



December 14th, 2021

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on **Monday, 20th December 2021** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Council Offices, Downshire Estate, Downpatrick via Teams.**

Chairperson Councillor McKevitt

Vice Chairperson Councillor Casey

Councillor Finnegan

Councillor Gallagher

Councillor Harte

Councillor Lewis

Councillor Malone

Councillor McEvoy

Councillor McMurray

Councillor O'Hare

Councillor Ó'Muirí

Councillor Sharvin

Councillor Tinnelly

Councillor Trainor


Councillor Walker

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16.0 Donard Overflow Car Park - Business Case

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

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17.0 Community Trails Update – Business case and Capital Monies approval

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 <i>Community Trail Projects 2021 - 22.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>
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18.0 Business Case - Ball stop requirements at Castlewellan Community Centre 3G Pitch

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 <i>Ballstop requirements at Castlewellan Community Centre 3 G Pitch.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>
 <i>Appendix 1 - Business Case Ball Stop 3G Castlewellan.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>
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19.0 Rockpool Update

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 <i>Newcastle Rockpool Remedial Works Study.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>
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Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Mr Alan Beggs

Cllr Patrick Brown

Cllr Robert Burgess

Cllr Pete Byrne

Mrs Dorinnia Carville

Cllr Charlie Casey

Cllr William Clarke

Cllr Dermot Curran

Cllr Laura Devlin

Mr Eoin Devlin

Ms Louise Dillon

Cllr Cadogan Enright

Cllr Aoife Finnegan

Cllr Hugh Gallagher

Sinead Geary

Cllr Mark Gibbons

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon

Cllr Glyn Hanna

Cllr Valerie Harte

Mrs Janine Hillen

Cllr Roisin Howell

Miss Veronica Keegan

Mrs Sheila Kieran

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 McKeivitt

Cllr Andrew McMurray

Cllr Roisin Mulgrew

Cllr Declan Murphy

Cllr Barra Ó Muirí

Mr Fearghal O'Connor
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Linda O'Hare
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Cllr Gerry O'Hare
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Cllr Kathryn Owen
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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Cllr Michael Ruane
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Cllr Michael Savage
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Cllr Gareth Sharvin
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Donna Starkey
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Cllr Gary Stokes
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Sarah Taggart
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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

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Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/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/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 created to examine ways of attaining the goal of zero suicides across the District.	E Devlin	Ongoing Virtual Suicide prevention awareness training to be offered to all members in Feb/March	N
AHC/4/2020	Overflow Car Park at Donard Park	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. Winter arrangements – closed from the 1 st November to Easter 2020 (10 th April) If a budget became available in the interim, the opening of the overflow car park could be	P Tamati	Planning application submitted Jan 2021, ongoing.	N

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		brought forward on busy days prior to Easter 2020. 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. Following such approval, a detailed capital proposal will be brought back to Committee for further consideration.			
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 – Draft Licenses in place and applications to DfC C-AT Scheme progressed for relevant groups Drumness Snooker Club complete	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	Active Travel strategy developed and approved by Council in November 2021	Y
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/014/2021	Disability Access onto Newcastle Beach	It was agreed 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 to the NS Committee for consideration in the Spring.	M Lipsett	Report to AHC – Feb 2021 Ongoing	N

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AHC/120/2021	Upgrade works to Ballynahinch Community Centre and Market House, Ballynahinch	It was agreed to accept the proposals for the Market House and begin reconfiguration works immediately (approx. cost £20,000) and accept option 2 as the preferred option for the upgrade to Ballynahinch Community Centre and develop subsequent business case (to include community consultation) for proposed scheme.	J Hillen	Building Control application submitted for The Market House and tender documents are being prepared. Ballynahinch CC – Business Case paper at November AHC	N
HC/143/2021	Notice of Motion – Defibrillators	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake a programme of engagement with local sports clubs and community organisations across the District to establish the level of defibrillator provision within their various facilities; And develop a programme which is designed to increase the numbers of officers and volunteers within all sporting and community organisations who can perform the vital lifesaving skill of CPR; Target all organisations across business, statutory, Community and Voluntary sectors who have an AED to register it on the National Defibrillator Network. A timeframe of six months be set in order to update Members on the progress of the engagement programme. Council officers to liaise with the Heart Foundation regarding funding towards defibrillators with the potential of a grant stream being established for groups to access	M Lipsett	Ongoing	N
AHC/148/2021	SLA - use of Changing Rooms - Dan Rice Hall, Drumaness by Drumaness Cricket Club	It was agreed to proceed with approval to issue a Service Level Agreement (SLA) to Drumaness Cricket Club for the use of the changing rooms within Dan Rice Hall, Drumaness (as per charges outlined within outdoor leisure hire charges).	J Hillen	Ongoing - awaiting details of office bearers of Cricket Club to insert into SLA	N

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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/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 is added to Councils Capital programme as part of Councils Sports Facilities Strategy list of projects.	P Tamati	Ongoing - focus group planned for Monday 15 th November in Newry, Tuesday 16 th November in Downpatrick and Wednesday 17 th November in Killeel Leisure Centre	N

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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
AHC/087/2021	Feasibility Study for Battery Storage Pilot	It was agreed for Officers procuring a feasibility study to assess the suitability of Council community buildings with PV for battery storage pilot.	E Devlin	In progress	N
AHC/099/2021	Fairtrade Signage	It was agreed to approve Option 1 to implement Fairtrade District Statute signage, as per Fairtrade Organisation template, on all 21 Boundary signs across the District at a cost of £1,102.50 (excl. VAT).	E Devlin	The fairtrade graphic has been agreed with marketing, designed by the printers and approved by the Fairtrade S/C at their October meeting. Next stage is for the graphic to be printed onto boundary signs and to agree a programme of installation with Grounds Maintenance Dept.	N
AHC/167/2021	Licence Agreement with Cosy Corner Playgroup at Crossmaglen Community Centre	It was agreed that Council submit an application to Department for Communities via the community asset transfer process to seek approval for the reduction in annual fees as detailed in the officer's report and to hold off charging an annual rate to Cosy Corner Playgroup, Crossmaglen until the next financial year.	J Hillen	Ongoing Application made to DIC	N
AHC/170/2021	Kilkeel Leisure Centre – Capital Build Project	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out essential and enhancement works for Kilkeel Leisure Centre at a cost as outlined within the officer's report; Approve the business case for the project as per appendix 1 of the officer's report 	M Lipsett P Tamati	Ongoing Planning permission for proposed gym extension submitted.	N
AHC/171/2021	Business Case – Minor Works Scheme at Cloughreagh Community Centre	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the business case as attached to the officer's report for the upgrade work at Cloughreagh Community Centre; 	J Hillen	Ongoing	N

AHC/172/2021	Leasing of Council Land and Facilities – Expressions of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve to procure and appoint a consultant to complete a survey, including a bill of quantities; • Approve to appoint and procure a contractor to carry out the necessary works. <p>It was agreed to note the below Expressions of Interest received for the leasing of Council land and facilities have now successfully completed stage 2 of Council's Sport and Community Leasing Policy 2016 and a report will be tabled at Council's Strategy, Policy & Resources Committee recommending approval to lease the below lands and facilities, as per stage 3 of the policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moorehill Quarry – adjacent to Newry Recycling Centre, Newry; • Derryleckagh Field/Land – adjacent to Derryleckagh Playing Fields, Newry; • Generator House – adjacent to the Yacht Club, Newcastle; • Burren Village Green Field/Land – adjacent to play park and community centre, Burren; • Drumaness Cricket Pitch – adjacent to Dan Rice Memorial Hall, Drumaness; • Drumaness Soccer Pitch – adjacent to Dan Rice Memorial Hall, Drumaness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve to procure and appoint a consultant to complete a survey, including a bill of quantities; • Approve to appoint and procure a contractor to carry out the necessary works. <p>It was agreed to note the below Expressions of Interest received for the leasing of Council land and facilities have now successfully completed stage 2 of Council's Sport and Community Leasing Policy 2016 and a report will be tabled at Council's Strategy, Policy & Resources Committee recommending approval to lease the below lands and facilities, as per stage 3 of the policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moorehill Quarry – adjacent to Newry Recycling Centre, Newry; • Derryleckagh Field/Land – adjacent to Derryleckagh Playing Fields, Newry; • Generator House – adjacent to the Yacht Club, Newcastle; • Burren Village Green Field/Land – adjacent to play park and community centre, Burren; • Drumaness Cricket Pitch – adjacent to Dan Rice Memorial Hall, Drumaness; • Drumaness Soccer Pitch – adjacent to Dan Rice Memorial Hall, Drumaness. 	P Tamati	Report to be tabled at SP&R on 16 th September 2021 Provisional Meeting re Derryleckagh Field/Land on site at Newry Rugby Club on 20 October 2021 - on going. Officers meeting with NIE held on 4 th November 2021. NIE now looking at alternative sites. Report planned for SP&R approving Derryleckagh Field/Newry Rugby Club to progress to Stage 3.	N
AHC/191/2021	Notice of Motion relating to Rights of Nature	It was agreed to approve the following: 1. Councillor Gibbons be invited to table the motion at the next meeting of the Sustainability and Climate Change Forum in December 2021. 2. The Sustainability and Climate Change Forum consider the actions and propose an action plan. 3. That the 'Rights of Nature' be reflected in the ongoing development of the Climate Change Adaptation Plan.	It was agreed to approve the following: 1. Councillor Gibbons be invited to table the motion at the next meeting of the Sustainability and Climate Change Forum in December 2021. 2. The Sustainability and Climate Change Forum consider the actions and propose an action plan. 3. That the 'Rights of Nature' be reflected in the ongoing development of the Climate Change Adaptation Plan.	E Devlin	Tabled at SCCF in December 2021	Y

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AHC/206/2021	Community Planning Review	It was agreed that a third party be employed to facilitate workshops engaging the key stakeholders identified in section 2.2 and 2.3 of the officer's report, and to produce a draft review of the community plan.	M Lipsett	Ongoing	N
AHC/207/2021	Request to Councillor Brown from the Mid Down Integrated College Steering Group to present to Council.	It was agreed to hold an information/education workshop to receive deputation from the Mid Down Integrated College Steering Group and invite other sectors of education along with two Councillors from each Political Party to attend also.	M Lipsett	Ongoing	N
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AHC/211/2021	Leasing of land at Darragh Cross GAC and Teconnaught GAC, Council Play Strategy	It was agreed subject to all statutory approvals being in place, to enter into a 25-year lease with Darragh Cross GAC and Teconnaught GAC as outlined in appendix 1 and 2 of the officer's report to facilitate the establishment of play parks in these areas as per Councils play strategy.	P Tamati	On going	N

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AHC/21/2/2021	Chairpersons Remarks	<p>The Chairperson asked that letters of congratulations be sent to the following teams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burren Minor Ladies team, the first team in South Down to win a Minor Football Championship and the Burren boys who also won a Minor Football Championship. • Kilcoo GAA on winning the Senior Football Championship. • Our Lady's Grammar School, Newry U-16 camogie team on winning the Ulster Championship. • Mayobridge GAA Camogie team on winning the Down Intermediate Championship against An Ríocht. • Aughlisnafin GAA on winning the Down GAA Junior Football Championship. • Killybegs GAC Camogie team on winning the Junior Championship final. • An Ríocht GAA on winning the Camogie Down Intermediate final. 	M Lipsett	Actioned	Y
AHC/21/4/2021	Action sheet Committee Meeting held on Monday 15 November 2021	The action sheet from the Committee Meeting held on 15 November 2021 was noted.	M Lipsett	Noted	Y

AHC/215/2021	Mid-Year Business Plan Assessment 2021/22	The Mid Year Business Plan Assessment was approved.	M Lipsett	Approved	Y
AHC/216/2021	Peace IV Update	<p>It was agreed to approve the recommendations of the PEACE IV Partnership as set out below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To procure and appoint suitable providers for the Newcomer Programme. Estimated costs: £43,725. • Tom Dunn project: delegated authority requested to progress the project. Estimated costs: £77,000. 	J Hillen	<p>Procurement exercise is underway for the Newcomer programme.</p> <p>Tom Dunn discussions are ongoing with the group and progress is continuing through SEUPB in relation to procurement.</p>	Y
AHC/217/2021	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report	<p>It was agreed to note the report and approve the actions in the action sheets attached to the officer's report for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Monday 11 October 2021. • Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 12 October 2021. • Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 12 October 2021. • Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 21 October 2021. • Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 28 October 2021. 	J Hillen	All Action Sheets being actioned accordingly	Y
AHC/218/2021	Community Coordination Hub – Update Report	It was agreed to approve the actions in the Action Sheet attached for the Community Coordination Hub (CCH)	J Hillen	Approved	Y

		Meeting held on Wednesday 27 October 2021.			
AHC/219/2021	Covid-19 Financial Inclusion Funding from Department for Communities (DFC).	Councillor Sharvin enquired if the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust and Council had endorsed and made an agreement to share costs for the new Parkrun in Downpatrick. Mrs Hillien advised she would follow up and respond to Councillor Sharvin directly on the matter.	J Hillien	Actioned	Y
AHC/220/2021	Lease of commercial space at the McGraths Centre	It was agreed to note the report and agree to award the COVID-19 Financial Inclusion Funding of £83,547.00 from the Department for Communities (DFC) to 'Community Advice Newry, Mourne and Down'.	J Hillien	Ongoing	N
AHC/221/2021	Request for capital budget energy management programme	It was agreed that as per the Acquisition and Disposal of land procedure to approve the use of an Agent to market and lease the commercial ground floor space at the McGrath Centre, Newry.	E Devlin	Request in capital estimates	Y
AHC/222/2021	Request for capital budget water fountains, single use plastics programme	It was agreed to approve the contribution of £22,200 in the Capital Budget for 2022/2023 to procure 2 External and 8 Internal Drinking Water Fountains to encourage refilling of water bottles as part of the Council's Single Use Plastics Strategy.	E Devlin	Request in capital estimates	Y
AHC/223/2021	Request for capital budget active travel programme	It was agreed to approve the contribution of £40,000 in the Capital Budget for 2022/2023 to fund Active Travel Infrastructure including Bike Parking and Shelter Facilities and items for	E Devlin	Request in capital estimates	Y

AHC/224/2021	Service level agreement with Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council in relation to product safety funding	Schools and Community Active Travel educational programmes as part of the Council's Active Travel Masterplan. It was agreed for officers to examine the Blue/Green Fund that Minister Mallon had available to see if the £40,000 could be doubled from external grant money to be able reach out to more schools for community active travel.	E Devlin	SLA signed by Chief Executive	Y
AHC/225/2021	2021/22 DFC Areas at Risk Funding for Bessbrook and Crossmaglen – Additional Funding Secured	It was agreed to note there was an additional £5,000 per location, in addition to the £24,000 previously secured to run educational programmes for residents from the Crossmaglen and Bessbrook areas, through DFC Areas at Risk Scheme.	J Hillen	Ongoing Classes planned for January 2022	N
AHC/226/2021	Financial Assistance	It was agreed to note the Financial Assistance Report.	J Hillen	Noted	Y

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AHC/227/2021	Trojan Horse Update	It was agreed to note the report updating on the progress of the Trojan Horse Project.	J Hillen	Noted	Y
AHC/228/2021	Newcastle Centre Capital Project	It was agreed to approve the Business Case for this project as per appendix 1 of the officer's report and to include the Tropicana Steel Slide in the planned demolition works at the Newcastle Centre.	M Lipsett/ P Tamati	On going	N
AHC/229/2021	Expression of interest for leasing Council land at Lismore Playing Fields, Crossmaglen	It was agreed to approve the Lismore Site in Crossmaglen to progress to a public Expression of Interest process in line with the Sports & Community Facility Management & Leasing Policy (2016).	P Tamati	On going	N
AHC/230/2021	Leisure Reopening Plan	It was agreed to approve the following COVID-19 Protocols to remain in place and under review at all Indoor Leisure Facilities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Track and Trace Protocols 2. Social Distancing at 2 meters 3. One-way systems 4. Sanitisation Points 5. Priority booking for Online and Advanced Bookings 6. Controlled Sessions (Moving to booking and access every 15 minutes where applicable) 7. Activity Capacity Caps 8. Requests for COVID-19 Risk Assessments from Block Bookers 9. Enhance Cleaning Regimes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 1 COVID-19 Restrictions and Guidance was considered, and it was agreed Health Suites (Sauna, Steam Rooms and Spas) remained closed and under review. • Appropriate membership discounts and/or extensions continue to be applied for any loss in service provision as a result of the above recommendations. 	P Tamati	Complete	Y

AHC/231/2021	Notice of Motion – Accessibility onto beaches in Northern Ireland	It was agreed for Outdoor Recreation NI (ORNI) to complete a Feasibility Study for Disability Access to Beaches within the District as per appendix 1 of the officer's report and as part of the ORNI Service Level Agreement planned 2022/23.	M Lipsett	On going	N
AHC/232/2021	Business case for Coach/Minibus/Taxi Hire Framework	It was agreed to note the report and approve the business case for a framework appointment for a three-year coach/minibus/taxi hire procurement for the entire Council at a value detailed within the officer's report.	J Hillen	Will now be progressed with Council's Procurement/Purchasing Section.	Y
AHC/233/2021	Business case for the reconfiguration of Ballynahinch Community Centre	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the business case as outlined within the officer's report for the reconfiguration of Ballynahinch Community Centre including the associated professional fees. Submit the project for consideration in the 2022/2023 Capital rate estimates. When funding is secured proceed to finalise drawings and costings for the preferred option and apply for all necessary statutory approvals and prepare tender documents based on the preferred Option 3 as outlined in the business case. 	J Hillen	Ongoing Project has been forwarded to the Rates process for consideration	N
AHC/234/2021	No 16 the Square, Rostrevor	It was agreed to note the contents of section 2.7 of the officer's report.	J Hillen	Ongoing Extension of four weeks has been granted by DEARA. LOO expires 31 st January 2022	N
AHC/235/2021	Update report on reopening of community facilities	It was agreed to note the contents of the officer's report.	J Hillen	Ongoing	N

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	20 December 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

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

For decision For noting only

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 Sheets attached from the DEA Forum Private Meetings listed in 3.1 below. <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, guidelines and requirements).</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	Any activity undertaken by the DEAs must be compliant with COVID-19 restrictions, guidelines and requirements.
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"> ➢ The Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 24 November 2021. ➢ Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 30 November 2021. ➢ Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 30 November 2021.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Support and assistance from partners to deliver actions in the DEA action plans.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
7.0	Appendices	
7.1	<p>Appendix 1: Update on the ongoing work of the DEAs.</p> <p>Appendix 2: Action Sheet of The Mourne DEA Forum Private Meeting, 24 November 2021.</p> <p>Appendix 3: Action Sheet of Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting, 30 November 2021.</p> <p>Appendix 4: Action Sheet of Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting, 30 November 2021.</p>	
8.0	Background Documents	
8.1	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

During the month of December, the Downpatrick, Rowallane and Slieve Croob DEAs have been working in partnership with Knockevin Special Schools in Downpatrick, Castlewellan and Dundrum to provide a Christmas Activity Programme. This programme includes arts & crafts activities for the students and a final celebration day in each of the schools whereby they will get the opportunity to meet Santa and his reindeer.

On the 9th December, the Downpatrick, Mournes, Rowallane and Slieve Croob DEAs in collaboration with County Down Rural Community Network are hosting their annual Silver Screening Initiative in the Downpatrick Omniplex. Our senior residents will get the opportunity to enjoy the screening of the movie 'Spencer', whilst enjoying some light refreshments. The programme is aimed at reducing isolation experienced by our seniors during the Winter period.

The 7 DEAs will be working together to deliver 3 large DfC COVID-19 Recovery funded Mental Health Events. The theme and target audience of each event will differ from DEA to DEA. Planning is currently underway and the events will take place in the New Year.

All People in Newry, Mourne and Down Live in Respectful, Safe and Vibrant Communities

Level of Civic Participation and Good Relations:

The 7 DEAs are rolling out a four-week Photography Programme in each of their areas. The first sessions were delivered in the Downpatrick and Crotlieve DEAs during October/November. The programme is aimed at bringing people together from different cultural backgrounds in a shared safe environment that will not only improve the mental health and well-being of individuals, reduce social and rural isolation, but also create an environment of understanding and acceptance.

Crotlieve DEA is delivering a 4-week cultural diversity programme to young children in the Mayobridge area.

Slieve Gullion DEA is delivering a series of 3 interactive workshops exploring Christmas traditions from around the world.

Level of Personal Safety and Crime:

Since September students from St Malachy's HS Castlewellan, De La Salle HS Downpatrick and St Colman's High and Sixth Form College Ballynahinch have taken part in a Young Driver's Initiative organised by Downpatrick, Rowallane and Slieve Croob DEAs in partnership with Drive Techniques, Bishopscourt Race Track, New Drive NI, PSNI and the NIFRS. Students were taken through basic vehicle safety checks such as oil, tyre pressures etc. The students then had the opportunity to take turns in driving around Bishopscourt race track accompanied by a fully qualified driving instructor to experience what it was like to drive a vehicle.

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Action Sheet of Mournes District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 24th November 2021 at 12.00noon via Microsoft Teams

Chairperson: Councillor Laura Devlin

In Attendance: Councillor Harold McKee
Councillor Glyn Hanna
Councillor Leeanne McEvoy
Councillor Henry Reilly

Independent Members: Paula Nixon, County Down Rural Community Network
Ann Grant, Rural Housing Network
Donna McConnell, Kilkeel Development Association
Andy Hall, SANSA

Statutory Partners: Deirdre Magill, Southern Health and Social Care Trust

Council Officials: Joanne Fitzsimons, DEA Coordinator
Aisling Rennick, Engagement and Development Manager
Shannon Creaney, PCSP Officer
Laura Higgins, Administration

Others in attendance: None

Apologies:

Councillor Sean Doran
Eileen Murphy, WAP

Damien Brannigan, NMDDC Head of Engagement

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
MOU/2021/59	Welcome/Introductions		Noted.
MOU/2021/60	Declarations of Interest		None made.
MOU/2021/61	PCSP Update	Shannon Creaney, PCSP Officer, provided an update on PCSP programmes and projects. Councillor McKee requested details on Spikeys and Crime Prevention Clinics.	PCSP Officer to email the following information to DEA Coordinator to share with Forum members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information/Flyer on Christmas Crime prevention talks. • Information on and image of Spikey- Anti drinks spiking bottle stoppers. • Information/flyer on upcoming Crime Prevention Clinic.

MOU/2021/62	Action Sheet 29 th September	<p>Councillor Reilly asked new Coordinator to send members her email address.</p> <p>Kilkeel Cinema Project - Donna McConnell, KDA advised economic document came back with number of queries which are being addressed.</p> <p>Burrendale Estate – DEA Coordinator provided update.</p> <p>Ballymartin Playpark – Councillor Hanna advised work finished but an issue has been discovered regarding mound of soil affecting safety of slide.</p>	<p>DEA Coordinator to send members her contact details.</p> <p>Donna McConnell is meeting key stakeholders to address issues in December.</p> <p>DEA Coordinator waiting on update from Neighbourhood Services on alleyway ownership. No update from DfC on funding scheme for greening of alleyways.</p> <p>DEA Coordinator to link in with Outdoor Leisure for update and timeline for resolution.</p>
MOU/2021/63	Update on PEACE IV Capacity Building Programme	<p>Engagement and Development Manager provided update. PEACE IV agreed that funding can be used for capacity building in the community with focus on recruiting new members to DEA in Spring 2022.</p>	<p>DEA Coordinator to email out flyer and online links with programme information which DEA members should share to community contacts, networks etc to ensure maximum participation.</p>

MOU/2021/64	DEA Coordinators' update	DEA Coordinator provided update on upcoming events and initiatives. Also advised Financial Assistance Call 1 will be going live in December.	DEA Coordinator to email Financial Assistance information to local groups when Call 1 is live.
MOU/2021/65	AOB	<p>Paula Nixon, CDRCN, welcomed the new DEA Coordinator and provided update on upcoming events.</p> <p>Councillor Devlin asked DEA Coordinator for an update on Mournes DEA budget. The Engagement and Development Manager advised that there is a slight budget underspend.</p>	<p>DEA Coordinator to provide budget update at next meeting.</p> <p>Forum members to send DEA Coordinator any suggestions for remaining budget.</p>
MOU/2021/66	Date of Next Meeting	Councillor Reilly requested Mournes First Responders Group attend next meeting.	<p>Next meeting is Wednesday 26th January 2022, 12:00</p> <p>DEA Coordinator to invite Mournes First Responders Group.</p>

The meeting ended at: 12.40 pm

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Action Sheet of Slieve Gullion District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 30th November 2021 at 4.00pm via Teams

Chairperson:	Councillor A Finnegan
In Attendance:	Councillor P Byrne Councillor Barra O’Muirí Councillor Declan Murphy Councillor Oonagh Magennis
Independent Members:	Teresa Nugent, Rural Health Partnership
Statutory Partners:	Annie Clarke, Southern Health Care Trust Stephen Simpson, PSNI
Council Officials:	Taucher McDonald, DEA Coordinator Slieve Gullion Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement Julie McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities & Events
Others in Attendance:	Laurence Bradley, Confederation of Community Groups
Apologies:	Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/SG/27/2021	Declaration of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	Noted.
DEA/SG/28/2021	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held on 11 th October 2021 via Teams	Proposed by Cllr Finnegan and Seconded by Cllr O'Muiri.	Noted.
DEA/SG/29/2021	Election of Chair	Cllr O'Muiri proposed Cllr Taylor for Chair. Seconded by Cllr Byrne.	Cllr Taylor elected as Chair.
DEA/SG/30/2021	Election of Vice Chair	Cllr O'Muiri proposed Cllr Murphy for Vice Chair. Seconded by Cllr Finnegan.	Cllr Murphy elected as Vice Chair.

DEA/SG/31/2021	Community Centre Running Costs	<p>Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events attended the meeting and gave an update on support available to FMA and SLA groups.</p> <p>It was noted that Brieghe Boyle had been appointed Community Facilities Manager for the Slieve Gullion Area and Kevin Turley had been appointed Caretaker in Bessbrook Community Centre.</p>	Noted.
DEA/SG/32/2021	PSNI Update	<p>PSNI Officer gave an overview of ongoing work in the area and highlighted the partnership work with the community over the Halloween period. The work around Halloween was acknowledged by the Forum.</p>	Noted.
DEA/SG/33/2021	DEA Coordinators Report	<p>DEA Coordinator gave an update on projects and programmes including the Pink Present Launch, Shared Schools Virtual Tool Kit Launch, Mental and Physical Resilience Programme in Culloville, Christmas Around the World</p>	Noted.

		<p>Programmes in Culloville and Forkhill, ESOL classes and supports, and the Drug/Alcohol Awareness Workshop on 2nd December in partnership with Rural Health Partnership South Armagh.</p> <p>It was noted that some of the local GAA clubs may be interested in Drug/Alcohol Awareness workshops.</p>	
DEA/SG/34/2021	Intergenerational Programme	DEA Forum to deliver Intergenerational Programme after Christmas.	DEA Coordinator to Action.
DEA/SG/35/2021	Rural Health Partnership Update	Teresa Nugent gave an update on the ongoing work of the Rural Health Partnership.	Noted.
DEA/SG/36/2021	Dorsey Speed Ramps/Signage	DEA Forum to meet with community association to identify specific traffic and speed issues. Meeting advised that the community association do not wish to pursue the issue at this time	Completed.

DEA/SG/37/2021	James Reel Play Park	<p>Discussion took place regarding a community based proposal to develop a play park at Silverbridge in memory of James Reel.</p> <p>Head of Community Services, Facilities & Events highlighted upcoming Financial Assistance Call 1 as a starting point.</p> <p>Agreed: The Forum request the Council to consider support for the project in terms of ongoing insurance and maintenance.</p> <p>Annie Clarke said the local Multi-Disciplinary Team may be interested in providing a "Chatty Bench" at the site.</p>	<p>DEA Coordinator to contact Outdoor Leisure.</p>
DEA/SG/38/2021	Update from Southern Health Care Trust	<p>Annie Clarke gave an update on the ongoing programmes and work by the Trust including the appointment of a new Traveller and Ethnic Minority Support worker, Maurice Rocks. An invitation to the next Forum meeting to be extended to the Ethnic Minority Support Officer from the Trust.</p>	<p>Invitation to next meeting for the Trust Traveller and Ethnic Minority Support Worker to be forwarded through Annie Clarke.</p>

DEA/SG/39/2021	Date of next meeting	Meeting Dates for 2022 discussed,	DEA Coordinator to forward on dates to members.
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The meeting ended at: 5.09pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 25th January 2022 at 4.30pm on Teams.

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Action Sheet of Crotlieve District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 30th November 2021 at 18.00 pm via Microsoft Teams

Chairperson:

Councillor Declan McAteer

In Attendance:

**Councillor Mark Gibbons
Councillor Gerry O'Hare
Councillor Jarlath Tinnelly**

Independent Members:

**Clare Shields – County Down Rural Community Network
Thelma Thompson - Altnaveigh House**

Statutory Partners:

Annie Clarke - Southern Health and Social Care Trust

Council Officials:

**Shirley Keenan – Crotlieve DEA Co-ordinator
Aisling Rennick – Engagement & Development Manager
Shannon Creaney - PCSP Officer**

Others in Attendance:

None

Apologies:

**Councillor Michael Ruane
Councillor Karen McKeivitt
Tania Baille – Confederation of Community Groups
Deirdre Magill- Southern Health and Social Care Trust
Carie Crawford – Education Authority
Damien Brannigan – Head of Engagement**

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/C/70/2021	Declaration of Interest.	There were no declarations of interest declared.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/71/2021	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held October2021.	Action sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/72/2021	DEA Co-ordinator's Report/ Spend and Action Plan.	Planned Projects agreed by Forum Members along with associated budget. Projects include Good Relations Projects.	DEA Co-ordinator to continue with delivery and implementation. Projects Proposed by Cllr J Tinnelly and seconded by Cllr G O'Hare.

DEA/C/73/2021	Update from CDRCN.	Update provided by Ms C Shiels.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/74/2021	Update from PCSP & Good Relations.	Update provided by Ms S Creaney.	DEA Forum requested that PCSP deliver information evening/workshop on Spiking.
DEA/C/75/2021	Update from SHSCT.	Update provided by Ms A Clarke.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/32/2021	Kodak Corner Kilbroney Park.	Discussion around improvement of signage and need for this to be a dual trail.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/07/2020	Warrenpoint Town FC.	Request from Warrenpoint Town Football Club via Cllr Mark Gibbons for Council to erect lighting inside Council property boundary.	DEA Co-ordinator to refer matter to relevant Council department. COMPLETED. ITEM TO REMAIN ON AGENDA.

DEA/C/09/2020	Update on Toilets in Warrenpoint Park.	DEA Co-ordinator to obtain update.	Matter ongoing, update provided today from relevant Council officer via DEA Coordinator.
DEA/C/69/2021	Update on Warrenpoint Baths.	Item to remain on agenda.	Councillors were recently updated by ERT Department and will continue to be updated.
DEA/C/76/2021	Date of next meeting.	The next meeting date: 25 th January 2022.	DEA Co-ordinator to forward papers and Teams Link.

The meeting ended at: 18: 40 pm

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	20 December 2021
Subject:	Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Update Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community 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 consider and agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheet of the Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on Wednesday 24 November 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	That the Committee: - <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 November 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	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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6.0	<p>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</p>
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7.0	<p>Appendices</p>
7.1	<p>Appendix 1: Action sheet of the CCH Meeting held on Wednesday 24 November 2021.</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>
8.1	<p>None.</p>

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**Minutes of Community Coordination Hub Meeting
Wednesday 24 November 2021 @ 2:30pm****In Attendance:****Chair:** Michael Lipsett (Active & Health Communities)

Sonya Burns (Programmes Unit)
 James Campbell (Health and Wellbeing)
 Aisling Rennick (DEA's)
 Julie McCann (Community Services)
 Nicholas McCrickard (CDRCM)
 Damian Brannigan (DEA)
 Raymond Jackson (Confederation of Community Groups and Strategic Forum)
 Alan Beggs (GIS Mapping)
 Rosemary McDonnell (Community Advice NI & Strategic Stakeholder Forum)
 Lauren McMenemy (Community Planning)
 Ruth Allen (SCHSCT)
 Colette Rodger (PHA)
 Lynda Vladeanu
 Caroline Gray (Programmes Unit)

Apologies:

Janine Hillen (Community Engagement)
 Eoin Devlin (Environmental Health)
 Gerard Rocks (SHSCT)

Item	Issue Raised	Agreed:	Referred to	Action taken
2.	Actions from last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions from last CCH meeting held attached 	ML	
3.	Funding Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy attached in previous email of list of Funding Opportunities for NI Community 	ML	

4.	Updates from DFC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFC to produce Generic Score cards which are now outstanding. New score Cards are to be used for the specific Funding awarded. • At present continue to use the old Score Cards until new Score Card is made available. To be reviewed with DFC. 	DB
5.	2020/2021 Food and Volunteer Support fund table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021 Food Partnership Fund and Food and Essential Items Fund table provided for NI Council areas by DFC. 	
6.	Update on DFC funded programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community • Trusted Partner Scheme – 40% Advance Spend Funding to be allocated by 31 March 2022, stakeholder Groups advised of this as some underspend at present. • Funding is being provided by DFC for the Social Supermarket. 10 Groups from Strategic Stakeholder Forum now reviewing the model to be adopted for the needs of individuals and Groups in their area as all have different needs. • 09 December 2021 Co Design meeting to be held with stakeholders. • More enquiries being received from St Vincent De Paul in relation to funding and more support for Utility Bills for individuals and families due to rising cost of living. • Groups wish to hold social events and entertainment as per NI Executive Guidelines. • Funding for the Park Run event is being provided. • Norbrook Laboratory are providing 250 cooked meals and hampers which are being distributed by Trusted Partners and are to continue for further 6 weeks. Volunteers helping to distribute in Downpatrick area. • Recommend funding being provided from DFC for two and half hours per week to help with the distribution and delivery of the cooked meals. • Needs of all individuals/Groups are assessed for funding. 	<p>RJ</p> <p>NMcC</p> <p>RMcD</p> <p>NMcC</p> <p>DB</p> <p>CR</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Supermarket Hub also providing support to allow signposting for Health concerns and provide Information and leaflets to be provided through network. • Age friendly have already distributed the Keep Warm Packs but are working within a limited budget. Will check if more are available. • Trust • Emotional Wellbeing Hub set up for Care in the Community in February 2021 and working in partnership with other sections. • Multidisciplinary teams reviewing a Wellbeing Hub being set up in the South Eastern Area of the Council reviewing activities and programmes that can be made available and linking with other Hubs. Model and structures differ in each region. • Mental Health Hub being provided in the area. There is a waiting list a present for Counselling services to be provided to individuals as difficult to recruit Counselling officers, more funding to be provided. • Referral form being used by Barnardo's for Family Support Hub is the same as that used by DFC. Family support provided in the South Eastern Trust/ Down area by community and volunteer sector. • Bolster use a slightly different format for referral to the Family Support Hub. Newry, Mourne and Southern Trust area refer families and individuals through Family Support Hub although both have same principle. • Verve progressing well. Clannye supporting with training for individuals. • Community Engagement • Funding of £684,837.69 carried over from previous year. Stakeholders to provide update on how the spending has been allocated to Groups within the community. Funding provided for 11 Projects. 2 Verve and Poverty Projects now included in Strategic Stakeholders. • Received from DFC £208,619.49. £13,309.49 held in contingency. Approved by DFC, RHC committee and by the Council. • Delays at present with Procurement, hopefully resolved soon. • Of the FMA and SLA Groups half of the Groups have requested further support to be provided. 	<p style="text-align: center;">LV</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AR JMC</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slow cookers to be distributed to Community Groups and further training to be provided. • Stakeholders to be reminded of this. • DFC Funding Addendum and Advance Agreement to be updated • Financial Assistance Call 1 2021/2022 opening 06 December 2021. 17 Themes included in Call 1. Groups will be advised through On-Line Funding Workshops, newspapers and Council Web page. • Peace 1V Programme – Peace Plus action plan awaiting guidelines. Consultation next year. • Peace 1V and new Peace Plus score cards to be returned to Programmes Unit for Addendum to be added, Sarah to review. • Community Planning/Health & Wellbeing • Digital poverty - DFC have approved revised proposal for support to be provided in the Community for digital awareness and accessibility. • Recruitment process on going. • Letters of Offer being issued to Groups. • Energy efficiency review on going. Efficiency packs being procured and issued during January to March 2022. 	ML SB AB JC	
6.	Community Plan update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups working well together and are being consulted to improve effectiveness and outreach. 	
7.	Date and times of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 15 December 2021 at 2.30 pm 	

Next Meeting: Wednesday 15 December 2021 at 2.30pm

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	20 December 2021
Subject:	Application to DfC for Funding towards IT Equipment for Neighbourhood Renewal Groups in Newry and Downpatrick
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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1.1	<p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the report. To consider and agree to approve that Council make an application to the Department for Communities (DfC) for funding to supply I.T equipment to community groups across the Newry and Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Areas. <p>Background</p> <p>DfC has invited the Council to apply for funding to provide I.T resources for the community groups within the Newry and Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Areas. The funding, in response to the ongoing pressures associated with Covid-19, aims to address the barriers to full engagement within this sector by providing new I.T equipment in support of the administrative duties and project delivery by the respective community groups.</p> <p>Council is seeking approval to submit an application to DfC (through the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme, People and Places Investment Programme) to purchase 28 laptops and software and 7 printers for seven of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Area community groups (Barcroft, Carnagat, Derrybeg, Drumalane, Greater Linenhall, Meadow Armagh Road, and Threeways Community Associations) and seven of the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Area community groups (Bridge Street & Mount Crescent Community Association, Flying Horse Ward Community Forum, Marian Park Community Association, Meadowlands Community Association, Model Farm Residents Association, Tosu Ur Community Association and Stream Street Residents Association).</p> <p>The application has to be submitted by 30 December 2021.</p> <p>If the application is successful, the equipment will be 100% funded by DfC with no cost to Council. The total amount that will be sought from DfC towards the laptops, software and printers is £21,352.56, exclusive of VAT.</p> <p>There is no guarantee of funding from DfC and all the community groups are aware of this.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Due to the ongoing restrictions on face to face meetings the community groups like many others have a new way of working and engaging within their sector through online platforms. However, this requires modern and fit for purpose I.T equipment which not all the</p>

	<p>community groups' volunteers have access to. This application if successful will provide the necessary equipment that allows for full engagement.</p> <p>This new equipment will also support the out of hours learning/homework clubs by providing a high standard of I.T equipment which supports early years development and primary school educational needs.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>That the Committee: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the report. • Agree to approve that Council make an application to the Department for Communities (DfC) for funding to supply I.T equipment to community groups across the Newry and Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Areas.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Officers' 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>
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>

	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 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/>
7.0	Appendices
7.1	None.
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	20 December 2021
Subject:	Request for support of Live Here Love Here initiative and Eco Schools programme from Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful for period 2022 - 23
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For noting only	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	To consider and agree to approve the financial support and the signing of an SLA for the period 2022 - 2023 to support the Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful (KNIB) Live Here Love Here campaign and Eco Schools Programme across the District.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p><u>Live Here Love Here (LHLH)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LHLH has three main elements: a media campaign, a volunteering support programme and a small grants scheme. It is building a movement of enthusiastic local people who volunteer their time and expertise to promote Civic Pride, particularly by tackling littering, dilapidation of buildings and improvement of green space. The LHLH media campaign has been instrumental in helping achieve these incremental gains using bespoke billboards in supporting council areas, television and radio advertising and increasingly, social media to reach specific audiences. Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful (see KNIB letter App I and LHLH Impact Report appendix II) is requesting a three-year agreement to continue to support the programme in the Newry, Mourne and Down area. This would require an annual budget of £26,000 as in previous years The Council have previously supported the programme on a one-year basis. It should be noted that half (£13,000) of the Council's funding goes straight back into supporting this area through the small grants programme. <p><u>Eco Schools</u></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful (see letter appendix III) is requesting a contribution from the Council for the period 2022 – 23 for delivery of the Eco Schools Programme in the District. • KNIB have proposed 2 different supporting options for council to consider. Option 2 is the current support council receive from KNIB for delivery of the Eco Schools Programme. • The current programme in Newry, Mourne and Down has proven highly successful. 140 schools in the District are registered with the programme (See Appendix IV NMD Impact Card). • Currently 81 schools have obtained green flag status. • Schools undertaking the programme work on ten environmental topics - Litter, Energy, Water, Waste, Transport, Healthy Living, Schools Grounds/Outdoor Learning, Biodiversity, Global Perspective and Climate Change. These topics, and the work carried out by schools, are in keeping with the mission statement contained in the corporate plan: "to lead a district that is prosperous healthy and sustainable". • The Department's Environmental Education Officers provide assistance and organise initiatives and events which assist schools in achieving their green flag award. <p>The total contribution to KNIB for the period 2022 - 2023 to support the Live Here Love Here campaign and Eco Schools Programme across the District is £28,975. Breakdown as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live Here Love Here for the 2022-2023 period at a cost of £26000 subject to approval within the estimates process. • Eco Schools Programme for the 2022-2023 period at a cost of £2,975 subject to approval within the estimates process. • Officers will develop an SLA with KNIB to be signed by Council and KNIB CEO.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To consider and agree to approve the financial support and the signing of an SLA for the period 2022 - 2023 to support the Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful (KNIB) Live Here Love Here campaign and Eco Schools Programme across the District.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Contribution will come out of existing estimates
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)

5.1	<p>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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7.0	<p>Appendices</p>

	Appendix I Letter from KNIB Re LHLH Oct 2021 Appendix 2 LHLH Impact Card Appendix 3 Letter from KNIB Re Eco Schools Nov 2021 Appendix 4 Eco Schools Impact Card
8.0	Background Documents
	None

Newry, Mourne & Down District Council



October 2021

RE: Live Here Love Here

Dear Marie,

I hope this finds you well. I know how hard you and your colleagues across local government have been working to provide consistent service to your ratepayers through some of the most difficult times any of us can remember.

So many things are still uncertain; however one thing has been made abundantly clear throughout the pandemic, and that is the high value local people attribute to the public realm – the places and spaces that have provided us all with much needed respite during lockdowns and which have been central to our wellbeing. Across Northern Ireland people are realising that our streets, our beaches, our community gardens, our public benches and our floral displays really matter...because they make people feel better. When the world outside looks like someone cares for it, then the people in our communities feel better cared for too.

We're very proud of the work that Live Here Love Here has carried out during the past year to support dedicated volunteers in Newry, Mourne & Down District Council. It couldn't have happened without your financial support, which provides the essential match funding to enable us to draw down Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) funding and other investor funding for the Live Here Love Here programme.

Local volunteers in your area may not have been able to carry out their transformative projects without the support – financial, practical and advisory – of the Live Here Love Here programme. And that programme depends on its partnership with you.

I know that budgets are tight everywhere at the moment, but I hope that the attached impact report will show you that Live Here Love Here represents a strong return on investment. And I think it's worth saying that while the local government purse may have shrunk in recent times, the same cannot be said for the imagination and enthusiasm of local volunteers when it comes to environmental issues. There is a growing appetite among the volunteers we engage with daily, to do more, to be more ambitious and to find ways to make a difference. As COP 26 dominates the news agenda we find that people increasingly want to get involved in small projects in their own communities. They tell us that doing so makes them feel less powerless in the face of the global environmental challenge. Environmental motivation combined with civic pride is a powerful combination and is something which I think all councils should consider an investment priority.

I will, of course, be providing a detailed financial update to your staff. I've also attached an impact infographic with this letter, giving you the topline facts, figures and stories from your local community. And just to remind you; here are the main Live Here Love Here programmes running in your area:

The **volunteer programme** supports groups at all different stages of their environmental efforts, from one-off clean ups with BIG Spring Clean to creating healthier communities through Adopt A Spot. There are currently 76 Adopt A Spot groups in Newry, Mourne & Down and this year Live Here Love Here secured additional funding from DAERA to purchase and distribute 500 new Adopt A Spot kits, some of which will be available in your Council area.

The **Small Grants Scheme** supports groups focusing their efforts on: **pollution solutions, climate action** and **biodiversity recovery**. New programmes to tackle plastics and textile waste have been proving popular and there is also a new offer of Carbon Literacy training, a first for Northern Ireland, which launched in October 2021.

An important part of the programme has been the national media campaign featuring our 'ragin' Al' puppet, who, love him or loathe him, has continued to catch the imagination of the public across Northern Ireland. You will have no doubt seen bespoke billboards in your council area and Live Here Love Here messaging has been running consistently over various media sources since last March. Since this high-profile campaign started in 2015 there has been a three-fold increase in recall and awareness and the number of people surveyed who said the campaign had made them "very likely" to think twice about dropping litter, doubled in the past year. Thanks to your investment and the support of other partners we've sustained this high impact communications campaign across the local print media as well as UTV, Channel 4 and Sky TV. A refreshed outdoor advertising campaign took 'Ragin' Al' into people's local high street as well as on to their TVs during prime-time slots achieving:

- *87% coverage of NI TV audience
- *39% unprompted awareness of Live Here Love Here brand
- *Over 3.7m YouTube impressions
- *Facebook reach of 812,000 individuals

Across your council area, Live Here Love Here funded 18 projects to a total expenditure of £14,200 and we've received 43 applications worth £415,413 for our new and hugely popular rural community pollinator grants. Five marine capital grants projects to the tune of £28,781 have also been recently awarded which just goes to show that ratepayers in Newry, Mourne & Down have a strong and growing desire to drive forward environmental improvements in their own neighbourhoods. Local people are willing to put in the work if their local council and other public bodies hold out a hand in partnership. In summary, this means for every £1 invested into the grants by your council Live Here Love Here has, so far this year, added £2 and depending upon the pollinator grant judging outcomes, will add up to a further £29.25.

Your Continued Support is vital...

Please consider putting in place a new three-year agreement (2022-2025) to continue to support your community through our programmes; this will require the same annual budget of £26,000 as previously. Don't forget that half (£13,000) of the Council's investment goes straight back into supporting your community through the Small Grants Scheme. The latest Cleaner Neighbourhoods Report found that street cleansing cost £45.96 per ratepayer in Newry, Mourne & Down in 2020. Continued investment in Live Here Love Here can deliver tangible benefits helping Councils make savings in areas such as street cleansing that currently drain large budgets.

I look forward to hearing from you and in the meantime, thank you for your time.

Yours Sincerely,



Dr Ian Humphreys

Chief Executive

cc. Sheena McIlDowney; Eoin Devlin

Changing the world - one project at a time



Small Grants Scheme

The Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme takes a fresh approach to improving our local environment and building a sense of pride in our local communities.

Over £1 million

has been allocated across Northern Ireland since 2014



Newry, Mourne and Down
District Council

57	applications received
18	projects funded
£112,562	amount requested
£13,000	amount awarded by council
£1,200	additional funding by partners

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council data for 2021-2022



"Kilkeel Chamber of Commerce are thankful of the support offered by Live Here Love Here in order to install flowers planters throughout Kilkeel as part of the Bee Kind High Street initiative (left). Through the support, Chamber were able to enlist the help of a local artist and Men's Shed to help design and create the planters, using old fish boxes. This has created a great floral display throughout the town as well as attracting pollinators into an urban environment."

KILKEEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"Mayobridge Development Association got involved in Live Here Love Here as we pride ourselves on our village looking good as it is a reflection of the people, with bright bubbling flowering throughout. We wanted to be a village that people remember when they pass through. Our local community have increasingly taken pride in their gardens and more volunteers have started to get involved (right). It has inspired even the young people to help out with litter picks and cleaning up the area."

MAYOBRIDGE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION



"We initially adopted the spot of Killard Square, however, being a coastal area, we have branched out and in partnership with our local Sea Swim group, we have regular beach clean ups, not just on the popular beach, but further round the coast where there is a lot of litter washed up. The supplies provided by Live Here Love Here gave the group a real boost. Our community space is a natural meeting point within our community where people stop and have a beer or a cup of tea and chat and swap advice and tips. Improving the space has been invaluable, it gives us pride and a sense of hope for the future. We feel privileged to be able to create a legacy for the future generations growing up in Ballyhoman."

KILLARD SQUARE RESIDENTS' COLLECTIVE

Marine Litter Capital Grants

5 project funded

£28,781 amount awarded

Rural Community Pollinator Grants

43 applications received

£415,413 amount requested

Media campaign

87% of Northern Ireland TV audience

58% prompted awareness of Live here Love Here brand

3.7m+ YouTube impressions

812k Facebook reach



"I applied for Food For Thought as it is a great opportunity for our group and young families to get together in the great outdoors to do a bit of planting in a safe and healthy environment (below). We as a group feel this is the way forward to try and encourage people of all ages to get involved in food growing. It is fulfilling and provides a great sense of satisfaction, as well as an opportunity to meet other like minded people in these uncertain times."

PETER HAUGHEY

New Town Together Men's Shed



"We really appreciate the opportunity to expand on the small vegetable plot we started during the COVID lockdown as complete novices. We are looking forward to learning more about growing our own vegetables (above), as well as encouraging local biodiversity and healthy eating as a family."

JOANNE MCCOLLAM

"Our successful application for a Food for Thought pack has given our garden group the opportunity to keep Hilltown Community Garden live. Going forward our plan is to plant the seeds initially in the containers and once established offer the plants to target groups in our community, for example those people who have impacted by COVID-19 either by social isolation or financial challenges"

DEIRDRE MCVEY Hilltown Community Garden

"I've been seeing these ads for over a year now and they still crack me up, ads with a hilarious great puppet character!"



14 December 2021

Dear Council,

Council support request for the Eco-Schools Programme in Northern Ireland 2022/23.

This letter is a request for support for the Eco-Schools programme in your council area in 2022/2023 and to highlight the excellent value the Eco-Schools Programme brings to Northern Ireland in helping deliver a safe and sustainable future for our youth.

Your continued support both financially and with staff time is highly appreciated by Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful and is critical to the success of the programme in educating young people on environmental issues and empowering them to make informed choices, take positive action and be the change needed to ensure a sustainable Northern Ireland. We seek to give young people a platform to make their voices heard and influence their peers, communities, policy and decision-makers.

The Eco-Schools programme encourages and directs young people to think about litter, waste and recycling, energy saving, water conservation, transport options, biodiversity, the natural environment they are custodians of, and make positive choices for a better future. We look forward to continuing the relationship we have established over the years which has helped cement Northern Ireland as a top achiever globally in the Eco-Schools programme.

Eco-Schools creates behavioural change in our youth and we have seen it dispersing into society via our Eco-Campuses and Eco-clubs who are now engaging and valuing the impact of the Green Flag Award. Currently Stranmillis College and Queen's University are working with us and we now have over 30 Eco-Clubs engaging with us with 5 now having achieved their Green Flag. The programme may start in schools however, the impact is far reaching and we only have to look at this growth in Ireland to see the positive impact with 36 campuses registered with 13 awarded the Green Flag including one hospital site. Continued support of our programme will encourage this further growth and spread into the wider society through positive behaviour change.

We bring additional support from the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, grant making bodies and other corporate and charity funders and continue to make efforts to diversify funding opportunities for environmental education in Northern Ireland.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind councils they play a vital role in helping us meet our **match funding** for the grant received from DAERA to keep this programme operational. It is important to note that we have so far, because of your continued support, not had to pass the cost on to schools and have been able to offer the programme and assessments for free. We hope to continue this in the future as schools come increasingly under financial pressure. However, loss of council support nationally would result in match funding not being met and the programme either running at a cost to the school or the loss of core funding.

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Other countries have moved to charging schools, however, for us at Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful, we believe it is imperative this remains a free programme so **all sections of the community** can benefit equally and it not become a postcode lottery. We have seen recently at COP26 the need for a just transition and we believe environmental education should be free for all. However, the reality may be individual councils who do not support the programme may see their schools paying up to £200 for assessment and award of Green Flag next academic year.

Your responsibility to our youth and your constituents

Belfast Climate Commission Youth Work carried out a recent survey of 13 – 24 year olds with most of the response coming from post primary aged pupils. 1200 young people across Northern Ireland responded to the survey. The report published on the findings specifically mentions the Eco-Schools Programme and the Carbon Literacy Training we offer schools. Below is one of the 5 recommendations:

“According to the responses from the survey the young people trust schools and colleges as places to receive information about climate change. Therefore, it is important that educational settings and staff have the tools, resources and expertise to engage with young people on issues pertaining to climate change. There should also be an emphasis on teacher training and continued professional development on issues such as Carbon Literacy and the Eco-Schools Programme.”

A recent survey carried out by Eco-Schools of teachers across Northern Ireland 469 teachers responded. The results highlighted the need and demand for further support from the Eco-Schools team to support teachers grow in confidence around their knowledge and ability to teach on environmental topics:

- 86% said they had not enough knowledge of the impacts of climate change, biodiversity loss and waste and pollution
- 80% are not confident enough to teach on environmental topics such as climate change, biodiversity loss and waste and pollution
- 93% said it would be beneficial to include some modules on these environmental topics in teacher training either in initial teacher training or Professional development
- 92% said they would avail of the training if it was made available to them (including time to complete it)

This is clear evidence that not only our future voters will be influenced moving forward by whomever is looking after their collective future and the environment but also many of our current voters.

Dealing with the Climate Crisis moving forward, employment within this sector will be in demand and we need to prepare our young people for the jobs they will be working in. Eco-Schools is more than an extracurricular activity; our programme is shaping many young people's future career paths. We are in the process of developing a video to show good examples of how this has already been happening and will continue to expand. By fully investing in our programme you are investing in the NI youth's future.

We at Eco-Schools and Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful as a whole have already started to respond to this broader public agenda and demand from our teachers and youth. We are now delivering Carbon Literacy Training to our Teachers and Youth Leaders across the country. We went a step further to have the Carbon Literacy course accredited as a Grade B at GCSE with the Open College Network Northern Ireland (OCNNI). The official qualification is called: **OCNNI Level 2 Certificate in Reducing Carbon Footprints through Environmental Action**. There are 5 units available with Carbon Literacy being the core unit.

Within this Certificate are the 5 awards everyone helped us pull together:

1. OCNNI Level 2 Award in **Reducing Carbon Footprints through Environmental Action (core module)**
2. OCNNI Level 2 Award in **Biodiversity Recovery**
3. OCNNI Level 2 Award in **Climate Campaigning**
4. OCNNI Level 2 Award in **Tackling Single Use Plastic Waste**
5. OCNNI Level 2 Award in **Tackling Fast Fashion**

We have developed teaching resources to support teachers and youth workers with the delivery of this course.

Statistical Impacts from the Eco-Schools programme

- 100% of schools signed up to Eco-Schools Programme which equates to 326,537 pupils in 1,136 schools and 62 private nursery and educational facilities here.
- 358 schools currently have the Eco-Schools Green Flag and we've seen increases from 147 in 2016/17 to 176 in 2018/19 to 332 in 2019/20 indicating the upward trends in interest in the programme.
- 419,181 sustainable journeys have taken place since 2016 through the Translink Travel Challenge with 19,825 pupils getting involved
- Total increase of schools picking topics and raising awareness since 2017/18:
 - Biodiversity: increase of 209 schools: 15% increase
 - Healthy Living: increase of 251 schools: 22% increase
 - Litter: increase of 234 schools: 20% increase
- 32% of schools in Northern Ireland are flying the internationally recognised Green Flag - Ensuring a positive experience for our young people – through engaging them in actioned-based and socially-responsible learning.
- Total CO₂ saving recorded in the last 3 last academic years is 5602076 Kg

Support for Eco-Schools Going Forward

Over the past few years we have increased the amount of support we offer schools in your council area. The demand has grown exponentially since lockdown and our online resources and support offered during this time has increased in response. Through corporate

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partnerships we have been able to expand our Eco-Schools team to provide feet on the ground in your council area offering direct support to schools in the form of workshops, practical advice and support and online sessions. This corporate funding however is not secure and we can only hope your council play a bigger role in supporting Eco-Schools as we see the programme grow in popularity and strength.

This is already beginning to happen with other Councils partners in recognition of the importance of the Eco-Schools programme in the context of the wider climate crisis and the urgent need for all sectors to move further and faster towards a greener society. We were delighted to see several councils increase their level of support this year in recognition of the growing impact of the programme. Belfast City Council contribute 16.5% alone to the Eco-Schools programme with Derry City and Strabane District Council, Ards and North Down Borough Council and Mid & East Antrim Borough Council all contributing 13% respectively. We understand not all councils are in the position to offer this kind of support especially on the back of COVID19 however, we must be honest and inform councils we feel they are undervaluing the impact and importance of our work and the value added we bring.

From October 2020 – October 2021 as part of our support to schools in your council area our programme provided:

- **The installation of 1 outdoor learning garden to the value of approximately £2,500**
- **The installation of 2 productive biodiversity Garden to the value of approximately £3000**
- **£385 amount in Wrigley Litter Less Funding**
- **4 schools were awarded small grants from Live Here Love Here**
- **12 schools were awarded Pollinator Grants**
- **£500 for the NIHE Energy Schools competition plus a laptop for the winning pupil and a tablet for the runner up**

Currently your council contributes 2% of the overall Environmental Educational Team budget at a cost of £1,700 per annum (5 pence per pupil). We welcome the opportunity to discuss with you reviewing this investment in light of how the Eco-Schools programme has grown and developed in your Council area and to reflect and sustain the additional staff resource we have put in place to make this happen.

We must also consider there has only been a £200 increase in the level of support since 2015. However, when calculating staff costings, we must take into consideration the percentage increase in cost of living each year which has been approximately 2.4% each year which has not previously been factored in. If all councils were on board with our preferred support option, we would hope to recruit a new member of staff to better support individual councils and give the time for consultation and support which is often requested.

Your continued support also ensures that Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful can offer other environmental education initiatives to schools in your Council area most notably Young Reporter's for the Environment; Single Use Plastic initiatives, Coastal Schools Workshops, Fast fashion Workshops, Installation of Outdoor learning gardens and biodiversity gardens, Wheelie Big Challenge, NIHE schools Energy Competition, Translink Travel Challenge, Erasmus + among many others all of which contribute to schools achieving Eco-Schools Green Flag status.

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When budgets are tight across all sectors we understand now may not be the ideal time to request an increase in financial support however, we must emphasise councils have a responsibility to their constituents to create a 'more resilient Northern Ireland which will take timely and well-informed decisions to address the socio-economic and environmental impacts of climate change' as highlighted in NI's second Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP).

Taking all of the above into consideration, increased growth, increase in staff, footfall to our social media sites and online content, cost of living increase, support to council staff, voice of our young people, interest from teachers and the statistical impacts, we only see it fair councils consider an increase in their level of financial support to help match fund our programme. In order for this to happen councils will need to review and evaluate the level of support they currently provide Eco-Schools with and we would invite you to review the following 2 options and an additional awards ceremony contribution.

Option 1: Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful's preference.

Support of the Eco-Schools Programme at a cost of **£10,942**. This includes Wheelie Big Challenge and core running cost of the programme, which equates to an investment of approximately **32 pence per pupil** in your council area and would bring your council in line with other investors to the programme.

Option 2:

Support of the Eco-Schools Programme at a cost of **£2,975** would equate to an investment of approximately **9 pence per pupil** in your council area.

Please see the Matrix Grid to compare support

Additional Eco-Schools Award Ceremony: £5000

<p>Organisation and promotion of Eco-School's Award Ceremony - Council to provide a venue for the event to be hosted in June 2022. These award ceremonies are important to schools and pupils, re-enforcing the importance of their work and introducing pupils to their local council's involvement and relevance in what they are doing in school. Many have described the anti-climax of 2 years of work not being celebrated.</p> <p>Eco-Schools will organise and host the event including school's invitations, guest speaker, awards and food and refreshments.</p>	<p>£5000</p>	<p>£5000</p>
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Matrix for Council's Eco-Schools Support options

Deliverable	Option 1	Option 2
A pre-existing programme to assist council delivery of their waste and litter prevention programmes and to help councils meet waste prevention and landfill reduction targets.	X	X
Direct communication with all schools in your council and NI as a whole.	X	X
Support councils in educating and raising awareness on litter, waste and avoidable single use plastics that will be dealt with in forthcoming EU and Northern Ireland Executive Committee legislation.	X	X
The opportunity to be associated with this prestigious international environmental education programme.	X	X
Clear linkage to Council support for young people's environmental leadership development.	X	X
Free training for your staff to become Eco-Schools Green Flag Assessors.	X	X
Provision of assessments and flags	X	X
Organisation of 1 Cluster Group meeting and 1 Green Flag Clinic for teachers in the council area which deliver valuable information to schools progressing through the Eco-Schools programme and provide the council with opportunities to promote their own projects and build relationships with teachers.	X	X
Development of the Ambassador Eco-School network in your Council area - Ambassador Eco-Schools are flagship schools driving their environmental message further into the community and mentoring other schools in their area.	X	X
Providing reports and statistics on schools in your Council area which are involved in the Eco-Schools programme.	X	X
Annual report provided in July to supporting councils highlighting statistics for schools and information about the new incoming initiatives.	X	X
We provide support for council staff and elected representatives such as responding to ad hoc queries on the status of schools in the council area. However, further consultation on support of developing and delivering initiatives will incur a consultancy fee charge.	X	X

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Access to the Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful Data Hub, which puts information and statistics from Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful programmes you support at your fingertips (www.keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org).	X	X
Opportunities to promote your campaigns and activities through the monthly Eco-Schools newsletter and multiple social media channels and signposting schools to relevant council contacts on the Eco-Schools website (www.eco-schoolsni.org).	X	
Opportunity to promote campaigns, events and activities in the monthly Eco-Schools newsletter and two social media posts annually . Posts and article must be provided in full.		X
Preference given to schools in council areas supporting the programme for promotion through media outlets.	X	X
Allowing schools access to additional funding provided through Eco-Schools for projects such as the international Wrigley Litter Less campaign.	X	X
Dedicated Field Officer working on Wheelie Big Challenge and direct schools engagement in your council area.	X	
Wheelie Big Challenge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contact school Eco-Coordinators to recruit schools to the project, • manage all communications, • Provide the toolkit for school and home • provide workshops/webinars and support, • ensure data is gathered and uploaded correctly • gather competition entries, • organise invitations to the final award event and • generate PR around the project. • Produce an end of project report to be included with your Eco-Schools report in July. 	X	

We can all sense that these are important times for the environment and society both locally and globally. Eco-Schools therefore will have an increasingly critical role in mobilising staff and pupils to adapt to the changes that will be required and to be part of the answer and the solution to the many issues becoming apparent. It is evident from recent developments including the Global Climate Strikes and the Conference of Parties (COP26) in Glasgow that young people also are asking for support and affirmative action. Eco-Schools provides a very practical action-based delivery mechanism for the many solutions. Working together we can all build a better future. Whilst any one of us working alone will struggle to get the critical mass needed.

Enclosed is an Eco-Schools Support Request Form. I would be very grateful if you could provide the necessary Purchase Order number by the end of January 2022 to ensure access to the benefits listed above is maintained in 2022/23.

If you require any further information or clarification on anything above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely



Charlene McKeown
Environmental Education Manager
Charlene.mckeown@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org
Tel: 07845050890
Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful



Eco-Schools Support 2022-2023 Request Form

Please tick your preferred option:

- Option 1: **£10, 942** at a rate of 32 pence per pupil
- Option 2: **£2,975** at a rate of 9 pence per pupil
- Additional Eco-Schools Award Ceremony: **£5,000**

..... Council

Agrees to support the Eco-Schools Programme

OR

Do not wish to support the Eco-Schools Programme

Council Purchase Order Number (required for invoicing)

Signed

Name

Position/job title.....

Date.....

Please return to:

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 Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful
 Bridge House
 2 Paulett Avenue
 Belfast
 BT5 4HD

victoria.rowan@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org

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Newry Mourne and Down District Council: facts and figures 2020-21

140

Number of schools registered in council area

34,202

Total number of pupils in council area

81

Number of schools who have achieved the Green Flag



51

schools with current Green Flags (37%)

30

schools with lapsed Green Flags (21%)

Ambassador Schools

- Cumran Primary School (new 2016/17)
- St Bronagh's Primary School (new 2017/18)
- Down High School (new 2019/20))

25 teachers attended the Cluster Group Meeting

1 Outdoor Learning Garden installed

2 Productive Biodiversity Gardens installed

12 Pollinator Grants awarded

4 Small Grants awarded

Awareness and engagement with Eco-Schools topics



Financial support to schools through project funding

Project name	Schools	Funding
Wrigley LLC	Sacred Heart Primary School	£385
Danske Bank Outdoor Learning Garden	Academy Primary School	£2,500
Radius Housing Biodiversity Garden	Cloughoge Primary School	£3,000
TOTAL	Windsor Primary School	£5,885



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and Down**
District Council



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ECO-SCHOOLS

Eco-Schools: added value

1. Contact with 100% of schools in your council area



2. Teacher resources across all Key stages



3. Financial Incentives for schools participating:

Up to **£250** for the Wrigley Litter Less Challenge

Up to **£200** for Young Reporters for the Environment

Up to **£200** Coastal Schools entries

Up to **£1,500** in our Cash for Clobber competition

Up to **£500** in our NIHE School's Energy Competition

Up to **£500** in Wheelie Big Challenge Competition

4. In person and online workshops to help engage dormant schools:



- Coastal Schools
- Tackling Fast Fashion
- Wheelie Big Challenge
- Young Reporters for the Environment

5. A team of dedicated Field Officers out on the ground supporting schools through the Eco-Schools programme

7. 4K+ followers and growing. Increase of 1,337 since 2019/20



8. Individual Council Eco-School's Award Ceremonies



9. Carbon Literacy Training for teachers

Carbon Literacy Programmes

6. Online webinars and clinics to support teachers and delivery partners lead and deliver on our programme



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Plus many other opportunities:

Danske Bank and Radius Housing Gardens, Translink Travel Challenge etc.



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Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	20 December 2021
Subject:	Request for support for Sustainable Northern Ireland (SNI)
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For noting only	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	To consider and agree to provide financial support to Sustainable NI and to sign a SLA in relation to this for 2022-23.
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 an annual contribution of £6000 for our continuing membership of the Forum (Appendix I) and have provided a copy of their Annual report for 2020/2021 (Appendix II). <p>SNI are proposing the following workplan for 2022/23:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist Council to comply with the Sustainable Development Statutory Duty (Section 25) through dissemination of ideas, advice, support, research, policy guidance and best practice Promote greater understanding and awareness of sustainability and climate issues within Council through attendance at forums and meetings as and when required Facilitate the Sustainable Development Forum which promotes and shares good practice among councils and public-sector organisations in the region Facilitate the All-Party Group on Climate Action which helps develop a shared understanding of key climate issues across political parties to inform decision making Help you assess sustainability performance within your organisation through a sustainability audit (New)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide one internal training session on 'Understanding Section 25 – The Statutory Duty on Sustainable Development' (New)
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To consider and agree to provide financial support and signing of SLA with Sustainable NI for 2022-23 year.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Contribution will come out of existing 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)

<p>6.1</p>	<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>7.0</p>	<p>Appendices</p>
	<p>Appendix I Letter from SNI Nov 2021 Appendix II SNI Annual Report 2020/2021</p>
<p>8.0</p>	<p>Background Documents</p>
	<p>None</p>

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26 November 2021

Subscription Request 2022-23

Dear Marie,

I am writing to thank you for your continued support for Sustainable Northern Ireland and have pleasure in attaching our latest Annual Report which provides a summary of our activities in 2020-21.

Sustainable Northern Ireland is a small organisation. We cannot make the changes necessary to achieve a sustainable future alone. We can however work with our partners, particularly statutory bodies with significant influence on policy, to make a difference. Local authorities influence around a third of carbon emissions in their areas, so we continue to prioritise our resources to support and guide councils to push the boundaries on what can be achieved when it comes to sustainability and climate action.

2020-21 Highlights

- Facilitated four meetings of the Sustainable Development Forum an enabler of peer-to-peer support and learning on sustainability and climate action matters across the public sector.
- Circulated responses to key policy consultations such as the Energy Strategy, Programme for Government, Climate Change Bill, Clean Air Strategy, Future of Recycling etc.
- Wrote to the Minister for Infrastructure outlining the need to accelerate the expansion of the public EV charging network and provide support to councils to support this agenda.
- Helped establish the Northern Ireland Electric Vehicle Consortium Working Group.
- Provided 1-2-1 technical advice and support for sustainability and climate change leads.
- Developed a template sustainability policy and screening tool to help organisations align their plans, policies and projects with sustainable development and a low-carbon future.
- Facilitated five meetings of the All-Party Group on Climate Action
- Facilitated a webinar sharing the key findings of the UK Climate Assembly and the resulting recommendations report "The Path to Zero".
- Produced a 'Plan to Reduce Single Use Plastic' that was implemented by the NI Civil Service and shared with Councils and Non-Departmental Public Bodies.

2022-23 Funding Request

Next year we will be increasing our subscription to £6,000. As you may be aware, our fees have remained at £5,000 per year since 2014, despite inflation. We are pleased to offer additional services next financial year to reflect the uplift in cost.

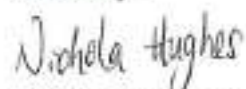
In return for your subscription Sustainable Northern Ireland will:

- Assist Council to comply with the Sustainable Development Statutory Duty (Section 25) through dissemination of ideas, advice, support, research, policy guidance and best practice
- Promote greater understanding and awareness of sustainability and climate issues within Council through attendance at forums and meetings as and when required
- Facilitate the Sustainable Development Forum which promotes and shares good practice among councils and public sector organisations in the region
- Facilitate the All Party Group on Climate Action which helps develop a shared understanding of key climate issues across political parties to inform decision making
- Help you assess sustainability performance within your organisation through a sustainability audit **(New)**
- Provide one internal training session on 'Understanding Section 25 – The Statutory Duty on Sustainable Development' **(New)**

I hope the Council will continue to support Sustainable Northern Ireland, despite the pressures on local authority budgets. If you decide to proceed with a subscription in 2022-23, please send a purchase order by 31 March to facilitate prompt invoicing and payment in April. Our payment terms are 30 days from the date of the invoice and all 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,



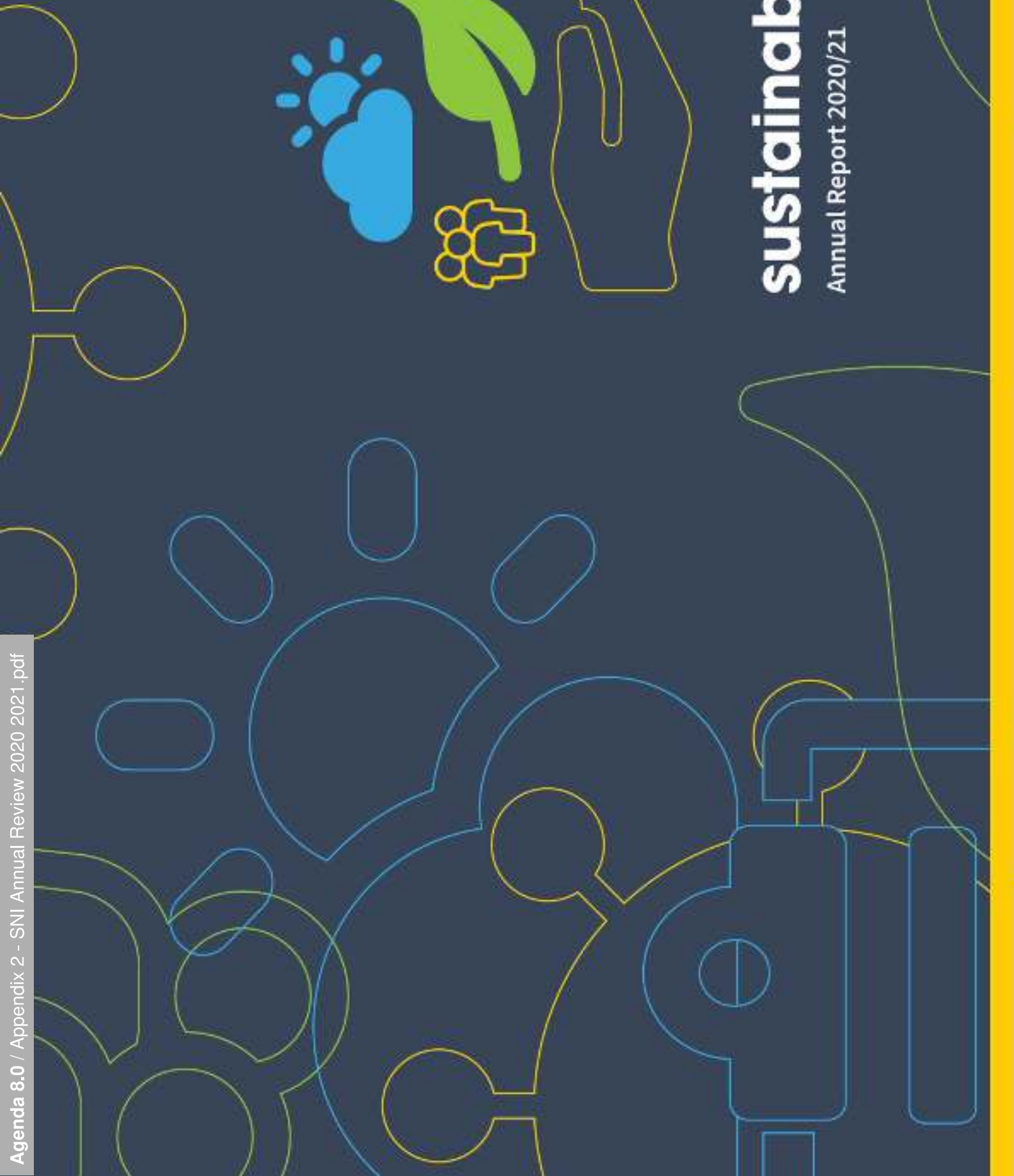
Nichola Hughes

Executive Director



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Annual Report 2020/21



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Message from our Executive Director

As we start to recover from the pandemic – keeping everything crossed – we'll need to summon all our energy to tackle the climate and ecological crisis and achieve net-zero carbon emissions in the shortest time possible.

This is a monumental challenge. It must be met with equal ambition. The COP26 summit in November is our last chance to save the world from dangerous levels of climate change. World leaders have a moral responsibility to rise to the challenge, by pledging to decarbonise their economies by 2050.

Organisations in Northern Ireland are waking up to this challenge. The government is developing policies and legislation to reconcile economic success and environmental damage.

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We can however work with our partners, particularly statutory bodies with significant influence on policy, to make a difference. Local authorities influence around a third of carbon emissions in their areas, so we continue to prioritise our resources to support and guide councils to push the boundaries on what can be achieved when it comes to sustainability and climate action.

At Sustainable Northern Ireland our ambition is clear: to achieve a world where prosperity is achieved in ways that are good for people and the planet.

So, what's your ambition?



Nichola Hughes
Sustainable NI
Executive Director

2020/21

The year in numbers

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12
fundars



1,125
social media
followers



643
People reached over
12 learning events



10K
sessions on
our website



7.7K
users of
our website



68
sustainability
practitioners trained



Sharing Ideas



The pandemic led us to switch our communications and forums to online-only, enabling us to share information and spread awareness to even more people.

Facilitating Peer to Peer Support & Learning

All things considered it was another successful year for the Sustainable Development Forum, holding four virtual meetings despite challenges posed by the pandemic. The June meeting focussed on COVID19 impacts and opportunities to build back better. In September, we launched the 3rd phase of the nationwide [Sustainable Food Places](#) programme which resulted in four councils receiving grant funding from Sustain to develop local sustainable food partnerships.

In December, the group heard from Cenex who discussed a range of sustainable travel options from greening fleet vehicles to installing EV charging infrastructure. Sara Lynch then fired up imaginations on the possibilities of corporate sustainability as she outlined her approach to embedding sustainability across operations, teaching and research activities at Queen's University Belfast.

The March meeting introduced the Government's new Walking and Cycling Champion, who told members about the Minister for Infrastructure's approach to active travel and financial support available through the Blue Green Infrastructure Fund.

Sharing Ideas

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Examining the work of the UK Climate Assembly

In November 2020, we hosted a [webinar](#) examining the constructive work of the UK Climate Assembly and the resulting recommendations report “The Path to Zero” as well as discussing the prospect of a localised Climate Assembly for Northern Ireland with key stakeholders from government and local government.

Promoting funding for EV charge points

To remedy a lack of uptake of the [On-street Residential Chargepoint Scheme \(ORCSI\)](#) – a fund of £20 million to increase EV infrastructure, in September 2020 we hosted a webinar in partnership with the Energy Saving Trust, to provide local authorities with information on the application process, the procurement and the installation of EV charge points.

Introducing a Plan to Tackle Single Use Plastic on the Government Estate

SNI supported DAERA in the development of a Plan to remove unnecessary plastic from the government estate. Local councils followed in the government’s footsteps, taking measures to remove unnecessary plastic from their buildings, operations, and events with support from Sustainable NI through the [Tackling Plastic NI](#) project.

Providing Training on Sustainable Procurement

We provided a limited amount of training this year for councils, upon request. The training focussed on sustainable procurement strategies and aimed to equip staff with knowledge, understanding and confidence to integrate social and environmental considerations into the procurement of goods and services.

Case Studies

Tackling the climate and ecological emergencies involves transforming towns and cities into places that make it easy for people to live and work sustainably, with space for nature.

We collated several case studies this year to show what this looks like in practice, including:

[Ormeau Parklet, Belfast](#) [View project >](#)

[Dingle 2030, Kerry](#) [View project >](#)

[Bonham Quay, Galway](#) [View project >](#)



Shaping Policy

All Party Group on Climate Action

We established the All Party Group in 2020 to provide a forum for discussion between politicians, NGOs, business leaders and academics, to drive progress on climate action in Northern Ireland.

The **All Party Group** met five times this year and explored:

- Government’s approach to Green Growth and Climate Action (June)
- Youth voice on climate change (August)
- Decarbonising the social housing sector (December)
- Nature based solutions for climate change (January)
- Carbon impact of the construction sector (March)

These meetings are an invaluable way to develop a shared understanding of key climate issues across political parties, to help inform decision making in councils and the Northern Ireland Assembly.



With input from:





Shaping Policy

Influencing the Development of a new Energy Strategy

We fed into the development of the new Energy Strategy for Northern Ireland, led by the Department for Economy. Over the course of 2020 and early 2021, we attended several energy stakeholder workshops and submitted written evidence on what new policy and support should look like for the decarbonisation of our energy mix.

Other government consultations that we responded to:

- 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
- Discussion Document on a Clean Air Strategy for NI
- Consultation on the Programme for Government Framework



Influencing the Electric Vehicle Agenda

With the UK Government's ban on the sale of petrol and diesel cars coming into effect from 2030, the focus is now switching to electric vehicles. However, with only 300 charge points in the network, Northern Ireland has been slow to upgrade and invest in the public charge point network.

We wrote to the Minister for Infrastructure to outline the need to accelerate the expansion of the public EV charging network in Northern Ireland and provide support to councils to access funding from the Office of Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV). Whilst progress remains slow, Derry City and Strabane District Council has created a Northern Ireland Electric Vehicle Consortium Working Group to progress the EV agenda and Sustainable NI will be working within this group to accelerate the transition.



Creating sustainable organisations



We developed a sustainability framework to help partners create truly sustainable businesses, communities and cities.



Climate conscious policies

Working together with sustainability officers from local councils, we developed a corporate sustainability policy, screening tool and guidance designed to help local authorities align their projects and decisions with the UN SDGs and overrarching UK carbon target of net-zero by 2050.

Measuring sustainability performance

Using our sustainability framework, we designed a performance tool to help organisations keep tabs on how sustainable their operations are, based around key pillars of social, environmental and economic performance aligned to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Practical advice and support

We provide technical support and advice for sustainability practitioners and elected members. This involves answering questions, producing/creating and sharing resources, showcasing best practice and reviewing sustainability strategies and plans.



Thanks to our incredible team (and extended team)

*You made all this happen
in a year like no other.*



Priorities for 2021/22

Our priorities for this year are to:



Capitalise on COP26

Working through our networks, we aim to persuade and inspire businesses and governments to increase their ambition in the run up to the COP climate summit in November 2021.



Re-define what we do

Rather than try to do everything, we will reflect on what we do best and identify the areas where we can make the biggest contribution. A key outcome will be to re-define our mission and update our funding model. We will communicate this to our stakeholders through a new corporate plan.



Invest to grow

We will hire staff in an effort to support delivery and expand our operations. There will be an emphasis on business development and identifying revenue streams that will help advance the organisation.



Look after our staff

We will support colleagues' wellbeing and keep finding better ways of working and connecting as we navigate our way through another year of this devastating pandemic.

Our funders in 2020/21

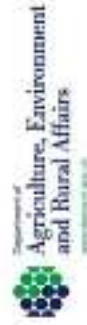
The trustees and staff would like to place on record their gratitude to all the organisations and individuals who continue to support the work of the charity. Our work would not be possible without the support of our partners and funders. Thank you.

Grant funders this year were:

Local authorities



Government



Public Bodies



Housing Executive

Board of Directors and 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. The board has a broad range of experience from local government, academia, public health, business, and the environment.

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Directors

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

Staff

Executive Director.....	Nichola Hughes
Business Development Manager.....	Alison Miller

Financial Summary

31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 €	2020 €
Fixed Assets			
• Tangible assets	11	-	-
Current Assets			
• Receivables	12	13,365	13,365
• Cash at bank and in hand		61,285	48,939
		74,650	62,304
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(2,970)	(5,005)
Net current assets		71,680	57,299
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
Net assets		71,680	57,299
The funds of the charity			
<i>Unrestricted income funds:</i>			
• General funds	16	71,680	62,303
<i>Restricted income funds:</i>			
• Single Use Plastic (SUP) Project	16	*	*
• Environmental Fund	16	-	(5,004)
Total funds		71,680	57,299

The notes on pages 14 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

For the year ended 31st March 2021, the company was entitled to exemption under Article 257A of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with Article 257B(2).

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Extracted Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2021

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 7th December 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Andrew Cassells



Adrian Davis



	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Totals 2021 £	Totals 2020 £
Income					
<i>from donations and legacies</i>					
• Donations	3	-	-	0	-
• Grants	3	60,000	5,004	65,004	66,000
<i>from charitable activities</i>					
• Business income and sponsorship	3	250	-	250	-
• Project admin	3	10,192	-	10,192	5,835
<i>from other activities</i>					
• Investment income	3	112	-	112	155
Total income		70,554	5,004	75,558	71,990
Expenditure					
<i>on raising funds</i>					
• Promotional costs	4	264	-	264	600
<i>on charitable activities</i>					
• Employee costs	4	51,919	-	51,919	39,142
• Premises costs	4	747	-	747	672
• Travel & training costs	4	383	-	383	1,088
• General administration costs	4	4,846	-	4,846	6,027
• Programme costs	4	279	-	279	13,463
<i>On other items</i>					
• Legal & professional fees	4	2,580	-	2,580	2,580
• Other expenses	4	159	-	159	226
• Depreciation of assets	4	-	-	0	-
Total expenditure		61,177	0	61,177	63,798
Net income / (expenditure) for the year		9,377	5,004	14,381	8,192
Transfers between funds	10	-	-	0	-
Net movement in funds for the year		9,377	5,004	14,381	8,192
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>					
• Fund balances brought fwd at 1st April		62,303	(5,004)	57,299	49,107
• Fund balances carried fwd at 31st March		71,680	0	71,680	57,299

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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 and resilient 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

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

SNI is evolving. 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 Trustees comprising academics and representatives from the public, private and voluntary and community sectors.

We have put environmental and social goals at the heart of what we do and 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:	20 th December 2021
Subject:	Consultation Response on Reduction of Single-Use Plastic Beverage Cups and Food Containers
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For noting only	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	That the Committee agree to return the attached Consultation response.
2.0	Key issues
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3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Committee agree to return the attached Consultation response.
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Reduction of Single-Use Plastic Beverage Cups and Food Containers

NEWRY MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION RESPONSE

8 December 2021

Response

2.2 General questions on approach

Q1: What size of the businesses should the proposed policies apply to?

✓	Small (1-49 employees)
✓	Medium (50-249 employees)
✓	Large (250+ employees)
	None of the above

Q2: Are you aware of any other policy options, not including those already listed, that would be suitable to achieve the stated policy aims?

Yes. Where the levy policy should be applied, either 25p per cup and 50p per food container or 10p levy per cup and 25p per food container in the case of schemes implemented by businesses, a complete ban of non-recyclable expanded polystyrene/PVC in line with EU Single Use Plastic Directive should be considered and applied. Beside that, a ban of all oxo-degradable plastics (mainly used for cold beverages) should be included, following the EU Directive on SUP. This is one of the few environmental frameworks not transposed into UK law as part of the Brexit withdrawal, but NI must comply on an individual national level by 1st January 2022 based on the Northern Ireland Protocol (source: [Institute for Government](#))

2.3 Materials in scope

Q3: Which of the following items, if any, should be included within the scope of proposed policy measures? (Select all that apply)

✓	Plastic single-use cups
✓	Card single-use cups lined with plastic
✓	Takeaway food containers (food containers provided with meals purchased to take off the premises) – Scope 1

✓	Pre-filled food containers – Scope 2
✓	Self-fill food containers (food containers that the customers fill themselves before purchase e.g., at a salad bar) – Scope 1
✓	Other If "other" please explain below Oxo-degradable containers

Q4. In your view is it practical to include pre-filled (Scope 2) plastic food containers, including those which are plastic-lined, within the scope of these policies?

✓	Yes
	No
	Don't know
If yes please explain	<p>The consultation states "It is proposed that only Scope 1 food containers should be included within the ambit of the policies at the moment. The rationale for this is that in the case of Scope 2 food containers (a) the consumer has no opportunity to choose to have the food put into a MU container and thereby avoid the impact of the policy, and (b) SUNP alternatives are not readily available to producers/retailers in all cases".</p> <p>(a) The consumer has currently no opportunity to choose anyway with SUP pre-filled containers; therefore, to promote positive behaviour change a more effective solution would be a SUNP or MU alternative, which currently exists (e.g. Tesco sells ready meals in multi-use containers). A simple note 'reuse me or keep me' on the container would reinforce the message and encourage people to keep the container.</p> <p>(b) The policy should consider the transition from SUP to SUNP alternative. The changeover can be effective if there is a legal imperative/requirement with an appropriate lead in time that would set the industry on the development and diversification for a new legal Scope 2 SUNP requirements. There is an opportunity to increase jobs by investing in new non-plastic materials supporting the diversification and expansion of the food packaging industry in NI.</p>

2.3.3. Materials in scope questions

Q5. In addition to plastic, should any other materials be included in future measures? (Select all that apply)

✓	Metal - Aluminium. Most of aluminium is made from mined bauxite. Bauxite is most commonly found in countries like Australia, China, Guinea and Brazil. The process of smelting bauxite into the form of aluminium requires considerable energy and water use (source: Sustainable Review)
	Glass
	Paper/card -
	None of the above
	Other
If 'other' please explain below	

Q6. If a levy were to be introduced, who should pay it, producers or consumers? (select one)

	Producers
✓	Consumers
	Other
If 'other' please explain	

3. Results

3.1. SUP Beverage cups

Q7: In your view, if no policies or measures were to be introduced, what is the earliest date that the market might develop and supply single-use non-plastic cups? (Select one)

✓	They are already available
	The market would not develop and supply single-use non-plastic cups
	2022
	2023
	2024
	2025
	2026+
	Don't know
	Other
If 'other' please explain	

Please describe the single-use non-plastic cup that is already available. (Only answer if 'they are already available' was selected for the previous question)

[Frugalpac](https://frugalpac.com/), a UK company registered in England and Wales, has developed the Frugal Cup, which is made from 96% recycled paper; sustainable recycled paper; is easy to recycle as it does not contain water proofing chemicals; and it has a 4% food grade easy to separate PE liner. The same company has launched in 2020 the Frugal Bottle and wine and spirits companies in Japan, Spain, US, Germany, Italy, and France have already started selling their product in these six-times lower carbon footprint bottles (<https://frugalpac.com/>)

3.1.1 Ban

Q8. If a ban were to be introduced on SUP beverage cups (including plastics or bioplastics) how should the ban be implemented? (Select one)

	Fully implemented from the outset
	Phased in over 6 months
✓	Phased in over 1 year
	Other
If 'other' please explain	

Q9: If a ban on were to be introduce on SUP beverage cups (including plastics or bioplastics) what year should a ban on SUP beverage cups be introduced? (Select one)

✓	2022
	2023
	2024
	2025
	2026+
	Other
If 'other' please explain below	

3.1.2 Levy

Q10: If a levy were to be introduced on SUP beverage cups (including plastics or bioplastics) what year should a levy on SUP beverage cups (of any scope) be introduced? (select one)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2022
<input type="checkbox"/>	2023
<input type="checkbox"/>	2024
<input type="checkbox"/>	2025
<input type="checkbox"/>	2026+
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
If 'other' please explain	

Q11: If a levy were to be introduced on SUP beverage cups (plastics or bioplastics) what level should it be set at? (select one)

<input type="checkbox"/>	£0.10-£0.24
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£0.25-£0.49
<input type="checkbox"/>	£0.50-£0.74
<input type="checkbox"/>	£0.75-£1.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
If 'other' please explain	

3.1.3 Voluntary retailer-led scheme

Q12: Do you believe a voluntary scheme for SUP beverage cups, of any form, would be effective in meeting the goal of a significant reduction in SUP cup use?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No (If answered no, do not complete next two questions)
What design of voluntary scheme would be successful in terms of administration, monitoring, and applications?	
<p>Promoting cultural and behavioural change is critical to prevent single-use disposable beverage cup consumption and to reduce Northern Ireland's throwaway culture. Therefore, social marketing measures are essential to raise awareness on the need for a change to 'shift the paradigm' so that unsustainable consumption becomes socially unacceptable and ensure sustainable consumption becomes the new social norm. Literature review has proved 'the effectiveness of charging separately for a cup as an intervention that can act as a 'habit disruptor to reset consumer behaviour' (source: EPECOM). Any voluntary scheme should consider that environmental charges, as stated by the Expert Panel on Environmental Charging and Measures in the 'Recommendations on Single-Use Disposable Beverage Cups' report (July 2019), have been shown to be effective at reducing consumption and increasing reusable cup use than a disposable cup discount. A separate charge for SUP beverage cups should be adopted but with a minimum, mandatory pricing for cups and drinks introduced at national level to avoid any competitive disadvantage among retailers. This should be accompanied by a consistent message and promotion to customers.</p>	

Q13: What are the key elements for a successful voluntary scheme for SUP beverage cups? (select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	The ability to in some way enforce signatories to enact the agreement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For either internal or external monitoring to be conducted
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For a significant amount of the affected organisations (by sales volume) to be signed up
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A consumer facing communications campaign explaining the purpose and aims of the agreement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For the agreement to contain agreed action for all signatories to undertake

	For signatories to the agreement to have flexibility in achieving the aims of the agreement
	Other
If 'other' please explain	

3.2 SUP food containers

Q14: In your view, if no policies or measures were to be introduced, what is the earliest date that the market might develop and supply SUNP (including plastic lining) food containers? (Select one)


<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	They are already available
<input type="checkbox"/>	The market would not develop and supply SUNP food containers
<input type="checkbox"/>	2022
<input type="checkbox"/>	2023
<input type="checkbox"/>	2024
<input type="checkbox"/>	2025
<input type="checkbox"/>	2026+
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
If 'other' please explain	

Q15: Please describe the SUNP food container that is already available. (Only answer if 'they are already available' was selected for the previous question)

SUNP containers are available and already on the market - mainly compostable and bio-plastic material - but there are several issues with these:

- Lack of infrastructure to dispose of these items correctly
- Lack of infrastructure to compost correctly
- Contamination, as consumers often dispose of non-compostable look-alike items in their bins and vice-versa
- Removing these items from the recycling operations increases the use of water, energy, and other resources and drives up operating costs
- The plastic lining inside the containers cannot be removed efficiently
- Zero Waste does not always equal sustainability (source: [Civil Eats](#))
 - ✓ even if something is compostable there might be a problem in predicting its environmental impact
 - ✓ the complete life cycle of single-use non-plastic items includes raw materials used, the manufacturing process, the transportation system, and what happens to the waste
 - ✓ moving the focus from the impact of disposal to the environmental impact of producing it, can change the way of seeing these as safe alternatives

NMDDC support the hierarchy developed by the EPECOM based on the Waste Hierarchy model to encourage behaviour change. We clearly need to generate less waste and any campaign should have this as a priority.



The diagram illustrates the Waste Hierarchy as an inverted pyramid with five horizontal layers. From top to bottom, the layers are:

- Prevention** (green): If you can't prevent, then...
- Prepare for reuse** (red): If you can't prepare for reuse, then...
- Recycle** (grey): If you can't recycle, then...
- Recover other value (e.g. energy)** (blue): If you can't recover value, then...
- Disposal** (black): Landfill if no alternative available.

 To the left of the pyramid is a vertical grey arrow pointing upwards, indicating that the hierarchy progresses from disposal at the bottom to prevention at the top.

Q16: What type of food containers should be targeted by the proposed measures (select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Takeaway food containers (food containers provided with meals purchased to take of the premises)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pre-filled food containers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Self-fill food containers (food containers that the customers fill themselves before purchase e.g. at a salad bar)
	Other
If 'other' please explain	

3.2.1 Ban

Q17: If a ban on SUP food containers were introduced how should the ban be implemented? (Select one)

	Fully implemented from outset
	Phased in over 6 months
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Phased in over 1 year
	Other
If 'other' please explain	

Q18: Is there an alternative method of introducing the ban, not mentioned in this consultation?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes
	No
<p>If 'yes' please explain</p> <p>It is not an alternative method, but it could be introduced along with the proposed methods in this consultation. GO Box, a reusable takeout container service, offers those who buy takeout a sturdy plastic reusable container to eliminate the need for single-use clamshells. The reusable containers are checked out from vendors via an app and then dropped off at designated locations. The company, based in Portland, collects, cleans, and sanitizes the containers, which are then re-used by other customers. At the end of their lives, the plastic reusable containers are recycled. A similar service, Green GrubBox, also exists in Seattle, and another, Rogue To Go, was recently launched in Ashland, Oregon.</p> <p>Experts caution that, because reusable cups, containers, and cutlery also require raw resources and energy to produce, so they must be used consistently to offset their environmental impact. Despite this, most everyone agrees that reuse is best for the environment. Reuse has its own environmental impact, but with incentives like money-back on return scheme the system of reusable boxes can work. An example is the reCIRCLE scheme in Switzerland.</p> <p>For instance, there's the 'Bring Back Box' in the Swiss city of Bern. Customers of restaurants in the scheme pay a 10-franc (£8) deposit for a sturdy plastic takeaway box. After the takeaway meal is finished, the box is returned to any participating restaurant. Then the boxes are washed and redistributed.</p>	

Q19: In what year should a ban on SUP food containers be introduced? (Select 1 option for each row, put cross in selected box)

Takeaway food containers	2022 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2023	2024	2025	2026	Later
Pre-filled food containers	2022 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2023	2024	2025	2026	Later
Self-fill food containers	2022 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2023	2024	2025	2026	Later

3.2.2 Levy

Q20: If a levy on SUP food containers were introduced what level should it be set at? (select one)

	£0.25-£0.49
	£0.50-£0.74
✓	£0.75-£0.99
	£1.00-£1.24
	£1.25-£1.50
	Other
If 'other' please explain	

Q21: Would a levy be effective in reducing the consumption of pre-filled plastic food containers?

✓	Yes
	No
	Don't know

Q22: How could a levy on pre-filled plastic food containers be implemented in terms of scheme administration, monitoring, and applications? (Only answer if 'yes' was selected for the previous question)

The correct communication is the key to make customers aware of the increase in price of the product due to a levy on the SUP containers, which could be replaced with eco-friendly alternatives. Prevention and communication are pivotal when campaigning for behavioural changes. Notes from the producers and the retailers should be placed above any display of food coming in pre-filled plastic containers.

Besides that, outlets should not be offering disposable containers or utensils to customers eating on the premises as it happens by default in many cafes and restaurants. And posters about refusing plastic containers when sitting in and pointless waste, should be in the premises to promote positive behaviour among customers, who are not passive polluters.

Q23: Would a levy on producers be more or less effective in reducing consumptions of SUP packaging than a levy on consumers? (Select one)

	More
✓	The same
	Less
	Don't know

3.2.3 Voluntary retailer-led scheme

Q24: Do you believe a voluntary scheme for SUP food containers, of any form, would be effective in meeting the proposed reductions?

✓	Yes
	No
<p>If 'yes' what design of voluntary scheme would be successful in terms of scheme administration, monitoring, and applications?</p> <p>As abovementioned successful schemes already working in other countries could work in Northern Ireland. For instance, there's the 'Bring Back Box' in the Swiss city of Bern.</p> <p>Customers of restaurants in the scheme pay a 10-franc (£8) deposit for a sturdy plastic takeaway box. (OK it's still plastic, but at least it's multi-use.)</p> <p>After you've finished your takeaway meal, you return the box to any participating restaurant. Then the boxes are washed and redistributed. Another similar example is the Go Box scheme in Portland and San Francisco in the US.</p> <p>This is an app-based reusable box service for takeaway outlets and street vendors. The robust plastic meal boxes can be used up to 300 times before they're eventually recycled.</p> <p>There are other schemes based on the popular Indian 'tiffin boxes' – stainless steel stackable tins that can hold a selection of hot or cold foods. Typically, a retailer might sell or rent the tiffin box to</p>	

customers, who will bring it each time they buy a takeaway. In India, tiffin boxes are usually picked up from homes and delivered to workplaces.
 In most cases these reusing/sharing schemes mean that washing-up is going to have to become more of a thing again in takeaway outlets.
 Plates, bowls, cups, and cutlery can't just be binned after a single use, so someone must clean them. That obviously has implications for energy and water use, but it could also bring new business and employment opportunities too (Source: [Plastic takeaway packaging – how to ditch disposable](#))

Q25: What are the key elements for a successful voluntary scheme for SUP food containers? (Select all that apply)

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For either internal or external monitoring to be conducted
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
If 'other' please explain	

3.3 Preferred approach

Q26. Do you agree with the results of the modelling? (One per row)

Cups	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Food containers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
If 'no' for cups, please explain				
If 'no' for food containers, please explain here				

Q27. What is your preferred option to meet the proposed reductions? (One per row)

Cups	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ban	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Levy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Voluntary scheme	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
Food containers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ban	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Levy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Voluntary scheme	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
Cups 'other' please specify								
Food containers 'other' please specify								
Please describe why this is your preferred option for cups								
The complete ban of SUP cups can bring to employ materials whose environmental impact after use, may not be measured and for which presently there are not sufficient infrastructure (e.g. compostable cups currently do not produce valuable compost, but instead disappear into CO2 and water when correctly processed in the appropriate infrastructure). A complete withdrawal of SUP disposable cups would be more effective in office settings than for on the go consumption, including the healthcare system staff rooms and hospital canteen where the use of disposable SUP items does not affect the potential of disease spreading and could increase savings of up to £80k in a year. Healthcare workers are increasingly aware of the waste being created, and the chance to save money and improve resilience could spur interest in alternatives to single-use. The COVID-19 recovery and the climate crisis tackling plans should be the opportunity to regain momentum and reassess priorities (for more info see Freeman Hospital and Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle).								

A levy, as literature review has demonstrated, works as an effective intervention that can act as a 'habit disruptor' to reset consumer behaviour. It must be accompanied by an appropriate communications campaign to make customers aware of the issue and to make reusable options more accessible and acceptable as the default mode of consumption. Issuing best practice guidance to support better promotion of available reuse options by retailers at point of sale, including a duty to provide, facilitate and accept reuse options alongside separate charging and communicating assurances that 'Bring you own' (BYO) reusable cups will be accepted at point of sale (source: [EPECOM](#))

Please describe why this is your preferred option for food containers

Like the previous answer NMDDC is in favour of a levy over a ban when called to pick one option, despite considering more effective a levy along with other preventative measures. The same issue and concern raised in the previous answer on SUP cups, regarding the current difficulty in measuring the environmental impact of some alternative to SUP after disposal, recurs for SUP food containers too.

A levy with price separation between the content (food) and the container, will avoid the risk of an increase in the price of the food product by retailers masking the charge on the container. This might be a risk particularly with voluntary schemes, which could be avoided by accompanying the initiative with a clear communication, social marketing tools and messages to help boost the effect of the charge. Charges are more effective than discounts in reducing the use of SUP disposable items, as stated by the Expert Panel on Environmental Charging and other Measures of the Scottish Government.

3.4 Administration and enforcement

Q28: What should the proposed measures include to be successful/effective? (Select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Penalties for non-compliance, for example, fines
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Provision of clear guidance on, scope, obligations, actions, etc...
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Creation of a scheme administrator/regulator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Provision of independent monitoring
	Other
If 'other' please explain below	

Q29: Who should monitor the impact of the measures? (Select one)

	DAERA
	The Northern Ireland Environmental Agency
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	An independent organisation (e.g. a charity)
	A newly created public body
	The companies affected
	Don't know
	Other
If 'other' please explain	

Q30: If a levy were adopted how should any funds raised from the collection of levies be distributed? (Please pick only 3 including 'other')

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Regulation and enforcement of the measures
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Waste reduction initiatives
	Litter campaigns
	To encourage recycling
	Wildlife/ecological initiatives
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SUP reduction activities
	Other
If 'other' please explain	

Report to:	AHC Committee
Date of Meeting:	20 th December 2021
Subject:	Consultation Response Northern Ireland Food Strategy Framework
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
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Confirm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either:-

For decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For noting only	<input type="checkbox"/>
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NORTHERN IRELAND FOOD STRATEGY FRAMEWORK: Food at the Heart of our Society – A Prospectus for Change Public Consultation

This response has been prepared by the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.

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Closing Date: 19th November 2021

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (NMDDC) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed Northern Ireland Food Strategy Framework as part of this consultation.

Section 3 Questions:

Q1. Do you agree with taking a food systems, whole of government approach through a NI Food Strategy Framework?

- Strongly agree

Q2. Please outline your views on taking a Food Systems “whole of government” approach through a Northern Ireland Food Strategy Framework?

A whole government approach is needed and welcomed to address the complex inter-related issues within the food system. The proposed structure could potentially be strengthened by better alignment with the SDG's.

NMDDC is of the view that in order to deliver the aims and priorities outlined in the framework it must be a key priority for the stakeholders involved and must be sufficiently resourced. If no additional resources are made available and it is an 'add on' stakeholders may not fully engage due to competing resources or there may be a detrimental impact on other existing services or statutory duties.

NMDDC would highlight that many well-being strategies are delivered at a local level by District Councils and as such it is essential that Councils are adequately resourced to do so and are recognised as a key delivery partner.

NMDDC would welcome an indication on whether a statutory duty will be placed upon Councils to participate in the future implementation and delivery of the Framework.

Section 4 Questions

Q3. What are your views on the strategic context identified?

NMDDC is of the view that the proposed Northern Ireland Food Strategy Framework is in context and aligned with other key strategic drivers and government policies.

From obesity and diet-related ill-health to food poverty and waste, climate change and biodiversity loss to declining prosperity and social dislocation, we believe food is not only at the heart of some of our greatest problems but is also a vital part of the solution.

NMDDC welcomes the change in language in the proposed within the NI Framework, and commends the whole system approach highlighted in Figure 1. Recognition of the relationship between how we produce and eat food and how we care for our health and our environment is key to addressing the complexity and interconnectedness of these issues.

Q4. From your perspective, are there any other NI government policy linkages which you feel are relevant?

NMDDC would like to see both the Department of Education and Department of Infrastructure included in the key partners responsible for delivering the plan.

The current review of Education provides an opportunity to look at school food, and assess the viability of implementing a whole setting approach for schools, nurseries, hospitals and care homes, and their surrounding communities together around the core ethos of healthy, tasty and sustainable food. The Dept of Education can implement a strategic and enhanced food education program, across existing curriculum, by including food across - primary seasons, farming & world around Us, secondary home economics budget management, food diary planning, minimising waste, food storage, and seasonal cooking, sciences, one health, composting, gas and renewable energy.

The Food for Life's Early Years Award provides an independent endorsement for nurseries and children's centres that serve good quality, nutritious food and support the babies and children in their care to develop good eating habits for life. This is continued with the School Award which supports schools to take a whole school approach that sees them grow their own food; organise trips to farms; provide cooking and growing clubs for pupils and their families; serve freshly prepared, well-sourced meals and provide an attractive dining environment. The recent 'Healthy, happy minds' scheme launched by the Minister could in the future be linked to a whole-school approach food that would provide a more holistic response to children's needs.

The Food for Life programme has been proven to support schools to;

- Improve health, wellbeing and motivation of pupils and staff
- Encourage pupils to take part in enrichment activities
- Enable children to feel empowered to make their own choices to improve wellbeing
- Connect with parents and your local community

Section 5 (a) Questions

Q5. What are your views on the proposed ambition of the NI Food Strategy Framework?

NMDDC is of the view that the proposed ambition is aspirational and commendable. A sustainable food system lies at the heart of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Adopted in 2015, the SDGs call for major transformations in agriculture and food systems in order to end hunger, achieve food security and improve nutrition by 2030. To realize the SDGs, the global food system needs to be reshaped to be more productive, more inclusive of poor and marginalized populations, environmentally sustainable and resilient, and able to deliver healthy and nutritious diets to all. These are complex and systemic challenges that require the combination of interconnected actions at the local, national, regional and global levels.

Q6. What are your views on the proposed scope of the NI Food Strategy Framework?

NMDDC suggests a more inclusive scope:

A soil to society approach, encompassing all stakeholders in developing a healthier, more sustainable and more equitable food system for all.

Also, to note, that food distribution and supply are not mentioned in the 'soil to society' approach despite being a key aspect of the food supply chain.

Q7. What are your views on the proposed vision of the NI Food Strategy Framework?

NMDDC agrees with the proposed vision for the strategy. From a District Council perspective our current system endeavours to provide safe, nourishing food and enable informed healthy choices and the proposed transformed system will enhance and build upon that work.

Q8. What are your views on the proposed aim of the NI Food Strategy Framework?

Whilst the scope of the Framework recognises that the ambition and vision cannot be achieved without a whole food supply chain approach, in fact a whole food-system approach is needed to adequately address the issues proposed in the NIFSF. By focusing on one element, – supply- opportunities will be missed to address the complex, inter-connected food issues within the wider food system.

NMDDC would appreciate greater recognition of the other elements within the food system as a whole eg – education, health, waste reduction, green growth, job creation, nature friendly farming, climate action, food poverty, sustainable land use, equality etc.

Section 5 (b) Questions

Q9. Do you agree with the proposed six strategic priorities?

- Agree

Q10. Are there any amendments or refinements that you would like to make to these priorities?

NMDDC are intrigued by the similarities between the proposed NI Framework and existing SFP framework; both appear to be promoting a systems based approach utilising six key themes. A recent SFP evaluation states that *'In a context where sustainable food policy is largely absent at the national or local level, food activists have operated largely in isolation, often making faltering progress through a frustrating process of trial and error. SFC has fostered a culture where informal sharing of experience and ideas is now common practice... helping partnerships to accelerate progress made on areas that are complex, technical and require specialist insight.'*

University of the West of England ([Evaluation Report, May 2019](#)).

When analysed together there are substantial overlaps between the NIFSF and SFP Frameworks. SFP takes a whole system partnership approach to harness the power of pro-active food partnerships that work together to influence national and global food policy.

 <p>Priority One:</p>	<p>Building connections between health / wellbeing and food.</p>	<p>P1/ Key Issue 1 Food Governance and Strategy Taking a strategic and collaborative approach to good food governance and action</p>
 <p>Priority Two:</p>	<p>Building Sustainable Economic Prosperity.</p>	<p>P2/ Key Issue 4 Sustainable Food Economy Creating a vibrant, prosperous and diverse sustainable food economy</p>
 <p>Priority Three:</p>	<p>Building a Food Culture and Food Conscious Society.</p>	<p>P3/ Key Issue 2 Good Food Movement Building public awareness, active food citizenship and a local good food movement</p>
 <p>Priority Four:</p>	<p>Protecting and Enhancing our Natural Resources.</p>	<p>P4/ Key Issue 6 – Food for the planet Tackling the climate and nature emergency through sustainable food and farming and an end to food waste</p>
 <p>Priority Five:</p>	<p>Building Healthy Lives through Food Education</p>	<p>P5/ Key Issue 3 – Healthy Food for All Tackling food poverty and diet related ill-health and increasing access to affordable healthy food</p>
 <p>Priority Six:</p>	<p>Building and maintaining appropriate Emergency Contingency plans across the supply chain (added due to COVID-19).</p>	<p>P6/ Key Issue 5 Catering and procurement Transforming catering and procurement and revitalizing local and sustainable food supply chains</p>

NMDDC strongly believes that District Councils should also be included as a key partner in strategic priorities One, Four, Five and Six for the reasons outlined below:

Priority One: Building connections between health/welling and food & Priority Five: Building Healthy Lives through Food Education

NMDDC is of the opinion that local councils should be a key partner as the above priorities are areas Councils are already very active in and will continue be so in the future. The Food & Nutrition Subgroup (a working group of the EHNI Northern Ireland Food Managers Group) focuses on food and nutrition initiatives and their delivery on the ground by Environmental Health Departments across all Council

areas. Such initiatives include the Calorie Wise Award Scheme which helps food businesses display calories on their menus, enabling customers to make healthier choices; promotion of MenuCal which is a calorie and allergen management tool for business use and nutrition sampling surveys. The group also maps food poverty initiatives across councils as well as providing council representation on various multi-agency groups such as the All Island Food Poverty Network; the Regional Obesity Prevention Implementation Group (ROPIG) and Eating Well Choosing Better Steering Group Meeting.

Councils also run a wide range of food related programmes including Sustainable Food Places (SFP), nutrition education and food poverty initiatives such as cook it programmes, allotment schemes etc.

Work in this area has further increased during the Covid 19 pandemic due to provision of funding by the Department for Communities for food poverty initiatives.

Priority Four: Protecting and enhancing our natural resources.

NMDDC believes local councils should be a key partner under this priority as this is an area Councils are already very active in through their initiatives aimed at reducing food waste, improving levels of recycling and litter reduction. Councils have a statutory biodiversity duty and have developed Biodiversity Action Plans for their areas to protect local biodiversity and educate and raise awareness of its importance.

Priority Six: Building and maintaining appropriate emergency contingency plans across the supply chain.

NMDDC believes local councils should be a key partner under this priority as Food Teams in Environmental Health Departments work to ensure the safety and integrity of food in their day to day work.

Councils also have a civil contingencies role in the event of an emergency and would therefore be a key delivery partner in this regard.

Q11. From your perspective, are there any strategic priorities that are missing from the NI Food Strategy Framework? If 'yes', what are they and why?

NMDDC believe that catering and procurement provide a uniquely powerful lever for promoting good food. Transforming catering across a wide range of settings - from nurseries, schools and colleges through hospitals and care homes to public venues, it is possible to improve the eating habits of many thousands of people. It will also create the large scale demand for healthy, sustainable and local food needed to underpin a fundamental shift in the food production and supply system.

Individual public sector bodies can adopt sustainable food policies, including nutrition standards; healthy catering and vending; tap water only; local, organic and other climate and nature friendly produce; responsibly caught/farmed fish; less but better

meat and ethical standards such as Fairtrade. These bodies can also achieve recognised healthy, sustainable and ethical food accreditation, such as Food for Life Served Here, Marine Stewardship Council and Compassion in World Farming awards.

Section 5 (c) Questions

Q12. What are your views on the proposed guiding principles to be used to guide the development of future policy interventions?

Principle One Inclusivity and Openness - all voices of society are part of the ongoing dialogue on food issues.

NMDDC highly commends principle one, by engaging with a broad and diverse group of citizens and organisations in an ongoing dialogue around food, the NIFSF will be demonstrating elements of deliberative democracy by enabling engagement between citizens and their representatives at all levels to produce better outcomes for society and evolving food system.

Principle Two Collaboration and Leadership - improved integration, shared responsibility in food related policies and programmes.

NMDDC highly commends principle two, SFP uses a partnership model to enhance the impact of related policies and programmes. There is a large evidence base to support this whole-system partnership approach;

Principle Three Evidence and Accountability - food related policies and programmes are evidence based, transparent, accountable and results orientated.

NMDDC would be very concerned if the policies and programmes were not evidence based, transparent, accountable and results orientated and therefore endorses principle three. We would encourage greater alignment with the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) and [FAO's SUSTAINABLE HEALTHY DIETS GUIDING PRINCIPLES](#)

Principle Four Right to Food - Everyone in society has the right to adequate, available and accessible, safe and nutritious food.

NMDDC highly commends principle four, the Right to Food provides a real opportunity to explore how an equitable food system can be developed that benefits all.

Nourish Scotland is leading the Right to Food work in the UK, and they have developed a range of useful resources and evidence for general use.

[The Right to Food Campaign](#)
[Nourish Report to UN CESCR](#)

[Right to Food Animation](#)
[Our Right to Food](#)
[Right to Food Scottish Human Rights](#)

Sustain, one of the SFP partners has provided resources and information that might be useful.

[Why we need the right to food](#)
[UK Right to Food international commitments](#)
[Achieving everyone's Right to Food](#)
[Links and reading on the Right to Food](#)
[Where does our Right to Food come from?](#)
[What we want government to do](#)

Principle Five Sustainability - a food system where decision-making supports social, environmental and economic sustainability.

NMDDC endorses principle five, and encourages greater alignment with the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) and [FAO's SUSTAINABLE HEALTHY DIETS GUIDING PRINCIPLES](#)

Principle Six Adaptability - a food system that is people focused, knowledge and science driven, resilient and adaptive to innovations as priorities emerge.

NMDDC would prefer principle six to state - *a sustainable food system that is people focused, knowledge and science driven, resilient and adaptive to innovations as priorities emerge.*

Principle Seven - Long Term Focus - a sustained, long term strategic approach, which is flexible and measurable through short, medium and long term milestones.
 NMDDC highly commends principle seven.

Principle Eight Single Supply Chain - food related policies and programmes are designed with due regard to the needs and development of a fair and equitable single supply chain

NMDDC would encourage principle eight to be embedded in sustainability, recognising the benefits of localised, shorter supply chains that increase food security, strengthen local economies and regenerate rural communities.

Q13. From your perspective, are there any guiding principles missing? If yes, what are they and why?

Education and training for businesses, organisations and stakeholders across the food supply chain and wider system to secure enhanced sustainable food accreditations, e.g. Fairtrade, Rainforest Alliance, Marine Stewardship Council, have not been mentioned, but would ensure a stronger, accredited food supply chain, and increase sustainable food supply within the country.

Q14. Do you agree with the high level vision, principles and strategic areas contained in the proposed NI Food Strategy Framework?

- Agree

Q15. Have you any other comments on the proposed NI Food Strategy Framework?

NMDDC is supportive of the proposed NI Food Strategy Framework however account has not been fully taken of the role of local government and our ability to deliver as at local level. This is reflected in local councils not being included as a key partner in four of the six strategic priority areas.

NMDDC would suggest that a mapping exercise be carried out of existing initiatives and the work of existing groups to establish a baseline to inform future plans, avoid duplication, combine resources and ensure a true whole of government approach.

Section 6 Questions

Q16. What are your views on the proposed approach to implementation, i.e. five year action plans will be developed and implemented in collaboration with key stakeholders and partners?

NMDDC holds the view that five years is an appropriate timescale for the proposed action plans.

The NI Food Strategy Framework proposes an action plan under each of the six priority areas however detail is lacking on how each topic specific working group would link with each other and work collaboratively as there will be strong linkages between some priority areas. NMDDC believes this is important to avoid duplication of efforts, make best use of resources and ensure the proposed framework fulfils its aim of being a unifying strategy.

NMDDC would welcome further information on how the action plans of all six topic specific working group will be brought together by the Food Programme Board to ensure the overarching ambition, scope, vision and aim of the framework is achieved.

NMDDC is in favour of the proposed strategy however effective delivery will require additional resources to avoid it being burdensome for key partners and ensure their full participation and the ultimate success of the strategy.

Q17. What are your views on the establishment of a Food Programme Board that is embedded within the governance arrangements for Green Growth?

NMDDC believes oversight is essential to ensure delivery of the strategy and the establishment of a Food Programme Board embedded within Green Growth is an appropriate governance arrangement.

NMDDC would welcome further detail on membership of the proposed Food Programme Board and as a key partner would suggest consideration be given to District Councils having representation on the Board.

Q18. Do you have any comments on future arrangements for engagement with stakeholders about implementation and delivery of the NI Food Strategy Framework?

NMDDC would suggest that initial engagement with local Councils be at Chief Executive level via SOLACE. Without further detail on future arrangements for engagement with stakeholders NMDDC has difficulty commenting further however would welcome the opportunity to do so in the future when more information is available.

Q19. Have you any other comments on how to achieve a diverse and inclusive process for public engagement?

NMDDC would suggest use of the following methods of engagement to help achieve a diverse and inclusive process of public engagement: workshops, public meetings and forums, consultation with trade associations, local public engagement events, webinars, public surveys and use of flyers, social media, TV and radio to publicise.

Section 7 Questions

Q20. Do you agree with the potential benefits to be derived from taking a Food Strategy Framework approach?

Yes

Section 8 Questions

Q21. Are there any rural needs comments that you wish to raise at this point about the impact of the NI Food Strategy Framework on Rural areas? Do you have any evidence that would be useful to Departments? If so, can you describe the evidence and provide a copy

No

Section 9 Questions

Q22. Are there any equality comments that you wish to raise at this point? Do you

have any evidence that would be useful to Departments? If so, can you describe the evidence and provide a copy.

No

Q23. Are there any environmental impact comments that you wish to raise at this point? Do you have any evidence that would be useful to Departments? If so, can you describe the evidence and provide a copy.

No

Q24. Are there any other comments you wish to make or any other evidence of need that you think Departments would find helpful? Please submit any evidence with your response.

No

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	20 th December 2021
Subject:	Consultation Response NI Green Growth Strategy
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	For noting only	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	That the Committee agree to return the attached Consultation response.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) is seeking views on proposals for a Northern Ireland Green Growth Strategy.</p> <p>The Green Growth Strategy sets out an ambitious vision and a framework for delivery with which all other NI government policies and strategies must align. It provides a vitally important opportunity to embed wider climate change, a green economy and environmental considerations into decision making.</p> <p>The draft strategy outlines 10 key promises to help balance climate action, clean environment and green jobs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Green Growth will be central to all key decision all key decisions made by the government. 2. We will introduce laws for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and develop a Climate Action Plan. 3. We will ensure that the changes we make are fair to everyone in Northern Ireland. 4. We will work with young people and other key groups, including a Citizen Assembly Panel. (A Citizens' Assembly is a group of people who represent the wider population.) 5. We will provide information to help people make the right choices in moving to a low emissions society. 6. We will use evidence and science to help us make the right decisions on climate, environment and green jobs. 7. We will create new jobs by working with businesses, communities and others to create new opportunities.

	<p>8. We will lead by example by cutting emissions in government buildings and vehicles and making sure the things we buy are environmentally friendly and have low emissions.</p> <p>9. We will work across government departments and with governments in the UK and Republic of Ireland to reduce emissions.</p> <p>10. We will put in place ways to track what we are doing and we will let you know how we are getting on in delivering the Green Growth Strategy and Climate Action Plan.</p> <p>The Strategy also proposes a "Green Growth test" for all government departments. This means that any new plans or laws will have to show how they will help to combat climate change, improve our environment and create green jobs.</p> <p>The response will be submitted by the required date (21st December 2021) on the proviso that it is subject to Council Approval.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Committee agree to return the attached Consultation response.
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>Proposal initiating consultation</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 1: NMDDC Response Northern Ireland Green Growth Strategy</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>
	<p>https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-green-growth-strategy-northern-ireland</p>

Draft Green Growth Strategy for Northern Ireland

CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Newry, Mourne & Down District Council Response

Section 1

Q1 Is our Vision 2050 the right vision? If not, what would you change?

Yes. NMDDC wish to raise few points that we would like to see in the strategy as key priorities.

The roadmap to reduce emissions has just started and since NI does not have a climate legislation yet - Bill (n.2), currently under review, does not include ambitious carbon targets - we believe this is the perfect time to reinforce the commitment of the Executive to consider the climate and nature crisis as emergency and red code for humanity.

Proving a strong Government's commitment would be attractive to investors in renewables and new technologies to promote sustainability; this will provide security for a growing green economy where ambitious targets are set by short, medium, and long-term steps. The Strategy should list these steps.

We aim to see a more aggressive Green Agenda where a trajectory line based on Carbon reduction's targets is parallel to the money line with (a) specific emission cuts addressed every year and (b) a list of the biggest emission sources. These last ones will need to be added to both budgets, carbon and financial, to highlight where cuts must be applied.

Procurement must be at the top of decisions. We wish to see in this Vision 2050 a commitment to Public Contracts only signed when there is a proved compliance to zero-emissions regulations.

Cities need more powers to drive economic growth and improve governance. The Executive should include in its Green Growth Vision 2050 a transformative process where Councils in Northern Ireland have broader powers and bigger budgets and where economic and infrastructure decisions are taken more at local level. As clearly stated in the Empowering Belfast Report, combined metropolitan authorities, some with and some without a directly elected mayor, have been created with the clear *raison d'être* of delivering large scale job creation, economic growth, regeneration, and infrastructure investment, separated from the more social side of delivery that Councils do, and it seem to be working well across Great Britain, as well as worldwide.

Q2 Are our Green Growth principles right? If not, what should be included /taken out and why?

The Green Growth principles are right, but they are too vague, and the descriptions are weak.

Decarbonise states: "replace fossil fuels with renewable energy". As this is a document that sets out the long-term steps for the development of a green economy in Northern Ireland, there will

need to be a broader transition to green technologies and sustainable systems of capital and revenue investments. We suggest a re-wording of this principle to reflect this point e.g., "invest in renewable energy and green technologies to replace fossil fuel-based activities" as it gives investors and innovators in the private sector confidence to finance and develop a range of low carbon solutions to support the transition.

Share responsibility – it would be a significant add to the definition as follows "a just transition to a low carbon and low emissions, nature rich society". Air pollutants like ammonia (NH₃) from agriculture are not greenhouse gases, but they do negatively impact on human and animal health while also damaging ecosystems. We recommend inclusion of ammonia emissions from livestock in this statement, as it presents a major challenge for Northern Ireland's agricultural industry, and the achievement of a green economy generally. As NI is the major contributor to the UK agricultural economy, and produces above average ammonia emissions relative to its population, Government must demonstrate a strong commitment to the UK's commitments under the International Gothenburg Protocol and the National Emissions Ceiling Regulations (2018) to reduce ammonia emissions by 16% by 2030 (source: AFBI, Feb 2021)

The principles for developing a green economy in NI are set, as stated in the document (page 26), on the guidance for opportunities to create a 'Greener and sustainable economy' as suggested in the UK Government's 10 Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution and the 10x Economy vision of the NI Department for Economy.

NMDDC would like to suggest including a principle on capitalising on green industrial opportunities created by the transition, through the development of solutions in NI reducing reliance on importing technologies from abroad. This suggestion comes from the lack of mention, in the UK Government's 10 Point Plan, to investments in geothermal and tidal energy that are currently being trialled successfully and produced in small scale in the UK. In the Green Growth Strategy for NI, NMDDC would like to see a plan to eliminate the risk of small or no investments in new green technologies, being concerned that as ambitions rump up, foreign companies will be first in line to benefit, while homegrown businesses miss out, as it has already happened in GB with offshore wind farms. Most of the windmills still waiting to be

installed, are produced in China and the major holdings are big multinational corporations of oil like Total. The GMB trade union has warned that the UK risks to waste a major economic benefit by allowing many of the components of its offshore wind boom to be manufactured in the factories and steel mills of Asia. To support local green jobs in a thriving green economy, better than green growth (which is a paradox itself), investment in research and manufacturing must happen in NI, in collaboration with the rest of the UK and Ireland.

Section 2

Q3. Are we right to adopt a Green Growth approach bringing together green jobs, climate action and the environment?

Yes, we agree with the broad alignment of these policy priorities however disagree with the title and framing of the strategy, which places growth as a central driver of the agenda. The overarching objective should be achieving Net Zero, to avert dangerous levels of climate change, whilst supporting economic prosperity. We believe a more fitting title would be: 'Net Zero Strategy for Northern Ireland: Building a Green Economy', allowing space for green jobs in the transition towards renewables and more sustainable systems of production – which may in some sectors require de-growth in order to become more viable long-term.

A Green Economy is about improving human wellbeing and building social equity whilst reducing environmental degradation (Nature-based Solutions and the Green Economy). Exponential economic growth implies the unrestricted use of environmental resources centred on conventional measures of growth (GDP), without considering the need to decouple growth from resource use, and move to a circular, regenerative economic model. Historically the use of more efficient systems of production has resulted in an increase in demand due to increased supply and reduced costs, which means more resources are necessary to sustain the levels of wealth already reached. This means that unintentionally improvements in efficiency could lead to increased consumption, which would undermine attempts to green the economy. We would encourage the Strategy to recognise that there are alternative ways of supporting prosperity which do not require endless growth in GDP. "More attention should be given to conceptualisations of economy that do not rely on economic growth as the key route towards ecological sustainability and human wellbeing." (Source: BIOS Research Institute). We support the model that has been adopted by the Government of New Zealand which

measures economic success in terms of citizen wellbeing, instead of GDP as it does not accurately indicate economic prosperity.

Q4. Is a statutory Green Growth test needed to ensure we put climate action, environment and green jobs at the heart of policy development?

Yes, a test to measure the impacts of policies, in particular capital projects and programmes, to evaluate and prioritise investments and initiatives based on their sustainability, will in the long run provide a more advantageous return of

investment, prevent carbon lock-in and reduce the risk of stranded assets. Nevertheless, NMDDC would suggest naming the measuring system 'Climate and Sustainability Test or Assessment', which will include elements of 'Just Transition' as per the National Development Plan for Ireland (page 33).

Q5. Should Green Growth be one of our top Executive investment and budgetary priorities?

Yes. NMDDC suggest that the Executive should prioritise Green Growth providing in the strategy methods, or a mention to that, of monitoring the distribution and allocation of investments alongside sectors' carbon emissions. A model that the Executive could adopt is the Climate Budget developed by Oslo, Denmark, in 2017. It shifts the focus from the long-term vision to a shorter term in order to reach the long-term targets. The Climate Budget was created to ensure that the city implements actions to match its ambitions. The way to do it is by allocating CO2 cuts to relevant sectors. It is the Finance Department managing the budget, and only spending plans with a realistic chance of delivering a reduction in GHG emissions are approved. This means climate goals are at the centre of the entire financial budgeting process. As the European Green Deal and the Asian Development Bank state, it is important that the Government invests now in projects and infrastructure such as offshore wind, geothermal, blue carbon and community-based tourism, to guarantee accelerated transition to a green economy. Investing now will maximise the economic opportunities of the green economy through innovation, jobs, and skills in a way that is fair and just for all of society.

Section 3

Q6. Do we need specific targets for each sector set out in Climate Action Plans? If yes, how would this be brought about; and if no, how should we ensure we drive change?

Yes, it is important to set specific targets for each sector since their transition to net-zero will happen at different rates. They also ensure the burden of decarbonisation is fairly distributed across all economic sectors. Specific targets for each sector should be set at a frequency that allows for effective monitoring and data gathering, so the appropriate investment is guaranteed. The priority ranking for assets in each sector will play a key role in this process. Such a procedure will keep track of progress and economic benefits of climate action locally and nationally. It is necessary that the Government as first step, commissions an independent economic assessment of the costs and benefits of decarbonisation to Northern Ireland, to give policymakers assurance that moving towards a Net-Zero is good for the economy overall. This is the decisive decade of action, and non-linear cuts are essential along with decarbonisation, which must be front loaded with majority of action at early stage. NMDDC suggest factoring this into the carbon budget and the most appropriate calculation of it, without excluding from the strategy the short-term milestones pivotal to a 2050 Vision. NMDDC wish to see in the final version of the NI Green Growth Strategy tangible targets of economic indicators such as X number of green

job ambitions for NI, and not only as a share of the 250,000 jobs mentioned in the UK Government's 10 Point Plan.

The International Labour Organization (ILO) suggests that the transition will have a positive impact on overall employment. They estimate that actions to limit global warming could create 24 million jobs across the global energy sector by 2030, with the loss of around 6 million jobs in carbon-intensive sectors—or four green jobs created for every brown job lost (Source: Green Growth Opportunities for the UK)

The Executive must show commitment to support a just transition in each sector and this can be done by creating a Climate Budget where investment in new skills will play a crucial role in enabling the net zero transition. The evidence indicates that skills need for green economy jobs will vary across sectors and roles.

Q7. Do you agree on the definition of the sectors?

Yes. The alignment with Committee on Climate Change (CCC) sectors seems the most appropriate mechanism. Although the CCC has not recommended that sectoral targets be set in law, the NI Executive should propose to legislate for sectoral targets to ensure that emissions targets are reached through legally binding carbon and nitrogen budgets. The Department's Climate Change Bill places an obligation on the Government to prepare policies to ensure the carbon budget is met, but if we want to reach either 82% reduction in GHG emissions or Net Zero, policies are not sufficient to set procedures and standards that individual sectors and organisations must follow. This must be legislated for.

Section 4

Q8. Do you agree with the adoption of a Just Transition approach? If not, what approach should we be taking and why?

Yes, we support a Just Transition approach.

For us, a Just Transition is both the outcome – a fairer, greener future for all – and the process that must be undertaken in partnership with those impacted by the transition to net zero. It supports a net zero and climate resilient economy in a way that delivers fairness and tackles inequality and injustice.

Q9. How do we ensure this Just Transition – is a Commission the right way forward?

Yes. A dedicated commission independent from the Executive should be formed and oversee the process to a just transition in NI.

We recommend NI follows the approach taken in Scotland to appoint a Just Transition Commission tasked with:

- providing scrutiny and advice on the ongoing development of Northern Ireland Government led just transition plans, including the application of the Just Transition Planning Framework

- advising on the most suitable approaches to monitoring and evaluation
- undertaking meaningful engagement with those most likely to be impacted by the transition, hearing from a broad range of representative voices and advising on how to ensure these can shape and contribute to just transition planning work in Northern Ireland
- engaging and collaborating with other sources of expertise, including relevant advisory bodies and relevant programmes of work (including, but not limited to the Committee on Climate Change and the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland)
- publishing an annual report to reflect on Northern Ireland's progress.

Q10. How do we make sure the public and all stakeholders (including young people) are actively engaged with Green Growth? Is a Citizen Assembly Panel the right structure?

A Citizen Assembly Panel or Citizen Forum could be explored, but to ensure a better and more active engagement of all stakeholders, including the public, it is necessary to invest in education, training, and green jobs skills development. Therefore, a green skills action plan, like the Nature-Based Jobs and Skills Action Plan 2021-2022 prepared by NatureScot, or the Climate Emergency Skills Action Plan (2020 – 2025) prepared by Skills Development Scotland, would be a starting point to guarantee active engagement and relevant contributions by the public and stakeholders. The Executive must ensure that knowledgeable people are providing the correct support in decision-making.

Section 5

Q11. How can we work most effectively with businesses, local government and organisations across Northern Ireland to maximise and deliver our decarbonisation and Green Growth efforts?

A key point would be clarifying roles that each player must fulfil. Responsibilities and management of resources should be defined by a detailed action plan, or more than one, if necessary. As abovementioned, appropriate action plans and ways of measuring the sustainability impact of capital assets and projects should be considered for the best administration and control of accountabilities and duties.

Despite being an overarching challenge, the financing of climate-friendly and green economic initiatives is pivotal to work effectively with all sectors. Financing will come from a variety of sources, including government funding and the private sector, so it is critical the Government is unwavering in its commitment to tackling climate change at pace, to help secure the levels of investment needed for this transition.

Q12. How should the public sector be leading by example on Green Growth?

The public sector should be committed and required to drive innovation by raising standards and directly investing in programmes that reduce climate risks and

improve our quality of life. Local authorities are critical. Supported by the Government, they can lead the transition locally by taking bold action to reduce transport, domestic, industrial, and commercial and land-use emissions, unlocking local economic benefits. To optimize economic benefits, councils must be supported by government through capital funds, to decarbonize their estates, test new technologies and mobilise local action through community planning and economic development partnerships. For instance, congestion is set to cost the UK economy £307 billion between 2013 and 2030. The main way unsustainable and inefficient transport systems harm the local economy is through lost worker hours, measured in worker absenteeism due to health impacts of congestion, and time wasted sitting in traffic. Active travel (i.e., walking and cycling) and public transport investment can have significant impacts on employment and generate productivity and efficiency improvements across the economy, while reducing stubbornly high transport emissions. Every £1m of investment in sustainable transport infrastructure can create 12.7 FTE jobs in the UK economy. The benefit to cost ratio of investments in walking and cycling are estimated at 5.62:1 (where 5.62 are the benefits and 1 is the cost) (Economic Benefits of Local Climate Action – UK100). Adaptation actions, i.e., measures to protect us from the shocks and stresses of a changing climate, can generate triple dividends. Unfortunately, however, this broad concept of the financial, economic, social, and environmental benefits of actions to improve climate resilience is neither generally understood nor applied. As a result, the full benefits to society of undertaking adaptation-related policy reform and making physical investments are typically under-estimated. (Source: The Triple Dividends of Building Climate Resilience). NMDDC would like to see the full benefits guiding future investments by the public sector.

The Overseas Development Institute makes the case for a triple dividend from investment in nature-based solutions and other resilience initiatives, arguing investment can (a) avoid losses when disasters strike; (b) stimulate economic activity due to reduced disaster risk; and (c) incorporate other economic activities within projects initiated for disaster risk purposes. The Nature Conservancy is similarly involved in several projects financed around blue carbon, which makes the case for multiple benefits arising from investment. Action must be taken immediately to start seeing the benefits in the next 10 years.

Section 6

Q13. What indicators should we use to measure the success (or otherwise) of our green Growth strategy?

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) published the Green Growth Indicators Report (2017) analysing the transition towards a more sustainable economy of 46 countries and their green growth progress based on indicators and performance of each country. The indicators considered or at least some of them, could be a good example for the Green Strategy of NI towards a just economic transition (Environmentally adjusted multifactor productivity; low land

consumption; low air pollution exposure; environmentally related innovation; environmentally related taxation; GDP per capita; low income inequality; CO2 productivity (production-based); CO2 productivity (demand-based), these last two with the intention to decrease to zero; material productivity). Another interesting way of measuring the success is using the Green Growth Index to measure performance in achieving SDG targets, which is well explained in the Global Green Growth Institute Report of 2020. The country's performance is measured against four green growth dimensions – efficient and sustainable resource use; natural capital protection; green economic opportunities and social inclusion.

Q14. How can there be effective oversight of Green Growth – should there be a dedicated Assembly Committee, or independent scrutiny?

An independent scrutiny, periodically reviewed, should be commissioned by the Executive to give policymakers the confidence to move towards net-zero targets. The economic analysis of costs and benefits to NI of Green Growth considering the 82% reduction in GHG emission vs 100% does not exist but must be produced.

Section 7

Q15. Please add any other comments or suggestions you think are relevant to developing and delivering our Green Growth strategy.

NMDDC consider important the immediate intervention of the Executive in financing mitigation and adaptation projects and programmes, including educational and skill-based ones, that will benefit in the long-run the economy of the entire country.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee (AHC)
Date of Meeting:	20 th December 2021
Subject:	Discounted Use of Council Facilities
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Paul Tamati, Assistant Director: Leisure and Sport
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sinead Geary, Head of Indoor Leisure

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

For decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	For noting only	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is for AHC Committee to consider and agree that any further discounts to Council Leisure's facilities are aligned to the recently revised Corporate Membership as per appendix 1.</p> <p>In a response to a 'Notice of Motion', Council agreed to a revised corporate membership scheme as per appendix 1 in August 2021 which now includes a 50% discount for NHS workers up until the 30th September 2022.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>There have been a number of subsequent requests to extend 50% discounts to other non-NHS, public sector and private sector organisations.</p> <p>There are concerns that any further expansion of the 50% discount scheme, particularly to non-NHS organisations and/or private sector organisations will lead to almost all corporate memberships and potentially non-corporate members then being eligible for a 50% discount.</p> <p>Under the newly revised corporate memberships, organisations can receive a 12.5%, 25% or up to a 30% discount depending on which category they choose to sign up to.</p> <p>In addition to this officers will commit to working with businesses to promote Council's corporate membership within their respective organisation, including holding information sessions at business premises and pre-arranged facility tours for organisation employee.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>That AHC Committee consider and agree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That any discounts for Council Leisure's facilities are aligned to the Councils Corporate Membership as per appendix 1.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	

	<p>Revenue: Applying any further expansion to Councils Corporate Membership discounts is estimated to have a significant negative impact on income budgets that are already significantly lower than pre-covid estimates.</p> <p>Capital: There are not anticipated capital budget implications.</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>

	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: Corporate Membership Scheme	
8.0	Background Documents	
	AHC Committee Report August 2021. AHC Committee Report June 2021.	

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Corporate Membership Packages



Be Active

Your Way Every Day





Benefits of Corporate Membership

There are a number of benefits of a corporate membership for organisations and their employees. These can include:

- Increased performance of employees
- Reduced sickness absence
- Increased productivity
- Reduced lost days
- Improved staff morale/ job satisfaction
- Improved Mental Health and Wellbeing

Some of the other services provided in our Leisure Centres include:

- Health Screening
- Tailored made programmes
- Swimming Lessons
- Extensive class timetables
- Online joining and booking
- State of the art gym equipment
- Family activities
- Accessible for all ages and abilities
- Qualified staff with extensive knowledge
- Wide range of sports hall activities
- Links to local, regional, national clubs and organisations
- GP Referral programme
- Macmillan Move More Coordinator



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Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Leisure Facilities

Newry Leisure Centre – Newry

Tel: 0330 137 4026

Email: poolreception@nmandd.org

Facebook: @NMDBeActive

Swimming pools, health suite, gym, soft play, 8 court and 4 court halls, squash/handball courts, multipurpose rooms, classes

Kilkeel Leisure Centre – Kilkeel

Tel: 0330 137 4026

Email: kilkeel.reception@nmandd.org

Facebook: @NMDBeActive

Swimming pool, health suite, gym, 4 court main hall, meeting room, squash court

Newcastle Centre – Newcastle

Tel: 0330 137 4026

Email: newcastlecentre@nmandd.org

Facebook: @NMDBeActive

Main Hall, multipurpose rooms, meeting rooms, outdoor pools and parks (seasonal)

Down Leisure Centre – Downpatrick

Tel: 0330 137 4026

Email: downleisurecentre@nmandd.org

Facebook: @NMDBeActive

Swimming pools, health suite, 4 court main hall, gym, courts, studios

Ballymote Sports and Wellbeing Centre – Downpatrick

Tel: 0330 137 4026.

Email: downleisurecentre@nmandd.org

Facebook: @NMDBeActive

Main hall, gym, meeting room, playpark

For all further information, including opening hours on all facilities can be found on the council website: www.newrymournedown.org. Membership of St Colman's Athletics Track is not included in the corporate membership scheme. Some facilities may not be available in line with Covid-19 guidance and restrictions.



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Corporate Membership Discount Table

Membership Type	How to sign up for memberships	Eligibility	Level of Discount	Price (Direct Debit Monthly Payment Only)
Platinum All Inclusive Corporate 10+	All new corporate organisations to contact Commercial Development Support Officer in first instance. Once approved further members can sign up directly at local leisure centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More than 10 Employees from one organisation to join to avail of discount. Commercial Development Support Officer must confirm approval of organisations eligibility. 	12.5%	£26.20
Platinum All Inclusive Corporate 20+	All new corporate organisations to contact Commercial Development Support Officer in first instance. Once approved further members can sign up directly at local leisure centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More than 20 Employees from one organisation to join to avail of discount. Commercial Development Support Officer must confirm approval of organisations eligibility. 	25%	£22.70
Platinum All Inclusive Corporate 20+ (Employer Paid)	All new corporate organisations to contact Commercial Development Support Officer in first instance who will set up corporate membership and arrange Direct Debit arrangements with the Employer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More than 20 Employees from one organisation to join to avail of discount via a company contact. Membership payment must be received by Company Direct Debit only. Commercial Development Support Officer must confirm approval of organisations eligibility and will set up all company Direct Debit payments. 	30%	£20.97
Platinum All Inclusive Corporate NHS* (Only available until 30 September 2022, see T&Cs and proof of eligibility)	Sign up at local leisure centre directly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be a registered Employee of Health Trust or Public Health Authority to avail of discount 	50%	£14.95





Benefits of Platinum All Inclusive Corporate Memberships

Access to indoor swimming pools, gyms, health suites and access to Council led fitness classes in Newry, Kilkeel or Down Leisure Centres.

Payment Options

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council leisure and sports services currently offer corporate memberships to businesses as well as sports and social clubs.

A discounted Direct Debit membership can be paid for as follows:

1. Paid in full by organisation
2. Part paid by organisation and remainder paid by employee/ club member
3. Fully paid by employee/ club member

Direct Debit payment options only. There is no long-term contract and only 1 months' notice is required to cancel a corporate membership.

Corporate Membership Scheme Terms and Conditions

1. Includes unlimited use of all fitness suites, swimming pools and health suite facilities as well as access to group exercise classes co-ordinated by the Council (subject to normal booking T+C's)
2. All persons taking up membership must complete a free induction session before the use of the fitness suite.
3. Not extended to subscription courses, e.g. Swim lessons.
4. Must present organisation ID along and supporting letter on headed paper from your organisation or staff wellbeing representative for verification purposes.
5. Membership is non-transferable, and discounts are not applicable to non-organisation individuals
6. Membership discount ceases if employee departs the organisation.
7. Prices will be reviewed on an annual basis and may be subject to change.
8. All new corporate membership arrangements must be applied for via the Commercial Development Support Officer.
9. All corporate organisations must identify a designated corporate membership liaison person who will coordinate the 'signing up' of new employees and any Direct Debit payments.





10. All employees wishing to avail of the corporate membership must complete an application form as well as a health commitment statement.
11. If an employee/ member wishes to cancel their membership, they must notify their employer and the organisation must pass on this notification to the designated Commercial Development Support Officer.
12. For Corporate organisations who either part contribute or pay the membership in full, they must do so by company Direct Debit for each employee on the membership scheme. It is the corporate organisations responsibility to collect any monies from their employees if applicable. Corporate organisations who do not make any financial contributions, however allow their employees to avail of the discounts, individual Direct Debits will be taken from each employee's bank accounts. A prorate fee may apply.
13. To assist corporate organisations in getting a minimum of ten employees to sign up to the corporate membership scheme, 'enrolment days' and 'open nights' at facilities can be arranged with employees invited to sign up and complete their induction on the day/night.
14. All corporate memberships will be reviewed periodically to ensure ongoing eligibility to the scheme and appropriate discounts are being applied.
15. Employees may be required to produce their payslip from the organisation to prove their eligibility every six months.
16. Normal admission policies and terms & conditions apply.

Social and Sporting Club Corporate Membership Terms & Conditions

1. Social and Sporting Clubs can avail of the corporate membership scheme. All new social and sporting club corporate memberships must be applied for via the Commercial Development Support Officer. Members must complete a letter of affiliation signed by Club Treasurer and authorised by the Commercial Development Support Officer.
2. All social and sporting club organisations must identify a designated social/ sports club liaison person who will agree, sign and coordinate the agreement and/ or affiliation forms.
3. The council can put in place a Direct Debit arrangement if the social or sports club wish to pay for memberships.
4. Normal admission policies and terms & conditions apply.



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National Health Service (NHS) Corporate Membership Scheme Terms and Conditions

1. The Platinum All Inclusive Corporate NHS discounted membership is available for a limited time only.
2. NHS Staff will receive 50% discount on their Direct Debit payments for a Platinum All Inclusive Membership from 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022. From 1 October 2022 any members on the NHS membership package will be automatically migrated to a Platinum All Inclusive Corporate 20+ which offers a 25% discount on Platinum All Inclusive Membership. All members retain the right to cancel with 1 months' notice.
3. NHS discounts will be restricted to those that work directly for a Northern Ireland Government Trust or National Health Trust organisation. To be eligible for this membership staff must present their NHS Identification badge or supporting letter on headed paper from NHS organisation or staff wellbeing representative for verification purposes.
4. Normal admission policies and terms & conditions apply.

For further information please contact:

Commercial Development Support Officer, Emma Toal

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Phone: 03301374480

Mobile: 07922381803



Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	20 December 2021
Subject:	NI E Car Consortium ORCS Funding - Potential EV Charge Point Locations
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:-

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	That the Committee note the contents of the report.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>The Council are working with Derry City & Strabane District Council and the other 9 Local Authorities as part of an NI EV Consortium. The aim of the consortium is to work with councils and key stakeholders to work together to prioritise actions needed to progress the strategic development of an EV ChargePoint network in Northern Ireland. Please see Appendix 1, Letter to CEO, regarding the NI EV Consortium. The letter details the priorities of the Working Group including sourcing funding opportunities and preparing funding applications on an NI wide basis.</p> <p>The Consortium have been in discussion with the Office of Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV), DfI and NIE regarding an NI wide application for funding under the On Street Residential Charge Scheme Programme (ORCS).</p> <p>The OZEV'S ORCS funding provides 75% of the capital costs of procuring and installing charge points. DfI have confirmed that match funding is available from the Blue Green Infrastructure Fund to assist councils with the remaining 25% of the capital costs.</p> <p>Council have been requested to put forward a number of sites as potential charge point locations for ORCS funding, to be initially considered by NIE. It is anticipated that a NI wide funding application to ORCS will be submitted in February 2022 to meet programme deadlines.</p> <p>Seventeen sites, see Appendix II, have been put forward to NIE to determine feasibility as potential Charge Point Locations. Factors such as, site access, grid capacity and existing infrastructure will all be considered as part of the site suitability assessment.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Committee note the contents of the report.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	None.

5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
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	Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/>
7.0	Appendices
	APP I Letter to CEO regarding NI EV Consortium Aug 2021. APP II NMD Potential Charge Point Locations for consideration by NIE for ORCS Funding Project.
8.0	Background Documents
	None



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10th August 2021

Marie Ward
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Newry Office
Monaghan Row
Newry
BT35 8DJ

Dear Marie,

Re: Northern Ireland Electric Vehicle Consortium Working Group

With the UK Government's ban on sale of petrol and diesel cars coming into effect from 2030, the focus is now switching to alternative low carbon alternatives, and more recently, electric vehicles.

You may recall in 2010, the Department of the Environment and the Department for Regional Development jointly secured grant funding from the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) to install Electric Vehicle Infrastructure in Northern Ireland. This project installed over 300 public charge points, mostly in public car parks across Northern Ireland. The charging network is owned and operated by ESB eCars.

The relatively low uptake of Electric Vehicles, the lack of subsequent investment in the network and the lack of maintenance coupled with the introduction of newer electric vehicle models requiring faster charge times has resulted in a network not fit for purpose.

In recent years, local residents have increasingly been looking towards Councils to develop and install a reliable EV charging network. In addition to the public network, Councils will also have to consider how plan and implement the electrification of their own fleets.

These two separate, but very much connected initiatives are and will continue to be a challenge, but Councils do have an opportunity to lead the way.

With this in mind, Derry City and Strabane's District Council believe the EV agenda is better served on an all Northern Ireland basis and is looking for your commitment and support to set up an NI Electric Vehicle (EV) Consortium working group.



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The scope of the EV NI Consortium Working Group will be to create and develop a shared knowledge base of best practice from other UK and EU Cities in order to develop agreed approaches across NI. Many of these Cities have successfully implemented EV Charge point infrastructures within their local areas and the working group can benefit from this experiences.

The Consortium Working Group membership will be open to number of public stakeholders including the 11 Councils across Northern Ireland, Department of Infrastructure, NI Housing Executive and Sustainable NI. The Working group members will act as a key point of contact within their respective organisations with the aim to share knowledge and best practice.

The NI EV Consortium Working Group will meet quarterly facilitated by Derry City and Strabane District Council. The meetings will enable NI Councils/stakeholders to work together to prioritise the actions needed to progress the strategic development of an EV charge point network in Northern Ireland. Each meeting will focus on a key actions with guest speakers presenting on relevant topics.

The objectives/plans ahead include:

- Provide collaborative partnership to deliver electric vehicle charge point infrastructure in Northern Ireland.
- Members will act as champions within their respective organisation to disseminate knowledge and learnings internally.
- To contribute to development and delivery of NI Council wide EV Charge point solutions.
- To source funding and prepare applications on a NI wide basis.
- To provide a platform for knowledge and expertise for EV Charge point solutions
- To liaise with stakeholders and work collaboratively to deliver actions which best suits the needs of the NI population.
- To work collectively to ensure Council's fleets transition to electric vehicles in line with their own climate objectives.



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- To facilitate the requirement for the UK governments', ban on the sale of Diesel and Petrol cars from 2030.
- Contribute to review and monitoring of the successfulness of the Consortium and introduces changes when necessary.

An informal working group has already been formed and a number of meetings taken place, and I am writing to you to formalise the creation of the working group. If your Council wishes to join, in the first instance, please contact the Derry City and Strabane District Council's Energy Manager, Mr Leo Strawbridge:

Leo.Strawbridge@derrystrabane.com.

I look forward to your response.

Yours Sincerely,

Karen Philips

Karen Philips
Director of Environment and Regeneration

POTENTIAL SITES FOR RESIDENTIAL CHARGING POINTS

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SITE NAME	AREA	ACCESS	ELECTRICITY SUPPLY	TARIFF	RESIDENTIAL AREA
Causeway Road Car Park	Newcastle	24/7	YES	NONE	YES
New Street Car Park	Newry	24/7	YES	YES – Free after 6pm	YES
The Square Car Park	Rostrevor	24/7	YES	NONE	YES
Mary St Car Park	Warrenpoint	24/7	YES	NONE	YES
East St/Kings Lane Car Park	Warrenpoint	24/7	YES	NONE	YES
River Street Car Park	Newry	24/7	YES	NONE	Nearby Housing
Quay Street Car Park	Ardglass	24/7	YES	NONE	Nearby Housing
Antrim Road Car Park	Ballynahinch	24/7	YES	NONE	YES
The Square Parking Area	*Crossmaglen	24/7	YES	NONE	Nearby Housing
Ben Crom Car Park	Kilkeel	24/7	YES	NONE	YES
Killough Car Park	*Killough	24/7	YES	NONE	Nearby Housing
Upper Square Car Park	*Castlewellan	24/7	YES	NONE	Nearby Housing
Lisburn St N'th Car Park	Ballynahinch	24/7	YES	NONE	Nearby Housing
Annesborough Car Park	Castlewellan	N/K	N/K	NONE	YES
Scotch St Car Park	Downpatrick	24/7	YES	YES – Free after 6pm	Nearby Housing
Mount Crescent Car Park	Downpatrick	24/7	YES	NONE	Nearby Housing
Charlemont Square, Bessbrook	Bessbrook	24/7	YES	None	Yes

- Denotes sites which would require a legislative change to enable any misuse of an EV Charging Bay to be enforced by means of a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) issuance.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	20 December 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 Thursday 30 September 2021, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on Tuesday 30 November 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>
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	Consultation period will be 12 weeks	<input type="checkbox"/>
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7.0	Appendices	
7.1	Appendix I: Minutes of Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on Thursday 30 September 2021.	
8.0	Background Documents	
8.1	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 Thursday 30 September 2021 via Microsoft Teams**

Present:

Councillor A Lewis, NMDDC (**Chair**)
 Councillor O Hanlon, NMDDC
 Councillor D Murphy, NMDDC
 Councillor J Trainor, NMDDC
 Councillor W Walker, NMDDC
 John Allen, PCSP Independent Member
 Audrey Byrne, PCSP Independent Member
 Tara Campbell, PCSP Independent Member
 Breige Jennings, PCSP Independent Member
 David Vint, PCSP Independent Member
 John Allen, PCSP Independent Member
 Richard Orme, PCSP Independent Member
 Superintendent Norman Haslett, PSNI
 Chief Inspector Amanda Ford, PSNI
 Inspector Adam Corner, PSNI
 Inspector Sarah O'Neill, PSNI
 Inspector Darren Hardy, PSNI
 Sergeant Paul Connolly, PSNI
 Sergeant Ryan Duffy, PSNI
 Liam Gunn, NIHE
 Michelle Murray, PBNI
 Michael Heaney, PSNI
 Karen McDowell, NIFRS
 Ruth Allen, SHSCT
 Donna Weir, EA

In attendance:

Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement
 Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager
 Judith Thompson PCSP Officer
 Claire Loughran, Safer Communities & Good Relations Officer
 Shannon Creaney, PCSP Student
 Kerri Morrow, DEA Co-Ordinator
 Patricia McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

1 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

Apologies were received from Councillor Doran, Councillor Howell, Councillor Ruane, Councillor Savage, Rod O'Hare (NIFRS), Dan McEvoy (Independent Member), and Sarah Murphy (Independent Member).

Councillor Lewis welcomed everyone to the meeting, acknowledging that whilst Covid restrictions had been relaxed it was important to be mindful of current guidelines. Councillor Lewis noted that Councillor Clarke had been replaced by Councillor Howell and

Pat McGreevy, Independent Member, had resigned and had been replaced by David Vint. He thanked both Members for their contribution and wished them all the best in the future.

Councillor Lewis advised Members there would be staff changes as Judith Thompson, PCSP Officer, was leaving at the end of the month to take up a one-year secondment with the Department of Justice and Fidelma Tweedy, PCSP Clerical Officer, was taking up a new post within Council. He thanked them for all their work with the PCSP and asked Members to bear with the staff team over the coming weeks as recruitment of new staff took place.

Councillor Lewis said it had been great to recently see first-hand some of the local projects that had been funded by the PCSP, he said it helped to understand the impact of the funding and he encouraged other Members to visit projects when possible.

Councillor Lewis said that staff had been organising planning sessions for November, two in person and one online. He noted these had been organised so that Members could meet on a phased / managed basis and he encouraged Members to register via the Eventbrite link if they had not already done so.

Councillor Lewis noted that Mrs Flynn and Chief Inspector Ford had recently presented as part of an international policing conference, the International Association of Chiefs Police Conference, it had initially been due to take place in New Orleans but was then moved online. He said the presentation highlighted good practice in local community-police engagement and was the only presentation from agencies outside the USA selected for inclusion on the conference programme.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3 Draft Minutes of Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting dated 20 July 2021

Read: Minutes of Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 20 July 2021 (copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Murphy seconded by Councillor Hanlon, it was agreed to approve the Minutes of the Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 20 July 2021 as a true and accurate record.

4 Matters arising

Action Sheet – Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting 20 July 2021.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed to approve the Action Sheet from the Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 20 July 2021.

5 District Commander's Report – Period 3.

Read: District Commander's Report – Period 3. (copy circulated).

Superintendent Haslett presented the District Commander's Report to the Committee.

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

General

- Councillor Walker asked that it be put on record both his and his party's concerns regarding some of the aspects of the South Armagh Policing Review and whilst he acknowledged a radical review was needed, he said some aspects of that review went too far. In response, Superintendent Haslett said he hoped the Chief Constable's comments had gone some way to alleviating Councillor Walker's concerns.
- In response to a query from Councillor Murphy regarding the South Armagh Policing Review and if there was any progress on the setting up of an Advisory Group, Superintendent Haslett said this would be led by Chief Inspector Amanda Ford. He said a previous Independent Advisory Group had been set up by the PSNI and locally they would follow the guidelines as set out by PSNI Senior Management. He said it was in the early stages and they were looking at structures, Terms of Reference and potential recruitment of members. Superintendent Haslett advised that he would provide updates to the Members as this progressed.

Road Safety

- Councillor Hanlon said instances of speeding on the Downpatrick Road in Ardglass had increased and asked that PSNI look at this, particularly during school times.
- Instances of speeding had increased in Newcastle and Audrey Byrne asked what the procedure would be if, in the case of speeding, a vehicle registration number was reported to the PSNI. In response, Superintendent Haslett advised that the PSNI would encourage anyone who witnessed any type of crime to report it. In the case of speeding, they would require evidence to make a conviction, however if a report of speeding was made and a vehicle registration number given, the PSNI would follow this up with a call to the person who was driving the vehicle.

Domestic Violence

- Councillor Hanlon welcomed the new pilot programme Operation Encompass recently launched in schools around Downpatrick.
- PSNI advised that verbal disagreements amongst family members far outweighed incidents of physical violence.

Anti- Social Behaviour

- Acknowledgement by PSNI of the major impact a recent large fire had in the Downpatrick area and confirmation they were following some leads on this incident.
- Projectiles being thrown at Dunleath Test Centre had the potential to have serious implications for staff; in addition, firework season was imminent and these areas of concern needed to be addressed.
- In response to the ASB concerns, the PSNI advised that a Technical Support Group would assist the Neighbourhood Policing Teams and this would be monitored on an ongoing basis.
- The recent appointment of a Youth Worker in the Rowallane area had been very positive and it was hoped that over time by engaging with the young people of the area, there would be a reduction in ASB.

Hate Crime

- Worrying upward trend in hate crime, especially racially motivated hate crime. Councillor Trainor asked if statistics could be provided by ward and a more targeted approach might prove beneficial.
- In response, the PSNI agreed it was very worrying and said the majority of cases were centred around Newry.
- Concern expressed from Councillor Walker regarding the increase in both racial and sectarian hate crime.

Drugs

- Very positive comments regarding the RAPID bins. Superintendent Haslett noted that there were more people known to suffer a fatality in Northern Ireland due to prescription drugs than recreational drugs and it was very heartening to see the impact the RAPID bins were having.

6 PCSP Officer Report – September 2021

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

Agreed: It was agreed to:

- **Note the report.**
- **Note the attached PCSP Officer Report – September 2021.**

7 SIDs Task & Finish Group Report

Read: SIDs Task & Finish Group Report (copy circulated).

Councillor Walker commended the Officers in bringing this forward saying it was a good news story and an excellent piece of work.

Agreed: On the proposal of Richard Orme seconded by Councillor Hanlon it was agreed the Committee:-

- **Note the report**
- **Agree the attached Draft Action Sheet of the SIDs Task & Finish Group held on 15 September 2021.**
- **Agree the draft criteria for the installation, removal and rotation of SIDs.**

8 ASB Sub Groups Report

Read: ASB Sub Groups Report – July 2021. (copy circulated).

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

- **Note the report.**
- **Agree the attached Draft Action Sheet of ASB Sub Group 2 held on 1 September 2021.**

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

PSNI confirmed there was no further update.

10 Date of Next Meeting

The next PCSP Committee Meeting is provisionally scheduled for Thursday 30 November 2021 (venue / platform to be confirmed).

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 3.00pm.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	20 December 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	For noting only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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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 held on Wednesday 29 September 2021. To note the attached Newry NRP Action Plan for 2021/2024. <p>Background</p> <p>The attached Minutes of the Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 29 September 2021 and the Newry NRP Action Plan for 2021/2024 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 and Action Plan as attached: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Minutes of Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 29 September 2021 and the Newry NRP Action Plan for 2021/2024, approved at Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 24 November 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	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i>

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7.0	Appendices	
7.1	Appendix I: Minutes of Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 29 September 2021. Appendix 2: Newry NRP Action Plan for 2021/2024.	
8.0	Background Documents	

8.1	None.
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**Minutes of the NR Partnership held on Wednesday 29th September 2021 at 7.00pm
via Zoom**

In Attendance:

Paula Mc Guigan,
Karen Gracey
Noreen Rice,
Ruth Allen,
Sean Mc Kevitt,
Dr Conor Patterson,
Collie Hanna,
Raymond Jackson,
Aisling Rennick,
Edwina Boyle,
Aisling Rennick,
Maureen Ruddy,
Francine Ruddy
Lesley Hamilton,
Liam Gunn,
Bernie Mooney,

Chairperson
DfC
MARCA
SHSCT
NMDDC
NMEA
Barcroft CA
CCG
NMDDC
Drumalane Quayside Close CA
NMDDC
Martins Lane CA
Martins Lane CA
SRC
NIHE
EANI

Apologies : Kathleen Lowry, GLACA
 Brendan Cranney, MARCA

Agenda

1. Welcome/apologies
2. Minutes/matters arising
3. Conflict of interest
4. Action plan Review
7. A.O.B.
8. Date of next meeting and format

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR ACTION – to include progress/date for completion/by whom

	<p>Welcome to all members</p> <p>Apologies noted</p> <p>Paula on behalf of the Partnership offered her sincere condolences to Karen Gracey on the recent bereavement of her mother so soon after her father had passed away.</p> <p>Karen expressed her thanks to the members for the cards and messages of sympathy.</p> <p>We also wish Kathleen Lowry a speedy recovery after her recent accident</p> <p>Also, to notify members that Gerry Coyle has stepped back from volunteering. Gerry was a hard working volunteer who gave so much to his community and the partnership since its inception in 2003 and we wish him well for the future.</p> <p>Paula informed the members that the partnership has been invited to hold a meeting in the new Thomas Davies building.</p>	
<p>1.</p>	<p>Welcome /apologies</p>	<p>Sean to look at a possible date when guidelines dictate</p>

2.	Minutes/matters arising	<p>No matters arising</p> <p>Minutes agreed as accurate</p> <p>Proposed by Noreen Rice and seconded by Paula Mc Guigan</p>	
3.	Conflict of interest	None declared	
4.	Action plan review	<p>Discussion took place on all the revenue and Capital schemes on the Action plan</p> <p>Key points:</p> <p>Possibility of amending elements of the activities subject to agreement by DfC and the required outcomes being met</p> <p>Groups are asking for additional training.</p> <p>Ruth updated members on the pilot scheme to be rolled out by the Trust and the Clanrye group – exploring a programme to support Community health workers (champions) within local communities – to be launched this Friday</p>	Skills audit to be performed by CCG workers

		<p>CCG can also deliver bespoke training – book keeping etc.</p> <p>This can be coupled with the training trough SRC and within the outdoor activity programme.</p> <p>Codor dojo summer programme very successful - oversubscribed</p> <p>Karen also spoke of the People and Place forum review meeting</p> <p>Review of NR is accelerating</p> <p>Forum to be developed – Newry need to be part of this forum.</p> <p>Good news story within TOPs programme. One of the participants is now employed within Henderson's as a trainer</p> <p>Another participant on the Door supervision course secured employment with Talon security.</p> <p>Bernie Mooney EA, explained that the Count read succeed + programme also offered additional support to any children who are in need of additional educational support.</p> <p>Capital schemes:</p>	<p>Sean to arrange meeting with Karen, Conor and Maeve to explore possibility of additional funding</p> <p>All revenue projects approved by members, to continue for 2022/23 subject to available funding</p>
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	<p>Liam notified the members that the Carnagat extension project has been delayed due to a problem internally within NIHE.</p> <p>DfC have met all the increased costs.</p> <p>Meeting with senior executive officers to discuss this.</p> <p>All members of the partnership were bitterly disappointed with this news</p> <p>Paula also expressed her concerns and hoped this could be quickly resolved.</p> <p>Project remains the number 1 priority for Newry NRP and the department</p> <p>A discussion then took place on all the remaining schemes.</p> <p>Key points:</p> <p>Require EA to make decisions on all the schemes relevant to them.</p> <p>Members wish to make the St Joseph's boys high school project a priority.</p> <p>Discussion on the Raymond Creesh park scheme – Sean informed members that the council no longer wish to invest in this park as the new park developed at Loanda Crescent now included the area of Ballybot.</p>	<p>Sean to arrange a meeting with Bernie, Karen, Paula to get a definitive answer to this.</p> <p>Sean to ask for meeting with Council officials to get a final decision on this</p>
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		<p>Members fear that this could become a derelict site which could escalate further issues for the local community</p> <p>Noreen requested that the Whitegates proposal is changed to reflect Meadow Armagh CA. Ask that this remains on the Action plan as they are looking to amend the application</p> <p>As Liam Gunn had left the meeting early, the Drumalane project will require further discussion.</p> <p>Application for additional works at the THINK lab have been forwarded to DfC by NMEA – Final costing is £93,500.00</p> <p>£85,000.00 from -DfC/NR remaining balance to be NMEA's investment</p>	<p>before it can be removed from the action plan</p> <p>Sean to seek a meeting with Liam Gunn, NIHE for a further update.</p> <p>Sean to update the information on the Action plan after all outstanding information is received.</p> <p>Action plan to be forwarded to DfC when it is completed and agreed by all members</p>
5.	A.O.B	<p>No other business</p> <p>All members thanked for attending</p>	

6.	Date and time of next meeting	Date/Time/Format to be confirmed	Sean to circulate details
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