spending Review period. The UK Government has extended the recommendations of the Bew Review so that additional funding will continue to be provided to farmers in Wales over the next three years.

Gigabit broadband coverage in Wales increased from 11% in November 2019 to 47% in January 2022, and is forecast to reach 70-80% by 2025.

£500m committed across the UK through the Shared Rural Network programme to improve 4G coverage by 2025, increasing coverage from 90% to 95% in Wales.

£130m for the British Business Bank to establish a new fund in Wales to support access to finance for Welsh businesses, working closely with local partners.



Spreading opportunity and improving public services

Civil service relocation to Cardiff, contributing to over 4,000 jobs in the UK Government Hub across multiple government departments.

5,860 Kickstart jobs started by young people and eight youth hubs opened to help young jobseekers access local training and job opportunities.

378,400 jobs were furloughed and protected in Wales through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.



Restoring local pride

479 extra police officers recruited in Wales since the start of the uplift programme in October 2019.

Over £460,000 from the Community Ownership Fund for three projects in Llanfawr, Pen-y-Maen and Tredgar that are protecting valued community assets.

A Veterans Commissioner for Wales, who will work to improve the lives and opportunities of the Welsh veterans' community.

£121m from the Levelling Up Fund for ten projects across Wales including in Wrexham, Montgomeryshire and Carmarthen.

Over £45m for more than 160 projects across Wales through the Community Renewal Fund, including a Creative Industry Training Programme across Merthyr Tydfil, Prosekt Net Zero supporting the decarbonisation of housing in Gwynedd, Aberintowen Productivity Accelerator delivering services to manufacturers and agricultural businesses in Ceredigion, and Regenerating Llaneli aimed at supporting the town's post-COVID-19 regeneration plans.

£1.3m of UK Government funding to improve grassroots sports facilities and increase opportunities for people to get involved in sports, especially in communities most in need.

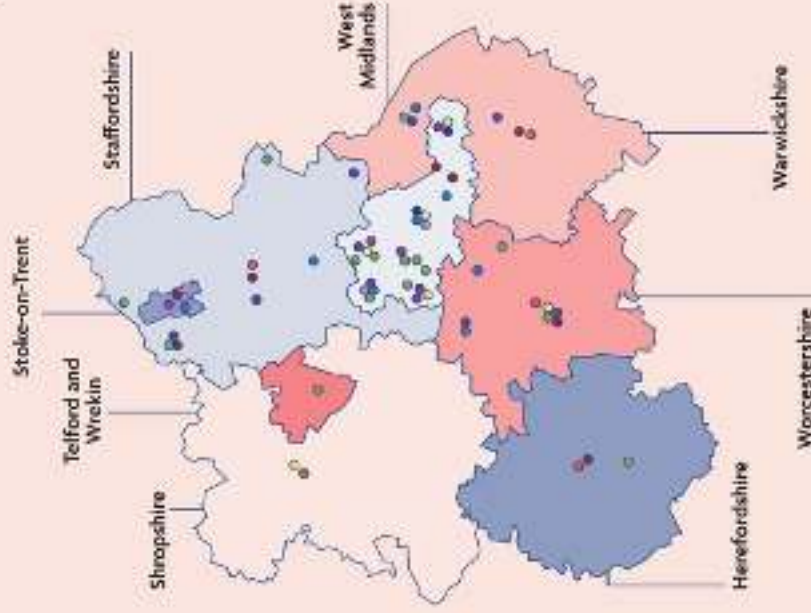
West Midlands

The West Midlands is already benefiting from investments to boost living standards, spread opportunity, restore local pride and empower local leaders.

An initial **£196m** of investment through Round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund is backing 11 projects in the West Midlands. Cultural and leisure spaces will be transformed, with refurbishment of the Moseley Road Baths in Birmingham and a new Physical Activity Hub in Bedworth. Connectivity enhancements include improvements to the Canal Towpath in Kidderminster and the A457 Dudley Road in Birmingham. Regenerating brownfield sites in Bromsgrove town centre into commercial and cultural spaces, and three regeneration projects across Stoke-on-Trent.

will have a lasting impact for communities. East Birmingham and North Solihull will see 20 hectares of unusable land remediated to catalyse regeneration, the Prince of Wales Theatre in Cannock Town will be refurbished and a new City Learning Quarter will be developed in Wolverhampton.

The Towns Fund is investing **£328m** across 15 towns in the West Midlands including in Wolverhampton, Hereford and Nuneaton. Wolverhampton will see new community spaces, high street and public realm improvements to regenerate the city. Hereford will see the redevelopment of a museum and art gallery as well as new skills facilities and improved green spaces. Nuneaton will see repurposing of empty commercial property and new quality office space.



Key

- **Levelling Up Fund:** Birmingham, Bromsgrove, Bedworth, Cannock, Stoke-on-Trent, Wolverhampton, Solihull and Kidderminster.
- **Towns Fund:** Wolverhampton, Kidsgrove, Blaxwich, Dudley, Redditch, Rowley Regis, Smethwick, West Bromwich, Burton-on-Trent, Nuneaton, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Hereford, Telford, Walsall and Worcester.
- **Future High Streets Fund:** Tamworth, Kidderminster, Worcester, Brierley Hill, Leamington Spa, Nuneaton, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stafford.
- **Community Renewal Fund:** Herefordshire, Staffordshire, Stoke-on-Trent, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and the West Midlands Combined Authority.
- **Project Gigabit:** Shropshire, Worcestershire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Herefordshire.
- **Brownfield Land Release Fund:** Solihull and Newcastle-under-Lyme.
- **Civil Service relocations:** Wolverhampton, Birmingham and Stoke-on-Trent.
- **Education Investment Areas:** Dudley, Stoke-on-Trent, Walsall, Sandwell and Coventry.
- **Transport upgrades:** Worcester, Birmingham, Coventry, Shrewsbury, Walsall and Brierley Hill.
- **Cultural highlights:** Birmingham and Coventry.



The West Midlands on the global stage

The UK Government, Birmingham City Council and its partners are investing **£778m** to stage the **Birmingham Commonwealth Games** in 2022. This investment will deliver the renovation of Alexander Stadium and improvements to Perry Barr and University stations. It will be the biggest sporting and cultural event ever held in the city, featuring thousands of world-class athletes, over a million spectators and an estimated global TV audience of 1.5bn. The Games will bring significant benefits for Birmingham: the West Midlands and the UK including new jobs, tourism and business investment, leaving a lasting legacy for communities long after the Games finish. **£24m** has been committed to deliver the Business and Tourism Programme, aimed at leveraging the profile generated by the Games to boost the West Midlands' global reputation as a leading destination for tourism, trade and investment.

The UK Government has been taking action to level up the West Midlands:

Empowering local leaders and communities

£1.095bn investment fund over 30 years as part of West Midlands Combined Authority's devolution deal.

A trailblazer deeper devolution deal to be negotiated with the West Midlands Combined Authority.

£328m invested across 15 Towns Fund Deals including in Rowley Regis, Smethwick, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Hereford and Worcester to boost local economies, create jobs and new homes, transform public spaces and revamp cultural attractions.

£196m awarded to 11 projects from the Levelling Up Fund to regenerate town centres and high streets, upgrade local transport, and invest in cultural and heritage assets in Birmingham, Bromsgrove, Bedworth, Cannock, Stoke-on-Trent, Wolverhampton, Solihull and Kidderminster.

£146m from the Future High Streets Fund to help pandemic recovery and regeneration in Tamworth, Kidderminster, Worcester, Bejerley Hill, Leamington Town Spa, Nuneaton, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stafford.



Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards

A pilot Innovation Accelerator centred on the West Midlands Combined Authority area with access to £300m in funding. This is a new partnership to support the city region to become a globally competitive centre for research and innovation.

£25m for the West Midlands 5G-Testbed, which has accelerated 5G rollout by four to five months in the West Midlands Combined Authority, giving it the best 5G coverage in the UK.

£1bn over five years for the West Midlands Combined Authority to develop a locally-suited London-style transport network, including by extending the West Midlands bus rapid transit system and completing the Wednesbury to Brierley Hill metro expansion.

£400m in new funding for the British Business Bank Midlands Engine Investment Fund, to support access to finance for SMEs in the region.

£16m Local Growth Funding towards Hereford's City Centre Transport Package.

£306m of local roads maintenance funding

between 2022-23 and 2024-25 to local authorities not receiving City Region Settlements, over £41m for smaller transport

improvement priorities and strategic road upgrades to key junctions in Coventry, Walsall and at Birmingham Airport.

£18m through the Strength in Places Fund across the Midlands for development of advanced ceramics requiring less energy usage.

Gigabit broadband coverage in the West Midlands increased from 9% in November 2019 to 74% in January 2022, and is forecast to reach 80-90% by 2025.

242,710 new businesses were created in the West Midlands between 2010 and 2020.

820,200 jobs were furloughed and protected in the West Midlands through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

£500m committed across the UK through the Shared Rural Network programme to improve 4G coverage by 2025, increasing coverage to 99% in the West Midlands.



Spreading opportunity and improving public services

£289m extra for mainstream schools is forecast for the West Midlands in 2022-23, an increase of 5.9% per pupil, compared to 2021-22. This per pupil increase excludes 'growth' funding, which is additional funding, provided for schools seeing significant increases in pupil numbers.

New Education Investment Areas announced for Dudley, Stoke-on-Trent, Walsall, Sandwell and Coventry, which will drive further school improvement in these areas through funding to intervene in underperforming schools, supporting growth of strong trusts, and retaining high quality teachers.

Three institutes of Technology are being delivered, with the Black Country and Marches Institute of Technology and the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Institute of Technology both already established. A new Institute of Technology is in development with Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group covering the Stoke on Trent & Staffordshire LEP area.

36,130 apprenticeships started in the West Midlands in 2019-20.

12,000 Kickstart jobs started by young people and 12 youth hubs opened to help young jobseekers access local training and job opportunities.

Restoring local pride

1,233 extra police officers recruited in the West Midlands since the start of the uplift programme in October 2019.

£778m for Birmingham Commonwealth Games and over £18m in total for Coventry's UK City of Culture 2021 programme.

Over £2m from the Brownfield Land Release Fund for the regeneration of Kinghurst Village Centre in Solihull and Cross Street in Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Over £16m for 29 projects through the Community Renewal Fund, including for Coventry City Council's Creative Growth and Cultural Tourism Recovery Programme.

Over £2.3m granted by the Football Foundation to improve grassroots sports facilities and increase opportunities for people to get involved in sports, especially in communities most in need.

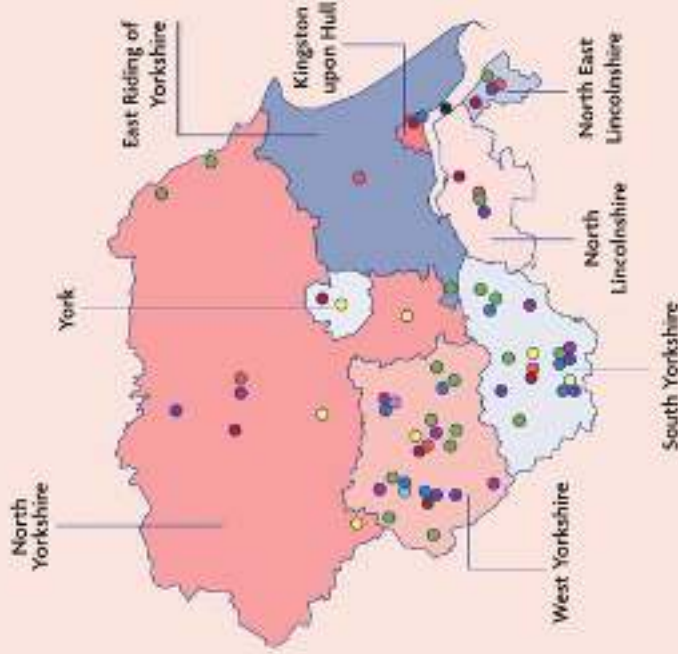
Yorkshire and the Humber

Yorkshire and the Humber is already benefiting from investments to boost living standards, spread opportunity, restore local pride and empower local leaders.

An initial **£187m** of investment through Round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund is backing ten projects across Yorkshire and the Humber. Culture and leisure spaces will be transformed with the creation of a new swimming pool in Halifax, completion of the culture and leisure quarter in Rotherham, a new museum and gallery for Wakefield, a new Wellbeing and Enterprise Centre in Bradford and new hospitality and visitor centres at Wentworth Woodhouse. Town and city centres will be improved with the regeneration of Castlegate Quarter in Sheffield, Whitefriargate and Albion Square in Hull and the waterfront in Doncaster. West Leeds will see new

connectivity improvements and a new Centre for Child Health Technology will be established at the Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park in Attercliffe.

The Towns Fund is investing over **£422m** in 18 towns across Yorkshire and the Humber including Brighouse, Doncaster and Scarborough. Through improved connectivity, a revitalised marketplace and enhancements to the canal frontage and high street, Brighouse town centre will be reinvigorated as a destination offering a distinctive and inclusive leisure, retail and cultural experience. The area around Doncaster railway station will be further regenerated to provide new commercial and enterprise space, an extension to the railway forecourt and improved connectivity to the town. Scarborough will see transformation of its station area and regeneration of its harbour to create new public space.



Key

- Levelling Up Fund:** Doncaster, Halifax, Rotherham, Leeds, Wakefield, Hull, Bradford and Sheffield
- Towns Fund:** Brighouse, Castleford, Dewsbury, Doncaster, Goldthorpe, Goole, Grimsby, Keighley, Morley, Rotherham, Scarborough, Scunthorpe, Shipley, Snaithorpe, Stocksbridge, Todmorden, Wakefield and Whistby
- Future High Streets Fund:** Rotherham, Barnsley, Elland, Halifax, Northallerton, Grimsby, Scunthorpe and Sheffield.
- Community Renewal Fund:** York, Hull, North East Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire, North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire and West Yorkshire.
- Community Ownership Fund:** Bradford.
- Project Gigabit:** West Yorkshire, North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, North East Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and East Riding.
- Brownfield Land Release Fund:** Halifax.
- Freeport:** Humber.
- Civil Service relocation:** Leeds.
- Education Investment Areas:** Doncaster, Wakefield, Kirkstree, Rotherham, Bradford, Leeds and North Yorkshire.
- Transport upgrades:** West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, Sheffield, Selby, Skipton, Harrogate and York.

A new Freeport for Yorkshire and the Humber



The **Humber Freeport**, spanning Hull, Goole, Immingham and Grimsby will provide new opportunities for Yorkshire and the Humber. This location has excellent connectivity to the UK's manufacturing hinterland and supply chain, and is ideally positioned to service the growing North Sea offshore wind industry. The Freeport will build on existing regional strengths, including renewable energy, clean growth and advanced manufacturing, to deliver thousands of jobs and new investment.

The UK Government has been taking action to level up the Yorkshire and the Humber:

Empowering local leaders and communities

£1.1bn over 30 years through the West Yorkshire Devolution Deal agreed in March 2020 with the first Mayor of West Yorkshire, Tracy Brabin, elected in May 2021.

£900m over 30 years for the South Yorkshire Devolution Deal, which saw funding released in September 2020 and the elected Mayor handed powers over transport, strategic regeneration and planning, housing and skills provision across the region.

Devolution deal negotiations to begin with York and North Yorkshire and Hull and East Yorkshire to ensure that all of Yorkshire is covered by a devolution deal.

£30m of gainshare investment continued annually as part of the Leeds City Region Deal.

£96m investment through the Future High Streets Fund, including in Barmley, Halifax, Northallerton and Scunthorpe to renew and reshape town centres.

£187m from the Levelling Up Fund for ten projects across Yorkshire and the Humber.

Over £422m of investment through the Towns Fund in 18 towns across Yorkshire and the Humber to boost local economies, create jobs and new homes, transform public spaces, and revamp cultural attractions.



Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards

£33m UK Government funding for the Humber's Zero Carbon Initiative, alongside support for the East Coast Cluster, a collaboration between the Humber and Teesside to capture emissions and store them safely, which has the potential to remove around 50% of total UK industrial emissions.

£75m UK Government investment to develop an offshore wind port facility at the Able Marine Energy Park in North Lincolnshire.

Over £1.3bn through Local Growth Deals (Local Growth Fund) since 2015, delivering major growth opportunities and infrastructure projects across the region.

Major transport investment with £831m to West Yorkshire and £570m to South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authorities in City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements over five years to transform local transport networks, for schemes such as A61 improvements for buses, cyclists and pedestrians between Leeds and Wakefield and the

renewal of the Sheffield Supertram.

Over £489m investment through the Transforming Cities Fund for public and sustainable transport infrastructure across West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire and in Selby, Skipton, Harrogate and York.

£194m for local roads maintenance between 2022-23 and 2024-25, and £33m for transport improvements across Yorkshire and the Humber.

Gigabit broadband coverage in Yorkshire and the Humber increased from 16% in November 2019 to 69% in January 2022, and is forecast to reach 80-90% by 2025.

97,710 new businesses created in Yorkshire and the Humber between 2010 and 2020.

598,300 jobs were furloughed and protected across Yorkshire and the Humber through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.



Spreading opportunity and improving public services

£251m extra for mainstream schools in 2022-23 is forecast for the Yorkshire and the Humber, an increase of 5.8% per pupil, compared to 2021-22. This per pupil increase excludes 'growth' funding, which is additional funding provided for schools seeing significant increases in pupil numbers.

New Education Investment Areas announced for Doncaster, Wakefield, Kirklees, Rotherham, Bradford, Leeds and North Yorkshire, which will drive further school improvement in these areas through funding to intervene in underperforming schools, supporting growth of strong trusts, and retaining high quality teachers.

Yorkshire and Humber Institute of Technology has been established covering the Hull and East Riding and York and North Yorkshire LEP areas, and one further Institute of Technology is in development, the DN Colleges Group, covering the Sheffield City Region LEP area.

36,520 apprenticeships started in Yorkshire and the Humber in 2019-20.

A new hospital to be built in Yorkshire and the Humber as part of the UK Government's commitment to build 40 new hospitals by 2030. This will centralise children's and adult services at Leeds General Infirmary with pathology services at St James's University Hospital.

996 more doctors and 1,643 more nurses working in hospitals in Yorkshire and the Humber between September 2019 and September 2021.

New jobs will be created in Leeds through the opening of offices for the UK Infrastructure Bank, while the British business bank's national headquarters are already located in Sheffield.

10,550 Kickstart jobs started by young people and 14 youth hubs opened to help young jobseekers access local training and job opportunities.

Restoring local pride



1,270 extra police officers recruited in Yorkshire and the Humber since the start of the uplift programme in October 2019.

£96m investment through the Future High Streets Fund, including in Barmley, Halifax, Northallerton and Scunthorpe to renew and reshape town centres.

£187m from the Levelling Up Fund for ten projects across Yorkshire and the Humber.

Almost £15m for 28 projects across Yorkshire and the Humber through the Community Renewal Fund, including the Healthier Working Futures programme in Leeds which connects young people with fulfilling careers in the health and care sector.

£77m investment for York Central to help deliver 7,500 homes, alongside being given Enterprise Zone status.

£225,000 from the Community Ownership Fund to protect the Jubilee Centre in Bradford.

£15m for the Northern Forest to support new woodland creation.

£390,000 will be allocated towards the regeneration of the Beech Hill estate in Halifax from the Brownfield Land Release Fund.

£77m for the redevelopment of the British Library Boston Spa.

£20m from the Sustainable Warmth Fund to help councils in Yorkshire and the Humber install energy saving upgrades and low-carbon heating in low-income households.

Over £5m and over £2m for Leeds and Bradford respectively from the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery scheme to improve the energy efficiency of homes of low-income households, helping reduce fuel poverty.

Over £11.7m granted by the Football Foundation to improve grassroots sports facilities and increase opportunities for people to get involved in sports, especially in communities most in need.



LEVELLING — UP —

Levelling Up the United Kingdom
Executive Summary

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The United Kingdom is an unparalleled success story



The United Kingdom is an unparalleled success story – a multi-cultural, multi-national, multi-ethnic state with the world's best broadcaster; a vibrantly creative arts sector; a National Health Service which guarantees care for every citizen; charities and voluntary groups which perform a million acts of kindness daily; globally renowned scientists extending the boundaries of knowledge every year; entrepreneurs developing the products and services which bring joy and jobs to so many; and millions of citizens whose kindness and compassion has been so powerfully displayed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

But not everyone shares equally in the UK's success. While talent is spread equally across our country, opportunity is not. Levelling up is a mission to challenge, and change, that unfairness. Levelling up means giving everyone the opportunity to flourish. It means people everywhere living longer and more fulfilling lives, and benefitting from sustained rises in living standards and well-being.

This requires us to end the geographical inequality which is such a striking feature of the UK. It needs to begin by improving economic dynamism and innovation to drive growth across the whole country, unleashing the power of the private sector to unlock jobs and opportunity for all. While there are world-leading and enterprising businesses and innovators right across the UK, economic growth and the higher productivity which drives it has been over-concentrated in specific areas, particularly the South East of England. A long tail of low-productivity businesses and places explain why UK productivity growth is too low compared to competitors.



Levelling up means giving everyone the opportunity to flourish



It is vital that we preserve and enhance the economic, academic and cultural success stories of the UK's most productive counties, towns and cities. But it is equally critical that we improve productivity, boost economic growth, encourage innovation, create good jobs, enhance educational attainment and renovate the social and cultural fabric of those parts of the UK that have stalled and not – so far – shared equally in our nation's success.

The UK Government has made progress towards spreading opportunity around the country since 2019, alongside mitigating the worst effects of the pandemic, with:

- £5bn for Project Gigabit to bring gigabit-capable broadband to 85% of the UK by 2025, and the £1bn Shared Rural Network deal with mobile operators delivering 4G coverage to 95% of the UK by the end of 2025;
- five-year consolidated transport settlements amounting to £5.7bn in eight city regions outside London, £5bn of funding for buses and active travel over this Parliament; and £9.6bn for the Integrated Rail Plan delivering faster, more frequent and more reliable journeys across the North of England and the Midlands;

- a new schools funding formula in England ending the previous postcode lottery, and an extra £4bn for schools in England next year, rising to £4.7bn in 2024-25
- investment of £3.8bn in skills planned by 2024-25 and a Lifetime Skills Guarantee in England, enabling 11m adults to gain an A Level or equivalent qualification for free, as well as a new UK-wide adult numeracy programme and skills bootcamps;
- £23.3bn extra for the NHS in England over the 2021 Spending Review (SR21) period, a commitment to build 40 new hospitals by 2030 and an ambition to deliver 50,000 more nurses;
- a lower Universal Credit taper rate – down from 63% to 55% – and a higher National Living Wage, making work pay for millions of people, and letting them keep more of what they earn;
- 20,000 more police officers on our streets by 2023 and a £70m Safer Streets Fund to improve the environment and cut offending in high-crime areas;
- control of our immigration system by ending free movement and introducing a new points-based immigration system, giving the UK the freedom to decide who comes to our country based on the skills people have to offer;
- £1.49bn in City and Growth Deals in every part of Scotland, £791m across Wales and £617m for deals covering the whole of Northern Ireland;
- eight innovative Freeports bringing jobs, investment and prosperity across England with a commitment to deliver more Freeports in each of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland;
- 101 towns across England receiving £2.4bn from the Towns Fund to unleash their economic potential, and the £830m Future High Streets Fund regenerating 72 towns and high streets and helping them recover from the pandemic;
- a £2bn Culture Recovery Fund helping museums, theatres, cinemas and heritage organisations survive the pandemic;
- £4.8bn infrastructure investment in towns across the UK via the Levelling Up Fund;
- a £150m Community Ownership Fund, giving people across the UK the chance to become owners of their local pubs or football grounds;
- £26bn of public capital investment for the green industrial revolution and transition to Net Zero; and
- the movement of UK Government functions and civil servants out of Whitehall, ensuring levelling up is not directed from London, creating local jobs and taking decision-making closer to the communities the Government serves, including HM Treasury to Darlington, the Cabinet Office to Glasgow, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) to East Kilbride and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) to Wolverhampton.

This paper sets out the next stages in this programme to level up the UK. This programme has to be broad, deep and long-term. It has to be rooted in evidence demonstrating that a mix of factors is needed to transform places and boost local growth: strong innovation and a climate conducive to private sector investment, better skills, improved transport systems, greater access to culture, stronger pride in place, deeper trust, greater safety and more resilient institutions.

History illustrates what is possible by following this path. The Renaissance flourished in Italian city states that combined innovation in finance with technological breakthroughs, the cultivation of learning, ground-breaking artistic endeavour, a beautiful built environment and strong civic leadership. And the first Industrial Revolution in Britain came about through the interplay of innovative financial instruments, sharper rewards for enterprise, new institutions of learning, improvements in transportation and rivalrous emulation between local leaders and entrepreneurs. Those same concerted forces are needed to drive productivity, innovation and growth across the UK today.

This contemporary Medici model, our twenty-first century recipe for a new Industrial Revolution, depends on harnessing an array of interventions and catalysing a range of sectors. Levelling up will require us to:

- a. boost productivity, pay, jobs and living standards by growing the private sector, especially in those places where they are lagging;
- b. spread opportunities and improve public services, especially in those places where they are weakest;
- c. restore a sense of community, local pride and belonging, especially in those places where they have been lost; and
- d. empower local leaders and communities, especially in those places lacking local agency.

Levelling up is not about making every part of the UK the same, or pitting one part of the country against another. Nor does it mean dampening down the success of more prosperous areas. Indeed, by extending opportunity across the UK we can relieve pressures on public services, housing and green fields in the South East. And levelling up can improve well-being in the South East by improving productivity in the North and Midlands.

So, it is about the success of the whole country: realising the potential of every place and every person across the UK, building on their unique strengths, spreading opportunities for individuals and businesses, and celebrating every single city, town and village's culture. This will make the economy stronger, more equal and more resilient, and lengthen and improve people's lives.

The economic prize from levelling up is potentially enormous. If underperforming places were levelled up towards the UK average, unlocking their potential, this could boost aggregate UK GDP by tens of billions of pounds each year. Levelling up skills, health, education and wellbeing would deliver similarly-sized benefits. Accumulated over time, those gains could easily surpass annual UK GDP. Success in levelling up is about growing the economic pie, everywhere and for everyone, not re-slicing it.



This programme has to be broad, deep and long-term



The United Kingdom's Geographical Disparities: Drivers and Potential Policy Approaches

What does the economic and social geography of the United Kingdom look like?

The UK has larger geographical differences than many other developed countries on multiple measures, including productivity, pay, educational attainment and health. Urban areas and coastal towns suffer disproportionately from crime, while places with particularly high levels of deprivation, such as former mining communities, outlying urban estates and seaside towns have the highest levels of community need and poor opportunities for the people who grow up there.

These disparities are often larger within towns, counties or regions than between them. They are hyper-local and pockets of affluence and deprivation may exist in the same district. Indeed, many of the worst areas of deprivation are found in the UK's most successful cities. While change is possible, in some cases, these differences have persisted for much of the last century. And some of the UK's most successful cities – such as Birmingham, Manchester, Leeds, Glasgow and Cardiff – lag behind their international comparators when it comes to productivity and incomes.

What are the current and future drivers of geographical disparities?

Over the past century, many trends have combined to create the spatial patterns seen across the UK today. Globalisation, technological progress, advances in transport, logistics and power, and the shift from heavy industry to knowledge-intensive sectors, as well as the rise of foreign holidays and shift from technical training to university education, have had a large and lasting impact on the economic geography of the UK.

These dynamics of the global economy have benefited the UK overall, improving productivity, increasing wealth and driving up living standards through more innovation and competition. These dynamics, however, have not had the same positive economic and social impacts across the UK. While London and much of the South East have benefited economically, former industrial centres and many coastal communities have suffered. This has left deep and lasting scars in many of these places, damaging skills, jobs, innovation, pride in place, health and wellbeing.

What are the factors that will help drive levelling up?

Levelling up requires a focused, long-term plan of action and a clear framework to identify and act upon the drivers of spatial disparity. Evidence from a range of disciplines tells us these drivers can be encapsulated in six “capitals”:

- **Physical capital** – infrastructure, machines and housing.
- **Human capital** – the skills, health and experience of the workforce.
- **Intangible capital** – innovation, ideas and patents.
- **Financial capital** – resources supporting the financing of companies.
- **Social capital** – the strength of communities, relationships and trust.

- **Institutional capital** – local leadership, capacity and capability.

The six capitals in this framework are individually important. But their real significance comes in combination, when they act in a mutually reinforcing fashion as in Renaissance Italy or in the UK at the time of the Industrial Revolution. The sum of these factors is then greater than its individual parts, a process known as agglomeration.

Places with rich endowments of all six capitals benefit from a virtuous circle of agglomeration. They are home to skilled people with high quality jobs and have access to outstanding schools and globally-competitive universities. They have good roads, trains and fast internet. Residents live in fine housing. Funding is available for local businesses to invest and innovate, and communities are bound together by good relationships and a strong sense of belonging. Local leaders are able to build on these foundations to deliver improvements for their local community.

By contrast, where endowments of these capitals are weak or depleted, places are unable to attract or retain talent, businesses are less likely to invest and innovate, civic institutions tend to lack capacity and capability, and pride in local communities is depleted. This vicious and self-reinforcing cycle in some places has seen a depletion of skills, businesses, finance and culture, with communities and town centres declining for decades. These cumulative forces – in some places positive, in others negative – have widened geographical disparities in the UK over time. Without policy action, they will continue to do so.

Levelling up is about aspiring for every place in the UK to have a rich endowment of all six capitals, so that people do not have to leave their community to live a good life. It means taking action to replenish the capitals where they are weak or depleted, transforming vicious circles into virtuous ones. With opportunity spread more equally across the UK, people in places that were once struggling would then fulfil their potential, living longer, healthier and happier lives. With each part of the UK achieving its potential, the economy as a whole would be both larger and more equal.

System Change: A New Policy Regime for Levelling Up

There has been no shortage of attempts to tackle geographical disparities in the UK over the past century. These have been insufficient to close the widening gaps. That is because these efforts have tended to be short-term, lacked scale and coordination, and were hamstrung by a lack of data and effective oversight. Local leaders have also lacked the powers and accountabilities to design and deliver effective policies for tackling local problems and supporting local people. The direction of travel since 2010 has been towards greater local empowerment – with the introduction of the Localism Act, Police and Crime Commissioners, City Deals and democratically elected metro mayors. But a renewed and coordinated focus is now needed to take this forward.

Learning lessons from the past, a new policy regime is needed to reverse these embedded historical trends. At root, that is about creating the right *information, incentives and institutions* to deliver profound changes to how decisions are made, where they are made and who makes them. System change is not about a string of shiny, but ultimately short-lived, new policy initiatives. It is about root and branch reform of government and governance of the UK. It is about putting power in local hands, armed with the right information and embedded in strong civic institutions.

This new policy regime is based on five mutually reinforcing pillars.

First, the UK Government is setting clear and ambitious medium-term missions to provide consistency and clarity over levelling up policy objectives. These will serve as an anchor for policy across government, as well as catalysing innovation and action by the private and civil society sectors. These missions are ambitions that the UK Government has for all parts of the UK. Delivering on them, while being fully respectful of the devolution settlements, will require close and collaborative work with the devolved administrations. The missions are rolling decade-long endeavours and will be reviewed periodically by the UK Government.

<i>Boost productivity, pay, jobs and living standards by growing the private sector, especially in those places where they are lagging</i>	
	By 2030, pay, employment and productivity will have risen in every area of the UK, with each containing a globally competitive city, and the gap between the top performing and other areas closing.
	By 2030, domestic public investment in R&D outside the Greater South East will increase by at least 40%, and over the Spending Review period by at least one third. This additional government funding will seek to leverage at least twice as much private sector investment over the long term to stimulate innovation and productivity growth.
	By 2030, local public transport connectivity across the country will be significantly closer to the standards of London, with improved services, simpler fares and integrated ticketing.
Digital Connectivity	By 2030, the UK will have nationwide gigabit-capable broadband and 4G coverage, with 5G coverage for the majority of the population.

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Levelling Up Missions	
Focus Area	Mission
<i>Spread opportunities and improve public services, especially in those places where they are weakest</i>	
Education	By 2030, the number of primary school children achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths will have significantly increased. In England, this will mean 90% of children will achieve the expected standard, and the percentage of children meeting the expected standard in the worst performing areas will have increased by over a third.
Skills	By 2030, the number of people successfully completing high-quality skills training will have significantly increased in every area of the UK. In England, this will lead to 200,000 more people successfully completing high-quality skills training annually, driven by 80,000 more people completing courses in the lowest skilled areas.
Health	By 2030, the gap in Healthy Life Expectancy (HLE) between local areas where it is highest and lowest will have narrowed, and by 2035 HLE will rise by five years.
Well-being	By 2030, well-being will have improved in every area of the UK, with the gap between top performing and other areas closing.
<i>Restore a sense of community, local pride and belonging, especially in those places where they have been lost</i>	
Pride in Place	By 2030, pride in place, such as people's satisfaction with their town centre and engagement in local culture and community, will have risen in every area of the UK, with the gap between top performing and other areas closing.
Housing	By 2030, renters will have a secure path to ownership with the number of first-time buyers increasing in all areas; and the government's ambition is for the number of non-decent rented homes to have fallen by 50%, with the biggest improvements in the lowest performing areas. ¹
Crime	By 2030, homicide, serious violence and neighbourhood crime will have fallen, focused on the worst affected areas.
<i>Empower local leaders and communities, especially in those places lacking local agency</i>	
Local Leadership	By 2030, every part of England that wants one will have a devolution deal with powers at or approaching the highest level of devolution and a simplified, long-term funding settlement.

¹ Government will consult on the impact on the private rented market and particularly those on the lowest incomes. Further detail will be set out once the review of the Decent Homes Standard has concluded.

Second, central government decision-making will be fundamentally reoriented to align policies with the levelling up agenda and hardwire spatial considerations across Whitehall. This will require greater transparency around the geographic allocation of funding and simplification of local growth funding. It will mean running levelling up through central government decision-making as a golden thread for which departments are held accountable. And it will mean extra resources being deployed to local areas, including moving 22,000 civil servants out of London by 2030.

Third, the UK Government will empower decision-makers in local areas by providing leaders and businesses with the tools they need. A new framework will extend, deepen and simplify local devolution in England. Ongoing support will be provided to existing City and Growth deal areas in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, pan-regional partnerships like the Northern Powerhouse and Midlands Engine, and local private sector initiatives. The UK Government will support existing and embryonic private sector clusters of economic activity, which exist in all parts of the UK and are the wellspring of new innovation and job creation.

Fourth, the UK Government will transform its approach to data and evaluation to improve local decision-making. In the past, it has been difficult to see what is being spent, where and how it is being spent, and its impact. The Office for National Statistics' Subnational Data Strategy aims to improve the UK's subnational data, mapping local economic geographies and helping improve transparency and accountability to the public. The UK Government is making available interactive tools and maps to facilitate this process. It will also encourage innovative uses of real-time data at the local level, giving leaders across the UK the information they need to deliver, experiment and evaluate swiftly and effectively.

Fifth, the UK Government will create a new regime to oversee its levelling up missions, establishing a statutory duty to publish an annual report analysing progress and a new external Levelling Up Advisory Council. The Council will support Ministers by advising on the design, delivery and impact of levelling up policy. The annual report will update the public on progress against the missions so that levelling up is subject to rigorous external scrutiny, including by Parliament.

Over time, these five pillars acting in combination will improve the information and incentives facing decision-makers locally and nationally, and strengthen the institutions driving local transformation. And it is those shifts in the system of governance and government across the UK that will anchor success in meeting the medium-term levelling up missions.

How will levelling up be delivered across the Union?

Levelling up can only succeed as a shared national project. The six capitals – physical, human, intangible, financial, social and institutional – straddle areas of responsibility and tiers of government across the UK. The capitals are interdependent and success will only be achieved if each of them is thriving in a given place. For example, the UK Government can use its collective economic might to attract investment and job creation, but education outcomes,

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delivered by devolved administrations, are crucial to developing a workforce able to take advantage of these opportunities.

Devolution settlements in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland recognise that devolved governments are best placed to deliver certain services, like health and education. But outcomes are a shared interest for the whole of the UK. Our broad UK-wide tax base already funds public services across the UK, ensuring for example that the NHS can deliver for people whether in Scotland, Wales, England or Northern Ireland. In practice, this means all layers of government need to come together with a common purpose. The UK Government is committed to facilitating collaboration and engagement with the devolved governments and stakeholders in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The Policy Programme: Policy Initiatives to Level Up the United Kingdom

Achieving the ambitious medium-term missions will require a new model of economic growth, public and private investment, a business friendly environment, incentives for inward investment and a high skill, high wage labour market.

The time horizon for our missions is 2030. But we also recognise that certain communities and people need greater support in the more immediate term. The policies set out here will begin to have visible effects, on high streets and in local communities, in the next few years.

Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards by growing the private sector

A well-functioning and productive economy in every part of the UK is essential to levelling up. By 2030, the UK Government wants to ensure that pay, employment and productivity has risen in every area of the UK, with the gap between the top performing and other areas closing (Mission One).

That means supporting the private sector – the real engine of wealth creation – to invest more, grow more and take more risks. As well as developing a more flexible and better regulatory model for business outside the EU, we will also reform outdated EU rules restricting investment from pension funds and others so we can see more money flow into long-term capital assets.

And also, outside the EU, the UK is putting competitive advantage in science and technology at the heart of a new economic model. A series of new Research and Development (R&D) investments will strengthen our science base across the country. The increase in public R&D investment to £20bn by 2024-25 and the target for total UK R&D investment to reach 2.4% of GDP by 2027 must see every region of the UK experience an uplift in investment. The

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) will aim to invest at least 55% of its total domestic R&D funding outside the Greater South East by 2024-25; the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) will increase National Institute for Health Research investment outside London, Oxford and Cambridge; and the Ministry of Defence (MoD) will expand the regional footprint of the Defence Science & Technology Laboratory (Dstl). These will contribute towards our ambition to increase total domestic public

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R&D investment outside the Greater South East by at least a third over the Spending Review period and at least 40% by 2030, with that additional government funding seeking to leverage at least twice as much private sector investment over the long-term to stimulate innovation and productivity growth (Mission Two).

In addition, the UK Government will target **£100m of investment in three new Innovation Accelerators**, private-public-academic partnerships which will aim to replicate the Stanford-Silicon Valley and MIT-Greater Boston models of clustering research excellence and its direct adoption by allied industries. These pilots will be centred on Greater Manchester, the West Midlands and Glasgow City-Region. These new clusters will be our Fourth Industrial Revolution Foundries, leveraging our global lead in scientific research.

We must support high-growth businesses and reverse the historic decline in manufacturing in the UK with more of the sort of innovation which characterises economies such as South Korea and Israel. The new Britishvolt gigafactory in Blyth, the investment by GE to establish a new wind turbine blade manufacturing centre at Teesworks in Redcar, the renewed commitment by Nissan and Envision to manufacture electric vehicles in Sunderland, and the new hydrogen buses being built in Ballymena, which are already on the streets of Aberdeen, are all examples of green manufacturing innovation bringing high-skill and high-wage jobs to areas which have faced economic headwinds in the past.

So we must also spread financial capital and investment to the places, projects and people that need it most. The £3bn the UK Government is investing in the **next generation of British Business Bank Regional Investment Funds** and the new **Global Britain Investment Fund** will improve access to finance for SMEs and increase globally mobile investment across the UK. This builds on progress made to support local banking, through more challenger banks and mutuals.

Levelling up requires mobilising previously underutilised sources of capital. That is why we're using the tax system to incentivise private sector investment, through Freeports, Enterprise Zones and the Super-deduction. It is also why the Prime Minister and Chancellor have called on the UK's institutional investors to seize the moment for an "Investment Big Bang" to boost Britain's long-term growth. The UK Government will go further and work with **Local Government Pension Funds to publish plans for increasing local investment, including setting an ambition of up to 5% of assets invested in projects which support local areas.**

Outside the EU, we will harness the power of public procurement to support communities, moving away from the complex EU rules-based approach that was designed first and foremost to facilitate the EU Single Market, and adopting instead a new simplified approach that prioritises growth and productivity in the UK. We have already introduced a policy which allows smaller contracts to be reserved for UK suppliers and will legislate to put social value at the heart of government spending – weaving a thread of social improvement and civic responsibility through the UK Government's £300bn annual expenditure on procurement.

Cities, towns and communities must be physically and digitally connected if they are to thrive. We want transport networks in all our major urban centres

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to be significantly closer to the standard of London. We will implement the £96bn Integrated Rail Plan, improving the rail network in the North and Midlands, and invest £24bn in our busiest roads and motorways, £5.7bn in City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements and £5bn for buses, cycling and walking networks. Together, this will bring local public transport connectivity across the country closer to London's standards (Mission Three).

We will enhance digital connectivity through Project Gigabit and the Shared Rural Network so that by 2030, the UK Government and private sector will deliver nationwide gigabit-capable broadband and 4G coverage, with 5G coverage for the majority of the population (Mission Four).

To help address the disparities of low pay seen in areas across the country, the UK Government will continue to increase the National Living Wage. Meanwhile, the introduction of a points-based immigration system gives the UK greater control over who comes to this country based on their skills, aligning this to the needs of the economy.

The support of the private sector is essential to deliver on these missions. The UK Government is committed to enabling and empowering the private sector to increase investment, jobs and growth at a local level.

Spreading opportunities and improving public services

Improving productivity, and spreading prosperity, crucially depends on enhancing people's education and skills – giving everyone access to good schools and the opportunity to receive excellent education and training. Good health is just as important in spreading opportunity, contributing not only to the economy but also ensuring that everyone, wherever they live, can enjoy fulfilling, happy and productive lives. Strong public services not only support positive health and educational outcomes but also attract new talent and investment to an area, boosting local economies.

The UK Government will drive further school improvement in England through 55 new **Education Investment Areas (EIAs)** in places where educational attainment is currently weakest. The Department for Education (DfE) will support strong multi-academy trusts to expand into these areas and offer retention payments to help schools with supply challenges in these areas to retain the best teachers in high-priority subjects. More intensive investment will be available across some EIAs to tackle wider issues that may be limiting school improvement. The UK Government will ensure that talented children from disadvantaged backgrounds have access to a post-16 provider with a track record of progress on to leading universities by opening new 16-19 free schools targeted in areas where they are most needed, such as high priority EIAs.

In addition, we will create the **UK National Academy**. Just as the UK pioneered the Open University, this new digital education service will support pupils from all backgrounds and areas of the UK to succeed at the very highest levels. The UK National Academy will be free and made available online to support the work of schools up and down the country. It will allow students to acquire additional advanced knowledge and skills, offering even more opportunities for every child to thrive.

With the help of these reforms, we will focus on eliminating illiteracy and innumeracy. By 2030, our aim is that 90% of all primary school children in England will achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths, with the percentage of children meeting the expected standard in the worst performing areas improving by a third (Mission Five).

We will also step up efforts to give all students the skills employers need. Our reforms will aim to put local employers at the heart of skills provision; to strengthen locally accessible institutions, notably the national network of further education colleges; ensure that all individuals have lifetime access to training; and offer new opportunities to access high quality work and progress in the workplace.

The funding of courses and the governance of colleges will be overhauled in line with employers' needs. **Local Skills Improvement Plans**, together with supporting funding, will be set up across England to set out the key changes needed in a place to make technical skills training more responsive to skills needs. Nine new Institutes of Technology with strong employer links will be established in England, helping to boost higher technical skills in STEM subjects.

We will introduce the **In-Work Progression offer** to help people on low incomes address barriers to better employment opportunities. The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) will provide £1.3bn over the SR21 period to provide employment support for disabled people and people with health conditions. This builds on the National Disability Strategy, Health and Disability Green Paper and Health is Everyone's Business consultation. The Multiply scheme will target disparities in numeracy levels across the UK, investing £560m in courses for adults.

Through our skills reforms and investment, by 2030, we will aim to have significantly increased the number of people to have successfully completed high quality skills training in every part of the UK, including 200,000 more people successfully completing high quality skills training annually in England, driven by 80,000 more people completing courses in the lowest skilled areas (Mission Six).

One of the gravest inequalities faced by our most disadvantaged communities is poor health. The COVID-19 pandemic powerfully underlined the disparities in health across this country. The DHSC will shortly publish a **White Paper designed to tackle the core drivers of disparities in health outcomes**. However, we will act now to deal with one of the biggest contributors to ill health: poor diet and obesity. We will take forward recommendations from Henry Dimbleby's independent review towards a National Food Strategy including piloting Community Eatwell and a school cooking revolution. We will introduce a new Tobacco Control Plan and set up at least 100 Community Diagnostic Centres in England by 2025 to improve access to diagnostic services.

These and other changes will contribute to narrowing the gap in Healthy Life Expectancy (HLE) between local areas where it is highest and lowest by 2030, and increasing Healthy Life Expectancy by five years by 2035 (Mission Seven).

Taken together, these missions will help achieve the overarching ambition to improve well-being in every area of the UK, with the gap between top performing and other areas closing (Mission Eight).

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And because responsibility for spreading opportunity and improving public services sits across all tiers of government, we will work with local leaders from across the UK and devolved administrations to bring together evidence on “what works” from policies to reduce spatial disparities, particularly in areas where policy responsibility has been devolved and different groups have delivered policies in innovative ways.

Restoring a sense of community, local pride and belonging

The £2.6bn UK Shared Prosperity Fund will be used to restore local pride across the UK by focusing investment on three main areas for investment: improving communities and place, people and skills, and supporting local business. We will slash away the bureaucracy of the old EU regional funds. Instead, local leaders will be empowered to direct funding towards their own, locally identified priorities, whether that be promoting new outdoor markets, reducing litter, graffiti and anti-social behaviour, reviving high streets, supporting local businesses or introducing skills provision to match local labour market need and support those furthest from the labour market.



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We will also **regenerate 20 of our towns and cities** by assembling and remediating brownfield land and working with the private sector to bring about transformational developments combining housing, retail and business in sustainable, walkable, beautiful new neighbourhoods. These new developments amongst others will be supported by an Office for Place which will pioneer design and beauty, promoting better architectural aesthetics to ensure they enhance existing settlements, gladden the eye and lift the heart.

We will explore what further measures can make high streets and town centres the thriving hearts of our communities again, including ways to incentivise landlords to fill vacant units. For instance, powers for local authorities to require landlords to rent out long-term vacant properties to prospective tenants, such as local businesses or community groups.



Ensuring natural beauty is accessible to all will be central to our planning system, with improved Green Belts around towns and cities, supported by Local Nature Recovery Strategies reflected in plan making, and woodland creation supported across the UK.

Building on this White Paper, we will publish the second report on rural proofing in England this spring. This report will set out how government departments are working to support levelling up in rural areas, through targeted approaches where needed, and how we are strengthening the rural economy, developing rural infrastructure, delivering rural services and managing the natural environment.

For levelling up to mean something to people in their daily lives, we need to reach into every community in the country, from city centres to rural areas, in order to start to rebuild social capital and self-reliance in our most abandoned neighbourhoods. This needs to flow through central and local government, through MPs and their local offices, philanthropists, volunteers, schools, GPs and other community leaders. We will pilot a set of Community Covenant approaches: new agreements between councils, public bodies and communities themselves to empower communities to shape the regeneration of their areas and improve public services.

Community-led regeneration cannot be achieved with a stop-start funding stream that first builds hope, then destroys it, leaving people less optimistic and trusting, and feeling more disempowered than ever. We will consider a Community Wealth Fund, financial inclusion and other social investment as part of our consultation on £880m in Dormant Assets funding, and focus lottery cash to reach into the most deprived small areas of the country. In this spirit of civic renewal, we will also ensure that access to sporting and cultural excellence is spread more equitably across the UK.

With the Football Foundation in England, and Football Associations in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, we are **delivering grassroots pitches** across the UK – this year the UK Government has contributed funding to enable over 800 new grass pitches and 60 new artificial grass pitches in England alone. The UK Government has committed £205m to build on this across the UK over the next three years. This will ensure local clubs and school teams have the facilities they need to thrive. We have also endorsed in principle the main recommendation of the Fan Led Review of Football Governance that football requires a strong, independent regulator, and have written to Football Authorities to ask what action they will take immediately to protect local identities, traditions and facilities.

We will also ensure that great cultural institutions play their part in spreading access to excellence. As we significantly **increase cultural spending outside the capital**, 100% of the Arts Council England funding uplift announced at SR21 will be directed outside London, with support for theatre, museums and galleries, libraries and dance in towns which have been deprived of investment in the past. We will explore how more flagship national cultural institutions can support the strength of our historic cultural heritage in great cities such as Stoke and Manchester.

Further, £560m will be invested in young people for new and improved youth facilities, services and experiences in England where they are needed most, launching a new **National Youth Guarantee** so that by 2025 every young person in England will have access to regular out of school activities, adventures away from home and opportunities to volunteer. We will ensure the Duke of Edinburgh Award is offered to every state secondary school in England. We will give more students the transformative opportunity to join the cadets, providing more support to the state school sector to **increase Combined Cadet Force participation**. This will include linking funding of cadet units in private schools with a requirement to ensure support for the expansion of cadet forces in state schools and open access to nearby state school students.

Government will also lead by example, **relocating more senior civil service roles** out of London. We have already established a new economic campus in Darlington, a Home Office hub in Stoke and DLUHC's second headquarters in Wolverhampton. More civil service roles will move to locations across the UK, including Glasgow, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Belfast, Manchester, Newcastle, Birmingham, Bristol and Leeds, as key decision-makers are re-deployed to be closer to those they serve. The White Paper reinforces our commitment to the Places for Growth programme and confirms departments' detailed numbers and locations for relocation of roles to 2025 and 2030.

Our aim with these reforms is to improve pride in place in every area of the UK, with the gap between top performing and other areas narrowing (Mission Nine).

Poor housing quality, overcrowding and a reliance on temporary accommodation for vulnerable families also contribute to unnecessarily poor health and quality of life for many. We will take action on two fronts. First, building more housing in England, including more genuinely affordable social housing. Second, we will launch a new drive on housing quality to make sure homes are fit for the 21st century.

We will ensure home ownership is within the reach of many more people. The Help to Buy scheme launched last year is focussing entirely on first time buyers and we will build on the success of the Mortgage Guarantee Scheme by working with the lending industry to maximise the availability of low deposit mortgages. Alongside this, we will improve the home buying and selling process, working with the industry to ensure the critical information buyers need to know is available digitally wherever possible from trusted and authenticated sources. We will also scrap the 80/20 funding rule that focused investment in Greater London, and instead invest in more homes in the North and Midlands to relieve pressure on the South East.

To deliver our mission to improve housing conditions, we will introduce new legislation to improve the quality and regulation of social housing, give residents performance information so that they can hold their landlord to account and ensure that when residents make a complaint, landlords take quick and effective action to put things right. And we will publish a landmark White Paper in the spring to consult on introducing a legally binding Decent Homes Standard in the Private Rented Sector for the first time ever, explore a **National Landlord Register** and bring forward other measures to reset the relationship between landlords and tenants, including through ending section 21 “no fault evictions”.

This will all help to ensure that by 2030, renters will have a secure path to ownership with the number of first-time buyers increasing in all areas; and our ambition is for the number of non-decent rented homes to have fallen by 50% with the biggest improvements in the lowest performing areas (Mission Ten).

We are intent on tackling the crime, drug abuse and anti-social behaviour which blight so many communities. We are investing **£50m from the Safer Streets Fund** every year of the SR21 period to give Police and Crime Commissioners and local authorities in England and Wales the resources they need to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour. Through this, by 2030, we will have reduced homicide, serious violence and neighbourhood crime, focused on the worst-affected areas (Mission Eleven).

We will also clamp down on the factors that damage people’s pride in their area and expect that people will give back to their communities when they are found to have broken the law. Too many communities are blighted by anti-social behaviour and criminality, sometimes committed by children. We will therefore **work with partners across the youth justice system** to make sure 16- and 17-year olds who commit crimes pay their community back with visible labour to improve the local environment.



We will introduce new legislation to improve the quality and regulation of social housing



Empowering local leaders and communities

Mayors have already shown how strong local leadership can enhance economic and other opportunities in urban areas, and we will ensure that the model is strengthened, extended and adopted more widely. With a direct mandate, fixed term, convening power, a clear incentive to demonstrate economic improvement and accountability for extending opportunity, mayors work for their communities. And meaningful devolution of power and responsibility for economic growth to an accountable local leader has been proven to help once declining areas to recover.

We will extend, deepen and simplify devolution across England so that by 2030, every part of England that wants one will have a devolution deal with powers at or approaching the highest level of devolution with a simplified, long-term funding settlement (Mission Twelve).

We want to usher in a devolution revolution, introducing a new model for counties with mayors or "governors". We will open negotiations on **trailblazer deeper devolution deals with the West Midlands and Greater Manchester** combined authorities. These deals will act as the blueprint for other mayoral combined authorities (MCAs) to follow, with bids for more powers welcome. We will likewise recast the geography of MCAs, where necessary, to ensure there is greater economic coherence. We will further invite nine areas to agree **new County Deals** and seek to agree **further MCA deals**, extending devolution to much more of England.

It is also important that devolution is accompanied by sharper and clearer accountability. Across the local government sector, we will strengthen transparency for local people and publish rigorous, comparable data on performance. A **new independent body** will be set up to drive this, empowering citizens, strengthening local leaders' knowledge of their services, and increasing central government's understanding of the sector. And we will support local leaders to make a difference in their communities by simplifying the disparate funding landscape so that local leaders can better support economic growth, as well as bringing local leaders into the heart of government decision-making with a new role for mayors and strong local leaders in the shaping of local growth strategy.

Next Steps

Levelling up is a long-term endeavour. It is a programme of change that requires a fundamental shift in how central and local government, the private sector and civil society operate. The UK Government will embark on a process of sustained and systematic engagement and consultation with a wide range of stakeholders, including devolved administrations, on the White Paper.

We will be setting out further detail on a number of these policy commitments in future publications. In addition, we will introduce legislation to Parliament to underpin in statute the changes fundamental to levelling up, alongside wider planning measures.

This White Paper is the catalyst for delivering a long-term programme of change to unlock the potential of people and places in every part of the UK. This will create jobs, drive productivity, improve people's quality of life and help restore their pride in the places where they live.

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1. Live Applications

MONTH 2021/22	NEW APPLICATIONS	LIVE APPLICATIONS	LIVE APPLICATIONS OVER 12 MONTHS
April 2021	206	1,195	232
May 2021	204	1,238	228
June 2021	172	1,219	236
July 2021	176	1,190	224
August 2021	152	1,174	226
September 2021	182	1,175	226
October 2021	188	1,188	232
November 2021	184	1,158	234
December 2021	112	1,097	232
January 2022	160	1,128	232

2. Live Applications by length of time in system

Month 2021/22	Under 6 months	Between 6 and 12 months	Between 12 and 18 months	Between 18 and 24 months	Over 24 months	Total
April 2021	770	193	81	54	97	1,195
May 2021	818	192	76	53	99	1,238
June 2021	777	206	82	43	111	1,219
July 2021	787	179	79	44	101	1,190
August 2021	754	194	84	49	93	1,174
September 2021	737	212	87	44	95	1,175
October 2021	724	232	85	46	101	1,188
November 2021	687	237	81	50	103	1,158
December 2021	623	242	78	48	106	1,097
January 2022	652	244	76	49	107	1,128

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3. Live applications per Case Officer

Month 2021/22	Average number of Applications per Case Officer
April	83
May	85
June	89
July	83
August	75
September	67
October	64
November 2021	66
December 2021	66
January 2022	69

4. Decisions issued per month

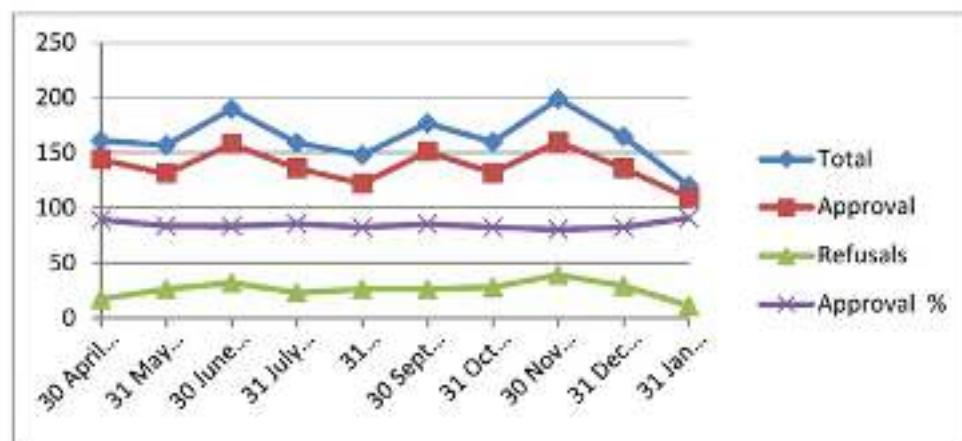
Month 2021/22	Number of Decisions Issued	Number of Decisions Issued under delegated authority
April	161	155
May	157	146
June	190	184
July	159	150
August	148	145
September	177	166
October	160	155
November 2021	199	183
December 2021	165	147
January 2022	120	101

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5. Decisions Issued YTD

Month 2021/22	Number of Decisions Issued	Breakdown of Decisions	
April	161	Approvals (144)	89%
		Refusals (17)	11%
May	318	Approvals (275)	86%
		Refusals (43)	14%
June	508	Approvals (433)	85%
		Refusals (75)	15%
July	667	Approvals (569)	85%
		Refusals (98)	15%
August	815	Approvals (691)	85%
		Refusals (124)	15%
September	992	Approvals (842)	85%
		Refusals (150)	15%
October	1,152	Approvals (974)	85%
		Refusals (178)	15%
November	1,351	Approvals (1,134)	84%
		Refusals (217)	16%
December	1,516	Approvals (1,270)	84%
		Refusals (246)	16%
January 2022	1,636	Approvals (1,379)	84%
		Refusals (257)	16%



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6. Enforcement Live cases

Month 2021/2022	<=1yr	1-2 yrs	2-3 yrs	3-4 yrs	4-5 yrs	5+yrs	Total
April	285	133	127	122	62	101	830
May	291	134	122	128	64	104	843
June	267	132	121	136	60	102	818
July	269	134	114	137	68	102	824
August	266	132	107	133	71	103	812
September	279	136	103	129	71	102	820
October	269	121	99	126	65	101	781
November	248	129	93	123	60	98	751
December	244	126	85	126	59	92	732
January 2022	223	127	82	117	62	95	706

7. Planning Committee

Month	Number of Applications presented to Committee	Number of Applications Determined by Committee	Number of Applications Withdrawn/ Deferred for future meeting	Number of Officer recommendation overturned
8 April 2021	14	11	3	3
5 May 2021	16	8	8	3
2 & 30 June 2021 (Meetings cancelled)	-	-	-	-
28 July 2021	15	7	8	2
25 August 2021	15	9	6	6
22 September 2021	13	10	3	5
20 October 2021	25	22	3	6
17 November 2021	19	10	9	4
15 December 2021	20	13	7	9
12 January 2022	12	9	3	8
Totals	149	99	50	46

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8. Appeals

Planning Appeal Commission Decisions issued during period 1 July 2021 to 31 January 2022

Area	Number of current appeals	Number of decisions issued	Number of decisions Allowed	Number of decisions Dismissed	Withdrawn
Newry & Mourne	30	0	-	-	-
Down	41	0	-	-	-
TOTAL	71	0	-	-	-

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Statutory targets monthly update - December 2021 (unvalidated management information)
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	Major applications (target of 30 weeks)				Local applications (target of 15 weeks)				Cases concluded (target of 39 weeks)			
	Number received	Number decided/withdrawn ¹	Average processing time ²	% of cases processed within 30 weeks	Number received	Number decided/withdrawn ¹	Average processing time ²	% of cases processed within 15 weeks	Number opened	Number brought to conclusion ³	"70%" conclusion on time ³	% of cases concluded within 39 weeks
April	2	-	0.0	0.0%	171	143	16.6	43.4%	44	19	69.8	52.6%
May	2	1	35.4	0.0%	159	137	17.2	41.6%	31	30	57.0	66.7%
June	1	1	49.8	0.0%	179	173	16.8	42.8%	38	41	85.8	46.3%
July	0	-	0.0	0.0%	124	136	17.0	41.2%	38	27	85.2	51.9%
August	0	-	0.0	0.0%	138	140	17.1	38.6%	35	67	89.2	53.7%
September	2	-	0.0	0.0%	149	166	19.8	28.3%	48	37	158.4	37.8%
October	0	-	0.0	0.0%	159	147	17.8	34.0%	27	75	122.0	40.0%
November	0	2	75.3	0.0%	145	173	20.2	32.9%	25	69	129.2	44.9%
December	0	1	31.4	0.0%	67	141	22.2	30.5%	14	34	178.7	38.2%
January	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%
February	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%
March	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%
Year to date	7	5	49.8	0.0%	1,291	1,356	18.4	36.9%	300	399	108.8	46.9%

Source: NI Planning Portal

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Notes:

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

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

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

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Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 14 th February 2022
Subject:	Update on Project Stratum
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Patricia McPolin Business Intelligence Officer

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

For decision	For noting only	X
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To provide an update on Project Stratum to date particularly additional funding secured to enable access to further 8,500 premises</p> <p><u>Background</u> Project Stratum, delivered by Hyperfast NI, owned by Fibrus Wholesale aims to improve broadband access infrastructure throughout Northern Ireland to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number of premises able to access Next Generation Access (NGA) broadband services capable of delivering speeds in excess of 30 Mbps • Maximise Next Generation Access (NGA) broadband coverage by increasing provision in areas poorly served and unlikely to attract commercial investment • To target an intervention area of 97% of Northern Ireland, targeting just below 76,000 premises by March 2024 • Equating to approximately 11% of premises in Northern Ireland, as circa 89% can currently access broadband capable of 30Mbps+ <p>Although 89% of premises in Northern Ireland have access to broadband services in excess of 30Mbps, the figure is 66% in Rural Northern Ireland.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p><u>Overview</u> Fibrus were awarded the £165m contract in November 2020 and have since delivered gigabit capable broadband to more than 15,000 premises, with access to full fibre broadband to more than 19,500 premises by the end of the first full year of deployment.</p> <p><u>Additional premises</u> 2,500 harder-to-reach premises require further funding to include them in the scope of the project. DfE have also identified an additional 6,000 premises in "white" postcode areas</p>

now considered eligible, which were either not built or not approved in the initial Market Review process which were identified as a "data anomaly".

Subject to final approval, additional public funding of £32m has been secured from DCMS (£22.3m), DfE and DAERA (£9.7m in equal allocations) which will bring all additional 8,500 premises within the scope of the contract using headroom funding. Deployment will be extended by 4 quarters to enable the additional premises to gain access.

Fibrus has also increased its investment in network build costs to £48m, which along with the public funding of £197m brings Project Stratum total network build costs to £245m to deliver improved broadband infrastructure to 85,000 premises by March 2025.

A total of 2,517 premises were initially out of scope of the Intervention Area, of these 274 (10.8%) were based in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area but which have now received additional funding. This additional funding results in a total of 13,320 premises in NMDDC to be passed by Project Stratum.

The additional 8,500 can be categorised as:

C1 – premises that can be delivered in the existing rollout network plan (1,685);

C2 – premises which require a small amount of additional network infrastructure (1,040);

C3 – premises that require substantial additional network infrastructure (5,815).

Revised Implementation timescale for all 8,500 premises:

	SPRING	SUMMER	AUTUMN	WINTER
2021	Coalisland	Warrenpoint Killyleagh Kilkeel	Maghera Portstewart Ballycastle Ballynahinch Castlewellan Cullybackey	Enniskillen Carnlough Ballymoney Castlerock Keady
2022	Newtownstewart Crossmaglen Garrison Castledearg+C1 Fintona+C1	Larne+C1 Irvinestown+C1 Fivemiletown+C1 Omagh+C1 Downpatrick+C1	Rathfriland+C1 Garvagh+C1 Kircubbin+C1 Dromore+C1 Aughnacloy+C1 Larne C2 Castledearg C2 Irvinestown C2 Fintona C2 Fivemiletown C2	Cushendall+C1 Bleary+C1 Kesh+C1 Ballinderry+C1 Newtownbultur+C1 Rathfriland C2 Omagh C2 Garvagh C2 Downpatrick C2 Kircubbin C2
2023	Claudy+C1 Newry+C1 Limavady+C1 Cookstown+C1	Strabane+C1 Moneyrea+C1 Ballystrudder+C1	Broughshane+C1 Strabane C2 Moneyrea C2 Moy C2	Ballystrudder C2 Laurelvale C2 Randalstown C2 Broughshane C2

		Gortin+C1 Moy+C1 Seahill+C1 Dromore C2 Cushendall C2 Bleary C2 Aughnacloy C2 Kesh C2	Laurelvale+C1 Randalstown+C1 Ballinderry C2 Claudy C2 Newtownbultler C2 Newry C2 Limavady C2 Cookstown C2 Gortin C2	Seahill C2	
2024	Templepatrick+C1 Pomeroy+C1 Clough Mills+C1 Derrylin+C1	Templepatrick C2 Pomeroy C2 Clough Mills C2 Derrylin C2 Coalisland C3 Warrenpoint C3 Killyleagh C3 Maghera C3 Portstewart C3 Enniskillen C3 Kilkeel C3 Ballycastle C3 Carnlough C3 Ballynahinch C3 Ballymoney C3 Castlerock C3 Castlewellan C3	Cullybackey C3 Keady C3 Newtownstewart C3 Crossmaglen C3 Garrison C3 Larne C3 Castledearg C3 Irvinstown C3 Fintona C3 Fivemiletown C3 Rathfriland C3 Omagh C3 Garvagh C3 Downpatrick C3 Kircubbin C3	Dromore C3 Cushendall C3 Bleary C3 Aughnacloy C3 Kesh C3 Ballinderry C3 Claudy C3 Newtownbultler C3 Newry C3 Limavady C3 Cookstown C3 Gortin C3	
2025	Strabane C3 Moneyrea C3 Moy C3 Seahill C3 Ballystrudder C3 Laurlevale C3 Randalstown C3 Broughshane C3 Templepatrick C3 Pomeroy C3 Clough Mills C3 Derrylin C3				

Next steps

- 134 premises in the NMDDC area served by Wireless Internet Service Providers are currently under review and likely to introduce more premises eligible for intervention

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fibrus will conduct site surveys to 37 additional premises surrounded by bodies of water (none of which within the NMDDC area) which may introduce more eligible premises.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>To note the update provided regarding Project Stratum particularly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional funding secured to enable access to further 8,500 premises Postcode checker is available on Hyperfast NI portal https://hyperfastni.com/
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Project Stratum is externally resourced.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>

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