

April 19th, 2021

Notice Of Meeting

You are invited to attend the Active and Healthy Communities Committee meeting to be held on **Monday, 19th April 2021 at 6:00 pm in Microsoft Teams.**

Chair: Cllr L McEvoy

Vice: Cllr G O'Hare

Members:

Cllr T Andrews

Cllr C Casey

Cllr A Finnegan

Cllr H Gallagher

Cllr M Gibbons

Cllr G Malone

Cllr C Mason

Cllr K McKevitt

Cllr A McMurray

Cllr B Ó'Muirí

Cllr D Taylor

Cllr J Trainor


Cllr W Walker

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

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Notices of Motion

4.0 Notice of Motion - Mental Health

The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Howell:

“This Council recognises the impact that Covid-19 has had on the mental health and well-being of children, young people and families. With this in mind our DEA Forums and coordinators should engage with stakeholders and prioritise allocation of funding for mental health, well-being and support initiatives for these affected groups”.

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

21.0 Ballyholland GAC Lease – Consent to develop land

This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014

 *Ballyholland Harps GAC Consent to Develop Land - April 2021.pdf*

Not included

 *Appendix 1 - Ballyholland Lease Report to AHC Aug 2019.pdf*

Not included

 *Appendix 2 - Ballyholland Lease Map.pdf*

Not included

22.0 Leasing of Council land and facilities - Expressions of Interest

This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014

 *Leasing of Council Land and Facilities - Expressions of Interest April 2021.pdf*

Not included

23.0 Feasibility study for Battery Storage pilot

This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014

 ***Feasibility Study Battery Storage Pilot.pdf***

Not included

Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Mr Alan Beggs

Ms Kate Bingham

Cllr Patrick Brown

Cllr Robert Burgess

Cllr Pete Byrne

Mrs Dorinnia Carville

Cllr charlie casey

Cllr William Clarke

Cllr Dermot Curran

Ms Alice Curran

Cllr Laura Devlin

Mr Eoin Devlin

Ms Louise Dillon

Cllr Sean Doran

Cllr Cadogan Enright

Cllr Aoife Finnegan

Cllr Hugh Gallagher

Cllr Mark Gibbons

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon

Cllr Glyn Hanna

Cllr Valerie Harte

Mr Conor Haughey

Mrs Janine Hillen

Cllr Roisin Howell

Cllr Mickey Larkin

Cllr Alan Lewis

Mr Michael Lipsett

Cllr Oonagh Magennis

Mr Conor Mallon

Cllr Gavin Malone

Cllr Cathy Mason

Mr Johnny Mc Bride

Colette McAteer

Cllr Declan McAteer

Cllr Leeanne McEvoy

Cllr Harold McKee

Patricia McKeever

Cllr Karen McKevitt

Cllr Andrew McMurray

Cllr Roisin Mulgrew

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Mr Andy Patterson
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Cllr Gary Stokes
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Sarah Taggart
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Paul Tamati
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Cllr David Taylor
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly
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Cllr John Trainor
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Cllr William Walker
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Mrs Marie Ward
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ACTIONS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES MEETINGS

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/120/2019	Application to DfC: New Model Farm Community Centre proposal, Downpatrick	It was agreed to accept the following recommendations: • that the Committee agree to proceed with an application to DfC for a replacement facility for the Trojan Horse, Downpatrick. Including the development of a business case, design proposals and submission of a planning application.	K Hynds	Ongoing. Funding application to be completed by NHR Officer & CDRCN for submission to DfC. Project meetings ongoing.	N
AHC/148/2019	Healthy Vending Machines in Leisure Centres	It was agreed to note that when clear guidance on minimum nutritional standards (MNS) for Council Catering Outlets and Vending is established, a future report will be brought back to Active and Healthy Communities Committee regarding the potential implementation of these standards.	P Tamati	Tender to be progressed, however, held until full re-opening of Leisure.	N
AHC/202/2019	Sport NI Your School Your Club Funding	It was agreed the update on Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Projects that applied for Your School Your Club was agreed and approval given for the commissioning of the Tennis Bubble Project at Our Lady's in Newry.	P Tamati	Complete	Y
AHC/206/2019	Adoption of Suicide Down to Zero	It was agreed that: Council formally adopt the approach and aspiration of Suicide Down to Zero. A suitable launch and media statement to be prepared for Council Chairperson. An amount of £10,000 is allocated to a Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Small Grants Scheme administered through a Financial call subject to the estimates process. A working group involving the Council, the Southern and South Eastern Health Trusts and local relevant Voluntary Organisations is	E Devlin	Ongoing Virtual Suicide prevention awareness training to be offered to all members in Feb/March	N

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		created to examine ways of attaining the goal of zero suicides across the District.			
AHC/4/2020	Overflow Car Park at Donard Park	<p>It was agreed to proceed: with 'winter arrangements' for the unofficial overflow car park at Donard Park to remain in place until Easter 2020 as per historical arrangement.</p> <p>Winter arrangements – closed from the 1st November to Easter 2020 (10th April)</p> <p>If a budget became available in the interim, the opening of the overflow car park could be brought forward on busy days prior to Easter 2020.</p> <p>The proposed establishment of an official and permanent overflow car parking arrangements at Donard Park as per appendix 1, and commit £250k to Council Capital Programme.</p> <p>Following such approval, a detailed capital proposal will be brought back to Committee for further consideration.</p>	P Tamati	Planning application submitted Jan 2021, ongoing.	N
AHC/6/2020	Annual Licence Agreement with Communities Facilities	It was agreed to replace existing tenancy arrangements within Council Community Facilities to updated Licence Agreements.	J Hillen	Ongoing - Updated valuations being sought by Legal Dept	N
AHC/96/2020	Expression of interest, Derryleckagh Road	<p>It was agreed that the business case submission from Newry Rugby Club for Derryleckagh Field, had been evaluated and met the minimum threshold under the Sports & Community Facility Management & Leasing Policy (2016).</p> <p>It was also agreed to progress to a public expression of interest process in line with the Sports & Community Facility Management & Leasing Policy (2016).</p>	P Tamati	Ongoing	N

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AHC/97/2020	Expression of interest, Generator House, Newcastle and vacant land adjacent to Burren Village Green	It was agreed that the expression of interest for leasing of the Generator House and Vacant Land Adjacent to Burren Village Green was progressed in line with Councils Sports and Community Facility Management and Leasing Policy (2016).	P Tamati	Ongoing	N
AHC/99/2020	Development of a walking/cycling strategy.	It was agreed to approve Council Officers examining the development of a Walking and Cycling Strategy for the District.	E Devlin	ongoing	N

AHC/114/2020	Action Sheet from 20 September 2020	It was agreed item AHC/102/2020: Autism Friendly Swimming Session to remain on the action sheet. Action sheet was noted.	P Tamati	As per AHC/102/2020 Noted	N
AHC/163/2020	Public Health Agency – Leading the Way Programme Pilot	To approve the development of a Service Level Agreement with the Public Health Agency to deliver a pilot Active Travel programme based on the 'Leading The Way' programme.	E Devlin	Ongoing	N
AHC/005/2021	Notice of Motion on Dunleath Park	It was agreed that an update on Dunleath Park be brought to a meeting of the Downpatrick DEA Councillors as soon as possible and any recommendations from that would come to the Active & Healthy Communities Committee.	P Tamati	Meeting held on Friday 12 th February. Members asked to submit proposals. Design options to be considered. Meeting with Rivers agency to be arranged once design proposals established.	N
AHC/014/2021	Disability Access onto Newcastle Beach	It was agreed to officers explore options for accessibility onto Newcastle Beach. It was agreed to note that the disabled toilet facilities were currently not suitable to accommodate a large changing table and therefore would not be suitable for disabled beach access facilities similar to Cranfield. The Council was currently developing a Public Toilet Strategy which would be brought to the Neighbourhood Services Committee for consideration in the Spring.	M Lipsett	Report to AHC – Feb 2021	N
AHC/025/2021	Notice of Motion on Outdoor Recreation NI	It was agreed to note the Notice of Motion and that officers consider the Notice of Motion and table a report at the March Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting outlining the next steps.	P Tamati	Report to March AHC, referred to ERT complete	Y

AHC/028/2021	Service Level Agreement with Southern Regional College and South Eastern Regional College	It was agreed to develop a three-year service level agreement with both the Southern Regional College and South Eastern Regional College to progress & manage recreational/accredited training programmes to be facilitated in Council Community Facilities.	J Hillen	Ongoing – Meeting with both groups mid March 2021	N																						
AHC/033/2021	Play Strategy Update	<p>It was agreed to approve the following Play Strategy Projects and budget to be progressed in 2021/22:</p> <p>• New Builds</p> <table><tr><td>Mullagh Close, Ballymartin</td><td>£140,000</td></tr><tr><td>Darragh Cross, Barnamaghery</td><td>£140,000</td></tr><tr><td>Teconnaught, Kilmore</td><td>£140,000</td></tr><tr><td>Martin’s Lane, Newry</td><td>£220,000</td></tr><tr><td>Downs Road, Newcastle</td><td>£180,000</td></tr></table> <p>• Upgrades</p> <table><tr><td>Kitty’s Road, Kilkeel</td><td>£50,000</td></tr></table> <p>• Consolidations</p> <table><tr><td>Bessbrook, 4 to 2 Charlemont, College, Fr Cullen and Pond field</td><td>£80,000</td></tr><tr><td>Rowallane, 2 to 1 Hillfoot 1 & Hillfoot 2</td><td>£80,000</td></tr><tr><td>Newry, 2 to 1 Windmill and Heather Park</td><td>£100,000</td></tr><tr><td>Newry, 2 to 1 Springhill and Shandon Park</td><td>£80,000</td></tr><tr><td>Annalong, 2 to 1 Cornmill and Mona View</td><td>£100,000</td></tr></table> <p>It was agreed to write to DAERA to request additional funding to allow enhancement of Council’s Play Strategy and open up opportunities for more rural areas to be added to the Strategy.</p>	Mullagh Close, Ballymartin	£140,000	Darragh Cross, Barnamaghery	£140,000	Teconnaught, Kilmore	£140,000	Martin’s Lane, Newry	£220,000	Downs Road, Newcastle	£180,000	Kitty’s Road, Kilkeel	£50,000	Bessbrook, 4 to 2 Charlemont, College, Fr Cullen and Pond field	£80,000	Rowallane, 2 to 1 Hillfoot 1 & Hillfoot 2	£80,000	Newry, 2 to 1 Windmill and Heather Park	£100,000	Newry, 2 to 1 Springhill and Shandon Park	£80,000	Annalong, 2 to 1 Cornmill and Mona View	£100,000	P Tamati	DAERA written to and confirm no further budget available at this time. Projects noted	Y
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AHC/041/2021	Newry Leisure Centre Disabled Parking Upgrade	<p>It was agreed to note the planned upgrades works for NLC Disabled Car Parking as per appendix 1 of the report and the securing of £29,925 of funding from the DFC Access and Inclusion Fund.</p> <p>It was agreed to carry out a 6-month review once the Disabled Car Parking upgrade was completed.</p>	P Tamati	Works planned for March 2021. Complete	Y
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ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014					
AHC/036/2020	Threeways Community Centre – Refurbishment of Ropework Pitch	It was agreed to: Incorporate the legacy Service Level Agreement into the current Facility Management Agreement for Threeways Community Association in line with other similar facilities. Review booking over the period detailed in the Facility Management Agreement and present options to Council in order to inform potential future investment in the facility.	J Hillen	Ongoing	N
AHC/102/2020	Autism Swimming Sessions Update	It was agreed to retain this item on the Action Sheet.	P Tamati	Suspended until further notice, due to COVID -19	N
AHC/126/2020	Leasing of Jack Mackin Pitch to St John Bosco	It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor McKevitt, to enter into a formal key holding arrangement with St John Bosco GAC to allow vehicular access to the Car Park at Newry Leisure Centre when access is required to Jack Mackin Park and the St John Bosco Club house outside of Newry Leisure Centre opening hours.	P Tamati	Progressing to signing.	N
AHC/127/2020	Leasing of land, Ballymartin Play Park	It was agreed to enter into a 25-year lease of Mullagh Close in Ballymartin (appendix 1 of officer's report) to facilitate the establishment of a play park in the Ballymartin area as per the Councils Play Strategy.	P Tamati	Ongoing With NIHE legal dept - awaiting sign off.	N

AHC/167/2020	Leisure Public Tenders	The Business Case as per appendix 1 for servicing, repairs and maintenance for facility alarms and CCTV and approve procurement via a public tender for these services and supplies. The Business Case as per appendix 2 for Washroom Services and approve procurement via a public tender for these services and supplies.	P Tamati	Ongoing, NS department now completing facility alarms, CCTV and Washroom services public tender as part of a corporate contract approach.	Y
		The Business Case as per appendix 3 for Uniforms and approve procurement via a public tender for these services and supplies. The Business Case as per appendix 4 for servicing, repairs and maintenance for pool moving floors and approve procurement via a public tender for these services and supplies. That officers undertake the appropriate evaluation of the above public tenders in line with procurement guidelines and appoint a preferred bidder and enter into a contract for up to 3 years to the value outlined on each business case.	P Tamati	Ongoing	N
AHC/168/2020	Warrenpoint Community Centre	Accept the business case for professional fees attached to the officer's report and proceed to develop the scheme to planning application stage.	J Hillen	Ongoing	N

AHC/015/2021	Sport NI Your School Your Club Funding Update	It was agreed to note the update provided on Your School Your Club Funding as per the contents of the officer's report and appendix 1. It was agreed to approve 100% funding and delivery of projects at Kilkeel High School in Kilkeel and St Marys High School in Newry as outlined including: • Kilkeel High School, Ball Stop • St Marys High School, Changing Room and Gym Upgrade	P Tamati	Complete	Y
AHC/016/2021	Shimna Integrated College, long term access agreement for Donard Park Sports Facilities	It was agreed to enter into a long-term access agreement with Shimna Integrated College in relation to Sports Facilities at Donard Park and a report brought back to Active & Healthy Communities Committee for approval once the detail of the access arrangement had been agreed with the school	P Tamati	Ongoing	N
AHC/017/2021	Sports Facilities Strategy, Sports Hubs	It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Casey, to appoint consultants to develop a sports development strategy for the Council and further develop and prioritise the establishment of Sports Hubs across the District including progressing these to detailed design and planning stage as appropriate. It was also agreed the budget as outlined in the officer's report for the above is added to Councils Capital programme as part of Councils Sports Facilities Strategy list of projects.	P Tamati	Ongoing	N
AHC/044/2021	Feasibility Study for Council Solar Farm	It was agreed to approve Officers procuring a feasibility study for development of solar farm pilot on identified council land.	E Devlin	In progress	N

ACTIONS ARISING FROM ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING – 15 MARCH 2021

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/047/2021	Action Sheet: Play Strategy Update	AHC/033/2021: <i>Play Strategy Update</i> It was agreed Mr Tamati would speak directly to Councillor Andrews in relation to an update for Darragh Cross and Hillfoot play facilities. Action Sheet Noted.	P Tamati	Complete	Y
AHC/048/2021	Community Coordination Hub	It was agreed to note the report and approve the actions in the Action Sheet for the Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on Wednesday 24 February 2021.	J Hillen	Noted	Y
AHC/049/2021	Installation of RAPID bins on Council sites	It was agreed to proceed with the installation of a RAPID Bin at the following sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shimna Road Car Park, Newcastle • Irish Street Car Park, Downpatrick • Downpatrick Street Car Park, Saintfield • Windmill Street Car Park, Ballynahinch • Bridge Centre, Killyleagh • Newtownhamilton Community Centre, Newtownhamilton - Newry Street Car Park, Warrenpoint • Public Conveniences (Rear Wall), The Square, Crossmaglen 	J Hillen	Being actioned accordingly.	Y
AHC/050/2021	DEA Forums Update Report	It was agreed to note the report and approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 9 February 2021. • Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 11 February 2021. • Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 16 February 2021. • Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 23 February 2021. • Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 23 February 2021. 	J Hillen	Action sheets being actioned accordingly.	Y

AHC/051/2021	Financial Assistance	It was agreed to award the Financial Assistance for NI Centenaries as outlined within the appendix attached to the report.	J Hillen	Letters of offer issued when ratified by full Council.	
AHC/052/2021	Notice of Motion Outdoor Recreation NI	Notice of Motion agreed. It was also agreed to approve the creation of an Outdoor Recreation Group to be referred to Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee for consideration, and any established group to have representation from the Active and Healthy Communities and Neighbourhood Services departments.	P Tamati	See AHC/025/2021. Referred to ERT, complete	Y
AHC/053/2021	Sustainability and Climate Change Forum	It was agreed to approve the actions arising from the Sustainability and Climate Change Forum meeting on 18 February 2021 as attached in appendix 1.	E Devlin	Approved	Y
AHC/054/2021	Consultation on Mental Health Strategy 2021-31	It was agreed to return the Consultation response as presented and incorporate the need for additional resources for Mental Health Services.	E Devlin	Amendments incorporated and returned by required date	Y
AHC/055/2021	Funding request from Social Farms and Gardens NI	It was agreed to provide funding of £800 to Social Farms and Gardens for the 2020-21 year.	E Devlin	Actioned	Y
AHC/056/2021	DAERA consultation request on development of fisheries management measures for Marine Protected Areas and establishment of scallop enhancement sites in the NI inshore region.	It was agreed to return the Consultation response as presented and that the response be returned by the required date (31st March) on the proviso that it would be subject to Council Approval.	E Devlin	Response returned	Y
AHC/057/2021	Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report	It was agreed to note the report and the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Action Sheet from Meeting held on Tuesday 18 February 2020, approved at the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting held on Wednesday 17 February 2021.	J Hillen	Noted.	Y

ITEM/S RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014					
AHC/058/2021	Castle Park Seasonal Operatives	It was agreed to approve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To appoint the preferred bidder as detailed within the officer's report for Seasonal Operations at Castle Park for up to 5 years. For officers to agree the terms and enter into a contract with the preferred bidder for Seasonal Operations at Castle Park. 	P Tamati	Ongoing	N
AHC/059/2021	Leisure and Sports Scale of Charges	It was agreed to approve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed scale of charges for Leisure and Sports Section for 2021/22 commencing the 1st April 2021 as per appendix 1. Officers continue to apply membership discounts aligned to COVID-19 restrictions and access to facilities and services. 	P Tamati	Noted	Y
AHC/060/2021	Public Tender, Programme Delivery Partnership	It was agreed for a Public Tender for up to 3 years for a Programme Delivery Partner, subject to annual rates estimates provisions.	P Tamati	Ongoing	N
AHC/061/2021	Milltown Playing Fields, Lease Renewal Warrenpoint Tennis Club	It was agreed to approve the Renewal of the current lease arrangements at Milltown Play Fields between Council and Warrenpoint Tennis Club as per appendix 1 and subject to Council valuation processes.	P Tamati	Complete	Y
AHC/062/2021	Facilities Management Agreement for Threeways Community Centre, Newry	It was agreed to approve the sinking fund to be reduced as outlined within the officer's report for a 2-year period and a budget to be made available through rates estimates to cover subsequent sink fund shortfall.	J Hillen	Approved	Y
AHC/063/2021	CANN Business Case and approval to procure interpretative	It was agreed to proceed with a Procurement exercise for the work as detailed within the officer's report.	E Devlin	Procurement exercise commenced	N

	signage for CANN Project				
AHC/064/2021	Single Tender Action for PHILIS	It was agreed for the Director of Active and Healthy Communities to sign the Single Tender Action as presented with provision for extension up to 3 years.	E Devlin	STA signed by Director of AHC	Y

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 April 2021
Subject:	Notice of Motion – COVID-19, Mental Health
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	<p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">To inform the Committee on the ongoing work of the DEA Forums in relation to Mental Health and Wellbeing in consideration of the Notice of Motion from Councillor Roisin Howell as set out under 'Background' below.To consider and agree to approve the following proposed actions for the DEA Forums and DEA Coordinators in response to the Notion of Motion as detailed in Section 3.1. <p>Background</p> <p>The following Notice of Motion came forward in the name of Councillor Roisin Howell at the Council meeting on Monday 1 March 2021 at which it was agreed that the Motion be referred to the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting in April 2021 in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6:</p> <p><i>"This Council recognises the impact that COVID-19 has had on the mental health and well-being of children, young people and families. With this in mind our DEA Forums and coordinators should engage with stakeholders and prioritise allocation of funding for mental health, well-being and support initiatives for these affected groups".</i></p>				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1	<p>Whilst the promotion of good mental health and wellbeing has played a major role in the work of the DEA Forums and DEA Coordinators since the formation of the DEA Forums, the COVID-19 Pandemic and subsequent lockdowns have had a significant impact on the mental health of the community at large. Recognising this important issue and following the ending of the COVID-19 Food Parcel Scheme in July 2020, the DEA Coordinators focused heavily on working with community and statutory partners to deliver programmes which would have a positive impact on participants mental health and wellbeing and also to raise awareness of services available to those with concerns relating to mental health and wellbeing.</p> <p>The following is a small selection of the work that has been carried out through the DEAs since July 2020:</p>				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Resilience Programme – Primary school programme aimed at increasing the capacity of pupils to deal with stressors. • Reconnect over Coffee – providing opportunities for isolated individuals to reconnect with others in a COVID-19 safe environment. • Photography Course – enabling individuals to address the issues around COVID-19 and lockdown through visual medium. • Tai Chi Programme for Carers – on line Tai chi programme providing tools for carers to deal with stressful situations. • Programme for Men’s and Women’s Groups – programme of workshops for Men’s Sheds and Women’s groups looking at mental health and physical wellbeing. • Virtual Drama – development of a virtual play on mental health and suicide preventions. • Outdoor Cinema – Age friendly event for isolated older people (only one of a number of planned events was able to proceed due to reintroduced COVID-19 restrictions.) • Partnership with Ballynahinch Suicide Prevention Group - production of a flyer listing sources of support for those in distress. <p>In addition, the DEA Coordinators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported a range of groups to access funding to support suicide prevention and good mental health. • Supported voluntary sector organisations with a mental health remit to raise awareness. • Supported PIPS Hope and Support’s entry in the 2020 Pride of Place Competition. • Partnered with schools and community organisations to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing programmes. • Participate in several networks promoting good mental health including the Children & Young People’s Strategic Partnerships, Making Life Better, Wellbeing Action Partnership and Neighbourhood Renewal Area Partnerships. <p>In addition to the ongoing work, it is proposed that the DEA Forums and DEA Coordinators undertake the following actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mental Health and Wellbeing to be placed as an agenda item for the next scheduled meeting of each DEA Forum. 2. DEA Coordinators to continue to engage groups and services to effectively promote support available for Mental Health and Wellbeing. 3. Agreement to be sought from the Council’s Community Coordination Hub (CCH) to provide the DEA Forums with a programme budget (through the DfC COVID-19 response & recovery funding that is administered by the CCH with AHC Committee approval) to support local Mental Health and Wellbeing initiatives and programmes and provide a coordinated response with key partners. <p>Any activity undertaken by the DEAs must be compliant with COVID-19 guidance and restrictions.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>That the Committee: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the report. • Agree to approve the following proposed actions for the DEA Forums and DEA Coordinators in response to the Notion of Motion:

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mental Health and Wellbeing to be placed as an agenda item for the next scheduled meeting of each DEA Forum. 2. DEA Coordinators to continue to engage groups and services to effectively promote support available for Mental Health and Wellbeing. 3. Agreement to be sought from the Council's Community Coordination Hub (CCH) to provide the DEA Forums with a programme budget (through the DfC COVID-19 response & recovery funding that is administered by the CCH with AHC Committee approval) to support local Mental Health and Wellbeing initiatives and programmes and provide a coordinated response with key partners.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>If the recommendations in 3.1 are approved, DfC COVID-19 response & recovery funding will be sought from the Council's COVID-19 CCH to provide the DEA Forums with a programme budget to support local Mental Health and Wellbeing initiatives and programmes and provide a coordinated response with key partners.</p> <p>The support and assistance from partners to deliver actions.</p>
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<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>

	<div> <div>Consultation period will be 12 weeks</div> <div>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided)</div> </div> <div>Rationale:</div>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.0	Appendices	
7.1	None.	
8.0	Background Documents	
8.1	None.	

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	19 April 2021
Subject:	Peace Plus Consultation
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen - Assistant Director: Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sonya Burns – Head of Programmes Unit Justyna McCabe – Project Coordinator

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1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	<p><u>Peace Plus Consultation</u></p> <p>The SEUPB launched a public consultation for the new PEACE PLUS Programme (2021-2027) on Wednesday 10 March.</p> <p>What is the PEACE PLUS Programme?</p> <p>A hybrid of the PEACE and INTERREG Programmes, PEACE PLUS will continue to support activities that contribute towards a prosperous and stable society in Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland; including activities that promote peace and reconciliation and contribute to the cross border economic and territorial development of the region.</p> <p>The PEACE PLUS Programme was developed through a stakeholder engagement process, which took place between December 2019 and February 2020. A total of 16 public events were held across the programme area, with over 1,000 people in attendance. Over 300 survey responses were submitted.</p> <p>The consultation started on Wednesday 10 March 2021 and will close at 5pm on Wednesday 12 May 2021.</p> <p>Council will have to submit a response to SEUPB by the closing date and Officers are currently coordinating this return.</p> <p>The following proposed timetable for consultation and submission is recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 19 April: AHC – delegated authority to submit DRAFT response subject to AHC approval in May• 30 April: Deadline for responses from ERT, EH and Equality• 6 May: Partnership meeting – submission for information• 12 May: Response submitted to SEUPB (subject to Council approval)• 17 May: AHC – Discussion and approval <p><u>Peace Plus Plan Submission</u></p> <p>SEUPB have provided scope for Council to develop a submission for the new Peace Plus plan. To assist with the development of the plan including public consultations we would like to engage with an external consultant to undertake the development of the Peace Plus plan. This will be done in line with SEUPB’s requirements and prior approval from them will be sought.</p>				

2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>The timeframe for final submission is prior to the May Council meeting so Officers require delegated authority to submit a DRAFT response, which will then be presented to AHC & Council for consideration and final approval.</p> <p>A programme plan must be developed for submission to SEUPB, this will require additional resource. SEUPB have provided an allowance of £100k for Council to proceed with this plan development.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit DRAFT consultation response to meet SEUPB deadlines and subsequently present to AHC & Council for consideration and final approval - Council to consider resources required to assist with the development of the Peace Plus District Plan.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Council contribution: Nil
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p>

	<p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If no, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices
8.0	Background Documents

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 April 2021
Subject:	Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Update Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the report. To consider and agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheet of the Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on Wednesday 24 March 2021. <p>Background</p> <p>The information in Appendix 1 attached is provided to update the Committee on recent CCH activity and on activity planned to be undertaken by the CCH and its member organisations.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	To coordinate actions to mitigate the impact of Covid-19 on individuals and groups in the community.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>That the Committee: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the report. Agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheet attached for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on Wednesday 24 March 2021.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Support and assistance from partners to deliver actions in the CCH action sheet.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i>

	It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input 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
7.1	Appendix 1: Action sheet of the CCH meeting held on Wednesday 24 March 2021.
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Community Coordination Hub Meeting Wednesday 24 March 2021 @ 2:30pm

In Attendance:

Chair: Michael Lipsett (Active & Health Communities)

Janine Hillen (Community Engagement)
Aisling Rennick (DEA's)
Sarah McClory (Programmes Unit)
Sinead Trainor (Health and Wellbeing)
Nicholas McCrickard (CDRCM)
Damian Brannigan (DEA)
Alan Beggs (GIS Mapping)
Gerard Rocks (SHSCT)
Lauren McMenamy (Community Planning)

Apologies:

Raymond Jackson (Confederation of Community Groups & Strategic Forum)
Martina Flynn (PCSP)
Julie McCann (Community Services)
Sonya Burns (Programmes Unit)
Paul Tamati (Leisure & Sport)
Rosemary McDonnell (Community Advice NI & Strategic Stakeholder Forum)
Jason White
Ruth Allen (SCHSCT)
Aisling Murray (Co-ordination and Logistics)

Item	Issue Raised	Agreed:	Referred to	Action taken
2.	Actions from last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DFC – Decision with Minister for extension to funding. A decision hasn't been reached yet. 	DB	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Pallet Scheme was awarded £119,000 of which 48% has been allocated. Further funding is still to be allocated. Last week for the scheme will be week after Easter. 		
3.	Funding Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Engagement HUB website has been awarded £62,000 by the Civic Engagement Programme which will allow all partners involved in the HUB to engage with each other. Contact Alan in relation to any Project suggestions. Funding opportunity available on the Hub. Oak Tree- Is a focal point and symbol of Growth in DEA areas. DEA officers to nominate an individual who works or volunteers within the community. They will represent the community and relate the hopes going forward to recover out of Covid. Virtual On-Line event is to be held in the last week of May 2021 with the Chairperson and selected representative. 	AB JH	
4.	Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of Community Planning Partnership and CCH Guidance to be given. No agreement on funding for next year. A hybrid and voucher scheme to be discussed with DFC if it would be more beneficial to help local business in the community rather than one wholesaler being selected to provide supplies. Community Planning and sub groups are to consolidate a joined-up approach in relation to Covid recovery ideas. Officer post to be created. Food Pallet Scheme continuing to be distributed by St Vincent De Paul and Food Banks to Distribution Centers from wholesaler Lynas Foods. WWC (Warm Well Connected) distributed to 107 small Groups within the community. Time to reflect on the Mental Health and Wellbeing of all staff impacted by Covid 19. Senior Management at the Southern Trust acutely aware of the impact and are allowing staff to take leave and time for themselves to recover. HUB Partnership meetings being reviewed by PFG Consultation for Government. Reviewing indicators and measures on how programme was delivered to Community Groups. To publish result of review by April 2022. 	LMM Nmcc ML DB GR AB	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 		
5.	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 		
6.	Dates & times of future meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 28 April 2021 2.30 pm 		

Next Meeting: Wednesday 28 April 2021 at 2.30pm

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 April 2021
Subject:	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the report. To consider and agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheet attached from the DEA Forum Private Meeting listed in 3.1 below. To consider and agree to approve the proposal that the Council through the DEAs provides plaques to those groups who assisted the DEAs with the COVID-19 Food Parcel Delivery Scheme between April and July 2020 to thank them for their assistance to the DEAs during the scheme and their service to their local communities. <p>Background</p> <p>The information in Appendix 1 attached is provided to update the Committee on recent DEA activity and on activity planned to be undertaken by the DEAs (subject to COVID-19 restrictions).</p> <p>A number of DEA Forums noted that the Council had made recognition to the individual volunteers who had assisted with the COVID-19 Food Parcel Delivery Scheme. The DEA Forums would like that the groups who assisted the DEAs with the scheme should also be recognised. It was suggested that plaques which the groups could display in their premises would be an appropriate and suitable means of recognition.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	Any activity undertaken by the DEAs must be compliant with COVID-19 guidance and restrictions.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>That the Committee: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the report. Agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheet attached for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 31 March 2021. Agree to approve the proposal that the Council through the DEAs provides plaques to those groups who assisted the DEAs with the COVID-19 Food Parcel Delivery Scheme

	between April and July 2020 to thank them for their assistance to the DEAs during the scheme and their service to their local communities.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Support and assistance from partners to deliver actions in the DEA action plans. Cost of A4 plaques at approximately £30.00 per plaque. The cost will be covered through each DEA budget.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i> It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5.2	<i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, please complete the following: The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/> The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/>
5.3	<i>Proposal initiating consultation</i> Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Rationale:</i>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service

	<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
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Appendix 1: Update on the ongoing work of the DEAs. ➤ Appendix 2: Action Sheet of Mournes DEA Forum Meeting 31 March 2021.
8.0	Background Documents
8.2	None.

Appendix 1

The following information is provided to update the Committee on recent DEA activity and on activity planned to be undertaken by the DEAs (subject to COVID-19 restrictions).

All People in Newry, Mourne and Down Enjoy Good Health and Wellbeing***Level of Health Status:***

Downpatrick, Rowallane and Slieve Croob DEAs have been undertaking a range of zoom classes during the month of March. In partnership with the SEHSCT a programme of zoom cookery classes has been delivered by the Urban Community Chef. Over 4 sessions participants were taken step by step through cooking a healthy evening meal whilst discussing different ingredients from around the world and experimenting with unfamiliar foods such as cous cous, chick peas etc. Feedback has been very positive and those who took part have enjoyed connecting with other participants, learning about new ingredients, different cooking methods and improving their culinary skills.

Slieve Gullion DEA linked in with the Council's Health & Inequalities Section to organise a number of hygiene care packs for members of the BAME community in need of support. The packs included several essential hygiene items for men and women, information on supporting health and wellbeing, and language support English flash cards.

Downpatrick DEA rolled out a three-week Fitness/PE programme via zoom to Primary 3 pupils in 9 of the primary schools in the Downpatrick DEA.

Crotlieve DEA has supported Rostrevor Men's Shed in taking part in a programme with Mourne Heritage Trust. The shedders are undertaking an outdoor project in Kilbroney Park to reconnect in a safe and COVID compliant setting.

All People in Newry, Mourne and Down Live in Respectful, Safe and Vibrant Communities***Level of Civic Participation and Good Relations:***

Downpatrick DEA in partnership with Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Area Partnership rolled out an Arts, Culture & Heritage initiative with community groups and charities within the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Area. This involved organising projects such as the reimaging of the area surrounding the old Downe Hospital which was done in partnership with Down Community Arts and the 4 primary schools in Downpatrick. Community groups received art packs which they distributed to their young people and seniors. Mainstay DRP availed of pottery equipment and the Flying Horse Ward Community Forum, Knockevin Special School and the Naiscoil Dhun Padraig got musical instruments and computer equipment for their music programme.

Level of Personal Safety and Crime:

Slieve Gullion, Newry, Mournes, and Crotlieve DEAs delivered two drug and paramilitary awareness on-line plays for young people in secondary school. The sessions took place on 22 and 23 March with over 75 young people taking part in the sessions.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

**Action Sheet of Mournes District Electoral Area (DEA) Private Meeting
held on Wednesday 31st March 2021 at 12.00 noon via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson:	Councillor Glyn Hanna
In Attendance:	Councillor Laura Delvin Councillor Willie Clarke Councillor Harold McKee
Independent Members:	Ann Grant, Rural Housing Network Andy Hall, SANSA Donna McConnell, Kilkeel Development Association
Statutory Partners:	Jennifer Spiers, Education Authority
Council Officials:	Donna Mulholland, DEA Coordinator Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager Kate Bingham, Head of Performance and Improvement
Others in attendance:	None
Apologies:	Jacinta Linden, Bolster Community Rosie Carey, Education Authority Paul Connolly, PSNI Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
MOU/2021/34	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	Noted.
MOU/2021/35	Introduction	Introduction of Jennifer Spiers, Education Authority Youth Worker for Mournes Area.	Noted.
MOU/2021/36	Draft Performance Improvement Objectives	Kate Bingham, Head of Performance and Improvement, presented the Council's Draft Performance Improvement Objectives for consultation.	Head of Performance and Improvement to include comments in the consultation process for the document.
MOU/2021/37	Kilkeel Harbour project	ERT has requested meeting with Minister. Council continue to work in partnership with Seasource, ANIFPO, DAERA and Invest NI on development proposals for both phases.	DEA Coordinator will continue to liaise with ERT and continue to update the Forum on all progress.
MOU/2021/38	Ballymartin Play Park	Currently awaiting the work being finalised and signed off by the Housing Executive Solicitors.	DEA Coordinator to request meeting to be rescheduled to accommodate Mournes Councillors.

		Meeting as requested has been set up for Thursday 8 th April 2021 at 11.00am.	
MOU/2021/39	Car parking at Tourism Sites/Assets	<p>Update from Andrew Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, regarding carparking at tourism sites and stating the matter was being progressed through the Mournes Multi Agency Group.</p> <p>Mournes Multi Agency Group agreed to give regular updates from the Multi Agency Group regarding this issue.</p>	<p>Meeting to take place on 21st April.</p> <p>DEA Coordinator will continue to give updates on progress as they are received.</p>
MOU/2021/40	PEACE IV Training	Update from Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager, regarding projected PEACE IV training and informing the members that Mediation NI had now received approval for amended training programme and would be in contact shortly with members.	Mediation NI to contact members.

MOU/2021/41	DEA Coordinator's Report	<p>DEAs are working jointly on a new Good Relations Plan to cover joint projects across the District.</p> <p>DEA Coordinator to provide any updates on the proposed spend/projects within the Mourne Area on receipt of the confirmed budget.</p>	DEA Coordinators to action.
MOU/2021/42	Flooding at Newcastle	<p>Agreed to seek update from Rivers Agency.</p> <p>Agreed clarification to be sought from Rivers Agency with regard to how the plans for Islands Park could interact with new proposals for Tipperary Wood. Also, if Rivers Agency could contribute towards the proposed walking trail.</p>	<p>DEA Coordinators to contact Rivers Agency.</p> <p>DEA Coordinators to liaise with ERT regarding Tipperary Wood project and request to Rivers Agency.</p>
MOU/2021/43	Tree Planting	Forum members to nominate a group/individual for the Chair's tree planting.	Forum members to forward nominations to DEA Coordinator.
MOU/2021/44	Date of next meeting	26 th May 2021 at 12.00 noon.	Noted.

The meeting ended at: 1.30 pm

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 April 2021
Subject:	DfC COVID-19 Food & Essential Supplies Transition Fund
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To note the report. ➤ To agree to give approval to the Council's COVID-19 Community Coordination Hub (CCH) to distribute, allocate or award the £143,729.12 of COVID-19 Food & Essential Supplies Transition Funding provided by the Department for Communities (DfC), in keeping with the purposes of and conditions of the funding. <p>Background</p> <p>Since April 2020, DfC has awarded additional funding to Councils through DfC's District Councils' Community Support Programme to assist Councils support voluntary and community organisations undertaking actions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>To date, in seeking to ensure a coordinated approach and best use of this additional funding, the Council's COVID-19 Community Coordination Hub has channelled the funding to support community and voluntary sector activity through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several Council Financial Assistance Calls • Working in partnership and awarding some of the funding to the Confederation of Community Groups, County Down Rural Community Network and Community Advice Newry, Mourne and Down, to provide community organisations with support or funding as quickly as possible to enable them to respond effectively to immediate and emerging community need • Providing approval to the Council's COVID-19 CCH to distribute, allocate or award some of the funding as appropriate and in keeping with the purposes of and conditions attached to the funding. <p>DfC have now contacted the Council with regard to additional funding available to aid Councils in the transition from emergency food related support to longer term and more strategic and sustainable approaches to food insecurity/poverty issues. Any new funding is intended to concentrate on transitional support and development.</p> <p>DfC has confirmed funding in the sum of £143,729.12 for the COVID-19 Food & Essential Supplies Transition Fund and has issued Council with a Memorandum of Understanding</p>

	<p>(copy attached as Appendix 1) . DfC requested that the MOU be signed by the Council's Chief Executive and be returned by 31 March 2021.</p> <p>The following key principles will apply to the funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a transition from temporary emergency food support infrastructure; with ○ a focus on strategic and sustainable approaches to food poverty/food insecurity issues e.g. developing capacity and capability in the community food infrastructure, brokering partnerships with other support /service providers, linking access to food to other practical support streams <p>The funding is not available to provide direct payments to vulnerable people.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The continuing need to support community and voluntary activity which is being undertaken in response to transitional community need. ➤ That as far as is possible, community and voluntary transitional activity is coordinated in keeping with the work of the CCH ➤ To remain flexible, reactive and effective, some CCH actions may have to be undertaken in advance of AHC and full Council approval. This will only be in exceptional circumstances and will require Director sign off before implementation. ➤ The need to ensure that all activities associated with the funds adhere to Government guidance and regulations related to COVID-19. ➤ The adoption of a due process in distributing, allocating or awarding any funding. ➤ DfC timescales attached to the additional funding. ➤ DfC timescale with regard to the return of the MOU.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>That the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Note the report. ➤ Agree to give approval to the Council's COVID-19 Community Coordination Hub (CCH) to distribute, allocate or award the £143,729.12 of COVID-19 Food & Essential Supplies Transition Funding provided by the Department for Communities (DfC), in keeping with the purposes of and conditions of the funding.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	There is no requirement for the Council to match any transitional funding from DfC
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	<p>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</p>
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	<p>Appendices</p>
7.1	<p>Appendix 1: Memorandum of Understanding DfC COVID-19 Food & Essential Supplies Transition Fund March 2021.</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>
8.1	<p>None.</p>

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN:
Department for Communities and
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
COVID-19 Food & Essential supplies Transition fund

1. Overview

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to have far reaching consequences for health and our economy. Local council and voluntary and community organisations have been working in partnership with the Department during the COVID-19 pandemic to enable, support and facilitate a collaborative approach to deliver more effective and efficient and flexible support to citizens in critical need.

As the social and economic consequences of the pandemic continue to be felt, the Department continues to work with Councils and their local infrastructures in order to maximise and link efforts to help address the continuing need as we move from emergency through the transition/recovery phase.

The Department has provided several food support related funding allocations to councils i.e. the Food Partnership Fund in October 2020 and the Food and Essential items in December 2020. This has enabled both a blend of emergency support for the short term whilst also supporting the implementation of sustainable responses to food poverty/food insecurity.

This additional support through the 'Food and Essential Supplies Transition fund' complements the other COVID related funds, and will enable councils to transition from emergency food support response towards a more strategic and sustainable approach to food poverty/food insecurity issues

2. Purpose of this Document

This Memorandum of Understanding

- Sets out the Funds' duration and scope;
- Describes the roles and responsibilities;
- Sets out the financial arrangements; and
- Provide arrangements for governance and accountability.

3. Objective and Scope

The objective of the 'Food and Essential Supplies Transition fund is

'To enable the transition from emergency food support to the implementation of more sustainable pathways/responses to address food poverty/insecurity'

This additional funding expands on the support provided under the previous food funding allocations, with a focus on transitioning from emergency food support to delivering a more strategic response to provide pathways out of food poverty/food insecurity.

The following key principles will apply

- a transition from temporary emergency food support infrastructure; with
- a focus on strategic and sustainable approaches to food poverty/food insecurity issues e.g. developing capacity and capability in the community food infrastructure, brokering partnerships with other support /service providers, linking access to food to other practical support streams

4. Duration

These additional funds will be released during the financial year ending 31st March 2021. The total amount of funding awarded will be released immediately after return of the electronically signed Letter of Variance and this Memorandum of Understanding.

5. Not in Scope

The funding is not available to provide direct payments to vulnerable people.

6. Roles and Responsibilities

At Council level officials will:

- Be responsible for ensuring the Programme aligns with the high level objectives set out by the Department
- Ensure the funds are properly managed and all procurement and statutory obligations are adhered to;
- Assign points of contact (expected to be community development officers) to liaise with Departmental officials to provide regular verbal and written updates;
- Establish effective working arrangements based on co-operation, partnership and mutual assistance between local statutory, voluntary and community sector organisations;

- Collaboratively agree appropriate protocols and procedures for determining the approach to interventions;
- Work closely with funded organisations to ensure
 - they adapt the formal protocol for regulated volunteering; ensuring both volunteers and vulnerable individuals, are protected
<https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/publications/volunteering-regulated-activity-protocol>
 - that there are adequate arrangements to provide a continuous responsive service to deal with urgently arising problems;
 - that there is mandatory reporting on money spent and impact;
- Provide guidance around the safety and protection of staff engaged in assessing and delivering interventions supported through the fund; and
- Ensure that where disputes arise between organisations and cannot be resolved quickly, they are escalated to higher levels of management within the respective organisations.
- Maintain effective working relationship based on co-operation, partnership and mutual assistance with Departmental Officials

At Departmental level, officials will:

- Release funds immediately upon receipt of the electronically signed Letter of Variance and Memorandum of Understanding;
- Provide support, guidance and where appropriate, share central government information from across departments, including data relating to needs as this emerges around coronavirus;
- Maintain regular contact with council through designated points of contact to request updates and information, and to discuss emerging needs;
- Department officials will collate information received from councils and record any emerging issues to create a formal written record of interventions, sharing lessons and good practice emerging

7. Financial Arrangements

The allocations will be provided through the established Community Support Programme arrangements.

There is no requirement for councils to match fund this provision.

The funds are subject to the same local government audit as other Council spend.

8. Governance and Accountability

The Minister is accountable to the Assembly for the funding policy and ensuring that it has been properly spent as designated. To this end, leadership at local level will be needed more than ever to ensure that those citizens requiring

assistance receive the necessary help to come safely through this crisis. Each council area will have their own pressures and difficulties and it is important that help reaches those in need in a timely way. It is recognised that normal procurement guidance around best value may be difficult to uphold, but it is important to ensure that public funding delivers maximum impact.

This continues to be a fast moving crisis and public and political interest remains high throughout the crisis. It is therefore important to ensure that public money is spent in an accountable and transparent way. It is also important that the governance arrangements are proportionate and recognize the uniqueness of this intervention.

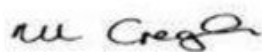
9. Monitoring & Reporting

To minimise any further administrative burden on Councils and their VCS partners, reporting on this fund will be encompassed into the existing reporting arrangements for the other food funding allocations.

Finally, I understand that this continues to be a fast paced and evolving situation and you may need to adapt quickly and beyond the scope set out within this Memorandum of Understanding. The Department commits to collaborating with you in a flexible way to ensure that the needs of people always come first. Any concerns that council officials may have should be raised through the Departmental points of contact who will work with you to ensure councils can deliver in ways that best meet local needs.

Formal Commitment to Memorandum

Signed



Dated

29 March 2021

On behalf of Department for Communities

Signed

Dated

On behalf of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	19 th April 2021
Subject:	Community Allotments at Meigh Community Centre
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen Assistant Director of Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Julie Mc Cann Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events

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

For decision	x	For noting only	
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	Meigh Community Association hold a Facilities Management Agreement (FMA) for Meigh Community Centre. The group have requested permission to use a portion of the grounds at Meigh CC to develop a Men's shed programme including community allotments.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Currently this portion of land is vacant and unused.</p> <p>Officers have considered this request in line with Councils Sports and Community Facility Management and Leasing Policy and as Meigh Community Association already has a FMA agreement with the council it is felt that this request falls outside of this policy.</p> <p>Council approved this policy to ensure a consistent approach to the management and leasing of Council owned land and property to Sporting and Community organisations and to continue to ensure that citizens within the District have open and equal access to its facilities.</p> <p>Where an approach is made to Council regarding land/property or a facility falling within the Policy it is agreed to invite expressions of interest and the Council will notify all organisation users of the land/property or facility within the past 5 years to advise that interest has been notified and that an expression of interest exercise will be undertaken.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>That the Committee agree:</p> <p>To permit Meigh Community Association to use vacant land beside the playpark at Meigh Community Centre and that this proposal is built into the groups FMA with Council.</p>
4.0	Resource implications

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

	Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/> If no, please complete the following: The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs <input type="checkbox"/>
7.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1: Map of Meigh CC (with highlighted area)
8.0	Background Documents
	None



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an Iúir, Mhúrn
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Newry, Mourne
and Down
District Council

Building:
Meigh Community
Centre

Council ref no.:
CC43

Drawing Title:
Siteplan

Drawing no.:
NM132-G-1-00

Scale:
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Drawn by:
GMcV

Date:
25.02.21

Report to:	Active Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	19 th April 2021
Subject:	Financial Assistance
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sonya Burns – Head of Programmes Ciara Burns – Project Coordinator Sarah McClory – Project Coordinator

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1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	<p>Call 1 for financial assistance 2021-2022 opened on 18th January 2021 included the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Engagement• Community Events and Festivals• Community Capital and Minor Works• Community Summer Schemes• Irish Language• Local Biodiversity Enhancement• Minor Works for Community Facilities• Minority Communities• Service Level Agreement• Sports Capital and Minor Works• Sports Development Minor Capital Items and Sports Development Summer Programmes <p>The revenue themes were open for 6 weeks and the capital themes for 8 weeks.</p> <p>Attached are reports which provide a breakdown of the number of applications, pass and fail at each stage of the process, geographical spread of the applications received and a breakdown of the final budget allocations to successful applicants.</p> <p>Several key issues were highlighted throughout the assessment process and these are outlined in Section2.</p>				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1	<p>Some projects will be required to submit documentation prior to a Letter of offer being issued.</p> <p>Score and rank will be applied to all themes where there is no budget availability for those who were over the threshold and groups will be notified of same.</p> <p>Sports Development Minor Items was split into Sports Development Summer Programmes and Minor Items (based on date of delivery and budget request i.e. delivered during May-</p>				

	<p>September and those including revenue / Sports activity costs). The panel agreed a £2,500 cap for all Sports Development Summer Programmes and allocated budgets based on this and to be able to support as many groups as possible within budget.</p> <p>There is a budget deficit in the Sports Development Minor Capital Items and Sports Capital where projects have passed the threshold however there are insufficient funds available.</p> <p>Please find attached details in the appendices of breakdown per theme.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the attached appendices for revenue and capital projects • Disaggregate the Minor Items from the Sports Development Summer programmes. Incorporating a cap of £2500 for Sports Development Summer programmes • Undertake a mid-year review of capital budgets to identify any potential shortfall to support successful Sports Development Minor Capital applicants. • Pre-letter of offer conditions met prior to issue of full letter of offer
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>Revenue/Payroll: Funding will be allocated from internal Council Budget</p> <p>Capital: As per Council budget</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>Appendices 1-12: Reports on Call one themes.</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>

Community Capital – Major/Minor Fund Financial Assistance 2021/2022 Call 1
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Applications received 8

4 Applications recommended for funding

50% of applications awarded

Amount requested from successful applicants £138,326.10

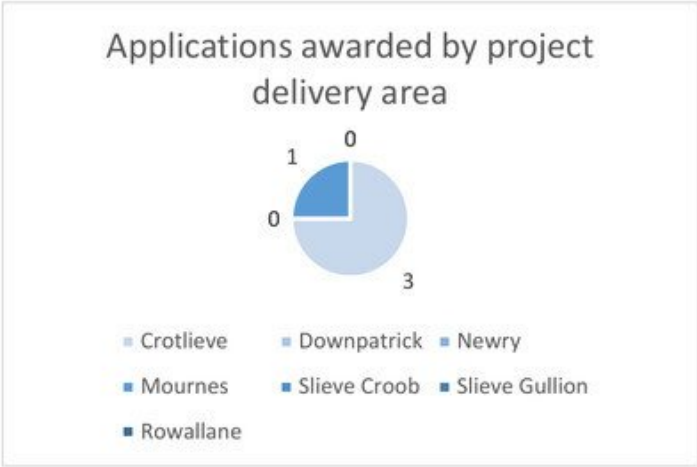
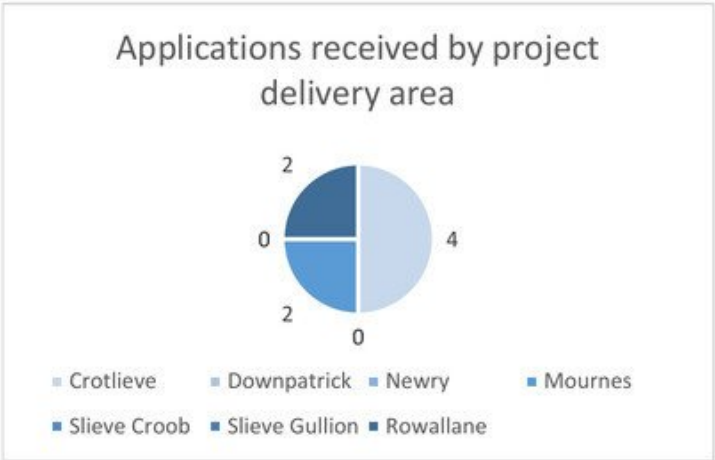
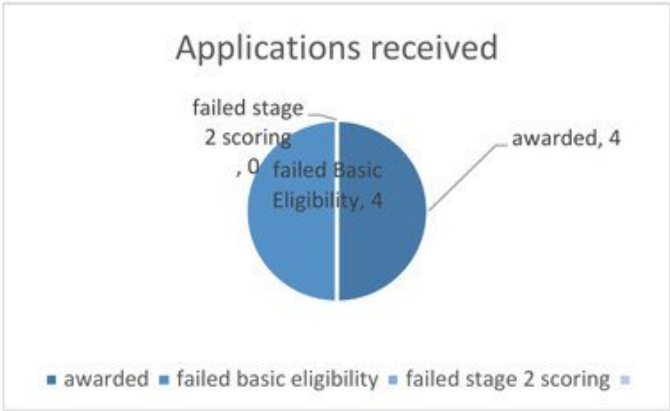
Total amount awarded £138,326.10

Of the 8 applications:

4 failed basic eligibility = 50%

0 Failed stage 2 scoring = 0%

4 Passed stage 2 and awarded = 0%



Appendix 1

Breakdown of Applications per stage and final amount recommended for award.

Stage 1 = 0 Fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility
919	No
1086	No
1168	No
1673	No

Stage 2 = 0 fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2

Stage 1 & 2 = 4 Passed & 4 Recommended for Awarded

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2	Recommended Amount Awarded
1100	Yes	Yes	£27,000.00
1453	Yes	Yes	£37,462.50
1634	Yes	Yes	£36,363.60
1639	Yes	Yes	£37,500.00
Total Awarded			£138,326.10

END

Community Engagement Fund Financial Assistance 2021/2022 Call 1
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Applications received 58

43 Applications recommended for funding

74% of applications awarded

Amount requested from successful applicants £63,562.93

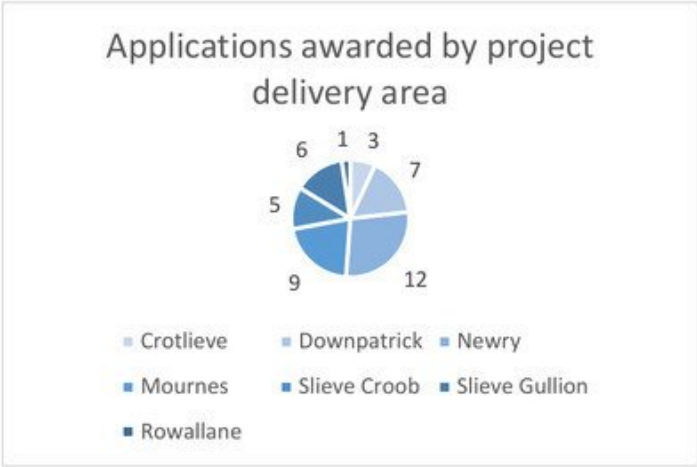
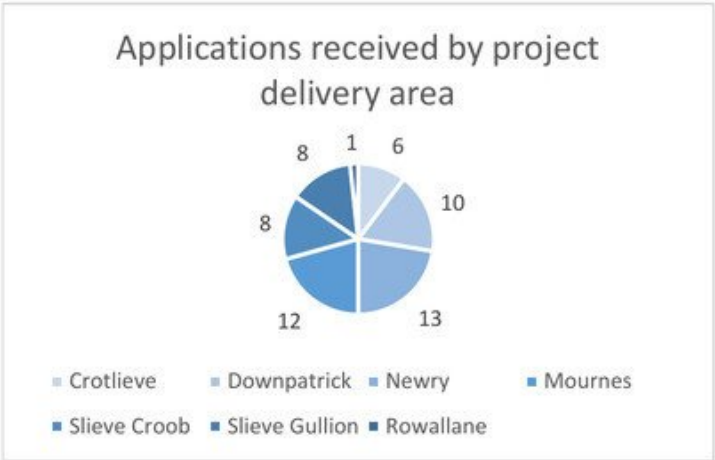
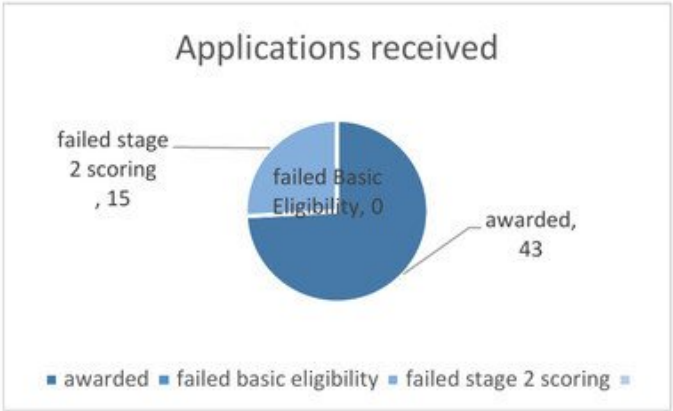
Total amount awarded £63,162.93

Of the 58 applications:

0 failed basic eligibility = 0%

15 Failed stage 2 scoring = 26%

43 Passed stage 2 and awarded = 74%



Appendix 2

Breakdown of Applications per stage and final amount recommended for award.

Stage 1 = 0 Fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility

Stage 2 = 15 fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2
886	Yes	No
1077	Yes	No
1170	Yes	No
1186	Yes	No
1363	Yes	No
1437	Yes	No
1442	Yes	No
1525	Yes	No
1532	Yes	No
1545	Yes	No
1554	Yes	No
1570	Yes	No
1573	Yes	No
1578	Yes	No
1588	Yes	No

Stage 1 & 2 = 43 Passed & 43 Recommended for Awarded

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2	Recommended Amount Awarded
891	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
911	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
925	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
949	Yes	Yes	£1,450.00
966	Yes	Yes	£1,493.00
985	Yes	Yes	£1,490.00
1057	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1097	Yes	Yes	£1,400.00
1103	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1145	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1173	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1181	Yes	Yes	£1,100.00
1226	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1247	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00

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1257	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1258	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1281	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1320	Yes	Yes	£1,400.00
1330	Yes	Yes	£1,100.00
1369	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1371	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1382	Yes	Yes	£1,450.00
1389	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1394	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1401	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1407	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1409	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1418	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1419	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1432	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1443	Yes	Yes	£1,480.00
1459	Yes	Yes	£1,399.93
1467	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1475	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1484	Yes	Yes	£1,400.00
1492	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1498	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1510	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1534	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1540	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1546	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1581	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
1618	Yes	Yes	£1,500.00
Total Awarded			£63,162.93

END

Community Events and Festivals Fund Financial Assistance 2021/2022 Call 1
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Applications received 43

21 Applications recommended for funding

49% of applications awarded

Amount requested from successful applicants **£41,030.00**

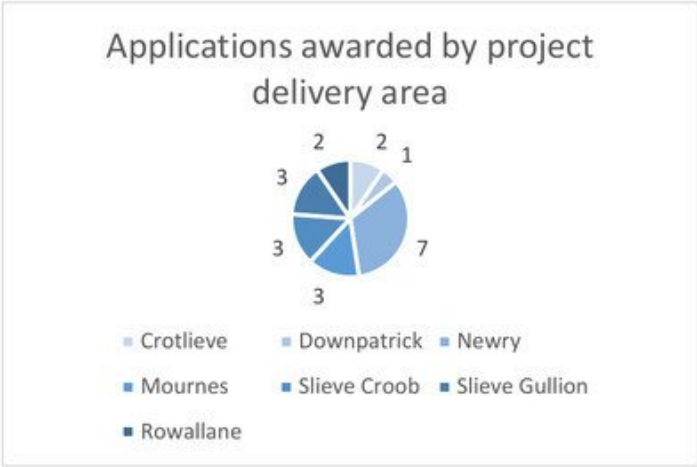
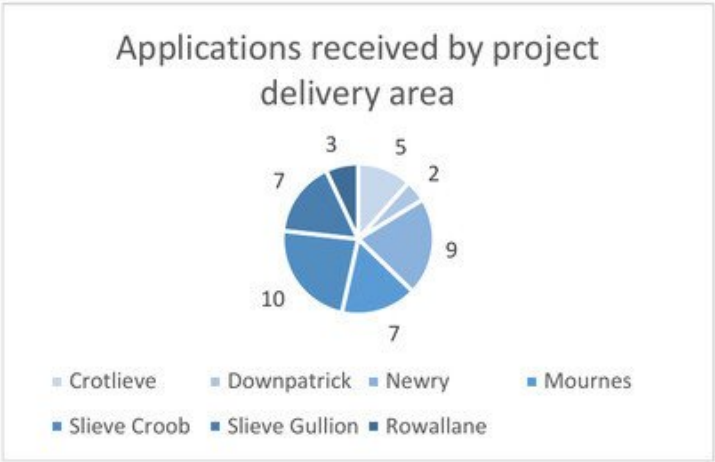
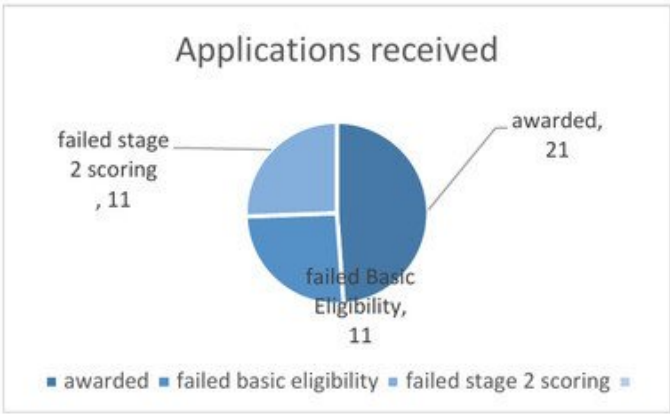
Total amount awarded **£39,680.00**

Of the 43 applications:

11 failed basic eligibility = 25.5%

11 Failed stage 2 scoring = 25.5%

21 Passed stage 2 and awarded = 49%



Appendix 3

Breakdown of Applications per stage and final amount recommended for award.

Stage 1 = 11 Fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility
898	No
954	No
955	No
973	No
1068	No
1288	No
1321	No
1383	No
1501	No
1564	No
1567	No

Stage 2 = 11 fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2
940	Yes	No
1038	Yes	No
1082	Yes	No
1112	Yes	No
1218	Yes	No
1220	Yes	No
1400	Yes	No
1474	Yes	No
1489	Yes	No
1523	Yes	No
1550	Yes	No

Stage 1 & 2 = 21 Passed & 21 Recommended for Awarded

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2	Recommended Amount Awarded
907	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
924	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
948	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
999	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
1047	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
1158	Yes	Yes	£850.00
1322	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
1347	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00

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1353	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
1361	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
1370	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
1384	Yes	Yes	£1,400.00
1399	Yes	Yes	£1,800.00
1447	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
1448	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
1463	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
1471	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
1481	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
1500	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
1548	Yes	Yes	£1,630.00
1553	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
Total Awarded			£39,680.00

END

Community Summer Schemes Fund Financial Assistance 2021/2022 Call 1 Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Applications received 36

17 Applications recommended for funding

47% of applications awarded

Amount requested from successful applicants **£16,950.00**

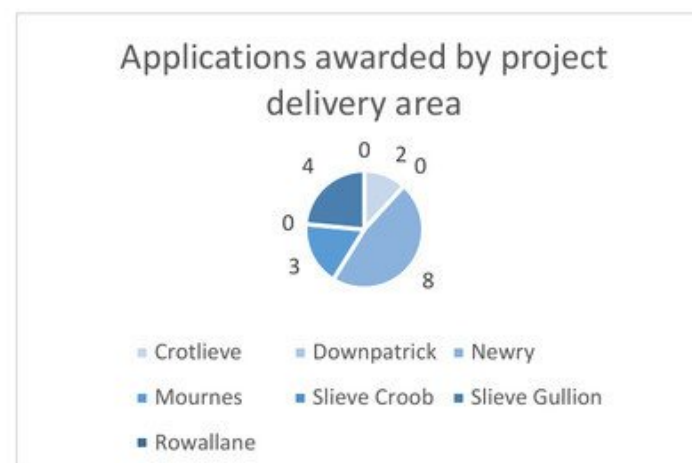
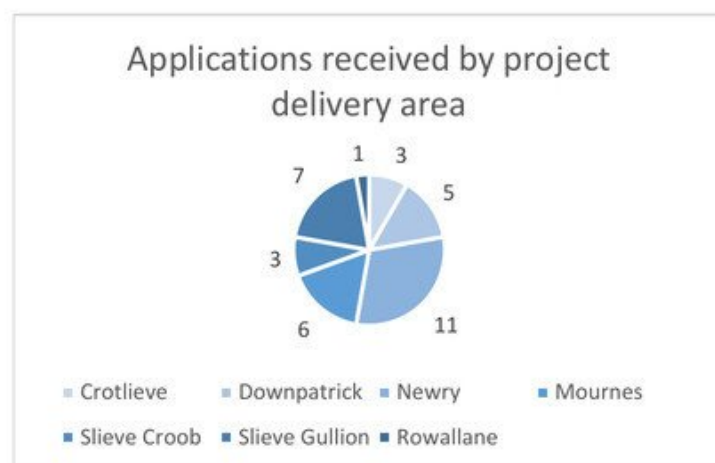
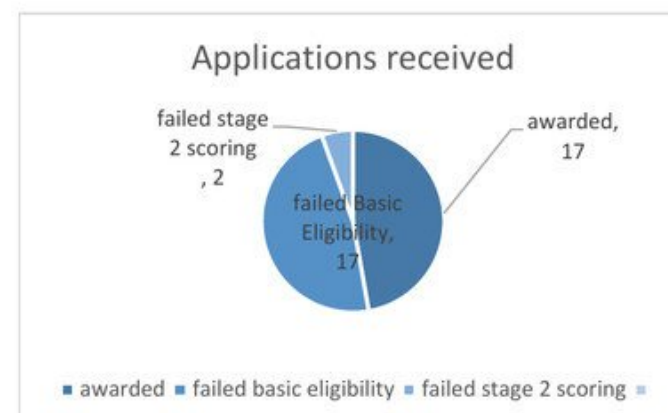
Total amount awarded **£16,550.00**

Of the 36 applications:

17 failed basic eligibility = 47%

2 Failed stage 2 scoring = 6%

17 Passed stage 2 and awarded = 47%



Appendix 4

Breakdown of Applications per stage and final amount recommended for award.

Stage 1 = 17 Fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility
971	No
1080	No
1150	No
1228	No
1319	No
1349	No
1392	No
1417	No
1440	No
1479	No
1486	No
1506	No
1527	No
1569	No
1571	No
1574	No
1586	No

Stage 2 = 2 fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2
1530	Yes	No
1575	Yes	No

Stage 1 & 2 = 17 Passed & 17 Recommended for Awarded

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2	Recommended Amount Awarded
926	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00
1037	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00
1081	Yes	Yes	£850.00
1119	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00
1167	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00
1169	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00
1213	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00
1255	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00
1343	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00
1380	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00
1441	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00

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1450	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00
1458	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00
1485	Yes	Yes	£750.00
1526	Yes	Yes	£950.00
1533	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00
1566	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00
Total Awarded			£16,550.00

END

Irish Language Financial Assistance 2021/2022 Call 1
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Applications received 26

22 Applications recommended for funding

84.5% of applications awarded

Amount requested from successful applicants **£53,730.97**

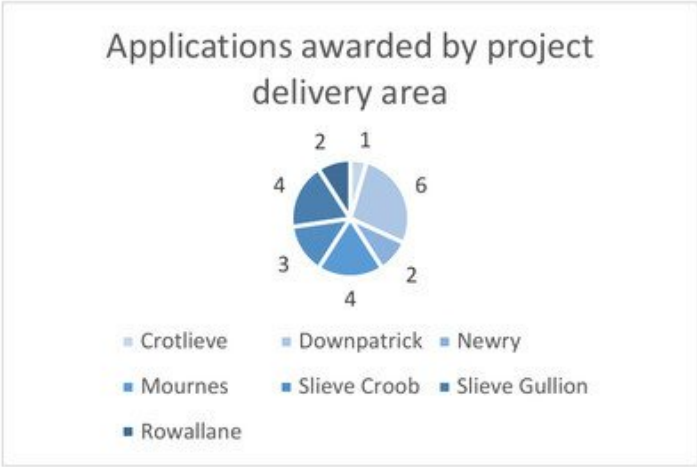
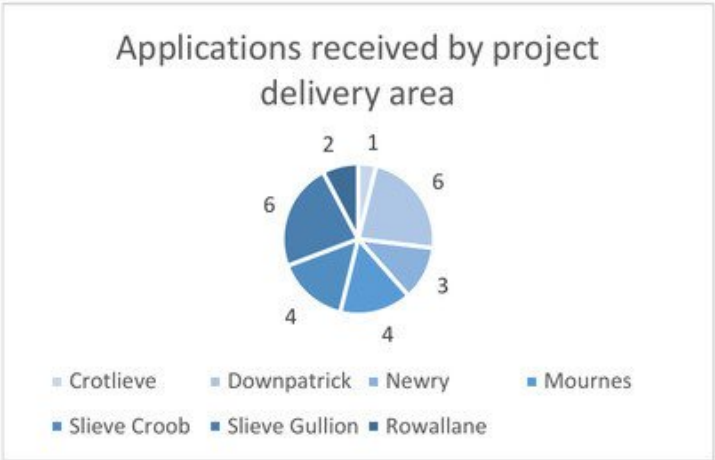
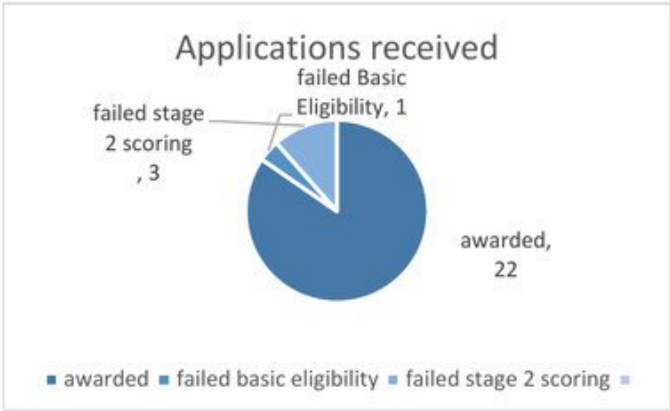
Total amount awarded **£51,660.97**

Of the 26 applications:

1 failed basic eligibility = 4%

3 Failed stage 2 scoring = 11.5%

22 Passed stage 22 and awarded = 84.5%



Appendix 5

Breakdown of Applications per stage and final amount recommended for award.

Stage 1 = 1 Fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility
1563	No

Stage 2 = 3 fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2
1028	Yes	No
1268	Yes	No
1503	Yes	No

Stage 1 & 2 = 22 Passed & 22 Recommended for Awarded

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2	Recommended Amount Awarded
909	Yes	Yes	£500.00
939	Yes	Yes	£3,000.00
1029	Yes	Yes	£1,800.00
1075	Yes	Yes	£650.00
1099	Yes	Yes	£2,950.00
1174	Yes	Yes	£3,000.00
1183	Yes	Yes	£835.97
1195	Yes	Yes	£3,000.00
1209	Yes	Yes	£3,000.00
1227	Yes	Yes	£2,300.00
1251	Yes	Yes	£2,625.00
1260	Yes	Yes	£1,600.00
1261	Yes	Yes	£3,000.00
1278	Yes	Yes	£3,000.00
1445	Yes	Yes	£3,000.00
1488	Yes	Yes	£3,000.00
1496	Yes	Yes	£3,000.00
1504	Yes	Yes	£3,000.00
1507	Yes	Yes	£1,300.00
1561	Yes	Yes	£2,100.00
1562	Yes	Yes	£3,000.00
1620	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
Total Awarded			£51,660.97

END

Local Biodiversity Enhancement Financial Assistance 2021/2022 Call 1
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Applications received 16

11 Applications recommended for funding

68.75% of applications awarded

Amount requested from successful applicants £15,936.00

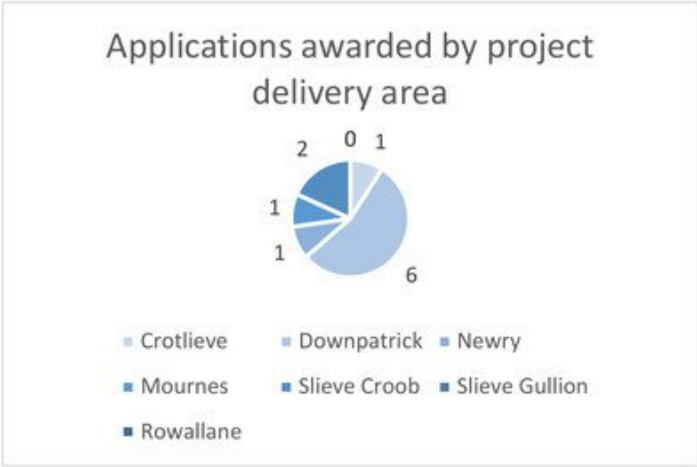
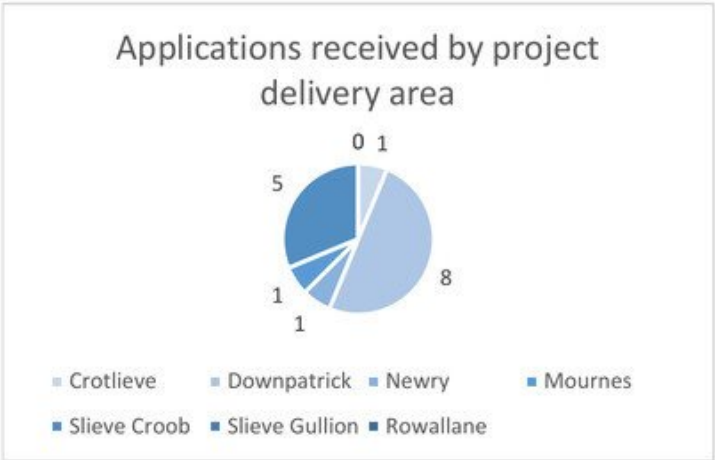
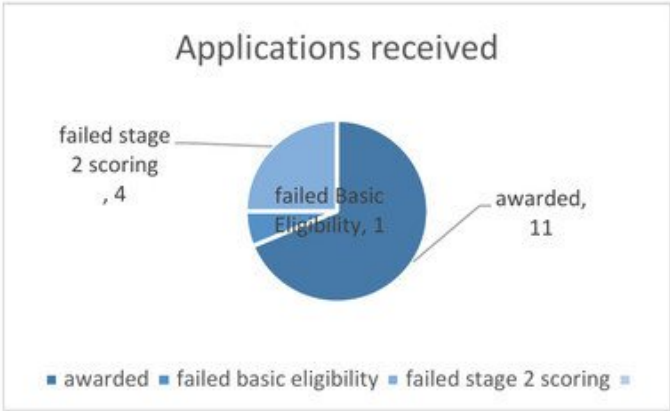
Total amount awarded £9,980.00

Of the 16 applications:

1 failed basic eligibility = 6.25%

4 Failed stage 2 scoring = 25%

11 Passed stage 2 and awarded = 68.75%



Appendix 6

Breakdown of Applications per stage and final amount recommended for award.

Stage 1 = 1 Fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility
1140	No

Stage 2 = 4 fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2
1010	Yes	No
1111	Yes	No
1245	Yes	No
1535	Yes	No

Stage 1 & 2 = 11 Passed & 11 Recommended for Awarded

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2	Recommended Amount Awarded
1128	Yes	Yes	£600.00
1254	Yes	Yes	£1,400.00
1275	Yes	Yes	£1,400.00
1367	Yes	Yes	£410.00
1396	Yes	Yes	£1,300.00
1412	Yes	Yes	£750.00
1472	Yes	Yes	£825.00
1494	Yes	Yes	£800.00
1508	Yes	Yes	£770.00
1556	Yes	Yes	£975.00
1582	Yes	Yes	£750.00
Total Awarded			£9,980.00

END

Minority Communities Fund Financial Assistance 2021/2022 Call 1
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Applications received 23

13 Applications recommended for funding

56.5% of applications awarded

Amount requested from successful applicants £13,000.00

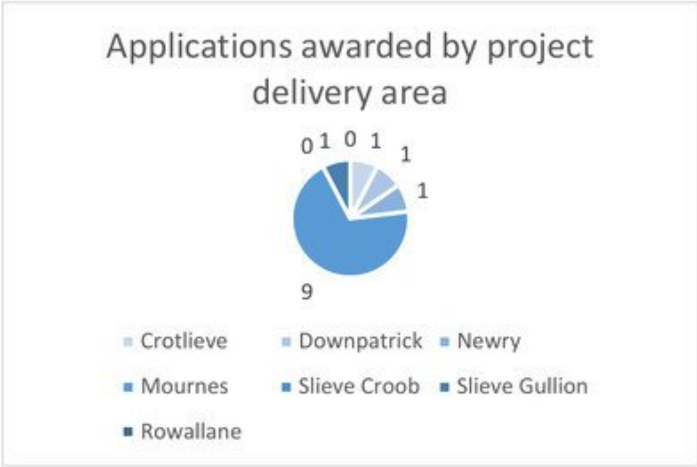
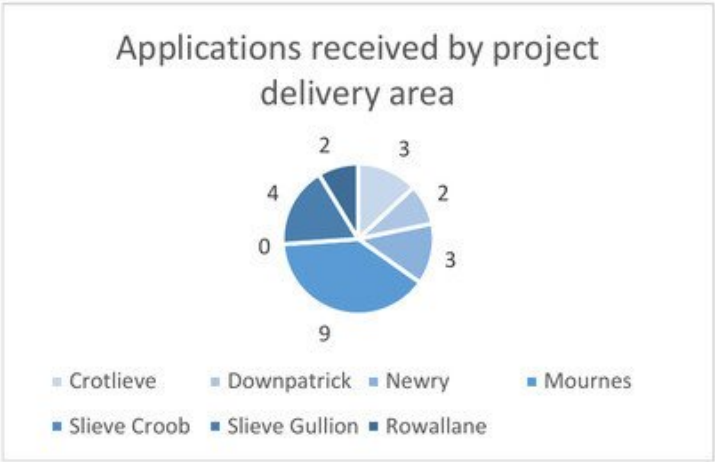
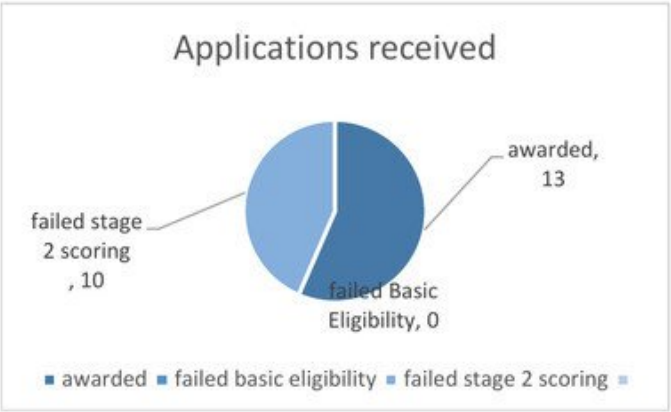
Total amount awarded £12,950.00

Of the 23 applications:

0 failed basic eligibility = 0%

10 Failed stage 2 scoring = 43.5%

13 Passed stage 2 and awarded = 56.5%



Appendix 7

Breakdown of Applications per stage and final amount recommended for award.

Stage 1 = 0 Fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility

Stage 2 = 10 fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2
944	Yes	No
1076	Yes	No
1210	Yes	No
1270	Yes	No
1289	Yes	No
1313	Yes	No
1439	Yes	No
1528	Yes	No
1547	Yes	No
1621	Yes	No

Stage 1 & 2 = 13 Passed & 13 Recommended for Awarded

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2	Recommended Amount Awarded
923	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00
1079	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00
1101	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00
1105	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00
1106	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00
1107	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00
1108	Yes	Yes	£950.00
1279	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00
1292	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00
1390	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00
1414	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00
1454	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00
1524	Yes	Yes	£1,000.00
Total Awarded			£12.950.00

END

NI Centenaries Fund Financial Assistance 2021/2022 Call 1

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Applications received 39

24 Applications recommended for funding

61.5% of applications awarded

Amount requested from successful applicants **£44,483.00**

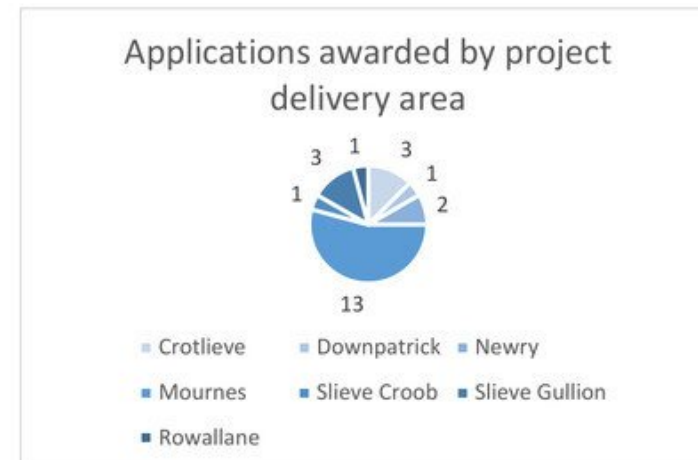
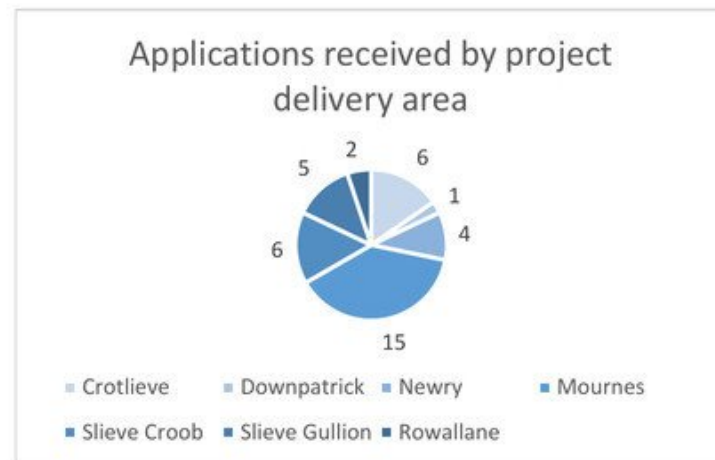
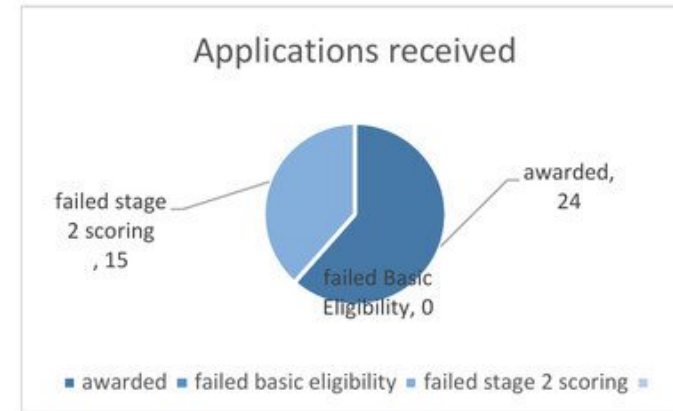
Total amount awarded **£43,713.00**

Of the 39 applications:

0 failed basic eligibility = 0%

15 Failed stage 2 scoring = 38.5%

24 Passed stage 2 and awarded = 61.5%



Appendix 8

Breakdown of Applications per stage and final amount recommended for award.

Stage 1 = 0 Fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility

Stage 2 = 15 fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2
1197	Yes	No
1423	Yes	No
1469	Yes	No
1538	Yes	No
1591	Yes	No
1592	Yes	No
1599	Yes	No
1607	Yes	No
1614	Yes	No
1616	Yes	No
1624	Yes	No
1629	Yes	No
1643	Yes	No
1644	Yes	No
1655	Yes	No

Stage 1 & 2 = 24 Passed & 24 Recommended for Awarded

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2	Recommended Amount Awarded
1116	Yes	Yes	£1,250.00
1132	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
1142	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
1165	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
1166	Yes	Yes	£1,900.00
1194	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
1262	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
1277	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
1285	Yes	Yes	£1,950.00
1293	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
1338	Yes	Yes	£1,300.00
1351	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
1404	Yes	Yes	£1,960.00
1415	Yes	Yes	£1,450.00

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1495	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
1594	Yes	Yes	£1,894.00
1606	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
1612	Yes	Yes	£1,450.00
1630	Yes	Yes	£1,959.00
1635	Yes	Yes	£1,800.00
1637	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
1642	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
1648	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00
1649	Yes	Yes	£800.00
Total Awarded			£43,713.00

END

Service Level Agreements Fund Financial Assistance 2021/2022 Call 1
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Applications received 11

5 Applications recommended for funding

45.5% of applications awarded

Amount requested from successful applicants **£13,929.50**

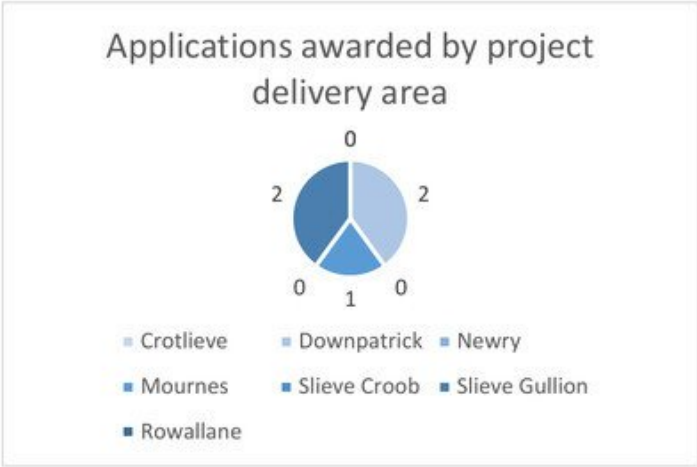
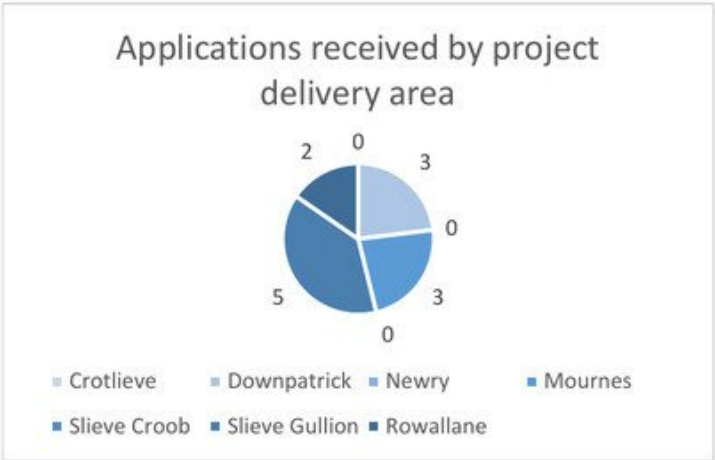
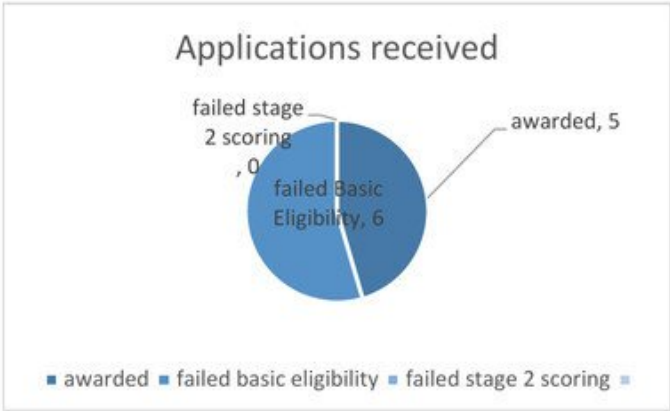
Total amount awarded **£13,750.00**

Of the 11 applications:

6 failed basic eligibility = 54.5%

0 Failed stage 2 scoring = 0%

5 Passed stage 2 and awarded = 45.5%



Appendix 9

Breakdown of Applications per stage and final amount recommended for award.

Stage 1 = 6 Fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility
970	No
1294	No
1315	No
1357	No
1473	No
1512	No

Stage 2 = 0 fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2

Stage 1 & 2 = 5 Passed & 5 Recommended for Awarded

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2	Recommended Amount Awarded
1199	Yes	Yes	£3,000.00
1276	Yes	Yes	£1,750.00
1323	Yes	Yes	£3,000.00
1331	Yes	Yes	£3,000.00
1585	Yes	Yes	£3,000.00
Total Awarded			£13,750.00

END

Sports Development Minor Capital Items Fund Financial Assistance 2021/2022 Call 1 Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Applications received 36

8 Applications recommended for funding

22% of applications awarded

Amount requested from successful applicants **£92,198.80**

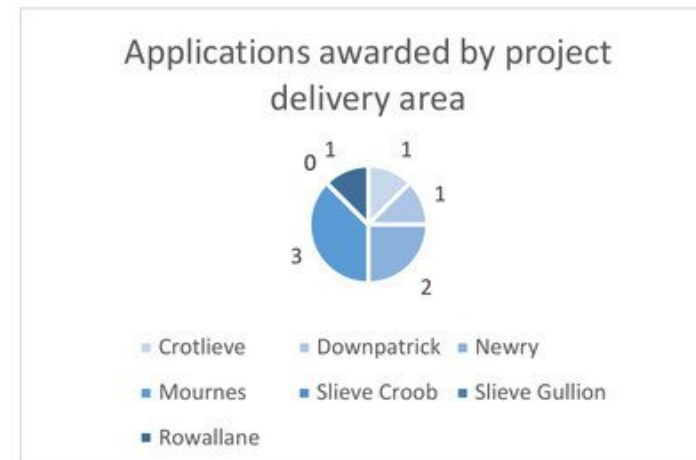
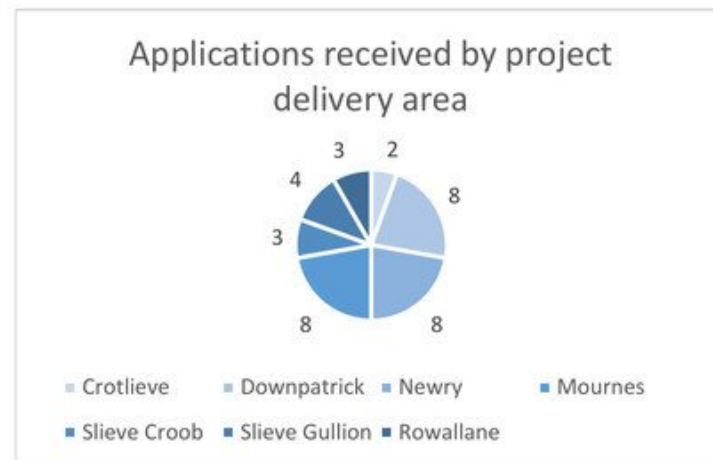
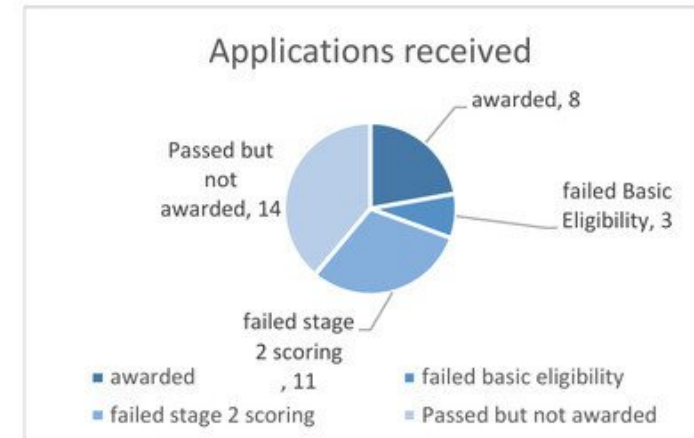
Total amount awarded **£36,833.00**

Of the 36 applications:

3 failed basic eligibility = 8.5%

11 Failed stage 2 scoring = 30.5%

22 Passed stage 2 and 8 awarded = 22%



Appendix 10

Breakdown of Applications per stage and final amount recommended for award.

Stage 1 = 3 Fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility
937	No
1089	No
1514	No

Stage 2 = 11 fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2
895	Yes	No
996	Yes	No
1064	Yes	No
1219	Yes	No
1233	Yes	No
1297	Yes	No
1325	Yes	No
1386	Yes	No
1406	Yes	No
1452	Yes	No
1557	Yes	No

Stage 1 & 2 = 22 Passed & 8 Recommended for Awarded

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2	Recommended Amount Awarded
951	Yes	Yes	£5,000.00
1296	Yes	Yes	£3,975.00
1148	Yes	Yes	£4,978.00
1446	Yes	Yes	£2,880.00
1505	Yes	Yes	£5,000.00
1617	Yes	Yes	£5,000.00
959	Yes	Yes	£5,000.00
1444	Yes	Yes	£5,000.00
1236	Yes	Yes	£0.00
1348	Yes	Yes	£0.00
1225	Yes	Yes	£0.00
1589	Yes	Yes	£0.00
1438	Yes	Yes	£0.00
901	Yes	Yes	£0.00
1203	Yes	Yes	£0.00
1364	Yes	Yes	£0.00

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1497	Yes	Yes	£0.00
1464	Yes	Yes	£0.00
1483	Yes	Yes	£0.00
1378	Yes	Yes	£0.00
1542	Yes	Yes	£0.00
1403	Yes	Yes	£0.00
Total Awarded			£36,833.00

END

Sports Development Summer Programme Financial Assistance 2021/2022 Call 1

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Applications received 12

11 Applications recommended for funding

91.5% of applications awarded

Amount requested from successful applicants **£46,481.00**

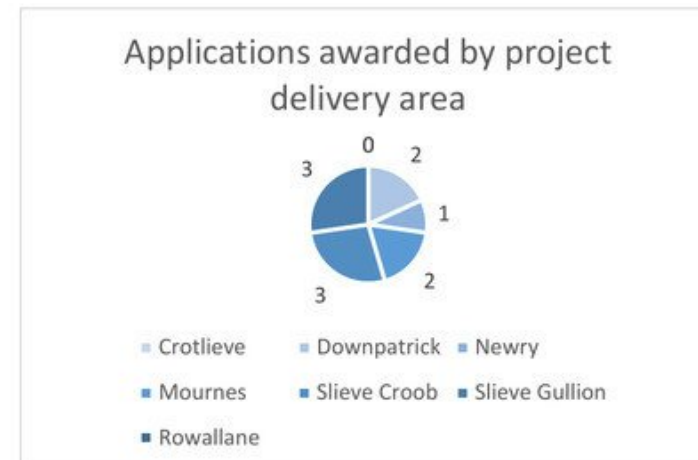
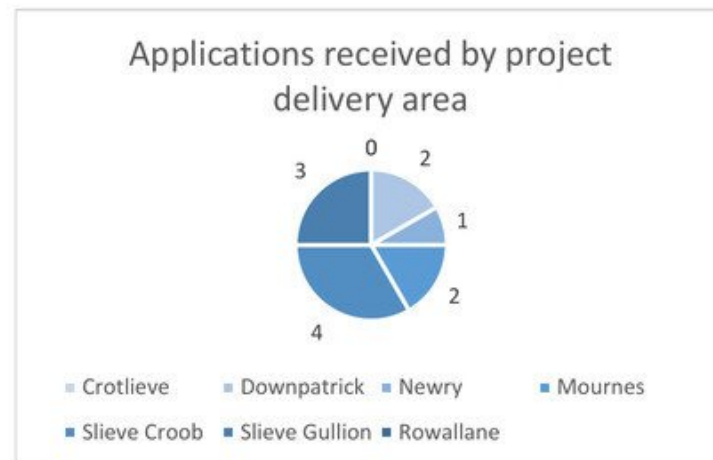
Total amount awarded **£26,060.48**

Of the 11 applications:

0 failed basic eligibility = 0%

1 Failed stage 2 scoring = 8.5%

11 Passed stage 2 and awarded = 91.5%



Appendix 11

Breakdown of Applications per stage and final amount recommended for award.

Stage 1 = 0 Fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility

Stage 2 = 1 fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2
960	Yes	No

Stage 1 & 2 = 11 Passed & 11 Recommended for Awarded

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2	Recommended Amount Awarded
927	Yes	Yes	£2,500.00
1084	Yes	Yes	£2,425.00
1113	Yes	Yes	£2,500.00
1152	Yes	Yes	£2,499.50
1200	Yes	Yes	£1,920.00
1248	Yes	Yes	£1,800.00
1350	Yes	Yes	£2,500.00
1366	Yes	Yes	£2,500.00
1372	Yes	Yes	£2,435.98
1460	Yes	Yes	£2,480.00
1551	Yes	Yes	£2,500.00
Total Awarded			£26,060.48

END

Sports Facility Capital Fund Financial Assistance 2021/2022 Call 1

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Applications received 32

7 Applications recommended for funding

22% of applications awarded

Amount requested from successful applicants **£705,695.00**

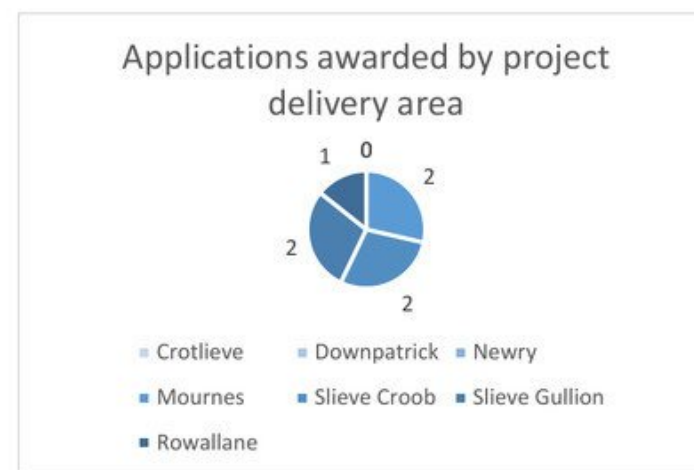
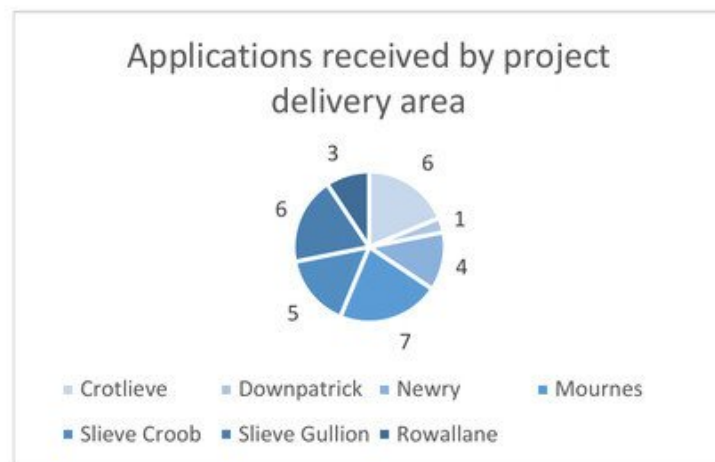
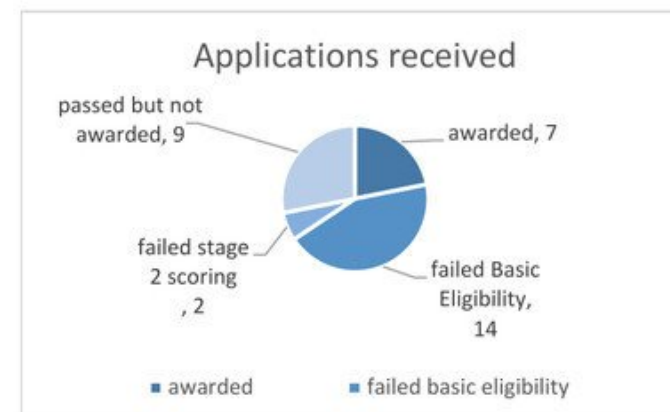
Total amount awarded **£244,252.75**

Of the 32 applications:

14 failed basic eligibility = 43.75%

2 Failed stage 2 scoring = 6.25%

16 Passed stage 2 and 7 awarded = 50%



Appendix 12

Breakdown of Applications per stage and final amount recommended for award.

Stage 1 = 14 Fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility
952	No
953	No
984	No
997	No
1062	No
1290	No
1615	No
1627	No
1665	No
1676	No
1693	No
1694	No
1695	No
1696	No

Stage 2 = 2 fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2
1156	Yes	No
1638	Yes	No

Stage 1 & 2 = 16 Passed & 7 Recommended for Awarded

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2	Recommended Amount Awarded
1051	Yes	Yes	£44,400.00
1190	Yes	Yes	£24,000.00
1223	Yes	Yes	£21,093.75
1239	Yes	Yes	£62,696.50
1619	Yes	Yes	£37,350.00
1671	Yes	Yes	£24,712.50
1675	Yes	Yes	£30,000.00
1049	Yes	Yes	£0
1287	Yes	Yes	£0
1608	Yes	Yes	£0
1611	Yes	Yes	£0
1632	Yes	Yes	£0
1636	Yes	Yes	£0
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1662	Yes	Yes	£0
1670	Yes	Yes	£0
Total Awarded			£244,252.75

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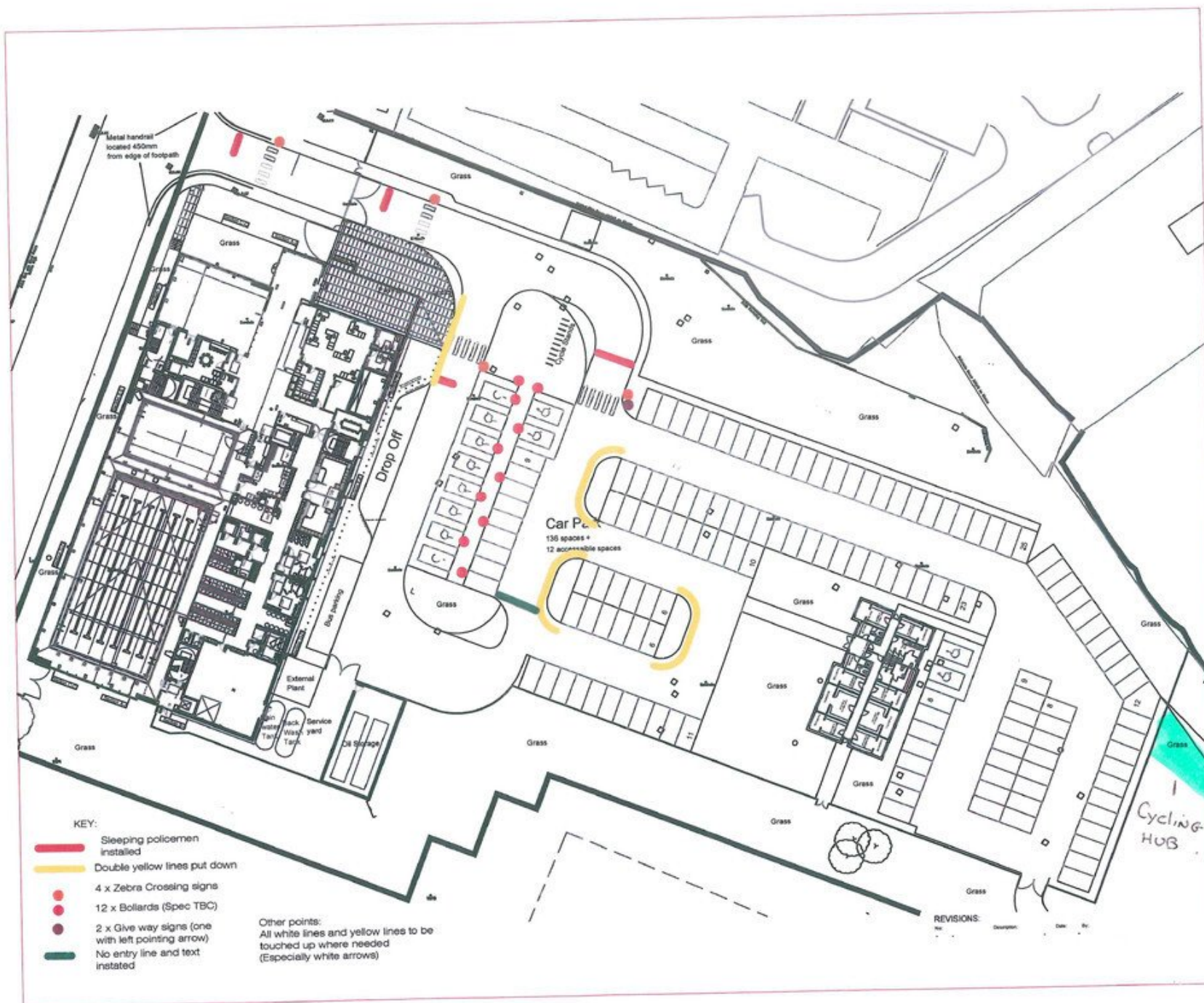
Report to:	Active Health and Communities Committee (AHC)
Date of Meeting:	19 th April 2021
Subject:	Cycle Hub – Downpatrick Leisure Centre/Dunleath Park
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Paul Tamati, Assistant Director: Leisure and Sport
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure

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

For decision	x	For noting only	
1.0			Purpose and Background
1.1			<p>The purpose of this report is for AHC committee to consider and agree for Council to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish a cycle hub at Downpatrick Leisure Centre/Dunleath Park in partnership with Cycling Ireland. 2. Enter into a license agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with Cycling Ireland as part of this partnership. <p>As part of a new initiative cycling Ireland are working in partnership with local authorities to establish cycle hubs across Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Led by Cycling Ireland the hub aims to improve health and wellbeing by increasing participation in cycling via initiatives and programmes delivered by cycling Ireland from the proposed cycle hub.</p>
2.0			Key issues
2.1			<p>The cycle hub will see the establishment of an innovative and unique cycling development and training project based at Downpatrick Leisure Centre/Dunleath Park and will be located as outlined in per appendix 1.</p> <p>The cycle hub will comprise of two 20-foot x 10-foot containers; one to be used for a classroom to deliver courses, tutoring and programme delivery and the other to be used for a bike maintenance, storage and workshop facility.</p>
3.0			Recommendations
3.1			<p>That AHC Committee consider and agree:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To establish a cycle hub at Downpatrick Leisure Centre/Dunleath Park in partnership with Cycling Ireland. 2. That Council enter into a license agreement and memorandum of understanding with Cycling Ireland and officers agree the detail of this in conjunction with Councils legal team.

4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>Revenue: There will be revenue budget implications associated with site preparation and utility costs however it is anticipated that these costs can be absorbed within current revenue budgets.</p> <p>Capital: There are no identified capital budget implications associated with this report.</p>
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<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> <p>If no, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1: Cycle Hub Site Location
8.0	Background Documents
	None



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

Building:
DLC Car Park

Council reference no.:

Drawing Title:
WM Alterations

Drawing no.:

Scale:
1:500 @ a3

Drawn by:
NM


Date:
30.10.2020

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 th April 2021
Subject:	Erection of Fairtrade District Signs
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sheena McEldowney, Head of Sustainability

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

For decision	X	For noting only	
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	To consider erecting Fairtrade District Signs to recognise and highlight Newry, Mourne and Down's achievement of Fairtrade District Status.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fairtrade is a global movement for change that works to guarantee a better deal for disadvantaged developing world producers and farmers, securing better prices, decent working conditions and fair terms of trade. Its primary objective is to tackle poverty, eliminate exploitation (child labour/human trafficking) and ensure the protection of the environment in which they live and work, through the purchase of Fairtrade certified products. Newry, Mourne and Down attained Fairtrade District status in 2018 and has successfully renewed the accreditation since. The Fairtrade Steering Group has an agreed action plan, which includes promoting and highlighting Fairtrade. To celebrate the great achievement of becoming a Fairtrade District the Newry, Mourne and Down District Fairtrade Steering Group has requested that the Council consider erecting District Road Signs. This will be a high-profile demonstration of the District's and the Council's commitment to supporting and promoting Fairtrade to residents and visitors alike. Following meetings and discussions with the Fairtrade Steering Group, The All-Party Group on Fairtrade NI, and with the Council's Sustainability, Marketing and Estates divisions the following options are being put forward for consideration by the Council:

	<p>Option 1</p> <p>Propose to implement Fairtrade District Statute signage, as per Fairtrade Organisation template, on all 21 Boundary signs across the District.</p> <p>Cost: £ Cost: £1,102.50 (excl. VAT)</p> <p>There will also be some associated costs for staff from Facilities Management to carry out the work.</p> <p>This would be the existing Fairtrade Foundation Official template as below:</p>  <p>Option 2</p> <p>Develop a rolling programme of Erecting Fairtrade District Status signs, as per Fairtrade Organisation template above, on council owned green space across the District</p> <p>Cost:</p> <p>2 signs per annum: Approx. £700 for 2 signs</p> <p>Option 3:</p> <p>Do Nothing, promote via media channels.</p> <p>Cost: Officer time</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Council agree to Option 1 - implement Fairtrade District Statute signage, as per Fairtrade Organisation template, on all 21 Boundary signs across the District Cost: £1,102.50 (excl. VAT).
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	£1,102.50 available within existing budgets.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i>

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

8.0	Background Documents

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 th April 2021
Subject:	Funding request from Sustainable NI
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sheena McEldowney, Head of Sustainability

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

For decision	X	For noting only	
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	To consider and agree to provide funding of £5000 to Sustainable NI for 2021-22 year and sign SLA with SNI.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable NI (SNI) is a charity set up to advance the pursuit of sustainable development by local authorities and others. Sustainable NI manages the Local Government Sustainable Development Forum which provides networking and advice to Council Officers engaged in the field of Sustainability. Council have previously agreed to pay an annual subscription to Sustainable NI. They are now requesting the annual contribution of £5000 for our continuing membership of the Forum (Appendix I & II) and have provided a copy of their Annual report for 2020/2021 (Appendix III). SNI will deliver the following support to Council's during 2021/2022: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Policy engagement – secretariat for All Party Group on Climate Action and advocate for sustainable change Knowledge exchange – sharing good practice through forums, communities of practice and case studies Professional advice – guidance to improve sustainability and reduce climate impact Tools and frameworks – templates to measure, report and improve corporate sustainability

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SNI will be a useful resource and support to the work of the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Standing Forum, the Single Use Plastics Officer Working Group and the Climate Adaptation Working Group.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Council agree to provide funding of £5000 to Sustainable NI for 2021-22 year and signing of an SLA with SNI.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	£5000 provision has been made within existing budget.
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	<p>Appendix I Letter from SNI dated 26 Feb 2021</p> <p>Appendix II Membership Brochure</p> <p>Appendix III SNI Annual report for 2019/2020</p>
8.0	Background Documents

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26 February 2021

Subscription 2021/22

Dear Marie

I am writing to thank you for your continued support to Sustainable Northern Ireland and have pleasure in attaching our Annual Report¹ (2019/20) along with a brochure outlining the support available in 2021/22. With the pandemic impacting most aspects of public life, councils have faced unprecedented challenges this year. Yet there have been many silver linings, for example the renewed sense of community spirit and the environmental benefits that have resulted from lockdown, including temporary improvements in air quality, lower greenhouse gas emissions and lower levels of noise pollution.

Last year, the World Economic Forum ranked climate change as the **number one risk** facing the world. Local authorities realise that global risks require local action, and in Northern Ireland councils are increasingly ambitious in their plans to tackle climate change. As of February 2021, 6 councils in Northern Ireland had declared climate emergencies, most have established cross-departmental and cross-party working groups and are in the process of developing plans to deliver against ambitious goals and targets.

Councils have powers or influence over roughly a third of emissions in their local areas² and have a range of existing levers that can be used to deliver local action that reduces emissions and prepare local areas to a changing climate. However these levers alone are unlikely to be sufficient to deliver Net Zero ambitions, due to gaps in powers, policy and funding barriers, and a lack of capacity and skills at a local level. Additionally, without some level of coordination from Government, Northern Ireland risks pursuing a fragmented strategy towards Net Zero. Sustainable Northern Ireland helps to remedy this by acting as an intermediary body to **lobby** for ambitious policies that are conducive to a Net Zero sustainable economy, to provide **specialist support** when needed, and facilitate **cross-government dialogue** and collaboration to accelerate progress in this area.

2020/21 Highlights

Sustainable Northern Ireland promoted the 'Build Back Better' message this year, appealing to all levels of government to ensure that lessons are learned from the Covid-19 crisis in terms of taking global threats seriously, and using the recovery as an opportunity to build a low-carbon, inclusive and resilient economy.

Our **campaign** for a Climate Change Act over the summer culminated in a joint Open Letter to the First and Deputy First Minister and the UK Prime Minister, calling for a green economic recovery. We also lobbied the Department of Finance on the inclusion of green recovery elements in City Region Deal funds, and more recently called on the Minister for Infrastructure

¹ <https://www.sustainableni.org/sites/default/files/reports/SNI%202020%20Annual%20Report%20%28v2%29.pdf>

² <https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/local-authorities-and-the-sixth-carbon-budget/>

to provide support to assist councils to avail of funding available through the On-street Residential Chargepoint Scheme (ORCS).

Other advocacy this year included the provision of **consultation responses** including: Discussion Document on a Climate Change Act for NI; Discussion Document on the Future of Recycling; Draft Transmission Development Plan 2020-2029; Consultation on Environmental Plans, Principles and Governance for Northern Ireland, Consultation on the EU PEACE PLUS Programme; and Discussion Document on a Clean Air Strategy for NI and the Programme for Government Framework Consultation.

Sustainable Northern Ireland also provides the secretariat for the **All-Party Group on Climate Action**. The Group provides a forum for discussion between politicians, NGOs, business leaders and academics, to drive progress on climate action and sustainable development. The Group met five times this year and meetings explored issues ranging from the role of local government in tackling climate change; the youth voice on climate change; and opportunities for decarbonising the housing sector.

We have provided ongoing **1-2-1 support** to officers and elected members throughout lockdown. This 'helpdesk' function was reinforced through the quarterly forums that we facilitate – the **Sustainable Development Forum** and **Tackling Plastic NI group**, each of which held four meetings this year. These forums continue to be an invaluable resource to officers, providing peer-to-peer support, collaboration and co-ordination of public sector activities in this field.

Detailed guidance was issued on **sustainable procurement**, including sharing of exemplar tenders, policies, advice and provision of training. In addition, we developed an exemplar **Sustainability Policy** (attached to this letter) designed to provide a practical road map for local authorities on the necessary policy changes that will be required to meet local net-zero carbon and sustainability goals. We have also developed a decision screening tool, due for consultation shortly. This should be an invaluable resource in ensuring corporate decisions are fully aligned to sustainability and climate goals.

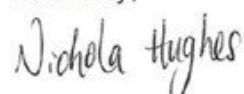
2021/22 Membership

I attach a brochure outlining the support available in 2021/22. Membership will remain unchanged at £5,000 per year, and I have also included a list of additional bespoke services available on request. With a Public Body Reporting Duty likely as part of a NI Climate Change Bill, councils will need to develop their strategies and plans in preparation for statutory reporting. There is likely to be a high level of public scrutiny on councils to publish Climate Action Plans in the next 12 – 24 months.

Sustainable Northern Ireland is well placed to assist you in developing your climate action plan or strategy. With extensive knowledge and experience of the local government sector alongside our non-profit status, we may be able to offer more competitive rates than the private sector which could be beneficial at a time when council budgets are at full stretch. In addition to bespoke strategies and training, we can also assist Council in the development of funding applications, for example in the upcoming round of PEACE PLUS funding.

I hope the Council will continue to support Sustainable Northern Ireland, despite growing pressures on local authority budgets. If you decide to proceed with membership, an invoice will be sent in April along with payment terms (30 days). Members should be aware that services will cease in the event of non-payment. If you would like any additional information, or if you have any queries in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Nichola Hughes

Executive Director

Membership

Support available in 2021-22



About Sustainable Northern Ireland

- We are an independent charity working to accelerate the transition to a sustainable, low-carbon future
- We provide leadership and expertise to help address the climate emergency
- We help organisations reduce their carbon footprint and become more sustainable
- Established in 1998

Impartial

Knowledgeable

Transformative

Collaborative

About Sustainable Northern Ireland

We are here to help you deliver on your authority's climate ambitions and support the transition to a low carbon economy

- Member funded
- Advocate for change
- Impartial support
- Dedicated advisor
- Open to all public authorities
- Specialist in climate action planning and sustainability reporting



Our work



Policy engagement – secretariat for All Party Group on Climate Action and advocate for sustainable change



Knowledge exchange – sharing good practice through forums, communities of practice and case studies



Professional advice – guidance to improve sustainability and reduce climate impact



Tools and frameworks – templates to measure, report and improve corporate sustainability

Additional services



Climate literacy training



Strategy workshops & development



Climate-proofing and screening



Bid writing



Sustainable procurement guidance



Climate Action Plan



Sustainability monitoring & reporting



Sustainability policy



Carbon footprinting



Climate readiness assessment

Join us

In joining Sustainable Northern Ireland you join a network of progressive organisations who want to accelerate the transition to a low-carbon, sustainable society and who are prepared to collaborate with others to bring about change.

Annual membership
£5,000 (+ VAT)

BENEFITS		Member
1. DEMONSTRATE SUSTAINABILITY PROGRESS		
Recognition	Speaking opportunities at Sustainable Northern Ireland meetings and events	✓
	Showcasing your successes to our network	✓
Logo	Opportunity to use Sustainable Northern Ireland brand and logo	✓
Online profile	Profile on Sustainable Northern Ireland website	✓
2. ACHIEVE YOUR SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES		
Guidance & Tools	Access to library of sustainability resources, guidance, case studies and tools	✓
News	Sustainable Northern Ireland monthly newsletter, funding and policy email alerts	✓
Support & Training	Access to quarterly sustainable development forum including knowledge exchange and peer-to-peer support	✓
	Access to Sustainable Northern Ireland helpdesk	✓
	Access to online webinars and learning events	✓
Consultancy	Discounted fees on additional services	✓
3. SHAPE THE SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE AGENDA		
Lobbying	Invitation to join the All-Party Group on Climate Action	✓
	Access to Sustainable Northern Ireland consultation responses and campaigns	✓
Events	Invitations to high-level meetings and Roundtables	✓
Partnerships	Involvement in multi-stakeholder partnerships and task groups	✓
Steering Group	Opportunity to join the Sustainable Northern Ireland Steering Group	✓

Keeping you up to speed

Forum

Quarterly huddle for sustainability and climate action practitioners across Northern Ireland, to collaborate, share knowledge and experiences with their peers in a trusted space.

Webinars

Free webinars to help officers build their knowledge and share expertise in many aspects of the zero-carbon transition.

eBulletin

Sign up to our monthly news bulletin to receive emails relevant to Sustainable NI news, support and funding.

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sustainableNI

Annual Report

2019-2020



Executive Summary

Sustainable Northern Ireland (SNI) works with partners to build a more sustainable and resilient society by inspiring, influencing and informing. We are committed to the principles of sustainable development; our work programmes encourage organisations to integrate these principles throughout their own operations and business planning functions. SNI also established the Belfast Food Network, to develop initiatives that will make Belfast a Sustainable Food City.

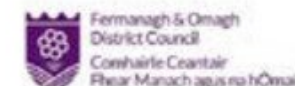
We offer a range of services to subscribing partners:

- Sustainability Training
- Strategy & Policy Development
- Forums & Networks
- Sustainability Reporting
- Sustainability within Community Planning
- Fundraising

This Review covers the period 2019-2020.

With introductory comments from the Chair of the Board of Directors, this report summarises our work with councils and other agencies through the Sustainable Development Forum. It covers our projects and partnership initiatives, policy and advocacy work, in addition to a governance update and financial summary.

Supported by:



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Chair's Report

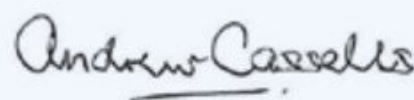
This year Sustainable Northern Ireland (SNI) has been incredibly busy working across a number of important policy and advocacy issues surrounding Brexit - grappling with implications for environmental protection, regulation and governance - and latterly in highlighting environmental opportunities following the restoration of the Northern Ireland Executive. As the prospect of leaving the EU without a deal seems increasingly likely, we highlighted some of the most significant threats posed to the environment in our various consultation responses, whilst at the same time continuing to provide high quality support and advice to our members.

A few activities in particular stand out this year. Firstly the provision of comprehensive responses to government consultations on a future Environment Strategy and a future Energy Strategy for Northern Ireland. SNI will no doubt be putting significant effort into influencing these as they develop over the next year or two.

Secondly, in seizing the opportunity to establish and facilitate an All-Party Group on Climate Action. The group provides an important vehicle for stakeholders to influence policy; whilst at the same time increasing awareness of key issues with decision makers in central and local government, which is a primary focus for our work.

Our staff member continued to perform exceptionally well, showing great adaptability and resourcefulness as circumstances changed throughout the year.

We enter 2020 with a renewed sense of optimism, with greater political support on climate action and other environmental challenges, it is an opportune time for SNI to extend its role and reach in order to make a positive impact on policy and practice, and help secure the sustainable future we all want.



Andrew Cassells
Chair



Policy Development

Government Consultations

This year SNI has been actively involved in influencing policy by responding to a number of government consultations considered relevant to long-term sustainability objectives. These included:

- Reforming the UK packaging producer responsibility system (April 2019)
- Introducing a Deposit Return Scheme in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (April 2019)
- DUP Pre-Consultation Paper: Our Green and Pleasant Land (September 2019)
- Review of the Northern Ireland Sustainable Energy Programme (NISEP) & Energy Efficiency Provision (October 2019)
- Maximum Resale Price for electricity as it applies to Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (January 2020)
- Environment Strategy for Northern Ireland (January 2020)
- Energy Strategy Call for Evidence (February 2020)
- PEACE PLUS Stakeholder Engagement Survey (February 2020)

Sustainable NI consultation responses can be viewed on our website: www.sustainableni.org/reports

New Decade, New Approach

The Northern Ireland Assembly was restored in January 2020, ending a three year hiatus in the region's devolved government. The deal which resurrected the devolved institutions — New Decade, New Approach — introduced significant institutional reforms and highlighted climate change as one of seven key priorities to be addressed in the next Programme for Government. It set out a number of ambitious environmental commitments including:

- The Executive's strategies to reduce carbon emissions will be reviewed in light of the Paris Climate Change Accord and the climate crisis.
- A new Energy Strategy will set ambitious targets and actions for a fair and just transition to a zero carbon society.
- The Executive should bring forward a Climate Change Act to give environmental targets a strong legal underpinning.
- The Executive will establish an independent Environmental Protection Agency to oversee this work and ensure targets are met.



Policy Development

- The Economic Strategy will support clean and inclusive growth and create jobs as part of a Green New Deal.
- The Executive will create a plan to eliminate plastic pollution.
- RHI will be closed down and replaced by a scheme that effectively cuts carbon emissions.

SNI recognises the New Decade, New Approach deal as a statement of intent by Government, to tackle what is arguably one of the most urgent and pressing social, economic and environmental challenges of our time - climate change.

The challenge now will be ensuring that the next Programme for Government delivers on the strategic priorities contained in the agreement, and that the aspirations are not diluted or delayed.



All Party Group on Climate Action

This year, SNI established an All-Party Group on Climate Action to influence policy direction on climate change, and hold the Executive to account on the climate and wider environmental commitments made in the New Decade, New Approach deal.

SNI was appointed secretary to the Group, which held its inaugural meeting on 24 January 2020. It was agreed that the membership would include elected representatives spanning both local and central government.

At the cross-section between policy and practice, SNI is well placed to support and facilitate political dialogue and, if needed, invoke political pressure on climate action and related sustainability issues. Our intention is to use this group to influence national climate policy, but also ensure that climate action is progressed as part of a wider sustainable development agenda. We will promote a holistic approach to embedding climate action into the next Programme for Government, ensuring that it is guided by the Sustainable Development Goals. (For more information on the All-Party Group see p7).



Forums & Networks

Sustainable Development Forum

SNI coordinates the Sustainable Development Forum which was set up by local government to share experience, best practice and build the skills of its members, all of whom have responsibilities for sustainable development within their organisations.

Membership over the years has extended from local councils, to include the Northern Ireland Assembly Commission and Northern Ireland Housing Executive. Meetings this year were organised around topics selected by the Forum, to facilitate suitable representation and focussed discussions. Four meetings took place this year:

- 19 June 2019, *Social Farms and Gardens*, Incredible Edibles Site Visit, Cloughmills
- 18 September 2019, *The Climate Emergency*, Belfast City Council
- 11 December 2019, *Community Planning*, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council
- 20 March 2019, *Setting Science-Based Carbon Reduction Targets*, Virtual Meeting

Quarterly network meetings help to share and stimulate good practice on sustainable development among councils and other public sector organisations. The development of the Knowledge Hub this year helped to support the Forum by fostering additional awareness and engagement between meetings.

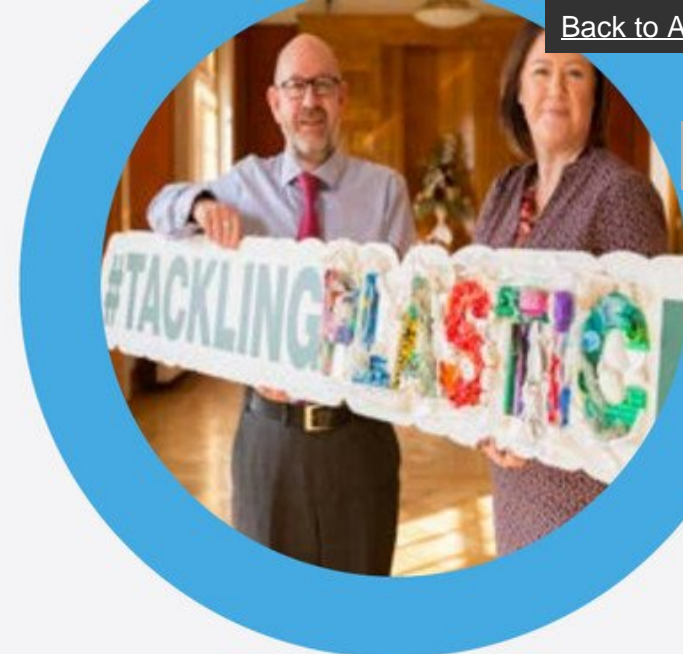
All-Party Group on Climate Action

This year SNI facilitated the establishment of a new cross-party group of MLAs and Councillors who share a common interest in the development of policy to address the climate crisis, in Northern Ireland.

Whilst not an official Stormont committee, we hope the group will be influential in holding the Government to climate and environmental commitments made in the New Decade, New Approach deal (see p6).

The Group had its inaugural meeting in January 2020, to appoint a Chair (Rachel Woods MLA), Vice Chair (John Blair MLA), Secretary (Nichola Hughes, Sustainable NI) and agree the Terms of Reference.

It is hoped that as well as encouraging cross-party support for climate-friendly policies, the group will also help raise awareness about key issues best practice in the area of climate action and sustainable development as well as encourage more central-local government co-operation and coordination on these issues.



Tackling Plastic NI

SNI also facilitates the Tackling Plastic NI Working Group, which is a sub-group of the Sustainable Development Forum. Members include local councils and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA). The group met three times this year, including:

- 11 September 2019, Parliament Buildings
- 16 January 2020, Parliament Buildings
- 10 March 2020, Lough Neagh Discovery and Conference Centre

Meetings included presentations from Refill Ireland, the Education Authority and Queen's University Belfast and facilitated discussion on council approaches to tackling the issue of single-use plastic.

For more information on the Tackling Plastic NI project see page 9.



Knowledge & Awareness



Rewarding Excellence

SNI was delighted to sponsor the 'Excellence in Environmental Sustainability' category at the 2019 Local Government Awards, which took place in the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Belfast on 20 February.

The Awards are coordinated by the Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA) and the Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE). This year's Awards attracted 58 entries.

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council was this year's winner for its 'Live Smart' Campaign, which aims to engage staff and the wider community in debate and actions which promote sustainability within the borough. Judges were particularly impressed by the Council's leadership in fostering practical community level action.

Runners up in the category were Mid Ulster District Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council.

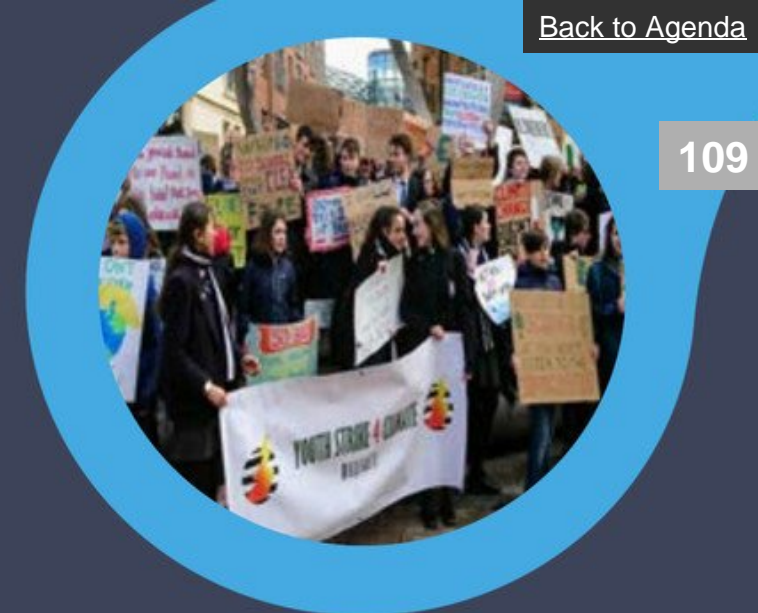
Raising Awareness

SNI facilitates the sharing of information and best practice with stakeholders through a variety of communication channels including social media, emails and eBulletins, as well as the website through blogs, news articles and case studies.

In addition, our various forums allow us to showcase innovative solutions and thought leaders, in order to raise awareness and encourage replication of good practice. Speakers and projects highlighted this year included:

- Declan Donnelly, *Incredible Edibles Community Garden*, Causeway Coast and Glens
- Patricia Wallace, *Social Farms and Gardens*
- Catherine Hunter, *Environment Champions Programme*, Mid and East Antrim
- Professor John Barry, *Translating Climate Emergency Declarations into Climate Action*, Queen's University Belfast
- Dr Chris Jones, *Science-Based Carbon Reduction Targets*, Tyndall Centre Manchester
- Barry O'Connor, *Running Zero Waste Events*, Refill Ireland
- John Coney, *Reducing Plastic in Schools*, Education Authority

At the meetings, members have the opportunity to ask questions and troubleshoot problems with expert speakers and their peers.



Sharing Resources

This year, SNI established an online knowledge hub to help members to interact with each other between meetings and facilitate online access to resources.

The online community of practice has a range of functionalities to support the work of the Sustainable Development Forum including a Discussion Forum and a Library for sharing group documents.

Resources provided include:

- Climate Action Planning Framework
- Terms of Reference for All Party Group on Climate Change
- Social Value Toolkit
- Whole Lifecycle Carbon Assessment Guidance
- Developing a CO₂ baseline - a step-by-step guide



Knowledge & Awareness

Case Studies

SNI continues to promote and share good practice on sustainable development at every opportunity.

Throughout the year we published a selection of case studies on our website, for example:

- the Handiheat Project which is led by Northern Ireland Housing Association, aims to improve domestic energy efficiency in rural areas
- the Recycling Investment Fund in Ards and North Down which uses council recycling income for local environmental improvement schemes
- the trial of environmentally friendly alternatives to single-use plastic consumables at the Slow Food Festival, organised by Derry City and Strabane District Council
- the options appraisal carried out by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council to reduce single-use plastic across their estate

We will continue to research and compile high quality case studies, adding to the existing bank of best practice collated from across Northern Ireland, Great Britain and further afield.

Tackling Plastic Event

SNI organised an event on 18 June 2019 for Elected Members, Council Officers and Government Officials to learn more about the impact of single-use plastics on the environment and what organisations can do to mitigate it.

The event was used to formally launch the Tackling Plastic NI project, raise awareness about the Plastic Promise campaign, share stories of success from elsewhere and encourage collaboration in the public sector.

The event was attended by 70 people from 33 organisations. Delegate feedback was positive. 90% of delegates strongly agreed their awareness and understanding about what the public sector can do to tackle the issue of single-use plastic had increased as a result of the event.

Speakers included:

- Gillian Kinnier, DAERA
- Keith Patterson, WRAP
- Ian Humphries, Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful
- David Lindsay, Ards and North Down Borough Council
- Dr Tara Shine, Plastic Free Kinsale
- Colm Warren, Natural World Products
- Angela Halpenny, Northern Ireland Water

Climate Seminar

We were pleased to contribute to the planning and delivery of a Local Government Climate Seminar on 5 March 2020.

The event examined how local councils can translate climate emergency declarations into practical actions and long-term policy goals.

The half-day seminar, organised by the Association of Public Sector Excellence (APSE), took place at Millbrook Lodge Hotel. The event attracted a range of expert speakers, officers and elected members from local government in Northern Ireland, underlining Councils' commitment to tackling the climate emergency.

Our Executive Director spoke about local authority climate action in terms of key priorities for action, how to balance adaptation and mitigation strategies, and what the big asks are of local councils.



Projects & Partnerships



Tackling Plastic NI

The issue of plastic waste and its impact on the environment is regularly highlighted in the media. Plastic isn't all bad. It's our misuse of plastic that's the problem. Most of it is single-use and is thrown away within just a few minutes of use, often ending up in the natural environment where it can take up to a thousand years to break down.

To tackle this misuse of plastic, SNI has partnered with Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful to deliver a project which aims to change behaviours and cultural norms around the consumption of plastic, by delivering interventions and campaigns.

Funded by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA), the project is now in its second year and is aiming to tackle plastic waste, by encouraging businesses, schools, councils, and citizens to make simple changes to reduce consumption of single-use plastic.

Council Support

SNI leads the council workstream, and this year established the Tackling Plastic NI Working Group to facilitate dialogue and collaboration between local councils and DAERA in changing policies and practices to reduce single-use plastic on the public sector estate. SNI supports the group by facilitating meetings and developing policy guidance, communications resources, monitoring tools and best practice to help councils encourage a more responsible approach to the use of plastic, both on their estates and in their local areas.

SNI worked closely with DAERA and the Department of Finance to develop a clause for insertion in public sector tenders to mitigate single-use plastic. A template procurement policy was circulated to councils for use in future tender exercises, as required.

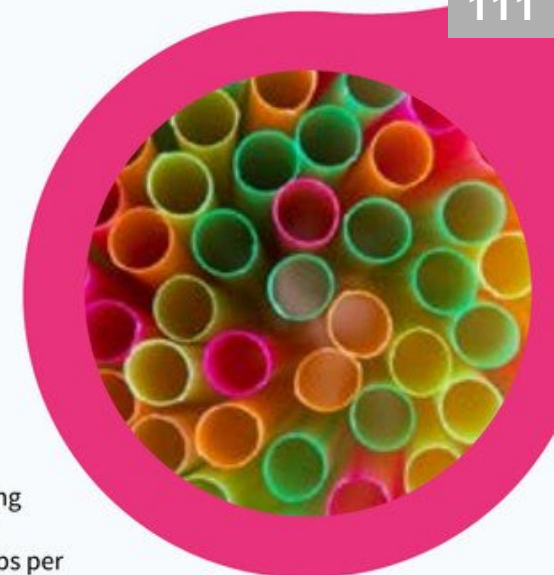
Making an impact

This year nine out of 11 councils introduced a corporate ban on single-use plastic cups, saving an estimated 6.6 million plastic cups per year. Councils have also taken steps to reduce the number of hot beverage cups, stirrers and condiments in their cafeterias and concessions. Four councils are now signed up to the project's Plastic Promise.

Additionally, a number of plastic-free council events took place across Northern Ireland this year following support from the project, including:

- Sea Bangor Festival
- Causeway Coast Marathon
- Slow Food Festival, Derry

Councils continue to take steps to minimise single-use plastic across their operations, for example when providing food concession permits and community event grant aid. SNI also supported DAERA on the development of a Plastic Reduction Action Plan, to guide the removal of pointless plastic on the government estate.



Projects & Partnerships



eNGO involvement in Community Planning

SNI received funding from the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) to review the involvement of environmental organisations in Community Planning and opportunities to improve engagement in the Community Plan review process.

Following the announcement of new responsibilities for councils under the 2014 Local Government Act to undertake Community Planning, Sustainable Northern Ireland produced a publication, *'Places for People – a sustainable planning guide for councillors'*. The aim of the guide was to inspire, enthuse and spotlight some of the wonderful natural and built heritage assets that are to be found in districts throughout Northern Ireland, and support councillors in the delivery of their new responsibilities.

Five years on and 11 Community Plans have been published, each with their own environmental themes, outcomes, indicators and actions.

In 2019, SNI secured funding from DAERA to review the level of engagement and participation of environmental organisations in Community Planning, and examine the impact this has had on environmental themes, outcomes and actions in the Community Plans.

We commissioned Community Places to assist with interviewing environmental organisations in Northern Ireland, in order to assess the level of involvement in Community Planning to date, and whether there are any barriers to participation.

We also conducted a scan of environmental issues in the Community Plans. The initial research found a wide range of environmental themes, outcomes and actions across the 11 Community Plans and whilst sustainability was a common theme, climate change only featured in a few plans.



Conclusions

The research concluded that the absence of a statutory environmental agency in Northern Ireland is a major impediment to the delivery of environmental outcomes in Community Plans. Community Planning Partnerships expect that eNGOs will participate in their processes but are unable to provide any resources to facilitate this.

Whilst there is an appetite for engaging in the upcoming review of the Community Plans in 2021, environmental organisations feel engaging with all 11 reviews will be challenging and beyond their resources. As a result, there is a risk that the environment sector will be underrepresented in the Community Plan review process.

The report included recommendations for greater coordination and sharing of environment sector resources in order to positively influence Community Planning. The report was shared with the Department for Communities, DAERA and NI Environment Link for consideration.



Governance

Staff

SNI welcomed Nichola Hughes back from maternity leave in September 2019 and said farewell to Emma Adair, who returned to Ards and North Down Borough Council after a successful secondment as interim SNI Manager.

There were no further staff appointments in 2019/20.

Hosting

SNI is hosted by Northern Ireland Environment Link at 89 Loopland Drive, Belfast, BT6 9DW.

Northern Ireland Environment Link provides office space and financial administrative support for a fixed annual fee.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met on the following dates during 2019/20:

- 30 April 2019
- 25 June 2019
- 10 September 2019
- 10 December 2019 (AGM)
- 23 March 2020

The following board members resigned during 2019/20:

- John Barry
- Sue Christie
- Karen Smyth

One new board member was appointed in 2019/20:

- Susann Power

Policies & Procedures

A risk register is updated and board member interests are declared at the beginning of each board meeting. Director declarations of interests are updated annually.

Sustainable NI's five-year corporate strategy remained unchanged.

Finances

In 2019/20 the following organisations subscribed to our services:

- Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
- Ards and North Down Borough Council
- Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council
- Belfast City Council
- Derry City and Strabane District Council
- Fermanagh and Omagh District Council
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council
- Mid and East Antrim Borough Council
- Mid Ulster District Council
- Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
- Northern Ireland Assembly
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive

In addition, we received funding from DAERA to support projects on single-use plastic and community planning.

An annual budget is approved in March each year. Accounts are prepared at quarterly intervals and expenditure is monitored against the budget. The accounts are audited on an annual basis by an independent examiner, and presented to the Board of Directors for approval at the AGM in December.



Financial Summary

31 March 2020

Directors' statement on the summary financial statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees present herewith the summary financial statement of Sustainable Northern Ireland for the year ended 31 March 2020 and confirm the following:

- the summary financial statement is not the statutory financial accounts but is a summary of information relating to both the Statement of Financial Activities and the balance sheet;
- the full financial statements from which the summary is derived have been externally examined by an independent auditor; and he has provided an unqualified report;
- the full annual accounts, the external examiners report and the Directors' Report can be obtained on application to Sustainable Northern Ireland;
- the annual accounts were approved by the Board on 2 December 2020

This Directors' Statement was approved by the Board of Directors on 2 December 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

Nichola Hughes / Company Secretary

Independent examiner's statement to the members of Sustainable Northern Ireland

I have examined the summary financial statement of Sustainable Northern Ireland.

Respective responsibilities of directors/trustees and auditors

The directors/trustees are responsible for preparing the summary financial statement in accordance with applicable law. My responsibility is to report to you my opinion on the consistency of the summary financial statement with the full annual accounts and Directors' Report, and its compliance with the relevant requirements of Section 427 of the Companies Act 2006 and the regulations made thereunder. I also read the other information contained in the summary financial statement and consider the implications for my report if I become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the summary financial statement.

Basis of opinion

I conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 1999/6 "The auditors' statement on the summary financial statement" issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the United Kingdom.

Opinion

In my opinion, the summary financial statement is consistent with the full annual accounts and Directors' Report of Sustainable Northern Ireland for the year ended 31 March 2020 and complies with the applicable requirements of Section 427 of the Companies Act 2006, and the regulations made thereunder.

Nigel V Skillen FCA

Diamond & Skillen Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditor Sinclair House 89/101 Royal Avenue Belfast BT1 1FE

2 December 2020

Extracted Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Totals 2020 £	Totals 2019 £
Income					
<i>from donations and legacies</i>					
• Donations	3	-	-	0	-
• Grants	3	58,000	8,000	66,000	72,000
<i>from charitable activities</i>					
• Business income and sponsorship	3	-	-	0	940
• Project admin	3	5,035	-	5,035	-
<i>from other activities</i>					
• Investment income	3	155	-	155	153
Total income		63,990	8,000	71,990	73,093
Expenditure					
<i>on raising funds</i>					
• Promotional costs	4	600	-	600	3,581
<i>on charitable activities</i>					
• Employee costs	4	39,142	-	39,142	41,787
• Premises costs	4	672	-	672	597
• Travel & training costs	4	1,040	48	1,088	882
• General administration costs	4	6,027	-	6,027	2,667
• Programme costs	4	406	13,057	13,463	10,535
<i>On other items</i>					
• Legal & professional fees	4	2,580	-	2,580	2,555
• Other expenses	4	226	-	226	301
• Depreciation of assets	4	-	-	0	-
Total expenditure		50,693	13,105	63,798	62,895
Net income / (expenditure) for the year		13,297	(5,105)	8,192	10,198
Transfers between funds	10	(101)	101	0	-
Net movement in funds for the year		13,196	(5,004)	8,192	10,198
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>					
• Fund balances brought fwd at 1st April		49,107	-	49,107	38,909
• Fund balances carried fwd at 31st March		62,303	(5,004)	57,299	49,107



The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

	Notes	2019 £	2019 £
Fixed Assets			
• Tangible assets	11	-	-
		0	0
Current Assets			
• Receivables	12	13,365	17,743
• Cash at bank and in hand		48,939	42,792
		62,304	60,535
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(5,005)	(11,428)
Net current assets		57,299	49,107
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		57,299	49,107
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
Net assets		57,299	49,107
The funds of the charity			
<i>Unrestricted income funds:</i>			
• General funds	16	62,303	49,107
		62,303	49,107
<i>Restricted income funds:</i>			
• Single Use Plastic (SUP) Project	16	-	-
• Environmental Fund	16	(5,004)	-
Total funds		57,299	49,107

The summary financial statement was approved by the Board of Directors on 2 December 2020 and signed on their behalf by:

Andrew Cassells

Chairman, Board of Directors

Adrian Davis

Treasurer

Board of Directors & Staff

The Board of Directors meets four times a year to determine the strategic direction of the organisation, to provide guidance, facilitate networking, help to secure funding and to support the delivery of the charity's objectives. Board members have a broad swathe of experience, including local government, environmental health, academia, public health, community development, business and the environment.

Chair	Andrew Cassells
Vice Chair	Leo Strawbridge
Treasurer	Adrian Davis
Directors	Nuala Flood
	Aoife Foley
	Ian Garner
	Patricia Mackey
	Gillian McKee
	Elizabeth Mitchell
	Susann Power

Staff	
Executive Director	Nichola Hughes



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Our vision

A world where prosperity is achieved in ways that are good for people and the planet.

Our mission

Building a sustainable society by inspiring, influencing and informing.



Inspire

We inspire individuals and organisations by sharing stories of success



Influence

We influence policy and practice by providing technical and strategic support



Inform

We share knowledge about how to address common sustainability challenges

Our values

SNI aspires to excellence in everything it does. We pride ourselves on being:

Knowledgeable

We focus on understanding the global and national issues around sustainability and sharing that knowledge with key stakeholders.

Collaborative

We work closely with partners to co-design and deliver solutions to common sustainability challenges.

Transformative

We put sustainability at the heart of society in Northern Ireland, transforming how people think, live and work.

Our status

SNI is a non-profit organisation which works with government and others to advance sustainable development in Northern Ireland.

Established in 1998, we are now a registered charity (Charity No NIC103426) as well as a company limited by guarantee in Northern Ireland (Company No NI038784). We are governed by a Board of Directors comprising representatives from the public, private and voluntary and community sectors.

We have placed environmental and social goals at the heart of what we do and we are diversifying our funding base. Delivering for governments and public bodies is the cornerstone of our approach.

Our partners

SNI works with and supports government, local authorities, businesses, and others; acting as a catalyst for positive action to build a sustainable and resilient society. For a full list of our partners, please see www.sustainableni.org/our-partners

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Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	19 April 2021
Subject:	HELANI Partnership Liaison Officer
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing

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

For decision	X	For noting only	
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	That Committee consider and agree to contribute to the provision of a Partnership Liaison Officer between the 11 Councils and the Health and Safety Executive NI
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Since 2002 Councils have contributed to a jointly funded post of Partnership Liaison Officer to facilitate joint working with the Health and Safety Executive (HSENI). The role was developed to allow the aims and objectives outlined in the HELANI strategy for workplace Health and Safety to be brought forward.</p> <p>In the original model HSENI paid for 50% of the costs involved and at that time the 26 Councils covered the remaining 50 %.</p> <p>Legacy Councils will have approved these arrangements at that time.</p> <p>Following discussions with HSENI and the 11 Councils it has been accepted that the funding should now be allocated on a more equitable basis and is now to be divided equally between the 11 Councils and HSENI. (i.e each partner contributes 1/12)</p> <p>Lisburn and Castlereagh BC have undertaken the recruitment and ongoing management and hosting of the post and the successful candidate is one of our own Environmental Health Officers who has now been seconded.</p> <p>This is now being brought to committee in order to make members aware of this joint working and also to ensure approval is in place from the new Council to continue with this ongoing arrangement</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That Committee consider and agree to provide funding to support the Partnership Liaison Officer post
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	The cost to the Council is approximately £5000 pa for which provision has been made in the Rates estimates

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

	<p>If no, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices
8.0	Background Documents

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	19 April 2021
Subject:	Decarbonisation of Road Transport Consultation
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sheena McEldowney Head of Sustainability

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

For decision	X	For noting only	
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	That Committee consider and agree to return the attached response to the Infrastructure Committee
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>The Northern Ireland Assembly Committee for Infrastructure has agreed to conduct an inquiry looking at the ambition to decarbonise road transport in Northern Ireland. Cars account for the majority of GHG emissions and as such the Committee is interested in Northern Ireland's readiness to meet the Government's plans to prohibit the sale of new petrol and diesel cars from 2030 and plug-in hybrids from 2035. The Terms of Reference for the inquiry are:</p> <p>To explore the future pathway to decarbonising road transport in Northern Ireland, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying Northern Ireland's current transport policy for the transition to a carbon neutral system, what can be improved and what can be learned from elsewhere; Identifying potential barriers to Ultra-Low Emission Vehicles (ULEV) adoption; and Exploring the role of public transport, walking, cycling and reduced demand for travel in decarbonising road transport. <p>In addition to the public, the Committee is seeking the views of stakeholders involved in road transport such as public transport operators, road haulage operators and public-sector fleet managers as well as from the 11 Councils.</p> <p>The Committee has requested that we provide it with our organisation's views on the decarbonisation of road transport. In particular, the Committee want our views on the move to electric and/or hydrogen vehicles in the following regard</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the main challenges to the uptake of ULEV? • What are the main benefits to the uptake of ULEV? • What support to assist a move to ULEV would you like to see from the NI Executive? • Do you believe there should be official targets for your sector and have you any views on the potential timescale this could take? • Have you begun to plan for decarbonising your fleet and if so could you provide some detail on this? • Have you estimated the cost of decarbonising your fleet? <p>The attached response has been returned by the requested return date of 14 April 2021 with the caveat that it would still need to receive Council approval</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That Committee agree the attached response to the Infrastructure Committee of the Northern Ireland Assembly
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	None
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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7.0	<p>Appendices</p>
	<p>1. Letter from Infrastructure Committee</p> <p>2. NMDDC Response letter</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>



Northern Ireland Assembly

**Ms Michelle McIlveen MLA, Chairperson
Committee for Infrastructure**

Marie Ward
Chief Executive
Newry, Mourne & Down District Council
Marie.ward@nmandd.org

25 March 2021

Dear Marie,

The Northern Ireland Assembly Committee for Infrastructure has agreed to conduct an inquiry looking at the ambition to decarbonise road transport in Northern Ireland. Cars account for the majority of GHG emissions and as such the Committee is interested in Northern Ireland's readiness to meet the Government's plans to prohibit the sale of new petrol and diesel cars from 2030 and plug-in hybrids from 2035. The Terms of Reference for the inquiry are:

To explore the future pathway to decarbonising road transport in Northern Ireland, by:

- Identifying Northern Ireland's current transport policy for the transition to a carbon neutral system, what can be improved and what can be learned from elsewhere;
- Identifying potential barriers to Ultra-low Emission Vehicles (ULEV) adoption; and
- Exploring the role of public transport, walking, cycling and reduced demand for travel in decarbonising road transport.

The Committee has agreed an online survey to gather the views of the public (access to the survey can be gained [here](#)).

In addition to the public, the Committee is seeking the views of stakeholders involved in road transport such as public transport operators, road haulage operators and public sector fleet managers and the 11 Councils.

The Committee requests that you provide it with your organisation's views on the decarbonisation of road transport. In particular, the Committee would appreciate hearing your views on the move to electric and/or hydrogen vehicles:

- What are the main challenges to the uptake of ULEV?
- What are the main benefits to the uptake of ULEV?
- What support to assist a move to ULEV would you like to see from the NI Executive?
- Do you believe there should be official targets for your sector and have you any views on the potential timescale this could take?
- Have you begun to plan for decarbonising your fleet and if so could you provide some detail on this?
- Have you estimated the cost of decarbonising your fleet?

The Committee would be grateful for your views no later than 14 April 2021. Once the information you provide is reviewed Committee staff may contact you for further information or to arrange a briefing with the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle McIlveen

Michelle McIlveen MLA

Chairperson

**Ms Michelle McIlveen MLA,
Chairperson
Committee for Infrastructure**

Dear Michelle

Further to your letter of 25 March 2021 seeking the Council's views on the decarbonisation of road transport in Northern Ireland, please see detailed below a response to your specific questions.

- **What are the main challenges to the uptake of ULEV?**

There are no clear targets, strategy or policies on sustainable mobility or electric vehicles in Northern Ireland, making developing a coherent approach to increasing the number of ULEV's and required charging infrastructure challenging.

The main barriers for uptake of ULEV for the public include purchase price, reliability, vehicle range from one charge and lack of an adequate public charging infrastructure network.

- **What are the main benefits to the uptake of ULEV?**

There are financial, environmental and social benefits to ULEVs. The main benefits are low running costs, availability of purchase grants, zero tailpipe emissions and reduced overall lifecycle co2 emissions than petrol and diesel equivalents.

- **What support to assist a move to ULEV would you like to see from the NI Executive?**

There is a general desire among councils for cohesion in the development of the EV charging network, in partnership with other councils, the Department for Infrastructure and the private sector. Issues such as charge point interoperability,

pricing and procurement will require careful consideration and ideally would be centrally coordinated and procured through a consortium mechanism.

Charge point operation and charging should be consistent on both sides of the Irish border, if possible.

In relation to the Decarbonisation of our own fleet the following issues are noted;

- There is a significant lack of Infrastructure for vehicles over 3.5 Tonnes
- The pace of development of alternatives to our larger vehicles either EV or Hydrogen has been very slow to this time
- The cost of such vehicles is prohibitive when considering the updating of our fleet

We would be very keen to get involved should any pilot projects in relation to our larger vehicles be proposed.

On a more general theme I would also like to highlight the following questions that need to be considered

- What is the National Strategy that supports & incentivises the public and Council to make changes
- What is the legislative framework to allow Council's & other Stakeholder organisations to set up a local & national EV charging network to be used by the public, either on-street, or on Council property?
- What is the Strategy to integrate living, commercial, retail hubs to reduce need for transport?
- And what is the strategy for developing a national Transport Strategy to encourage the public out of their cars and onto public transport

This response is submitted by the requested date of 14 April 2021 however I would advise that it will not be ratified by Council until the beginning of next month and I will advise should any changes be needed.

Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Marie Ward
Chief Executive

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 th April 2021
Subject:	2021 / 2022 DFC Areas at Risk Funding for Bessbrook and Crossmaglen
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Julie Mc Cann Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events

For decision	For noting only	X
1.0	Purpose and Background	
1.1	<p>NM&DDC have received letters of offer for the period 2021 / 2022. The LoOs detail funding of up to £24,000 per location to run community educational programmes for residents from the Crossmaglen and Bessbrook areas.</p> <p>Programmes will take place online or within Bessbrook & Crossmaglen Community Centres, depending on the Covid 19 restrictions.</p> <p>The programme assists with meeting Councils corporate objectives by empowering and improving the capacity of our communities.</p>	
2.0	Key issues	
2.1	<p>Requirements of the fund include the submission of quarterly progress reports and financial claims.</p> <p>In the last financial year, a wide range of activities took place including courses in, Speech and Language, Manicure and Pedicure, Kids Summer Fitness camps, Kids Fishing camps as well as many other community programmes. Participation targets were met and the full amount of grant aid was claimed.</p>	
3.0	Recommendations	
3.1	<p>That the Committee note: Council secured £24,000 per location to run educational programmes for residents from the Crossmaglen and Bessbrook areas, through DFC Areas at Risk funding.</p>	
4.0	Resource implications	
4.1	Area manger Officer time	
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)	

5.1	<p>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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6.0	<p>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</p>
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If no, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	<p>Appendices</p> <p>None</p>

8.0	Background Documents
	None

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 April 2021
Subject:	Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the report. To note the attached Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting listed in 3.1 below. <p>Background</p> <p>The attached Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting listed in 3.1 below are provided to update the Committee on the ongoing work of the PCSP.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	None.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>That the Committee:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the report. Note the following Policing Committee & PCSP Minutes as attached: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on Tuesday 19 January 2021, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on Tuesday 30 March 2021.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	All actions are budgeted for in the PCSP Action Plan.
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>

	The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened	<input type="checkbox"/>
	The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation	<input type="checkbox"/>
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</p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks</p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided)</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.0	Appendices	
	Appendix I: Minutes of Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on Tuesday 19 January 2021	
8.0	Background Documents	
	None	

POLICING COMMITTEE AND POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the Newry, Mourne & Down Policing Committee and Policing & Community Safety Partnership Meeting held at 2pm on Tuesday 19 January 2021 via Microsoft Teams

Present:

- Councillor J Trainor **(Chair)**
- Councillor D Murphy, NMDDC
- Councillor S Doran, NMDDC
- Councillor M Ruane, NMDDC
- Councillor H Gallagher, NMDDC
- Councillor O Hanlon, NMDDC
- Councillor W Clarke, NMDDC
- Councillor A Lewis, NMDDC
- Councillor M Savage, NMDDC
- Councillor W Walker, NMDDC
- Audrey Byrne, PCSP Independent Member
- Sarah Murphy, PCSP Independent Member
- Pat McGreevy, Independent Member
- Michelle Osborne, PCSP Independent Member
- John Allen, PCSP Independent Member
- Richard Orme, PCSP Independent Member
- Chief Inspector Joe McMinn PSNI
- Inspector Adam Corner, PSNI
- Inspector Amanda Ford, PSNI
- Sergeant Ryan Duffy, PSNI
- Michael Heaney, YJA
- Roisin Leckey, PBNI
- Annie Clarke, SHSCT
- Liam Gunn, NIHE
- Rod O'Hare, NIFRS

In attendance:

- Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement
- Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager
- Judith Thompson, PCSP Officer
- Clare Loughran, PCSP Officer
- Lauren McMenamy, Partner Development Officer
- Sarah Taggart, Democratic Services Manager
- Linda O'Hare, Democratic Services Officer
- Frank McManus, Policing Board Member (observer)

1 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

Apologies were received from Dan McEvoy, Tara Campbell and Briege Jennings (PCSP Independent Members), Ruth Allen (SHSCT), Donna Weir (Education Authority), Chief Inspector Nigel Henry and Superintendent Norman Haslett.

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2021 acknowledging that the Covid pandemic had still a strong grip and even though tighter restrictions had been

introduced after Christmas Newry Mourne and Down was still seeing a major increase in the number of cases. It was incumbent upon everyone to keep sharing the message to stay at home and only essential travel to be necessitated.

The Chairperson welcomed Richard Orme as newly appointed Vice Chairperson and John Allen as the newly appointed PCSP Independent Member to the meeting and welcomed back Councillor Doran after a period of illness.

The Chairperson informed members that Frank McManus from the Policing Board would be joining the meeting at 2.30pm.

The Chairperson congratulated Chief Inspector Henry on his promotion to Superintendent and wished him well on his new appointment.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Draft Minutes of Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting dated 26 November 2020

Read: Minutes of Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 26 November 2020 (copy circulated).

Councillor Hanlon highlighted a minor amendment on page 3 to read 'Councillor Hanlon advised that there had been a lot of reports of ASB in the Downpatrick area in the run up to Hallowe'en and messages on social media encouraging younger members of the community to gather outdoors at specified locations with little intervention taking place, this needs to be managed better with a multi-agency approach'

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Lewis, it was agreed to approve the Minutes of the Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 26 November 2020 as a true and accurate record.

4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5 District Commander's Report – Period 6.

Read: District Commander's Report – Period 6. (copy circulated).

Chief Inspector McMinn then presented the District Commander's Report to the Committee.

Following the presentation, discussion took place and the following points were raised:

General

Members thanked the local PSNI team for the improvement in communication and keeping Members up to date on progress of requests made.

Members also welcomed Councillor Doran back and congratulated Richard Orme and John Allen on their recent appointments.

Drugs

In response to a query raised by Councillors Hanlon and Walker with regards new sites being identified for the RAPID Bins, Mrs Flynn confirmed a RAPID Bin was being installed on Wednesday 20 January at Brennan's Garage in Dundrum and other sites were also being considered. Killyleagh still remains a priority site and Officers are working towards agreeing a site.

In response to a query from Audrey Byrne about relocating the RAPID Bin in Downpatrick, Mrs Flynn confirmed it was the preferred approach to increase marketing of the current site and move the sign to increase more awareness to see if it increases the usage; it was noted that a lot of discussion had previously taken place with the community and local tenants at the time of installation. Mrs Flynn confirmed other businesses and locations in Downpatrick were approached about installing a RAPID Bin and permission was refused, the Ballymote Centre was the only opportunity at that time as a location.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Concern was raised at the recent rise in ASB in Downpatrick (Saul Road/Saul Street area) and the Meadow and Derrybeg areas of Newry. This has been distressing to local residents to the point some are thinking of moving out of the area. Councillor Savage queried what the local NPT are doing in response to this and if comparative figures were available year to year for ASB particularly in the areas mentioned in Newry. Concerns about a possible Republican paramilitary connection to a recent arson attack on vehicles in the Derrybeg area were voiced.

Councillors Murphy, Savage and Doran welcomed the increased number of successes by the PSNI in closing a few individuals down and possessions, but major concern was raised in the Newry area that no success has been made in apprehending at least 2 well known drug dealers that have been operating openly for over two decades, despite previously being told in 2018/2019 to expect some success. This is causing great anxiety and concern in the community, who need to see information and reports acted upon in order to maintain good relations between the community and the PSNI.

Chief Inspector McMinn confirmed he would raise again concerns raised in relation to drug dealers in the Newry area with the Organised Crime Department as they had received assurances in the past that they would be dealing with these appropriately and progress would be made. Inspector Corner confirmed there is a larger piece of work ongoing in the the Meadow/Derrybeg area of Newry, and funding had been secured to support intervention work with young people once Covid restrictions start to ease. Inspector Corner said he was keen for the local Neighbourhood Policing Team to be seen to be

actioning as much of the information that came from the community about localised drugs' issues and would speak to Councillor Savage separately about the matter. It was noted that there is a slight increase in ASB in general due to Covid.

Sergeant Duffy confirmed that a review has been undertaken in respect of ASB in the Cathedral area of Downpatrick as it had more than doubled since the Christmas period, the Neighbourhood Teams will be providing additional patrols and reassurance patrols for the public. There are a number of investigations ongoing with regards the recent reports of criminal damage.

In response to a request for an update on Newry Street, Kilkeel from Councillor Doran, Chief Inspector McMinn confirmed that there are ongoing and other operations imminent especially in relation to recent successful searches and removal of vehicles.

Members highlighted an increase in ASB in the Castlewellan, Dundrum and Ballynahinch area and notably increase in burglaries.

Chief Inspector McMinn confirmed the intent was to increase neighbourhood patrols in these areas and others, including Killyleagh and surrounding small villages once the Covid restrictions have eased. These have already been increased in the Dundrum area; PSNI are well aware of the increased burglaries and ASB and will keep on top of it as best they can and work with other agencies to try and resolve some of the issues.

Road Safety

In response to a query raised from Pat McGreevy Chief Inspector McMinn confirmed road deaths were recorded over a calendar year.

Members raised concern at speeding throughout the District especially in the Ballynahinch and Quoile area of Downpatrick, assurances had previously been given that speed operations would take place in these areas, has anyone actually been caught speeding or fines issued?

Sergeant Duffy confirmed he could not give specific details with regards to the Quoile, however there will be a number of Road Safety operations taking place later this month and in February. Information provided by PCSP Members or members of the public was useful in helping to target operations in areas across the District where there have been particular concerns raised. Councillor Lewis suggested that it would be useful if these could be conducted at night time as well as during the day as a lot of speeding occurs when the roads are quieter in the evenings.

Chief Inspector McMinn highlighted that if black boxes were fitted to all cars as standard, and anybody exceeded the national speed limit, it would be easy to detect and would reduce speeding.

Covid

Councillor Savage confirmed he had received a number of calls from concerned elderly people in particular at the non-compliance in shops, lack of wearing face masks or sanitising

hands. How is collaboration working in relation to PSNI being the enforcement element and the Environmental Health team being part of the compliance element?

Chief Inspector McMinn updated members in relation to the number of fines issued throughout the District relating to breaches of the Covid regulations. Councillor Savage suggested it would be worth having those figures in the public domain to reassure the public and show there is follow through when there has been a breach of the regulations.

Domestic Abuse

Pat McGreevy asked for clarity on how the police escalate when they repeatedly receive calls to the same address.

Chief Inspector McMinn confirmed a DASH form is completed when any property is attended which then flags referrals to different departments for further investigation depending on the individual circumstances of each household especially if there are repeat offenders, e.g. if there are children involved it would be flagged with Social Services or vulnerability it might be directed towards the Community Support Partnership.

6 PCSP Action Plan 2021/2022

Read: PCSP Action Plan 2021/22 (copy circulated).

The Chair advised Members that this is the final version of the Action Plan, any previous comments received have now been incorporated into the document and any further information was forwarded onto Members as requested. The Plan was emailed to Members on 4 January 2021 for final comments and no additional comments were received. The Plan must be submitted to the joint committee by 19 February 2021. It is hoped to have planning sessions in March or extend the March meeting into a planning session so that members have the appropriate opportunity to feed into the process.

Mrs Flynn highlighted the following points:

- The Action Plan was considered in some detail at the November 2020 meeting.
- Further information requested on 'Contracted Services' has been followed up and issued to Members.
- Budgets for next year have not been agreed yet so it would be useful for us to submit the plan as soon as possible to start to have discussions in relation to the plan and budget for next year.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Gallagher, it was agreed that the Committee note the report and approve the draft Action Plan for the PCSP for 2021/22.

7 PCSP Officer Report – January 2021

Read: PCSP Officer Report – January 2021 (copy circulated).

Mrs Flynn highlighted the following points:

- Small Grants – the Partnership made the decision earlier in year to significantly increase the amount of funding available to communities, considering the context of Covid.
- All projects were to deliver by end of December 2020– 95% are now complete.
- The PCSP has made a huge contribution through the funding to communities during these challenging times.
- Acknowledge the work of staff in terms of encouraging and keeping community groups focused.
- Minimal underspend is anticipated in the 2020/21 budget.
- Change Control for Road Safety has been approved by Joint Committee and a tender is live for procurement for another 7 Speed Indicator signs to be installed at locations agreed. From the data received we can see clear trends in each area and that the SIDs are working, there has been a further 10% reduction in speed in this period, that is 20% reduction overall. Officers are considering how the data can now be used towards enforcement and follow up activity with the PSNI.
- Suggest based on data received to keep the Speed Indicators at current locations for a further 6-month period as 12 months of data will provide evidence of impact.
- A provider has been appointed for the 'Social Alarm Scheme' and staff are working with the PSNI in relation to this.
- Assessment panels have been convened for both the Home Secure and Community Safety Warden' contracts and preferred suppliers identified for both services. The Partnership will be notified once signed contracts received.
- Online information & awareness sessions on domestic violence are being organised for those employed in the hair & beauty industries. Have received a phenomenal response to these. Discussions also taking place on how to best address crime prevention to keep getting the message out over the coming months and weeks.

The Chairperson and Councillors Walker, Ruane and Savage thanked the Officers for the reports and commended Mrs Flynn and her team for providing an excellent report in relation to the SIDs, which was very useful. Members supported the recommendation to keep the SID signs at their current locations for a further 6 months.

Audrey Byrne highlighted that community confidence in policing is a key priority for the PCSP and rather than just use the Mobile Engagement Unit, we should be considering what can be done after Covid to get the message out to the community as to who the Neighbourhood Teams are, what their role is, and how communities can better engage with the Neighbourhood Teams.

Mrs Flynn responded by saying the Mobile Engagement Unit is only one of the areas staff are looking at in relation to improving confidence in policing. Discussions have taken place about raising awareness via a number of online platforms and one of the areas being considered was a virtual meet the team with the NPTs. PCSP Officers are constantly looking at ways to increase confidence in policing; virtual engagement is useful but the priority is engagement planning post Covid. Bearing in mind the extreme challenges of Covid it is important to note that the PCSP has still managed to exceed targets on last year.

Chief Inspector McMinin advised that the preference going forward is proactive policing measured against the amount of drugs detections, Covid breaches etc. Letting the community

see the visible presence of the Neighbourhood Team is important in tackling those problems, there should then be a corresponding reduction in figures to support this.

Mrs Flynn confirmed that the Partnership had already identified sites for the next batch of SID signs and advised that Officers continue to work closely with the PSNI and DfI to agree the best location for the installation of the signs at the identified sites. It was confirmed that installation will hopefully take place within the next 6-8 weeks. Future sites will be identified by considering all the information we have in terms of PSNI and DfI data, and Member knowledge of local areas. Mrs Flynn advised that it may be useful to reconvene the Task and Finish Group that was previously established for the installation of the SIDs last year.

Councillor Savage highlighted that the Crieve Road in Newry had been identified as an area of concern for speeding and would be keen to progress this and liaise with DfI Roads in getting 30mph gateway signage erected if possible. A request was made that Whitecross village should be considered for a SID sign going forward. Councillor Ruane highlighted that speeding was also a serious issue in Hilltown and requested that this village be recorded as a priority area for a SID.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hanlon seconded by Councillor Savage, it was agreed to keep the Speed Indicator Signs at their current site for a further 6 months.

Noted: It was agreed to note the PCSP Officer Report – January 2021.

8 ASB Sub Group Report

Read: ASB Sub Group Report – January 2021 (copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Lewis seconded by Councillor Hanlon it was agreed that the Committee:-

- **Note the report.**
- **Agree the attached Draft Action Sheets of ASB Sub Group 2 held on 25 November 2020 and ASB Sub Group 1 held on 11 December 2020.**

9 Bonfire Group Report

Read: Bonfire Sub Group Report – January 2021 (copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Walker seconded by Councillor Lewis it was agreed that the Committee:-

- **Note the report.**
- **Agree the attached Draft Action Sheet of Bonfire Sub Group held on 7 December 2020.**

10 Statutory Partner Update

Updates were provided from Roisin Leckey PBNI, Liam Gunn NIHE, Michael Heaney Youth Justice Agency and Rod O'Hare NIFRS.

11 Update from PSNI on implications of, and preparations for Brexit in relation to Policing in Newry, Mourne and Down (Standing item)

Chief Inspector McMinn confirmed that there had been no impact from a policing perspective.

12 Date of Next Meeting

The next PCSP Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 23 March 2021. (Venue TBC).

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 15.39pm.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 April 2021
Subject:	Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the report. To note the attached Minutes of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Meeting listed in 3.1 below. <p>Background</p> <p>The attached Minutes of the Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 20 January 2021 are provided to update the Committee on the on-going work of Newry NRP.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	None.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>That the Committee:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the report. Note the following Newry NRP Minutes as attached: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Minutes of Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 20 January 2021, approved at Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 24 March 2021.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	None.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	<p>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</p>
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	<p>Appendices</p>
	<p>Appendix I: Minutes of Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 20 January 2021.</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>
	<p>None.</p>



Minutes of the NR Partnership held on Wednesday 20th January 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom and WIN

In Attendance:

Geraldine Merendino,	Chairperson
Noreen Rice,	MARCA
Karen Gracey	DfC
Ruth Allen,	SHSCT
Sean Mc Kevitt,	NMDDC
Patricia O’Gorman,	Threeways CA
Joanne Mc Ateer	Threeways CA
Leah King,	Threeways CA
Maureen Ruddy,	Martins lane CA
Kathleen Lowry	Greater Linenhall Area CA
Dr Conor Patterson,	NMEA
Maeve Mc Parland,	NMEA
Collie Hanna,	Barcroft CA
Raymond Jackson,	CCG
Aisling Rennick,	NMDDC
Gerry Coyle,	Drumalane Quayside Close CA
Lesley Hamilton,	SRC
Bernie Mooney,	EANI
Liam Gunn,	NIHE
Brendan Cranney	MARCA

Apologies:

**Sinead Jennings,
Catriona Regan,
Madaleine Mc Crink,
Paula Mc Guigan,**

**Ballybot CA
SRC
SHSCT
Carnagat Area CA**

Agenda

1. Welcome/apologies
2. Minutes/matters arising
3. Conflict of interest
4. Programme updates
5. Community updates
6. DfC update
7. A.O.B.
8. Date of next meeting and format

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR ACTION – to include progress/date for completion/by whom
1.	Welcome /apologies	<p>Geraldine unable to join via zoom – issues with the link. Karen agreed to chair in her absence</p> <p>Karen welcomed Liam Gunn, NIHE and asked members for a round of introductions</p> <p>Apologies noted</p>	
2.	Minutes/matters arising	<p>Sean raised the item relating to the plaque with NR members names</p> <p>Information requested on Makoton training</p> <p>Minutes proposed by Maureen Ruddy, Seconded by Collie Hanna</p>	<p>Conor to collate names of LSP members and forward to Sean</p> <p>The trust will deliver when circumstances allow.</p>

3.	Conflict of interest	None declared	
4.	Programme updates	<p>E2E – Information shared on the screen for members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual E2E – broadcasts on E2E facebook • Champions seminars hosted by schools. • Successful enterprise programme with Council • Live broadcasts for young people range of issues covered- each day a different theme • Virtual learning and inspiration • Ask that you like the E2E facebook page. <p>SHSCT –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy eating completed • Some physical activity completed before lockdown 	Ask that the Communities promote through their social media and communication platforms.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outdoor mindfulness postponed until March• Chest heart and Stroke – great feedback – deliver again in March• 1 Grow well being programme completed• Children’s resilience online• List of ideas for health programmes circulated to members• Community growing project – going into next year. <p>SRC – TOPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 52 out of 60 recruited• 22 looking for Door security training Contact residents 1st Feb to see if they are still ok to complete. Costs reduced due to moving online.• Cutting men’s hair – hopeful to get this running after mid term	Community groups to contact Ruth/Madaleine with any proposals/responses
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forklift truck training still running• Youth Mentoring still progressing <p>OCEANS –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• cancelled, unable to deliver under current guidelines• Information on SRC facebook etc. <p>EANI –</p> <p>Working with schools and youth services – what is possible- lot of difficulties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All calls to youth engagement – 9 approved – from December 2020 these have now moved online. Targets are being met <p>Out of hours learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homework clubs – waiting on feedback from Derrybeg.• Drumalane and Greater Linenhall have been postponed - funding now eased. <p>Count read succeed –</p>	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 schools now working with children online- very challenging time for the schools. • Applications for 2021/22 as of last year – no changes. <p>NMDDC Community Renewal CCG support programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the CA's- advice/information/governance/charity commission etc. • EOI scheme still ongoing • Council funding calls – online system • Funding for PPE for reopening available • Strategic hub – key agencies looking at poverty • Currently CCG staff on notice while waiting on new Letter of offer • Noreen thanked Raymond and the staff for all their help. Collie and Gerry added their thanks <p>NIHE Liam Gunn updated members on the progress of the Carnagat extension. NIHE</p>	<p>Sean will update Raymond when application for 2021/22 is approved.</p>
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		<p>will fully support this initiative and work to get it completed when funding becomes available.</p> <p>Informed members that another round of Covid funding by February.</p> <p>He also hopes to meet all groups and visit the areas they represent</p> <p>Community updates</p> <p>The NR Community groups are continuing to deliver some programmes to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centres all closed – Play groups now closed along with schools • Barcroft – In lockdown – issuing vouchers to local community – distributed Christmas packs – walked around the community – all activity outside. • Ballybot -distributing vouchers – all other programmes postponed • Drumalane Quayside – distributed 60 packs to older people Santa walk around at Christmas – distributed packs to children. Thank 	
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		<p>DfC/NR, Council and Sean for their help.</p> <p>All other programmes postponed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater linenhall-Distributed vouchers to families in need. Christmas – Meet Santa – held outside – distributed packs to older people and selection boxes to the children. • Martins lane – 300 packs for Christmas and 50 vouchers distributed to families • MARCA- Christmas activity Santa walked around the area – distributed selection packs to over 300 children. Continue to distribute heating and food vouchers. Centre closed to all. • Threeways- Hosted a Christmas cinema drive in activity at Christmas – 200 cars with over 300 children receiving a gift. Strict guidelines in place All vouchers distributed Delivering online activity to all age groups- quizzes, competitions, dance/exercise. 	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CA's attending meetings with external agencies via online platforms. Some face to face meetings but restricted numbers attending <p>All the Communities thank the DfC and NMDDC for their continued support</p> <p>NMDDC -Outdoor activity – A number of activities delivered – programme reduced due to all current restrictions –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 9 groups have engaged in the programme to date No residentials – funding has now been eased. Hopeful to run a Hill and Moorland level 1 leaders training programme at the end of March – 12 people 	
5.	DfC update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On behalf of the department offer my sincere thanks to all the community and voluntary groups and statutory agencies who are delivering 	

		<p>programmes in such difficult circumstances.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for Arts and culture programmes. To be completed by end of March 2021 • Support available from Covid response fund - purchase PPE – sanitisers etc. • No PPE funding available next year. • Easements have been declared from some programmes – no impact on next year's funding. • Application is a shorter version this year. New output codes – ensure they are used. • Carnagat extension is the number one priority for next year. Important that NIHE are able to deliver. 	
6.	A.O.B	<p>Maureen asked about the new modular building in St Malachys – not being used for purpose it was built.</p> <p>Raymond has some winter warmer packs</p>	<p>Bernie to raise this internally- if not used for original purpose.</p> <p>Contact CCG. Contact Leah if you require some</p>

		<p>Noreen asked members to contact her if they require any issues to be raised at the DEA meeting</p> <p>No other business All members thanked for attending and Thank NMEA for the hospitality.</p>	
7.	Date and time of next meeting	<p>Wed 24th March 2021 At 7.00pm Format to be confirmed</p>	Sean to circulate details

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	19 April 2021
Subject:	Social Investment Fund – Capital
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen - Assistant Director: Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sonya Burns – Head of Programmes Unit Sarah McClory – Programmes Coordinator

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>The Council is covered by two Social Investment Zones – Southern (legacy Newry and Mourne) and South Eastern (legacy Down). The Council has completed the 'Work It' programme in the Southern Zone. The South Eastern Zone includes two programmes: Castlewellan Community Centre and Community Operated Sports Facilities (Ballyhornan and Kilcooley).</p> <p>The final claim is being submitted to close off the programme. The OBA's will continue to be submitted in line with the letter of offer.</p> <p>Project Board meetings continue and attached are the minutes of the January meeting.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Castlewellan Community Centre The project is fully completed with the group undertaking the OBA data collection and reporting.</p> <p>Ballyhornan The site was handed over however an official launch date has not yet been agreed due to ongoing restrictions. The group will complete the OBA report cards in line with the Letter of Offer.</p> <p>Kilcooley Planning permission was not granted so project cannot proceed.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Committee note the report and minutes.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Council contribution: Ballyhornan £125K

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

	The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.0	Appendices	
	Minutes of SIF Board Meeting in January.	
8.0	Background Documents	

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF SIF CAPITAL PROJECT BOARD MEETING
Monday 18th January 2021 @ 10 am, via Zoom**

CHAIRPERSON: Colin Quinn - Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Others Present:

Kenny Knox – Strategic Investment Board Limited
Stephen Courtney – The Executive Office
Francesca Dowler – Ards and North Down Borough Council
Paul Brannigan – Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Sarah McClory – Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Janine Hillen - Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Sonya Burns - Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Apologies:

Anita Waite – Department for Communities
Kirk Marshall - Ards and North Down Borough Council
Ciara Burns - Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Michael Lipsett - Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Fearghal O'Connor – Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Raphael Crummy – Department for Communities

1. INTRODUCTIONS:

Colin Quinn welcomed all the members of the Project Board and thanked all those in attendance.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

No conflicts of interest were raised.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (16th November 2020)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

4. ACTION SHEETS (16th November 2020)

Thomas Davis - Stephen Courtney to continue attending meetings with ABC Council to find resolution to the outstanding issues – ongoing.

Kilcooley - Colin Quinn to pass contact details for the Rivers Agency to Francesca Dowler. Completed

Kilcooley - Francesca to continue to pursue Rivers Agency ref: the draining of Clandeboye lake. Ongoing.

Ballyhornan - Paul Brannigan to ensure Council receives copy of insurance for the new facility. Cover letter confirming insurance.

Ballyhornan – NMDDC to complete legal charge (Fearghal O'Connor). Ongoing.

Ballyhornan - Sarah McClory to liaise with Lorraine Braniff re official opening of the pitch. Ongoing - delayed due to Covid.

Ballyhornan - Sarah McClory to issue Project Agreement outlining OBA requirements to Community Association. Ongoing - draft with Fearghal O'Connor.

Ballyhornan - Sarah McClory to ensure final construction OBA report card is completed. Ongoing.

5. PROJECT UPDATES

5.1 THOMAS DAVIS:

- Stephen Courtney provided an update. Alan Vennard of Faithful + Gould has replaced Martin O'Kane from HMD Architects as Project Manager. HMD Architects is being retained for their architectural services. Other design team members continue to be retained and employed through HMD Architects.
- The project is progressing with a completion date for end of June/ beginning of July.
- The project is substantially over budget with a CE of approximately £200,000.
- NMDDC's financial contribution to the project has already been paid.
- To date approximately 70% of the project is completed and associated payment certificates issued.

Actions:

- **Stephen Courtney to continue attending meetings with ABC Council to find resolution to the outstanding issues with the design team.**

5.2 Castlewellan: Community Centre

- Sarah McClory continues to provide post-construction OBA report cards to TEO, however noted that Covid has impacted on activities the centre is able to provide.

Actions: None

5.3 Community Operated Outdoor Facility- Kilcooley:

- Sarah McClory noted that the final claim has been submitted.
- Francesca noted that Desi Clayton of Kilcooley Forum is awaiting a response from DfC if monies can be ringfenced for other Kilcooley Forum projects.
- Francesca Dowler has been unable to obtain information from the Rivers Agency re Clandeboye Lake drainage, however noted that Clandeboye had not been approached by DfI Rivers. Colin Quinn has forwarded DfI Rivers contact details to Francesca Dowler this morning.
- Kilcooley agenda to be closed at the next SIF Project Board Meeting.

Actions:

- **Francesca Dowler to continue to pursue DfI Rivers ref: the draining of Clandeboye Lake.**

5.4 Community Operated Outdoor Facility - Ballyhornan:

- Paul Brannigan confirmed that he has received a cover letter confirming the group has insurance in place. Paul to receive copy of insurance document.

- Paul Brannigan noted that Brian Feeney has requested additional fees to complete the legal charge. Paul requested confirmation of who will pay for these fees. Stephen Courtney confirmed that TEO will pay legal fees as they are related to the project.
- Kenny Knox clarified that although the pitch is currently not used during Covid the NEC contract will still require sign off the defects lists in line with the contract requirements.
- Final construction OBA report card to be submitted to TEO.
- Paul Brannigan noted that a ball stop fence planning application CE for Downpatrick has been submitted by the DT. This CE was discovered when the DT was completing their final accounts. It was queried if this was covered in the tender. Kenny Knox will review the tender and Paul will check correspondence.
- Final claim to be submitted when all outstanding invoices have been paid out.

Actions:

- **Paul Brannigan to ensure Council receives copy of insurance for the new facility.**
- **Kenny Knox to clarify if planning application for Downpatrick ball stop fence was included in the tender.**
- **Paul Brannigan to review correspondence re planning application fee for Downpatrick ball stop fence.**
- **Council to complete legal charge (Fearghal O'Connor).**
- **Sarah McClory to liaise with Lorraine Braniff re official opening of the pitch.**
- **Sarah McClory to issue Project Agreement outlining OBA requirements to Community Association.**
- **Sarah McClory to ensure final construction OBA report card is completed.**
- **Sarah McClory to submit final claim once all invoices have been paid.**

6 UPDATE FROM DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES (DfC)

- None

7 FINANCE

- Kenny Knox noted that there were no issues that have not already been discussed.

8 OBA NISRA REPORT CARDS

- Final construction OBA report card to be returned.

9 AOB

- Next meeting to take place on Monday 22nd March 2021, via the Zoom virtual platform. Invitations to be issued by Sarah McClory.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Quinn', is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

Colin Quinn
Chairperson

Date: 15th February 2021