

September 5th, 2024

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Economy, Regeneration & Tourism Committee meeting to be held on Monday, 9th September 2024 at 6:00 pm in Council Chamber, O' Hagan House, Monaghan Row, Newry.

Committee Membership 2024-2025

Councillor C Bowsie **Chairperson**

Councillor W Clarke **Deputy Chairperson**

Councillor T Andrews

Councillor K Feehan

Councillor C Galbraith

Councillor M Gibbons

Councillor G Hanna

Councillor O Hanlon

Councillor V Harte

Councillor G Kearns

Councillor D Lee-Surginor

Councillor S Murphy

Councillor A Quinn

Councillor M Ruane

Councillor J Truesdale

Agenda

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

8.0 Sub Regional Economic Plans

For Decision

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.

 ***Sub Regional Economic Plans.pdf***

Not included

9.0 Christmas Events 2024

For Decision

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.

 ***Christmas Events 2024.pdf***

Not included

10.0 Financial Assistance - Minor Capital Grants

For Decision

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.

 ***Financial Assistance Minor Capital Grants.pdf***

Not included

 ***Appendix - Capital Grants.pdf***

Not included

11.0 Small Settlement Schemes

For Decision

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.

 ***Small Settlement Schemes.pdf***

Not included

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

12.0 Environmental Fund - Reprofilng report

For Information

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.

For Noting

13.0 Cross Border Teaching Registration

For Information

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Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews
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Cllr Callum Bowsie
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Ms Michelle Boyle
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Fionnuala Branagh
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Cllr Jim Brennan
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Ms Sonya Burns
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Cllr Pete Byrne
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Mr Gerard Byrne
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Cllr Philip Campbell
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Cllr William Clarke
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Seamus Crossey
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Cllr Laura Devlin
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Ms Louise Dillon
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Cllr Cadogan Enright
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Cllr Killian Feehan
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Cllr Doire Finn
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Cllr Aoife Finnegan
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Ms Joanne Fleming
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Michael Forster
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Cllr Conor Galbraith
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Cllr Mark Gibbons
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Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
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Cllr Glyn Hanna
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Cllr Valerie Harte
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Cllr Roisin Howell
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Cllr Tierna Howie
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Ms Catherine Hughes
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Cllr Jonathan Jackson
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Cllr Geraldine Kearns
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Miss Veronica Keegan
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Mrs Josephine Kelly
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Mrs Sheila Kieran
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Cllr Cathal King
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Cllr Mickey Larkin
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Cllr David Lee-Surginor
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Cllr Alan Lewis
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Cllr Oonagh Magennis
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Mr Conor Mallon
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Cllr Aidan Mathers
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Cllr Declan McAteer
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Cllr Leeanne McEvoy
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Jonathan McGilly
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Ms Aveen McVeigh
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Maureen/Joanne Morgan/Johnston
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Cllr Declan Murphy
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Sinead Murphy
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Cllr Kate Murphy
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Cllr Selina Murphy
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Cllr Siobhan O'Hare
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Mr Andy Patterson
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Cllr Áine Quinn
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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Cllr Michael Rice
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Cllr Michael Ruane
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Cllr Gareth Sharvin
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Mrs Amanda Smyth
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Donna Starkey
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Nicola Stranney
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Sarah Taggart
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Cllr David Taylor
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly
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Cllr Jill Truesdale
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Mrs Marie Ward
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Cllr Helena Young
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ACTION SHEETECONOMY, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETINGMONDAY 11 MARCH 2024

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Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/027/2024	Artist in Residence and Arts Bursary Schemes 2024-2025	<p>It was agreed to approve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To appoint an Artist in Residence and establish an SLA as detailed in the Officer's Report for the delivery of an Artist in Residence. - To continue to award the Artist Bursaries and Individual Artist Grants through a selection process for 2024/2025 	A Smyth	Work in progress	N
		<p>It was also agreed that Officers would review the hours of opening within Down Arts Centre to potentially include Saturday opening hours.</p>	A Smyth	Work in progress	N
ERT/030/2024	Tourism Events Programme	<p>The following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To approve the Annual Tourism Events Program as detailed in Appendix 1 - To approve the undertaking of the necessary procurements and appointment of suppliers for the delivery of major festivals in the Annual Tourism Events Programme. 	A Smyth	Work in progress	N

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To approve to issue 4 Letters of Offer to names groups as detailed in the Officer's Report. - To undertake a review of Event Programme options for 2025/2026 Financial Year. 			
ERT/032/2024	Down GAA Support for Peace Plus Application	<p>The following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Officers continue to consider options for the future of the hut structure in advance of March 2025 and report back to Members. - That the contents of the Ballykinlar hut will be retained by the Council for use in future exhibitions at suitable locations. - Council notes the application for the Down County Board Multi-Sports Hub at the Ballykinlar site through Financial Assistance. - Unfortunately, Council are not in a position to support Down County Board's Centre of Participation, Wellbeing and Shared Learning Hub as their application to Peace Plus is in direct competition with Council's Wellbeing Hub in Warrenpoint. 	C Mallon	Work in progress	N
END					

ACTION SHEET

ECONOMY, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETINGMONDAY 15 APRIL 2024

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/036/2024	Notice Of Motion C/059/2024 – Democratic Improvements in Council Financial Assistance Programme	<p>the following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to note the content of the report. • that members agree that Council have implemented a consistent Financial Assistance process since Council adopted the policy at AHC on 21 March 2019 and Full Council on 1 April 2019. • Members agree that further capacity building is undertaken to work with groups in areas where applications are low in number. • that the policy and procedure of the financial assistance is reviewed, and a paper brought back to committee 	C Mallon	Work in progress – review underway	N
ERT/038/2024	Tourism Accommodation Grant Fund	it was agreed to proceed with the Financial Assistance capital grant programme as outlined in section 2.1.	A Smyth	Work in progress	N
END					

ACTION SHEETECONOMY, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETINGMONDAY 13 MAY 2024

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/050/2024	Notice Of Motion C/082/2024 – Cross Border Teaching Registration	<p>it was agreed that Council will engage through the LMP to review and identify opportunities for synergies between key stakeholders, including the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor in respect of cross-border teaching registration and employment practices.</p> <p>It was also agreed that engagement be undertaken with Louth and Monaghan County Councils.</p>	A McVeigh	Update report at Sept 2024 ERT.	Y

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/051/2024	DUBLIN-BELFAST ECONOMIC CORRIDOR (DBEC)	<p>the following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the update provided against the Dublin Belfast economic Corridor Partnership • To approve that council, as the administrative lead for the DBEC Partnership process two procurement processes as detailed below. • Feasibility Study for Cluster Development: Offshore wind supply chain (subject to funding approval) • External consultancy support for development of bid to Peace Plus theme 6.1: Strategic Planning and Engagement 	C Mallon	In progress	Y
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ACTION SHEET

ECONOMY, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETINGMONDAY 10 JUNE 2024

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/060/2024	Church Street and DeCourcy Place Public Realm	<p>The following was agreed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to progress the scheme and submit a planning application. • Council Officers progress a Business Case (internal) and (external) to Department for Communities for funding. • Council engage County Down Rural Community Network to assist with a public perception survey for Church Street and DeCourcy Place through the existing Service Level Agreement (SLA). 	A McVeigh	Ongoing	N
ERT/061/2024	Multiply Programme	<p>the following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To approve the Multiply initiatives outlined for the 2024/25 financial period. • To approve that Council, through procurement and Service Level Agreement (SLA) processes, appoint external delivery agents to implement the range of initiatives as outlined in the report 	A McVeigh	Ongoing – Procurement underway	N
END					

ACTION SHEETECONOMY, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETINGMONDAY 12 AUGUST 2024

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/067/2024	Gaming and Amusement Policy	it was agreed to consider and approve the Gaming and Amusement Policy	Jonathan McGilly		Y
ERT/068/2024	Trade/Consumer Shows	it was agreed to attend the tourism trade/consumer shows in conjunction with Tourism NI and Tourism Ireland to support the tourism industry and promote the destination	Amanda Smyth	In progress	N
ERT/069/2024	Castlewellan Forest Park – Café and mobile vendor provision	it was agreed that the Council undertake a tender process to appoint a suitably experienced operator to deliver catering services at Castlewellan Forest Park as set out in section 2.1 of the officers report	Amanda Smyth	In progress – tender being issued	N
ERT/070/2024	Financial Assistance Call 2	it was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the Appeals panel outcome Allocate letters of offer to projects as per Council Policy to the groups recommended for the award of funding within the budget allocation for each theme 	Conor Mallon	In progress	N

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/071/2024	Halloween Events	it was agreed to accept the contents of the report and issue SLA's to group's named in Section 2.1 of the officer's report	Michelle Boyle	In progress	N
ERT/072/2024	Newry Chamber Music SLA – Arts & Community Outreach Programme	it was agreed to provide support via a Service Level Agreement between Council and Newry Chamber Music for the delivery of an arts & community outreach programme in the 2024/25 season	Amanda Smyth	In progress	N
ERT/073/2024	Rural Business Development Scheme 2024/25	it was agreed to approve the delivery of a new Rural Business Development Scheme for 2024/25	Conor Mallon	In progress – awaiting update from DAERA	N
ERT/074/2024	Irish Open – Legacy Project, Application to DfC	it was agreed to note an application had been submitted to DfC for an Irish Open Legacy Project as per summary in section 2.1 of the officer's report	Amanda Smyth	Noted	Y
ERT/075/2024	Tourism, Arts and Events Procurement	It was agreed to note the content of the report	Amanda Smyth	Noted	Y
ERT/076/2024	ERT Scheme of Delegation April 2023 – March 2024	It was agreed to note the scheme of delegation	Conor Mallon	Noted	Y
END					

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 9 th September 2024
Subject:	Provision of catering services at Down County Museum
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth Assistant Director of EGT
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Catriona Regan Head of Culture, Arts and Events

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

	For decision	X	For noting only	
1.0	Purpose and Background			
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To obtain approval for the commencement of a tender process to appoint a suitably experienced operator to deliver catering services at Down County Museum</p> <p><u>Background</u> Catering services were previously in place at Down County Museum prior to 2020. The café facility remains available and with business operations post Covid-19 returning to normal levels it is proposed to tender for a Café operator for the Museum</p>			
2.0	Key issues			
2.1	<p>Down County Museum is an important visitor destination for the District and the availability of a café would both enhance the visitor experience, attract new visitors and prolong the visitor engagement. It is therefore important that Council appoint an operator with a proven track record of high-quality service provision in a catering business of similar scale, scope and complexity. This will be achieved via a rigorous tender process.</p> <p>The proposed license term is for 2 years with the option to extend for a further 1 plus 1 years (4 years in total – reviewed annually throughout).</p> <p>Visitors expect high quality café services as part of the service offering. The Café provision previously in place operated successfully with positive customer feedback. Café functionally offered an attraction that generated additional footfall for the museum.</p>			
3.0	Recommendations			
3.1	It is recommended that Council undertake a tender process to appoint a suitably experienced operator to deliver catering services at Down County Museum			
4.0	Resource implications			

4.1	<p>Outgoings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officer time involved in the tender and contract management processes. • Valuation cost <p>Income:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tender will generate an annual rental income the basis of which will be determined by the tender process guided by an independent valuation
5.0	<p>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</p>
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	<p>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</p>
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

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

Report to:	ERT Committee
Date of Meeting:	9 th September 2024
Subject:	PEACEPLUS Theme 1.1
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth Assistant Director Economy, Growth and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sonya Burns – Head of Programmes Sarah McClory – Project Coordinator

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1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	<p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The purpose of the report is to consider and agree to recommendations of the PEACEPLUS Partnership outlined in section 3 <p>Background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PEACEPLUS programme comprises six themes and encompasses 22 investment areas. Theme 1 focuses on Building Peaceful and Thriving Communities. Under this theme, Investment Area 1.1 supports the creation of Co-Designed Local Community Peace Action Plans. This enables and empowers local community partnerships to self-determine and deliver priority projects on a cross-community basis; which will result in improved, shared, and inclusive local services, facilities and spaces; and make a significant and lasting contribution to peace and reconciliation. The Newry, Mourne & Down District Council (NMDDC) Action Plan 'Thriving Together' has been developed by the PEACEPLUS Partnership, utilising a co-design approach involving comprehensive engagement with the local community and other key stakeholders including statutory providers, public bodies, businesses, and Council DEA (District Electoral Area) Forums. Delivered over a three-year period (2024 – 2027), the Plan will be supported by a budget of approx. €8.6 million (or approx. £7.5 million). Across this period 8,646 participants will be engaged in the delivery of the Action Plan. 				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEUPB Steering Committee is due to meet at end of August 2024 to review submission of the NMDDC Action Plan. Clarification questions have been issued over the summer period Once a Letter of Offer is in place, the following procurement will be required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strand 1 - Transformation and Reimagining Programme Theme: 				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Local Community Regeneration and Transformation - 21 Local Action Plans that will increase levels of shared pride in individual or collective areas within a community & 21 associated revenue projects. ● <u>Strand 2 -Thriving and Peaceful Communities</u> ● Community Action Programme. Community led Health & Well Being Programmes. Programmes will bring together local people with the aim of improving the holistic wellbeing of local residents and reducing health inequalities within the district. ● Intergenerational programmes and activities. Working alongside community groups to create opportunities for engagement reducing isolation and bringing people of all ages together. ● Social and emotional support programmes. Programmes to assist primary and post primary schools in the Newry Mourne & Down District area in their delivery of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) for years 1 – 10 ● Social Prescribing Programmes - Community Led Social prescribing activities. Delivery of 4 social prescribing programmes across the district. ● <u>Strand 3 - Building Respect for all Cultural Identities</u> ● Shared History & Culture Programmes. Programmes looking at individual and collective history and heritage. Utilising local historical sites to identify/develop our shared history. ● Under Strand 1 - Enhancement of existing Community Facilities Programme EOI process. Successful applicant PP1016 has withdrawn as a result of securing alternative funding. Delegated authority is therefore requested to select the next applicant PP1022 on the reserved list through the scored and ranked process.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Note the minutes of the PEACEPLUS Partnership 4th March 2024 and 29th August 2024 (draft) which included the following recommendations: ● Subject to Letter of Offer, proceed with the recruitment of additional funded posts outlined in the Peace Plus submission. ● Subject to Letter of Offer and relevant business case approval, procurement of the communication plan for the PEACEPLUS programme ● Subject to Letter of Offer and relevant business case approval, Procurement & implementation of the programmes outlined above under Stands 1 – 3, in section 2.1
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Revenue/Payroll: Project 85% funded by the EU and 15% by the two Governments
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<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>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision 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>1. PEACEPLUS Partnership minutes 4th March 2024 2. PEACEPLUS Partnership minutes 29th August 2024 (draft)</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF PEACEPLUS PARTNERSHIP MEETING
Thursday 04th March 2024 @ 12pm
MS Teams**

CHAIRPERSON: Cllr Terry Andrews**Others Present:**

Cllr Declan Murphy, NMDDC
Cllr Glynn Hanna, NMDDC
Nicholas McCrickard, CDRCN
Rosemarie McDonnell, Advice NMD
Lynne Corbett, PSNI
Andy Hall, Social Partner
Paul Yam, Social Partner
Thelma Thompson Little, Social Partner
Lawrence Murphy, Social Partner
Teresa Nugent, Social Partner
Breige Jennings, Social Partner
Gerard Rocks, SHSCT
Claire Crainey, NIHE
Sonya Burns, NMDDC
Sarah McClory NMDDC
Elaine Carr NMDDC
Julie-Anne Harte NMDDC

Apologies:

Lynda Vladeanu, SE Trust
Brian Beattie, SHSCT

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:

Cllr Terry Andrews chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance. Apologies noted.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Breige Jennings; CDRCN

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 14th December 2023

Accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

4. Expression of Interest Capital Reports

Sarah McClory updated members on the recent Expression of Interest and clarified the scoring and ranking process. Members were advised it was conducted in line with the Financial Assistance processes but was not a grant system organised by Council.

Theme 1 – 21 applications received, 11 to be supported, 6 in reserve.

Theme 2 – 23 applications received, 14 to be supported, 3 in reserve.

Budgets are indicative pending procurement, projects will be Officer led, promote good engagement and are sustainable.

Members were advised Thelma Thompson, Social Partner, attended the scoring and ranking as an observer and thanked Thelma for her time.

In line with Financial Assistance process, projects will not be named at present, and it may be required those who have been successful will not be advised until approved by full Council. Once this is confirmed members and all applicants will be updated.

Approval sought to bring to Council for full approval:

Proposed: Rosemarie McDonnell

Seconded: Breige Jennings

Once ratified by full Council, members will be updated on successful projects.

The final submission date to SEUPB is 28th March and the Letter of Offer will be due August 2024.

5. AOB

None.

6. DATES AND VENUES OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting: August/September 2024 subject to SEUPB Letter of Offer receipt.

Newry, Mourne & Down District Council
Minutes of PeacePlus Partnership Meeting
Thursday 29 August 2024 at 12.30 pm, MStTeams

ChairPerson – Nicholas McCrickard and Cllr Terry Andrews

Attendees – Sonya Stephenson NMDDC

Theresa McLaverty NMDDC

Thelma Thompson Little (Social Partner)

Andy Hall (Social Partner)

Cllr David Lee Surginor NMDCC

Paul Yam (Social Partner)

Lynda Vladeanu (SE Trust)

Catherine Shipman

Cllr Cathal King NMDCC

Brian Beattie (SHSCT)

Cllr Philip Campbell NMDDC

Apologies - Sarah McClory

Rosemary McDonnell (Advice NMD)

Julie-Anne Harte NMDCC

Cllr Gynn Hanna

Cllr Declan Murphy

1. Welcome and Apologies

Nicolas McCrickard chaired the meeting until 1pm followed by Cllr Terry Andrews and welcomed everyone in attendance. Apologies noted.

2. Conflict of Interest

Nicolas McCrickard (CDRCN)

Thelma Thompson Little (SE Trust)

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting 04 March 2024

Accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Proposer - Nicolas McCrickard and

Seconded - Paul Yam

4. Management Report

Sonya Stephenson updated attendees on Management Report.

The following recommendations were approved:

1. Commence Recruitment process for the following posts on receipt of the Letter of Offer from SEUPB;
Social Inclusion Officer
PEACE Officer
Finance Officer
2. Procure Communications plan for the PEACEPLUS Programme on receipt of Letter of Offer as per proposed communication budget £34,066.58.
3. Meeting Schedule as attached.

Proposer – Cllr David Lee-Surginor

Seconded – Cllr Philip Campbell

5. Delivery Reports including action plan

Theresa McLaverty updated attendees on Delivery Reports.

Information sessions to be held with the voluntary and community sectors to raise awareness of the procurement process.

Strand 1

Recommendations:

1. Expression Of Interest - Authority to move to the next applicant on the scored and ranked list.
2. Upon receipt of Letter of Offer undertake procurement:
 - **Local Community Regeneration and Transformation** - 21 Local Action Plans that will increase levels of shared pride in individual or collective areas within a community & 21 associated revenue projects.

Proposer – Cllr Philip Campbell

Seconded – Brian Beattie

Strand 2

Theresa McLaverty updated attendees on Delivery Reports outlining the following recommendations to be procured upon receipt of letter of offer:

- **Community Action Programme.** Community led Health & Well Being Programmes. Programmes will bring together local people with the aim of improving the holistic wellbeing of local residents and reducing health inequalities within the district.
- **Intergenerational programmes and activities.** Working alongside community groups to create opportunities for engagement reducing isolation and bringing people of all ages together.
- **Social and emotional support programmes.** Programmes to assist primary and post primary schools in the Newry Mourne & Down District area in their delivery of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) for years 1 – 10
- **Social Prescribing Programmes** - Community Led Social prescribing activities. Delivery of 4 social prescribing programmes across the district.

Potential Conflict of Interest for Nicholas McCrickard and Thelma Thompson noted.

Proposer – Cllr Terry Andrews

Seconded – Cllr Philip Campbell

Strand 3

Theresa McLaverty updated attendees on Delivery Reports outlining the following recommendation:

Shared History & Culture Programmes. Procurement of programmes looking at individual and collective history and heritage. Utilising local historical sites to identify/develop our shared history upon receipt of letter of offer.

Proposer – Cllr David Lee-Surginor

Seconded – Paul Yam

6. AOB

None

7. Dates and Venues of next meeting

Next meeting to be held in Newry on the 19 September 2024. Time and venue to be provided later.

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 9 September 2024
Subject:	National Historic Fleet vessel, Mary Joseph
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth Assistant Director of EGT
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Alan Freeburn Museum and Heritage Services Manager

For decision	X	For noting only	
1.0			Purpose and Background
1.1			<p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note that National Museums NI (NMNI) will undertake ethical deconstruction of the National Historic Fleet vessel, Mary Joseph unless they identify any viable alternative solution by their consultation deadline of midday on Monday 9 December 2024. <p>Background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Museums NI (NMNI) has announced its intention to commence deconstruction of the National Historic Fleet vessel, Mary Joseph, unless any viable alternative solution is put forward before the deadline of midday on Monday 9 December 2024.
2.0			Key issues
2.1			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The boat was purchased by National Museums NI (NMNI) in 1973 due to its historical significance and has remained in storage since. The boat is in an 'advanced state of decay' and due to its deterioration, its estimated that any restoration would retain only around 10% of the original fabric. Cost of restoration to operational status is in excess of £1 Million NMNI have received agreement in principal from their trustees for ethical deconstruction pending consultation with stakeholders - unless a viable alternative solution is put forward before the deadline of midday on Monday 9 December 2024. NMDDC have been contacted as a stakeholder. NMNI have declared their intent with National Historic Ships UK and the full details can be found in the links in the appendices In following the Historic Ships guidance, the ship will essentially be deconstructed, or reverse engineered rather than sent to a breakers yard so they will have photos and a scan to enable plans for a model or reconstruction to be built in future. This would also enable features such as the name plate to be salvaged and kept within the NMNI collection.
3.0			Recommendations
3.1			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the National Museums NI (NMNI) decision to undertake ethical deconstruction of the National Historic Fleet vessel, Mary Joseph unless they

	identify any viable alternative solution by their consultation deadline of midday on Monday 9 December 2024.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	N/A
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices

	<p>Further information on the Ship and the next steps is outlined at the below website link.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Joseph National Museums NI
8.0	Background Documents
	<p>https://www.nationalhistoricships.org.uk/register/479/mary-joseph</p> <p>https://www.nationalhistoricships.org.uk/news/nhs/declaration-intent-deconstruct-national-historic-fleet-vessel-mary-joseph</p> <p><i>Mary Joseph</i> is a vernacular boat type known as a nickey. Built in 1877, and constructed of wooden planks on sawn oak frames, she was registered in Newry (N) and allocated the number 55. She is 15.70 metres in length overall and was motorised in 1920. The boat has regional importance as it was the first fishing vessel in Kilkeel harbour to be equipped for prawn fishing in 1954. The <i>Mary Joseph</i> also has an interesting link to the First World War. On 17 May 1918 the Kilkeel fleet left the harbour to drift net for herring when they were approached by a German U-boat, ordered to evacuate their vessels, five of which were subsequently blown up. <i>Mary Joseph</i> assisted in bringing the men from these boats back to Kilkeel harbour.</p>

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 9 th September 2024
Subject:	Town and City Centre Taskforce
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Mallon Director ERT
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth Assistant Director of EGT

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

	For decision	X	For noting only	
1.0	Purpose and Background			
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To obtain approval for the establishment of NMDDC Town and City Centre Taskforce</p>			
2.0	Key issues			
2.1	<p>In order to deliver a long term collaborative approach to town and city centre regeneration and revitalisation, identify priorities to grow the local economies and create vibrant and attractive urban spaces NMDDC propose to establish and Town and City Centre Taskforce for the District.</p> <p>It is anticipated the task force will be a strategic group of private and public sector partners who will identify priorities and shape strategies that will address dereliction, building vacancy, deliver growth and revitalise our towns and City</p> <p>The taskforce will include, but not be limited to, members of the Chambers of Commerce, DRWG, NRWG, Business Improvement District, Enterprise Agencies, Community & Voluntary sector and other key partners.</p> <p>Terms of refence will be developed by the group when established.</p>			
3.0	Recommendations			
3.1	It is recommended that Council progress the establishment of the NMDDC Town and City Centre Taskforce and work with the groups to establish ToR and key properties.			
4.0	Resource implications			
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource requirement will be requested through committee structures 			

5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
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7.0	Appendices
	N/A
8.0	Background Documents
	n/a

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	9 September 2024
Subject:	Notice of Motion C/082/2024 Cross Border Teaching Registration
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth Assistant Director - Economy, Growth and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Aveen McVeigh Head of Regeneration and Business Development

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

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To provide an update on the challenges faced by teachers seeking cross-border employment between Northern Ireland (NI) and the Republic of Ireland (ROI) and to seek approval for recommendations aimed at addressing these challenges.</p>
1.2	<p><u>Background</u> Newry, Mourne, and Down District Council, through Notice of Motion C/082/2024, has acknowledged the significant barriers faced by teachers in NI and ROI when attempting to register for teaching positions across the border. Teachers trained in NI encounter difficulties in ROI due to mandatory language requirements and stringent qualification equivalency assessments. Similarly, ROI-trained teachers face challenges in NI, despite generally recognised qualifications.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Council engaged with Cross Border Partnership Employment Services regarding Cross Border Teaching Registration.</p> <p>Issues such as language, qualification equivalence and registration lead to employment challenges and a lack of mobility for teachers, ultimately impacting the educational workforce and the wider community. It is imperative that key stakeholders work towards a collaborative approach, seeking to harmonise registration processes to promote greater employment flexibility across the border.</p>
2.2	<p>Centre for Cross Border Studies has conducted an All-Island Labour Market Mobility Research. The research is with Shared Island Fund for review and the findings will be published in due course.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>Council await the findings from the All-Island Labour Market Mobility Research and engage with cross border stakeholders to support the progression of recommended actions required to harmonise the registration process for teachers.</p>
4.0	Resource implications

4.1	To be determined pending further engagement with Centre for Cross Border Studies - All-Island Labour Market Mobility Research and detail on associated recommended actions
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