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Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Our Performance Looking Back, Going Forward



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The Local Government (NI) Act 2014 sets out a general duty of improvement for local government, whereby all district councils must put in place arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the exercise of their functions.



Looking Back

Every year, we are required to publish an Assessment of Performance to demonstrate whether planned improvements have been achieved. The Assessment of Performance 2019-20 sets out the Council's progress in delivering the:

- **Corporate Plan 2015-19**
- **Performance Improvement Plan 2019-20**
(including the statutory performance indicators and standards)

Our performance has been tracked against set targets and trends over time, using the legend below.

Status	Trend
 Target or action achieved	 Performance has improved
 Target or action partially achieved	 Performance is similar to previous years
 Target or action not achieved	 Performance has declined

Our Council

Our Performance

Since 2015, the Council has made significant progress in delivering the Corporate Plan. Our performance to date has helped us to identify new corporate objectives, supporting actions and measures of success.

Corporate Priority	Progress	Status Trend
 Become one of the premier tourist destinations on the island of Ireland	Implementation of Tourism Strategy underway	😊
	11% increase in visitor numbers	△
	44% increase in visitor spend	△
	22% increase in visitor dwell time	△
	Application for Global Geopark status for the Mournes Gullion Strangford submitted	😊
 Attract investment and support the creation of new jobs	988 new jobs promoted and 979 new business starts supported through business start up activity	😊
	City Deal for the Belfast Region secured	😊
	82% decrease in the number of Job Seekers Allowance claimants	△
	Regeneration and Economic Development Strategy launched	😊
	Production of Local Development Plan underway	😊
 Support improved health and wellbeing outcomes	Newry and Down Leisure Centres open	😊
	Implementation of the Sports Facility and Play Strategies underway	😊
	25% increase in attendances at Council leisure facilities	△
	4 new play parks open, 4 play parks transformed and 19 parks upgraded	😊
 Protect our natural and built environment	Aughnagun and Drumanakelly landfill sites closed	😊
	Increase of 14.8% in the rate of recycling, to 53.7%	△
	86.9% reduction in the amount of waste going to landfill, to 2,131 tonnes	△
	22% reduction in black bin waste, 25% increase in blue bin waste and 133% increase in brown bin waste	△
	Downpatrick Household Recycling Centre open	😊
	Camrough Lake flood defences complete	😊

Corporate Priority	Progress	Status Trend
 Lead the regeneration of our urban and rural areas	The restoration of Warrenpoint Town Park complete	😊
	Implementation of 5 Masterplans underway	😊
	Environmental improvement and revitalisation schemes in Downpatrick, Newry and Warrenpoint complete	😊
	Processing time for local planning applications improved by 14 weeks	△
	Processing time for major planning applications increased by 37.6 weeks	▽
 Advocate on your behalf specifically in relation to those things that matter most to you	Newry, Mourne and Down achieved age friendly status from the World Health Organisation	😊
	9% increase in premises with superfast broadband, to 82%	△
	£15m awarded to FFNI Consortium to improve digital infrastructure**	😊
	Review of community planning structures complete	😊
 Empower and improve the capacity of our communities	Implementation of Community Plan underway	😊
	Seven DEA forums established and delivery of Local Action Plans ongoing	😊
	Review of community centres complete	😊
	£5.7m awarded to 1,900 applications through the Financial Assistance Scheme	😊
	27% increase in the number of successful applications to the Financial Assistance Scheme	△
 Transform and modernise the Council, providing accessible as well as value for money services	87% of residents are satisfied with the Council	😊
	75% of residents believe Newry, Mourne and Down is a good place to live	😊
	Slight reduction in employee absenteeism	▶
	Compliance with the statutory Duty of Improvement	😊
	IIP / CSE accreditation not progressed	😞

**FFNI: Newry, Mourne and Down District Council hosts the Full Fibre Northern Ireland Consortium.

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TREND

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Going Forward

Corporate Plan 2021-23



Our Vision

We are ambitious and want our district to become one of the most desirable and best places to live, work, invest in and visit.

Our Strategic Objectives

Over the next two years, the Council will focus on delivering the following eight strategic objectives:



Invest in and support new and growing businesses, job creation and employment skills



Continue to improve the health and wellbeing of everyone in the district and reduce health inequalities



Enhance, protect and promote our environment



Support sustainable forms of tourism which value our environment and cultural heritage



Enable and support people to engage in inclusive and diverse activities in their communities



Promote the revitalisation of our city, towns, villages and rural communities



Provide accessible, high-quality and integrated services through continuous improvement



Advocate with others for the benefit of all people of the district

Our Key Actions

What We Will Do

To enable the Council to deliver on its eight strategic objectives the following principal projects have been identified.

- New Theatre and Conference Centre in Newry
- New Civic Centre
- Downpatrick Regeneration
- Newcastle Centre
- Community Centre provision in Warrenpoint and Camlough
- 15 Acre Albert Basin Park
- Local Development Plan Strategy
- Organisational Transformation
- Progress Projects contained within the Belfast Region City Deal (BRCD) including skills and innovation.

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Have your say

We welcome your feedback and suggestions on how Council services can be improved in the future. Full copies of the following documents are available to download from our website www.newrymouredown.org as follows:

- **Corporate Plan 2021-23**
- **Assessment of Performance 2019-20**

This document is available in alternative formats upon request.

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