



October 8th, 2024

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Economy, Regeneration & Tourism Committee meeting to be held on Monday, 14th October 2024 at 6:00 pm in Council Chamber, O' Hagan House, Monaghan Row, Newry.

Committee Membership 2024-2025

Councillor A Lewis **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

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

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4.0 Local Economic Partnerships / Town and City Centre Taskforce

For Decision

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5.0 Newry Canoe Trail - Inland Waterways Association of Ireland

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6.0 Peace Plus Theme 1.1

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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

7.0 Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government - Community and Place funding

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.

 <i>ERT Report - MHCLG Community and Place Funding.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>
 <i>Appx A MHCLG Community and Place Funding_Regen Bus Case.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>
 <i>Appx B MHCLG Community and Place Funding_Decal Bus Case.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>
 <i>Appx C MHCLG Community and Place funding_Bus Case_ beaches.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>

8.0 Touring in the Trees

For Decision

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 <i>ERT Report - Touring in the Trees.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>
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9.0 Tree Tops Walk proposal

For Decision

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 <i>ERT Report - Tree Tops Walk Proposal.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>
 <i>Appx - Tree Tops Walk Proposal.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>

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

10.0 Castlewellan Forest Park Gates

For Information

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excluded during this item of business.

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Not included

For Noting

11.0 Building Control 6 x monthly report

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Invitees

- Cllr Terry Andrews
- Cllr Callum Bowsie
- Ms Michelle Boyle
- Fionnuala Branagh
- Cllr Jim Brennan
- Ms Sonya Burns
- Cllr Pete Byrne
- Mr Gerard Byrne
- Cllr Philip Campbell
- Cllr William Clarke
- Cllr Laura Devlin
- Ms Louise Dillon
- Cllr Cadogan Enright
- Cllr Killian Feehan
- Cllr Doire Finn
- Cllr Aoife Finnegan
- Ms Joanne Fleming
- Cllr Conor Galbraith
- Cllr Mark Gibbons
- Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
- Cllr Glyn Hanna
- Cllr Valerie Harte
- Cllr Roisin Howell
- Cllr Tierna Howie
- Ms Catherine Hughes
- Cllr Jonathan Jackson
- Cllr Geraldine Kearns
- Miss Veronica Keegan
- Mrs Josephine Kelly
- Mrs Sheila Kieran
- Cllr Cathal King
- Cllr Mickey Larkin
- Cllr David Lee-Surginor
- Cllr Alan Lewis
- Cllr Oonagh Magennis
- Mr Conor Mallon
- Cllr Aidan Mathers
- Cllr Declan McAteer
- Cllr Leanne McEvoy
- Jonathan McGilly
- Cllr Andrew McMurray
- Ms Aveen McVeigh

Maureen/Joanne Morgan/Johnston

Cllr Declan Murphy

Sinead Murphy

Cllr Kate Murphy

Cllr Selina Murphy

Cllr Siobhan O'Hare

Mr Andy Patterson

Cllr Áine Quinn

Cllr Henry Reilly

Cllr Michael Rice

Cllr Michael Ruane

Cllr Gareth Sharvin

Donna Starkey

Nicola Stranney

Sarah Taggart

Cllr David Taylor

Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly

Cllr Jill Truesdale

Mrs Marie Ward

Cllr Helena Young

ACTION SHEETECONOMY, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETINGMONDAY 11 MARCH 2024

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	Competition issued w/c 14 th Oct. Appointment mid-Nov.	Y
		<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	Opening hours being reviewed in line with structure review. Underway.	Y
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 	A Smyth	Events programme being delivered as approved for 2024/25	Y

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		<p>delivery of major festivals in the Annual Tourism Events Programme.</p> <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 SHEETECONOMY, 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	Review of FA underway with recommendations to be presented to Nov ERT.	Y
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 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 Smyth	Ongoing – planning application submitted	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 	A Smyth	Delivery underway in line with LoO	Y

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		implement the range of initiatives as outlined in the report			
END					

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ECONOMY, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY 12 AUGUST 2024

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
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	A Smyth	In progress: attendance at events at arranged until May 2025	Y
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	A 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 	C Mallon	In progress	Y

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 			
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	A Smyth	SLAs issued as per agreement	Y
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	A Smyth	SLAs issued as per agreement	Y
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	C Mallon	In progress – awaiting update from DAERA	N
END					

ACTION SHEETECONOMY, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETINGMONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2024

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/080/2024	Down County Museum Café	it was agreed that Council undertake a tender process to appoint a suitably experienced operator to deliver catering services at Down County Museum	A Smyth	In progress	N
ERT/081/2024	Peaceplus Update Report	<p>it was agreed to note the minutes of the PEACEPLUS Partnership 4th March 2024 and 29th August 2024 (draft) which included the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 understands 1-3, in section 2.1 of the officer's report. 	A Smyth	Update provided at Oct ERT	Y

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ERT/082/2024	National Historic Fleet Vessel, Mary Joseph	it was agreed 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.	A Smyth	Completed	Y
ERT/083/2024	Town And City Centre Taskforce	It was agreed that Council progress the establishment of the NMDDC Town and City Centre Taskforce and work with the groups to establish Terms of Reference and key properties.	C Mallon	Update provided at Oct ERT	Y
ERT/084/2024	Sub Regional Economic Plans	it was agreed that the Council engage Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency and Down Business Centre through a Service Level Agreement to scope and shape a concept paper and proposals on relevant investment areas aligned to a sub-regional economic action plan.	A Smyth	In progress	N

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ERT/085/2024	Christmas Events 2024	<p>the following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to approve the award of the SLAs for delivery of Christmas Events in 2024 as outlined in section 2.1 of the officer's report. to approve the dates for the Council run Christmas Events in Newry on 21 November 2024 and Downpatrick on 23 November 2024. 	A Smyth	In progress as per approval	Y
ERT/086/2024	Financial Assistance – Minor Capital Grants	it was agreed to 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.	A Smyth	In progress as per approval	Y
ERT/087/2024	Small Settlement Schemes	<p>the following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Officials engage with the Scheme Funding Departments to identify options to utilise the unallocated budget within scheme eligibility criteria. To agree utilisation of unallocated budget reported back to Economy Regeneration and Tourism Committee. 	A Smyth	In progress	N

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ERT/088/2024	Environmental Fund – Reprofile Report	<p>the following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to note the reduction in the in-kind funding provided via volunteer contributions. to note the reprofile of the budget. to note that Council will issue a letter of comfort to NIEA regarding Councils ambition to deliver on the outcomes and targets as detailed in the Letter of Offer. 	A Smyth	In progress as per approval	Y
ERT/089/2024	Cross Border Teaching Registration	it was agreed for the Council to await the findings from the All-Island Labour Market Mobility and engage with cross border stakeholders to support the progression of recommended actions to harmonise the registration process for teachers.	A Smyth	In progress	N
END					

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 14 th October 2024
Subject:	Local Economic Partnerships - Town and City Centre Taskforce
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Mallon Director – Economy, Regeneration & Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth Assistant Director of Economy, Growth & Tourism

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

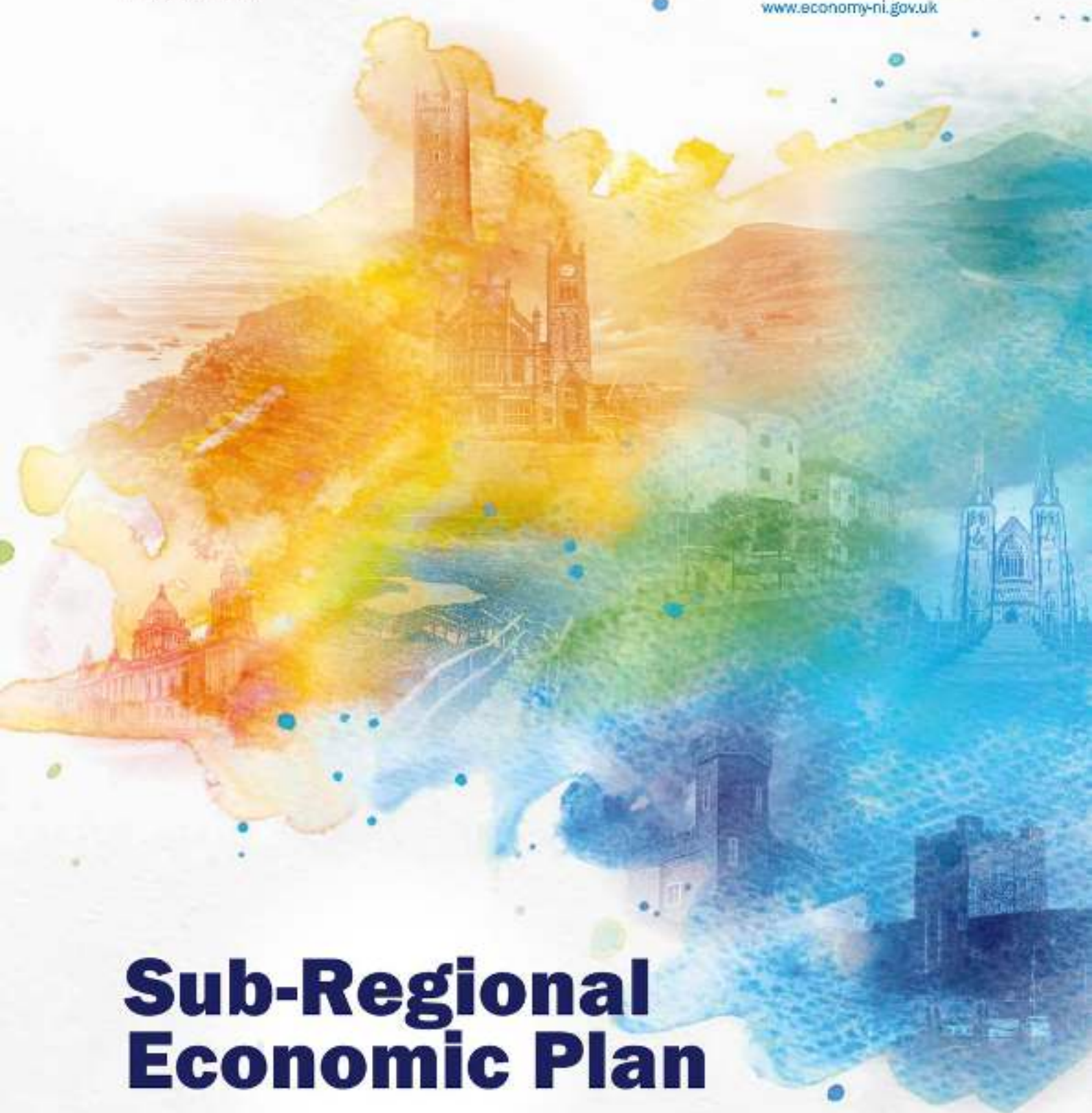
	For decision	X	For noting only	
1.0	Purpose and Background			
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To obtain approval for the membership and formation of Newry Mourne & Down District Council Local Economic Partnership / Town and City Centre Taskforce</p> <p><u>Background</u> On the 1st October 2024 the Dept for Economy minister launched the Departments Sub Regional Economic Plan. This plan sets out proposals for a locally-led approach which places regional balance at its heart, and which enshrines partnership working.</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, NMNDDC agreed to establish and Town and City Centre Taskforce for the District in September 2024.</p> <p>The Departments Sub Regional Economic Plan sets out proposals for a locally-led approach which places regional balance at its heart, and which enshrines partnership working. Local communities will be empowered to identify their own economic priorities. Through local partnerships, central government, Invest NI, Councils, and our network of education providers and civic society, we will work together to identify the main barriers to economic development, and the interventions that will unlock the area's potential</p>			

	<p>Over the coming months the Department and Invest NI will continue to engage with councils and local stakeholders to support the formation of the Local Economic Partnerships, which will be established between October and December 2024. During this time, the Department will co-design the funding allocation model with stakeholders.</p> <p>It is anticipated the Town and City Centre Task Force and the Local Economic Partnership, under the sub regional approach, will have shared aims and objectives and is therefore proposed that a single group is established to deliver on the ambitions of both.</p> <p>The Key membership of the Local Economic Partnership / Town and City Centre Taskforce will include representatives from,</p> <p>Newry Chamber of Commerce and Trade Newry BID Warrenpoint Burren Rostrevor Chamber Kilkeel Chamber Newcastle Chamber Downpatrick Regeneration Working Group South Armagh Business Improvement Group Newry Mourne Enterprise Agency Down Business Centre NMDDC Labour Market Partnership</p> <p>Other stakeholders identified will be invited to attend the partnership as and when required.</p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Recommendations</p>
<p>3.1</p>	<p>It is recommended that Council agree the membership and progress the establishment of the NMDDC Local Economic Partnership / Town and City Centre Taskforce as set out in the report.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Resource implications</p>
<p>4.1</p>	<p>Resource requirement will be requested through committee structures</p>
<p>5.0</p>	<p>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</p>
<p>5.1</p>	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	<p>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</p>
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	<p>Appendices</p>
	<p>Appendix 1 DfE Sub Regional Economic Plan</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>
	<p>n/a</p>



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**Derry City
& Strabane**

Ministerial Foreword

This document sets out a new strategic approach to economic policy.

It is a locally-led approach which places regional balance at its heart, and which enshrines partnership working.

Local communities will be empowered to identify their own economic priorities.

Through local partnerships, central government, Invest NI, Councils, and our network of education providers and civic society, we will work together to identify the main barriers to economic development, and the interventions that will unlock the area's potential.

Interventions could involve support for local clusters, investment in skills programmes, or quicker planning decisions.

This may necessitate the recalibration of existing government programmes and budgets, supplemented by additional funding from my department.

As part of this new strategic direction, Invest NI will be reorientated towards developing local economies.

Invest NI's Regional Offices will work hand-in-hand with Councils and take on more functions, and more staff.

Working in partnership with my department, the Invest NI Board and Chief Executive will oversee this profound change in its approach, with clear and ambitious targets agreed to monitor performance.

In working together like this, in the spirit of true co-design and collaboration, we can start to reverse historical imbalances, and deliver prosperity throughout the region.



Introduction

We welcome the publication of the Minister's Sub-Regional Economic Plan and its ambition to deliver improved regional balance across Northern Ireland. Our teams have worked closely with Departmental colleagues to co-design the plan.

Delivering this Sub-Regional Economic Plan will be a key feature of our new Business Strategy, which we will shortly publish. This strategy will see Invest NI introduce a new Regional Approach that will include an expansion of our regional footprint and increase our capacity and capability in the regions.

We will do more to collaborate with partners and stakeholders in the regions to promote and support local economic development by playing a greater leadership and advocacy role, both in, and for, our regions.

Our focus will be on building out a more regionally balanced, sustainable, productive, and prosperous Northern Ireland economy.

Through enhanced targeting and improved client service and supports, we will drive greater economic activity across Northern Ireland, achieve higher levels of entrepreneurship, new firm formation, R&D and innovation, export growth and productivity.

If you are a business working anywhere in Northern Ireland, with dreams of selling outside Northern Ireland and going to the next level, we will be there to help, advise and guide you.

By focusing on places and partnerships in collaboration with regional stakeholders, we will co-design solutions tailored to regional needs and accelerate the process of addressing deep seated economic challenges.

Invest NI has made regional development a key priority for the organisation, and we are confident that we can make a significant contribution to the achievement of the Minister's Economic Vision for every part of Northern Ireland.



John Healy
Chair
Invest NI



Kieran Donoghue
Chief Executive Officer
Invest NI

Economic Vision

For too long our economy has been weighed down by structural weaknesses that have limited our ability to reach our full potential. Those weaknesses restrict opportunities for all in society to both contribute and benefit from true economic success. Ultimately, we want to improve the quality of life for all our people and this is where our four objectives come together to support real, life-changing outcomes for people. We want to see employment providing better rewards and to be fulfilling and accessible, we want to see people benefit from better jobs wherever they live, and we want those jobs and the lifestyles they support to be greener.



Productivity has been below the UK average for decades and although the gap has narrowed in recent years (from 17.4% in 2019 to 13.2% in 2022), it ranks at 10th amongst the twelve UK regions in 2022. The productivity gap is even more pronounced when compared to the rest of Ireland with the 2023 Northern Ireland Productivity Dashboard (based on 2021 data) reporting that output per hour worked in the Republic of Ireland was 8% higher than the UK average.



While almost 94% of employees are in permanent jobs with guaranteed hours, approximately 11,000 employees are employed on zero-hours contracts. 84% of working age employees in 2023 were paid on or above the Real Living Wage (RLW) rate, a proportion below most UK regions. Variation in pay varies across sectors and industries. The average pay for sales assistants and retail cashiers is below the RLW whereas IT professionals receive more than double the RLW rate.



Sub-regional disparities remain persistent. The employment rate (including students) in 2022 in Derry City & Strabane is 10 percentage points lower than Mid Ulster. Mid & East Antrim lags almost 16 percentage points behind Lisburn & Castlereagh for Level 4+ tertiary education attainment rates. Fermanagh & Omagh emits the largest share of greenhouse gas emissions yet generates not only the most renewable energy, but is almost 50% ahead of the next best performing LGD.



Greenhouse gas emissions have reduced, seeing a 26% reduction since 1990 while the Republic of Ireland saw a 7.2% increase in emissions over the same period. However, our reduction compares to a fall of 53% in England, 51% in Scotland and 36% in Wales. Our emissions reduction needs to go much further and faster if the targets set out in The Climate Change Act are to be achieved. Net Zero by 2050 or earlier is not just a legal imperative but a moral obligation.

Recognising Imbalance

Disparities across the region in economic performance have been getting worse; it's time to reverse this

Our whole economy faces a number of challenges with issues such as employment, productivity, disposable income, and economic inactivity all areas where we perform poorly compared to our nearest neighbours. These disparities are even more pronounced at a sub-regional level. When looking at the highest and lowest performing council areas:

- Labour productivity in Belfast is 31% higher than in Derry City & Strabane.
- Median wages in Belfast are 44% higher than in Ards & North Down.
- The employment rate in Mid Ulster is 10 percentage points higher than Derry City & Strabane.
- Export intensity in Newry, Mourne & Down is 11 percentage points higher than both Antrim & Newtownabbey and Ards & North Down.
- The tertiary educational attainment rate in Lisburn & Castlereagh is 15.9 percentage points higher than in Mid & East Antrim.
- The rate of employees stating they were in secure employment in Mid & East Antrim is 5 percentage points higher than in Causeway Coast & Glens.



**Ards &
North
Down**

Many of these areas suffer from an economic disadvantage despite all having potential for growth, and in many cases, there are areas of inequality common across neighbouring councils which suggests that collaborating and working together to tackle the problems at scale could be more effective. Even those that are doing relatively well compared to others still fall below the NI average due to the distortive effort of one or two areas that are disproportionately far ahead.



Performance of councils against the indicator is ranked from 1 (highest) to 11 (lowest). The three highest performing are highlighted in green, the three lowest in red

Considering the four headline indicators, only two council areas - Antrim & Newtownabbey and Lisburn & Castlereagh - show strong to fair performance across all main priorities. Mid Ulster performs well on productivity, employment and median wages although its proportional greenhouse gas emissions are significantly higher than other LGDs. Causeway Coast & Glens, Derry City & Strabane, and Fermanagh & Omagh mostly lag the NI average across these themes and are in need of focused support.

Area performance on some measures can be affected by adjacency to major hubs of economic activity. Weekly median wages in Ards and North Down are significantly higher for those living in the area compared to those working there, a reflection of its status as a major commuter area of Belfast. Productivity however remains significantly lower than average in the region and improving this will be important in maximising opportunities and improving outcomes for as many people as possible.

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Areas performing relatively well such as Antrim & Newtownabbey face challenges too, such as a need to increase export intensity, investment is required in the near future for industrial land, and there is ongoing competition with Belfast for labour/skills. Although its performance in a number of areas is strong, Belfast continues to struggle with poor labour force participation and low employment rates amongst its resident working age population. There is also evidence that employment is comparatively less secure for those that are in work than in other areas.

Causeway Coast & Glens, Derry City & Strabane, and Fermanagh & Omagh produce more renewable energy, and their export intensity is much higher than the peripheral councils. Mid Ulster is a manufacturing powerhouse and yet has had the lowest rate of new jobs from Foreign Direct Investment. Despite the lowest tertiary attainment rates, Mid & East Antrim ranks among the highest areas for people in work, the lowest economic inactivity level, and more employees earning above the real living wage and who feel more secure in their job. Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon, without the universities, has a proportional spend on R&D by businesses equalled only by Belfast.

In other words, we need to drill down beyond the data, and there are other factors in play. There are some macro level issues that the entire region faces that permeate into these indicators:

- transport links, or rather the lack of (particularly west of the Bann)
- the lack of supply of industrial land and property
- investment required in water and sewerage
- slow energy connection provision
- traditionally low paying sectors such as tourism and agriculture predominant in certain council areas
- ageing population; and
- health issues and care responsibilities/ childcare costs preventing the economically inactive entering the workforce.

This demonstrates the need for a joined-up approach across government; 'economic interventions' alone will not be enough.

Some of the indicators show considerable strengths. Each council area has opportunities for growth, assets to 'sweat', city and growth deal projects to cluster around as anchors for innovation and tourism, further education colleges working with employers, and cross-border and east-west dual market access to exploit.

Causeway
Coast & Glens

Tackling Imbalance

Fermanagh & Omagh

A profound change in how we deliver economic development is required. A change in structure. A change in culture. To support this change there are three key strands to delivery.

Formation of new **Local Economic Partnerships** with dedicated funding of £45m

Enhanced **Invest NI** sub-regional role with local targets

Realignment of Departmental policies and programmes to **drive local growth**

Local Economic Partnerships

Empowering local communities is fundamental in building a more regionally balanced economy; one characterised by inclusive, sustainable, and thriving local economies where people want to live and work, and where employers want to invest. At a local level this means attracting investment and capitalising on emerging opportunities that can create high-quality jobs for local people.

To ensure there is full engagement and involvement of local stakeholders, the Department will be inviting councils to establish Local Economic Partnerships supported with dedicated funding of £45m.

The importance of flexibility regarding the geographic area and structure of these partnerships is fully recognised. They must be right for local circumstances and that means there will not be a standardised approach – each council can decide whether their area is the extent of the Local Economic Partnership, or they can choose to collaborate with other council areas to create a bigger partnership.

It will also be for councils to decide where they build on existing partnerships such as Labour Market Partnerships or Community Planning Partnerships and integrate the Local Economic Partnership with those or keep it separate.

Whichever approach is chosen, it is essential to ensure that the Local Economic Partnership reflects the full breadth of local stakeholders. DfE will assist councils in shaping these with supporting guidance, and Invest NI will provide advice through its Regional Teams and their knowledge of local networks.

Invest NI and the Department will support the Local Economic Partnership in the identification of suitable projects and in developing proposals that access dedicated funding. Single points of contact for stakeholders, clear two-way communication channels, and true co-production will be put in place. There will also be the opportunity to tap into expert knowledge provided by the Ulster University Economic Policy Centre (UUEPC).

**Ultimately
however, projects
will be agreed and
prioritised by the Local
Economic Partnership –
local decision making
is at the heart of this
new approach.**

UUEPC is currently engaged in an independent research project, "Delivering balanced regional growth in Northern Ireland", due to be published by the end of 2024. At that stage, at the discretion of the Local Economic Partnerships, the UUEPC researchers will be keen to discuss their findings and recommendations with the Local Economic Partnerships, and any implications these may have for the development of local actions.

To support Local Economic Partnerships, £45m of dedicated funding will be provided over the next three years to kickstart this new approach.

It will be used to deliver local projects identified by Local Economic Partnerships that seek to improve productivity, to raise median wages, to increase the employment rate and to lower economic inactivity, and to take strides towards delivering Net Zero and industrial decarbonisation. Projects funded will depend on local economic priorities and may differ between different council areas.

The funding is not the answer to all issues; it will not close disparities in isolation. It is a small first step in building better partnerships with councils and putting more control in the hands of local decision-makers on economic development. Learning what works best will take some time and we will listen to councils and others as we progress this work to ensure we maximise the impact of spending. It also offers the Department the opportunity to work with other public sector funders to align sources of funding to deliver greater impact.

Funding to Local Economic Partnerships will be determined by need and this formula will be co-designed with councils by December 2024. Capital and Resource will be available, and there is potential to include Financial Transactions Capital depending on the demand from councils. Support from Invest NI Regional Offices to each Local Economic Partnership will be available.



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Sub-Regional Economic Plan

OCTOBER 2024

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Refocused Invest NI

Regional development is a key priority within Invest NI's new strategic approach and the organisation will be restructured to ensure delivery in line with the Minister's Economic Vision. Invest NI has a fundamental role to play, and it will implement a new approach from October 2024 onwards with the new structure fully operational by April 2025.

A new **Regional Strategic Agenda** will drive collaboration through greater partnership working, measured with new ambitious targets. Central to this will be a target to increase the percentage of investments outside the Belfast Metropolitan Area¹, from an average of 56% over the last 5 years, to 65% at the end of the Invest NI Business Strategy in 2026/27.

Invest NI will significantly enhance the presence and functions in regional offices by expanding from four offices to five, increasing staffing levels and leadership in each, and playing a greater advocacy role for Local Economic Partnerships to ensure their voices are heard across government.

The introduction of a new **Regional Property Programme** will facilitate higher levels of business investment across the regions, and the integration of City & Growth Deals paired with new bespoke regional value propositions will underpin the Regional Strategic Agenda, supporting regions in becoming more attractive for local and FDI investment.

Current programmes, such as Ambition to Grow and Supporting Women, will be targeted in key regions, and a new Business Innovation Grant will be introduced. Regional cluster strengths will be prioritised and multi-agency cross-border collaborative working on green tech, clusters, and female entrepreneurship will be advanced. Regional offices will lead an enhanced R&D call.

The new approach will deliver more innovative start-ups, strengthen established firms, grow the regional base of export focused companies, increase FDI activity, and only support jobs above the Real Living Wage with good contractual conditions.

Invest NI Headquarters will provide specialist support, advice, and expertise, meaning that the whole organisation is reorientated towards delivering local economic priorities.

¹ Belfast Metropolitan Area includes the Belfast, Antrim & Newtownabbey, Ards & North Down, and Lisburn and Castlereagh council areas.

DfE New Approach

Addressing economic disparities and inequalities at sub-regional level will be considered when developing all macro interventions. Enhanced regional competitiveness must not come at the expense of sub-regional balance. Utilising unique and bespoke solutions for place-based persistent problems will be developed alongside macro initiatives. Empowerment of localities and places will be at the forefront of regional balance. Building economic capacity and capability will start at local level. The new norm will be more balanced public sector investment, staff located and working in the regions, co-designing solutions, and strengthened local, sub-regional and national collaboration.

DfE will restructure to deliver. Additional staff in post, streamlined points of contact for stakeholders, and making central advice, analysis, and specialist support available. Advocating for local needs across government to build a coalition to deliver results.

Delivery not process, focusing on impact, additionality and making the most of limited resources. Targeted funding to ensure effective delivery, and flexibility to respond to new challenges rapidly.

The Department will establish a new Regional Balance Unit to work across DfE to mainstream regional balance. It will support the Local Economic Partnerships and Invest NI to drive effective delivery of locally chosen actions. The team will work across DfE and its partners, NICS, UK, and Irish government departments and agencies to press the case for local issues, to harness synergies in approach, and to bring more cohesion to public sector interventions.



Newry,
Mourne &
Down

This new direction of travel will be rooted in all we do

Sub-Regional Economic Plan

- Local Economic Partnerships set up to empower local stakeholders to harness their potential
- £45m of dedicated funding to kickstart actions and underpin the new approach
- Structural reform of DfE & Invest NI to ensure that local voices are heard and championed

Higher Education

- Magee Taskforce to increase Ulster University's Derry-Londonderry campus to 10,000 students
- Support a strong higher education offering in our Further Education Colleges, including through partnerships between Colleges, QUB, UU and OU
- Partnerships with City & Growth Deals to increase R&D and innovation outside Belfast

Further Education

- Having a curriculum offer for the delivery of professional and technical skills which is tailored to local business and learner needs. Supporting local employers by providing business development and innovation expertise
- Encouraging those with no or low qualifications to participate in education to improve their economic opportunities
- Reduce educational disadvantage and barriers to entry and qualification at local level, supporting progression through further and on to higher education or employment

Tourism

- Tourism Partnership Board refining Tourism Action Plan to ensure local focus
- Tourism NI will develop local action plans based on community strengths and potential
- Tourism NI will pilot a sub-regional Destination Stewardship Plan in 2025

Entrepreneurship & Enterprise

- Support closer partnership working between Invest NI and Go Succeed through a revitalised Invest NI regional office network
- Support greater participation of females and other underrepresented groups in entrepreneurship
- Support Local Economic Partnerships in developing cross-border partnerships and applying to competitive funds

City & Growth Deals & Telecoms

- City & Growth Deals to deliver world class innovation and tourism projects
- Accelerated delivery in 2025 with supporting pilot actions linked to Local Economic Partnerships
- Project Gigabit to provide near universal gigabit access

FDI & Invest NI Investments

- Incentivise delivery of Foreign Direct Investment and increase proportion of Invest NI investments outside of Belfast Metropolitan Area
- Develop updated Value Propositions for council areas and sub-regions
- Work with DETE to develop an MoU on all island economic priorities

Energy

- Develop an energy one stop shop to provide consumers, communities and local businesses with a single, trusted source of energy support, education and advice
- Deliver community benefit through a pathfinder community energy project and widen to support local ownership of renewable energy delivery projects
- Establish an Enhanced Investment Zone to harness £150m of available funding focusing on green technologies and skills

Inclusive Economy

- Work with Community Wealth Building Partnerships in Larne & the North West; Implement the Social Enterprise Action Plan to drive greater benefit at community level
- Co-design legislative changes to enhance local community owned Credit Unions; Consumer Council to examine the feasibility for a disability benefit linked loan pilot with Credit Unions
- Participate in cross-government People & Places pilot schemes in North Belfast and Derry-Londonderry

Innovation & Clusters

- Enhanced R&D Call led by business clinics in Invest NI Regional Offices
- Agree MoU with Innovation UK to deliver place-based actions
- Further develop regional clusters of economic activity in line with Sectoral Action Plans published in June 2024

Skills & Apprenticeships

- Skills Fund initiatives to develop childcare workforce, boost SME productivity, and support green skills, targeted at a local level
- Pre-Apprenticeship Academies to meet local skills demands. Apprenticeship Inclusion Challenge Fund. Skills academies to support SMEs are planned such as childcare, robotics and automation and welding
- Skill Up provides accessible online learning at colleges and universities, with flexible training opportunities available to all

Cross Border

- Develop North/South Fintech corridor to increase collaboration and cooperation
- Examine regulatory landscape to support cross-border financial services
- Review MRPO/data transfer landscape to facilitate fully functioning all-island economy

Next Steps

Oct 24 – Dec 24

Over the coming months the Department and Invest NI will continue to engage with councils and local stakeholders to support the formation of the Local Economic Partnerships, which will be established between October and December 2024. During this time, the Department will co-design the funding allocation model with stakeholders.

Jan 25 – Mar 25

Local Economic Partnerships will be responsible for bringing forward projects that align with the Minister's key priorities; Productivity, Good Jobs, Reduce Carbon Emissions and Regional Balance. Invest NI will support the Local Economic Partnerships in the identification of suitable projects. Proposed projects should be agreed by the partnerships and brought to the Department by end March 2025, so that funding can begin to be drawn down from April 2025.

Apr 25 – Mar 28

Department and Invest NI to review and approve proposed projects. Approved projects will be funded for delivery through dedicated funding.

The Department understands these are ambitious timelines, however, by working together in partnership, we can deliver tangible change at a local level.



Armagh City,
Banbridge and
Craigavon



**Antrim and
Newtownabbey**

Further Details

You can download a copy of this plan and supporting evidence from www.economy-ni.gov.uk/regional-balance

You can find more information on the Invest NI Regional Office Network at www.investni.com/about-us/where-we-are

If you would like to speak to a member of the team about the Sub-Regional Economic Plan, you can contact the Regional Balance Unit at RegionalBalance@economy-ni.gov.uk

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 14 October 2024
Subject:	Letter of Support for Inland Waterways Association of Ireland (IWAI) to seek funding for Canoe Trail
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth, Assistant Director - Economy, Growth & Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Michelle Boyle Head of Tourism, Product Development and Visitor Experience

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> Council to consider providing agreement for Inland Waterways Association of Ireland (IWAI) to undertake the planning and phased development of a canoe trail including canoe steps along sections of Newry Canal owned by NMDDC, subject to conditions outlined in section 2.1 of this report</p> <p><u>Background</u> IWAI, Newry and Portadown Branch has requested permission to undertake the planning and phased development of a canoe trail including canoe steps along sections of Newry Canal owned by NMDDC. IAWI have identified 3 potential locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Victoria Lock ○ WIN Industrial Estate ○ Rear of St Colman's College <p>The construction proposed is sustainable timber and "sit on bank" requiring no excavations and minimal impact on the Historic Monument</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newry Canal is a scheduled monument and any works requires the approval of Historic Environment Division (HED). • IWAI would be required to seek approval from HED and any other agencies deemed relevant to comply with all statutory approvals. • The final locations would need to be agreed with Council officers on site to ensure no detrimental impact to existing operations or activities which take place.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All funding will be secured by IWAI via funding applications Future insurance and maintenance will be the responsibility of IWAI
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	It is recommended that: Council provides agreement for Inland Waterways Association of Ireland (IWAI) to undertake the planning and phased development of a canoe trail including canoe steps along sections of Newry Canal owned by NMDDC subject to conditions outlined in section 2.1 of this report.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Officers time liaising with IWAI, the costs associated with implementing the project will be sourced by IWAI.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 14 th October 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

		For decision	X	For noting only	
1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider and agree to recommendations of the PEACEPLUS Partnership outlined in section 3 To note that SEUPB have issued an approval letter to confirm that Council’s application under Theme 1.1 was approved for grant funding, and a formal Letter of Offer would follow within 8 weeks. To approve that on receipt of a Letter of Offer, that Council accepts the letter of offer and enter into a partnership agreement upon receipt from SEUPB <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>The PEACEPLUS programme comprises six themes and encompasses 22 investment areas.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>				

2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>SEUPB Theme 1.1 - application assessment and Letter of Offer</p> <p>SEUPB Steering Committee on 1st October 2024, approved submission of the Action Plan and issued an approval letter to confirm that the application was approved for grant funding of up to €8,645,533.00.</p> <p>SEUPB have indicated that it could take up to eight weeks to issue the letter of offer</p> <p>Officers continue to forward plan to ensure on receipt of Letter of Offer delivery of the Action Plan can commence immediately.</p> <p>We are seeking approval to proceed with the Partnership Agreement as per the confirmation letter and accept the Project Implementation Conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progress against outputs and results targets will be considered at the 3-year point of implementation, this will determine if a break clause is enacted. 2. Environmental and planning risks must be added to the risk register and monitored throughout the project lifetime in line with the governance arrangements. <p>The formal launch of PEACEPLUS local action plan will take place in February 2025. In the interim we will be undertaking a soft launch to raise awareness of the successful application.</p>
2.2	<p>Peace Plus Partnership</p> <p>The PEACEPLUS Partnership met on 19th September 2024 and recommendations arising from this meeting require ERT Committee approval.</p> <p>The purpose of the report is to consider and agree to recommendations of the PEACEPLUS Partnership</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>It is recommended that Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Agree the minutes of the PEACEPLUS Partnership 29th August 2024 and 19th September 2024 (draft) which included the following recommendation: To develop and deliver training aimed at the Voluntary and Community sector on how to identify and apply for tenders. ii. Note that SEUPB have issued an approval letter to confirm that Council's application under Theme 1.1 was approved for grant funding, and a formal Letter of Offer would follow within 8 weeks iii. Approve accepting and signing the Letter of Offer and Partnership Agreement

	upon receipt from SEUPB.
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>
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6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>

7.0	Appendices
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. PEACEPLUS Partnership minutes 29th August 2024 (ratified on 19th September 2024 Partnership meeting).2. PEACEPLUS Partnership minutes 19th September 2024 (draft)
8.0	Background Documents
	n/a

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

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.

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF PEACEPLUS PARTNERSHIP MEETING
Thursday 19th September 2024 @ 12:30pm
MS Teams****CHAIRPERSON:** Cllr Terry Andrews**Others Present:**

Cllr Declan Murphy, NMDDC
Cllr Glynn Hanna, NMDDC
Nicholas McCrickard, CDRCN
Rosemarie McDonnell, Advice NMD
Paul Yam, Social Partner
Claire Crainey, NIHE
Catherine Shipman, SERC
Lynda Vladeanu, SE Trust
Gerard Rocks, SHSCT
Sonya Stephenson, NMDDC
Sarah McClory NMDDC
Julie-Anne Harte NMDDC

Apologies:

Cllr Cathal King
Theresa McLaverty, NMDDC

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:

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

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Cllr Andrews wished for it to be noted he sits on the SEUPB Committee.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 29th August 2024

Accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Proposed: Cllr Andrews

Seconded: Paul Yam

4. MANAGEMENT REPORT

Sarah McClory presented the management report and advised members SEUPB had provided an update since papers were issued. Paul Beattie, Managing Authority Director for SEUPB, advised the assessment date for our application had been pushed back from the end of August to October 1st due to workload constraints. It would be up to 8 weeks after assessment for a Letter of Offer to be issued but SEUPB will advise upon the outcome once assessment takes place.

It had been planned to deliver Procurement training to the Community Voluntary sector after the release of new legislation, initially due at the end of October. However, this legislation will now not be released until 24th February 2025 therefore it has been decided to go ahead with training commencing mid/late October. PEACE will coordinate with DEA officers to deliver training to Community Voluntary groups in the 7 DEA areas within the district, workshops will take place face-to-face with some online sessions also available. It will be advertised on social media, shared within existing contact lists and through Partnership members.

5. DATES AND VENUES OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting: Scheduled for 17th October, alternative date to be published due to clash with Council Event.

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Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 14 October 2024
Subject:	6 Monthly Building Control Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Edwin Newell Head of Building Control and Licensing

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

For decision	For noting only	X
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> Provide the members with a 6 monthly update on the Building Control Service.</p> <p><u>Background</u> Building Control:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enforce Building Regulations, Energy Performance of Buildings Regulations and Dangerous Structures Legislation within the Council District. 2. Carry out Annual Fire Risk Assessments on all Council buildings.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	N/A
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To note the content of the report.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	
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 type="checkbox"/></p>

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6.0	<p>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</p>
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service.</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input 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. Building Control 6 Monthly Report – 1st April to 30th September 2024</p>
8.0	<p>Background documents</p>
	<p>N/A</p>

6 Monthly Report for ERT Committee Meeting

1.0 Building Regulations Report – Matters for Noting

1.1 Number of Building Regulation Applications Received

1 Apr 2024 – 30 Sept 2024
1532

1 Apr 2023 – 30 Sept 2023
1079

1.2 Fees Received

1 Apr 2024 – 30 Sept 2024
Plan Fee £104,624.10
Inspection Fee £233,739.90
Other Fee £1146.50
Total £339,510.50

1 Apr 2023 – 30 Sept 2023
Plan Fee £98,137.99
Inspection Fee £377,834.95
Other Fee £1,525.93
Total £477,498.87

1.3 Site Inspections carried out

1 Apr 2024 – 30 Sept 2024
5036

1 Apr 2023 – 30 Sept 2023
4892

1.4 Performance

Current performance indicators:-

Domestic Plan Assessments assessed within 21 days	(Target 80%)	87%
Non Domestic Plan Assessments assessed within 35 days	(Target 80%)	84%
BR3 Returns assessed within 14 days	(Target 85%)	95%

2.0 Enforcement

Number of premises visited to assess extent of unauthorised works between April 2024 and September 2024 = 5

32a Greencastle Street, Kilkeel	Brewery	Resolved
2a Carrigs Road, Newcastle	Erection of a farm shop and coffee shop within garden centre	Resolved
Ballycruttle Road, Downpatrick	Erection of timber frame building to form storage, gym and bar	Resolved
Unit 9 Carnbane Industrial Estate, Newry	2 No. metal framed storage units	Acknowledged
71 Lord Moira Park, Newry	Installation of a central heating boiler and flue	Resolved

3.0 Dangerous Structures

Number of premises identified as dangerous structures between March 2024 and August 2024 = 7

10 Slatequarry Road, Cullyhanna	Loose slates on pitched roof	Resolved
Unit 4 Ballinacraig Way, Greenbank (different owner)	Dangerous structure to rear of commercial unit due to fire damage	Resolved
Unit 4 Ballinacraig Way, Greenbank (different owner)	Dangerous structure to rear of commercial unit due to fire damage	Resolved
9 Newry Road, Camlough	Dangerous hoardings	Resolved
12 Mallard Road, Downpatrick	Collapsed BT footway box / manhole cover on the footpath	Resolved
49 Harbour Road, Kilkeel	Falling debris	Resolved
51 Harbour Road, Kilkeel	Falling debris	Resolved

4.0 Property Certificates

Property certificates responded to date.

1 Apr 2024 – 30 Sept 2024
1415

1 Apr 2023 – 30 Sept 2023
1226

5.0 Fire Risk Assessments

Number of Fire Risk Assessments carried out during the past 6 months = 27.

- Newry Town Hall
- Newtownhamilton Community Centre
- Annalong Community Centre
- Barnmeen Community Centre
- Meigh Community Centre
- Derrybeg Community Centre
- Drumalane Community Centre
- Kilkeel Changing Block
- Kilkeel Bowling Green
- Kilkeel Amenity Site
- Carrigenagh Road Playing Fields
- Derryleckagh Playing Fields
- Warrenpoint Bowling Pavilion
- The Men's Shed, Rostrevor
- Bessbrook Bowling Pavilion
- Gerry Brown Park Pavilion
- Newry Bowling Green and Tennis Courts
- Carnbane Playing Fields Pavilion
- Fish Market Building, Kilkeel
- Newcastle Centre and Tropicana
- Down Arts Centre
- Down County Museum
- Downshire Civic Centre
- DSO Works Depot
- Saintfield Sports Centre
- Newcastle Bowling Pavilion
- Castlewellan Forest Park – Grange Yard

6.0 Energy Performance of Buildings (EPB) Checks and LPS Vacant Rating 1 April 2024 - 30 September 2024

ESTATE AGENTS

- ❖ Total no of agents checked (on site/ website) - 48
- ❖ Total number of properties not compliant – 2
- ❖ Number of first warning letters issued – 2
- ❖ Number of successful first warning letters – 2

DISPLAY ENERGY CERTIFICATES (DEC's)

- ❖ Number of buildings checked on Landmark - 216
- ❖ Number of buildings compliant on Landmark - 183
- ❖ Number of first warning letters issued - 37
- ❖ Number of successful first warning letters - 3

AIR CONDITIONING

- ❖ Number of air con buildings checked on landmark - 111
- ❖ Number of air con buildings compliant – 106
- ❖ Number of first warning letters issued - 7
- ❖ Number of successful first warning letters – 2

EPCs RECEIVED (ON CONSTRUCTION)

- ❖ Number of new dwelling EPCs checked on Landmark – 262
- ❖ Number of new dwellings complaint – 260
- ❖ Number of dwellings now compliant after Letter 1 - 2

LPS VACANT RATING

- ❖ Currently suspended by Land and Property Services

**Recommendation:
For Noting**

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 14 th October 2024
Subject:	Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Partnership Update
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Mallon Director, Economy, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Elaine McAlinden DBEC Partnership Officer

For decision	For noting only	X
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the update provided against the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Partnership <p><u>Background</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Partnership is a local Government network formed by eight Councils and two universities located along the Dublin–Belfast Economic Corridor. The DBEC Strategy and Action Plan outlines the vision of the Partnership as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “DBEC to be a leading economic corridor in Europe, achieving sustainable growth through collaborative R&D, a highly skilled workforce, and enabling infrastructure”. Newry, Mourne, and Down District Council are the current lead Council on behalf of the DBEC partnership and will progress actions as agreed through the DBEC Government structure. A Governance structure is in place and operational as defined in the Partnerships Collaboration Agreement. A record of the Political Advisory Group held on 17 September 2024 is attached in Appendix 1. Below is a brief overview of key activities being progressed under the below themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Sustainable and Innovation Led Growth 2.2 Skills Development 2.3 Engagement and brand development

2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p data-bbox="260 271 895 309"><u>Sustainable and Innovation led Growth</u></p> <p data-bbox="260 349 1235 387">DBEC is currently progressing with five project concepts in this area:</p> <ul data-bbox="308 427 1139 618" style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Solutions for attaining a Net Zero Economy • Offshore Wind and Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain • Transformative Innovation Support Network • Investor Ready Lands Development • DBEC Tourism Working Group development <p data-bbox="308 696 1347 734">(1) <u>Sustainable Solutions for attaining a Net Zero Economy</u></p> <ul data-bbox="355 775 1449 1234" style="list-style-type: none"> • This project seeks to progress recommendations outlined in a feasibility Study (lead by Dublin City Council and Belfast City Council) looking at the potential of circular economy hubs. The study recognised that there are unique opportunities arising from a Connected Circular Economy between Belfast and Dublin, particularly in terms of Home Lab – Circular Construction, Regen Ports – Port based hubs, Plate – food and hospitality sectors, and 'Connect' – looking to strengthening, coordination and promotion of existing hubs along the Corridor to support economies of scale and smart specialisation. • Two project concepts are currently being considered under this work package: <p data-bbox="288 1274 1449 1464">i. HomeLabs4R - A proposal for Shared Island funding for the delivery of an Outline Business Case (OBC) and a Capital programme that would deliver against the HomeLab ambitions has been submitted to the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC). It is now subject to consideration by DECC and the Shared Island Unit.</p> <p data-bbox="355 1505 1449 1581">The proposal aims to develop 2 x HomeLab Connected Circular Economy Hubs at strategic locations on the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor.</p> <ul data-bbox="403 1585 1449 2004" style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To resource and establish the hubs as demonstrator Circular Economy projects for the Dublin to Belfast economic Corridor, that will increase circularity in the built environment, with an initial focus on public sector construction projects and the housing sector. ○ To provide spaces for collaboration, circular innovation, and demonstration that will enable better coordination and promotion of specialised support services and networks for circularity in the built environment using housing repair, renovation, retrofit, and regeneration programmes ○ To showcase emerging Circular Economy research for the housing and construction sector, including the demonstration of best practice and

opportunities for embedding circular innovation across the built environment

- To stimulate and create opportunities for material banks and circular depots that provide for disaggregation, processing, and storage of construction materials for re-use.

ii. **Bid to SEUPB PEACEPLUS Programme; Theme 6.1 – Strategic Planning and Engagement.**

The Key outputs from this concept are:

- Progression of the for circular economy hub(s) with a focus on the construction/housing sector "HomeLab" – OBC – subject to clarity of potential funding from DECC/Shared Fund (see above).
- Delivery of the Circular Economy 'Connect' Hub; A resource hub established to enable better coordination and promotion of existing enterprise support services
- Feasibility study on an all-Island industrial symbiosis initiative

2) Cluster Development: Offshore wind and Hydrogen supply chain

Application submitted to InterTradeIreland for the completion of a feasibility study to explore the formation of an offshore wind cluster along the East Coast / DBEC corridor was unsuccessful.

- Feedback received highlighted that only focusing on the DBEC alone would have limited value on an all-island basis.

Next Steps: Participation on a working group

- ITI have commissioned research looking at 'Offshore Wind and Hydrogen Energy'. This research will deliver against the ambition defined in the DBEC application, however, to also include hydrogen.
- The TOR closed on Thursday 29 August 2024 to appoint a contractor to identify key opportunities arising from an all-island approach to renewable energy, and how delivery of renewable energy ambitions, as detailed in relevant policies and strategies, could be accelerated and/or enhanced through collaborative working.
- DBEC/DKIT will participate on a steering group that will work with ITI on the progression of the research piece. The commencement date for this is October 2024.

3) Transformative Innovation Support network

This project seeks to progress recommendations outlined in a study that assessed the feasibility of a network of transformative innovation hubs along the Dublin to Belfast Economic Corridor.

- Progression of the KPMG Feasibility study findings:
 - OBC 1 - examine the best way forward for an innovation support programme to promote transformational innovation in businesses throughout the Corridor, operated through the existing enterprise hub network in the region
 - OBC 2 - examine the best way forward to deliver on the Feasibility Study findings that, "DBEC should seek to establish four specialised innovation hubs to meet the need for specialised physical space and equipment to support the opportunity for transformational innovation and growth
 - A pilot programme will be an initial test of the innovation support programme that Business Case 1 is focused on.
- A funding application to progress this initiative was made to Enterprise Ireland, Smart Regional Innovation Enterprise Scheme into the priming theme.
- The proposal has been assessed and Enterprise Ireland has not deemed it eligible as a priming application. (Priming funding to support detailed preparation of more advanced projects)
- The proposed next steps is to consider the inclusion of this project under the Peace Plus 6.1 Bid – Strategic Planning and Engagement.

4) Investor Ready Development Lands

The focus of the project is on Investor ready lands, necessary to attract and secure investment, driving productivity growth across the Economic corridor

- Current provision: A mapping assessment of current economic land along the Corridor: sites, key attributes: ownership, specification, infrastructure
- Future economic land needs: An assessment on future economic growth requirements for economic lands over SML term: with a focus on requirements for location of land, access, digital connectivity, utilities infrastructure, affordability, sectoral needs
- Partnership-based framework / portal: To establish a cross-border, partnership-based framework / portal that presents and communicates from an investor perspective, opportunities for investment
- Outputs
 - i. To stimulate private sector investment: generating job creation, enterprise growth, productivity growth
 - ii. To pivot the D-B Corridor as an investment-ready location, with unique access to GB, RoI, EU, and International markets

	<p>5) <u>DBEC Tourism Working Group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism Development teams have come together to develop a combined Tourism Proposition and to promote the many opportunities, strengths, visitor attractions, and challenges across all Council partners who are working within and near to the Economic Corridor. • Discussions by the working group have agreed on an action plan which has identified the following top 5 key priorities to take forward in the short term: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strategic Collaboration Opportunities 2. Product & Experience (Cluster Development) 3. Marketing 4. Data & Metrics 5. DBEC Investment Proposition <p><u>Next Steps – Development of Concept Notes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subgroups for each priority area to meet and progress the development of project concept outlining the aim, ambition, potential outputs, partners, possible funding partners, and outline cost against each priority area. <p><u>Funding opportunities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A procurement of external consultancy to support the development of funding bids to Peace Plus 6.1 Strategic Planning and Engagement across a number of key work packages as outlined above is currently underway; ○ Officers are currently working on the tender process. An update will be provided a within a future progress report.
<p>2.2</p>	<p><u>Skills Development</u></p> <p>DBEC is progressing with 2 project concepts in this area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Border Skills Delivery • Cross Border Skills Strategy <p>1. <u>Cross Border Skills Delivery Programme – PEACEPLUS 2.3 Skills Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A full application has been submitted by application lead - Southern Regional College (SRC). DBEC is a partner in the application. • Application is for the delivery of a cross-border skills programme (based on Peace Plus Geography), with a focus on increasing skills and training to meet the labour requirements of the region and expanding the workforce and creation of a consortium to inform an initial cross border skills strategy.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 2300 participants will be supported on the programme. <p>2. <u>Cross Border Skills Strategy – PEACEPLUS 6.1 Strategic Planning and Engagement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The focus is to investigate a collaborative and place-based approach to cross-border skills delivery for employers, learners and apprentices. • DBEC has engaged with the academic network (FE/HE Colleges, DKIT, Belfast Met, BCRD Skills, ETBs, RSF) as well as the North West Tertiary Education Cluster and IBCAN on a proposal to submit a collective bid focusing on addressing cross-border legal and administrative barriers to skills delivery. • This would be a strategic piece, engaging relevant education/academic partners to shape solutions and make policy recommendations to enable cross-border skills delivery, focusing on key areas common to all cross-border regions (North-South East – West) such as CB apprenticeship delivery, student mobility, qualification equivalency and accreditation. • There is enthusiasm from academic partners to work with DBEC and the wider cross-border region areas.
<p>2.3</p>	<p><u>Engagement and Brand development</u></p> <p>DBEC are progressing 3 project concepts under this area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) DBEC Summit 2025 – DBEC Ambition ii) Communications and Engagement Programme iii) DBEC Website <p>i) <u>DBEC Ambition: A world-leading economic corridor – Showcase Event</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Showcase Event is currently being planned to demonstrate the ambition of the Corridor to drive sustainable economic growth and investment – DBEC’s unique proposition, i.e. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location – Market Access to UK, IE, EU, Int markets • Talent • Key sectoral strengths • Education System • Connectivity • Tourist destination, quality of life • The event content, speakers, and agenda are currently being drafted; it is anticipated that the event will take place in quarter 1 of 2025. <p>ii) <u>Communication and Engagement Programme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DBEC Officers and Directors are rolling out an engagement process with key stakeholders across the corridor; this process will continue over the coming

	<p>months, to build engagement, and awareness of the Partnership, and to establish strong networks that will support delivery against the DBEC ambition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement with Government Departments has also focused on leveraging Department support for DBEC events, projects, and funding streams that are being shaped. This is a rolling programme; updates will be provided within future progress reports. <p>iii) DBEC Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new website for DBEC has launched on 1 October 2024. The new website is fully functional with modern compliant browsers and devices with fallback functionality for older browsers. The front end of the website has a bespoke design and built, with a simple, user-friendly backend WordPress CMS allowing for future upgrades, modular content, scheduling, and publishing of content and easy embed of media players. The site is also fully compliant with web content accessibility guidelines (WCAG) ensuring that all end users can perceive, understand, operate, and interact with the site, and is fully GDPR compliant. The web address is www.dbec.info.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To note the update provided against the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Partnership
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>DBEC Activity is fully funded from contributions received from each of the 8 DBEC Council partners.</p> <p>The apportionment of the financial contribution is based on the percentage share of the population, and the annual contribution for NMDDC for 2025/2026 will be considered during the rates setting process</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: The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p>

	The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves</p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <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>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)	
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.0	Appendices	
	Action Sheet – Political Advisory group meeting – 17 September 2024	
8.0	Background Documents	
	N/a	

Appendix 1**Action Sheet & Record of Meeting**

DBEC Political Advisory Group (PAG), Tuesday 17 September 2024, 10:30 am, Fingal County Council offices, The Chamber, County Hall, Main St, Swords Demesne, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2, Ireland

In Attendance | In Person

- Cllr Kevin Savage, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council
- Cllr Paul Greenfield, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council
- Cllr Pete Byrne, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
- Alderman Alan Ewart MBE, Lisburn City and Castlereagh City Council
- Cllr Sharon Tolan, Meath County Council
- Cllr Declan Power, Louth County Council
- Cllr Shane McGuinness, Louth County Council

In Attendance | Online

- Cllr Ruth Brooks, Belfast City Council

Officers:

- Marie Ward, CEO, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
- Roger Wilson, CEO, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council
- David Burns, CEO, Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council
- Kieran Kehoe, CEO, Meath County Council
- Ann Marie Farrelly, CEO, Fingal County Council
- John Quinlivan, Director of Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development, Fingal County Council.
- Thomas McEvoy, Director of Service | Louth County Council
- Conor Mallon, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
- Donal Rogan, Director of Regeneration & Growth, Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council
- Dara McGowan, Director of Services | Economic Development, European Affairs, Meath County Council
- Mary MacSweeney, Acting Executive Officer Enterprise and Development, Dublin City Council
- Professor Duncan Morrow, University of Ulster
- Elaine McAlinden, DBEC Partnership Officer
- Katie Doran, Partner, Lanyon Group
- Maeve Finnegan, Managing Director, Mitso Marketing

Apologies

- Cllr Ronan McLoughlin, Belfast City Council
- Cllr Kyle Savage, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council
- Cllr Ryan Carlin, Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council
- Cllr Tierna Howie, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
- Cllr Ryan Carlin, Lisburn City and Castlereagh Borough Council
- Alderman Amanda Grehan, Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council
- Cllr Brian McDonagh, Fingal County Council
- Cllr Helen Meyer, Meath County Council
- Cllr Stephen McKee, Meath County Council
- Cllr Paula Butterly, Louth County Council
- Lord Mayor James Geoghegan, Dublin City Council
- Cllr Alison Gilliland, Dublin City Council
- Professor Malachy O'Neill, University of Ulster
- Professor President Daire Keogh, Dublin City University
- Des Foley, Director of Services | Planning & Development | Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development, Meath County Council
- John Walsh, CEO, Belfast City Council
- John Greer, Director of Economic Development, Belfast City Council
- Richard Shakespeare, CEO, Dublin City Council
- Laura Mahoney, Director of Engagement, Dublin City University
- Deiric O'Broin, Dublin City University

Agenda Items	Decisions
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Meeting Co-Chair: Councillor Pete Byrne, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

1. Welcome and Apologies	<p>The Chairperson welcomed all to the meeting and apologies were noted as listed above.</p> <p>Cllr Byrne extended a thank you to Fingal County Council for hosting the meeting at County Hall, Swords.</p> <p>Ann-Marie Farrelly, CEO, welcomed all and reaffirmed Fingal County Council's commitment and willingness to work in partnership with DBEC Councils and Universities to advance on the development of the Economic Corridor.</p>
2. Action Sheet: DBEC Political Advisory Group meeting: 28th March 2024.	<p>No Matters Arising.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr Kevin Savage, seconded by Cllr Pete Byrne, it was agreed to approve the Action Sheet of the previous meeting held in the Palace Buildings, Armagh on 28 March 2024.</p>

<p>3. Position Vacant on PAG – Election of Co-Chair of DBEC Political Advisory Group.</p>	<p>Cllr Byrne advised: Governance Structure for Political Advisory Group allows for 2 positions: 2 x Co-Chairs – with representation from Councils North and South of the Border. The position of Co-Chair from the Southern DBEC Councils is currently vacant, due to Adrian Henchy from Fingal County Council, no longer being an elected representative.</p> <p>Governance arrangements for DBEC are that the role of Co-Chair will be elected bi-annually (every 2 years). The current Co-Chair commenced in September 2023 – the position is held by Cllr Pete Byrne.</p> <p>Cllr Pete Byrne highlighted that an opportunity now arose to take nominations for the role of Co-Chair from elected members attending from the 4 Southern Councils.</p> <p>No nominations from the meeting attendees were forthcoming.</p> <p>Cllr Pete Byrne proposed that Cllr Brian McDonagh, currently Mayor of Fingal, could finish out the 2-year term of former Co-Chair, Adrian Henchy. This would mean that next year both positions of Co-Chairs would be up for re-election. Both roles could then be re-elected together. Cllr Brian McDonagh, Fingal County Council has recently been nominated to the PAG board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed: <p>On the proposal of Cllr Kevin Savage and seconded by Cllr Paul Greenfield, for Cllr Brian McDonagh, Mayor of Fingal County Council, was elected as co-chair of the DBEC Political Advisory Group to September 2025.</p>
<p>4. Overview of DBEC Governance, Strategy and Action Plan</p>	<p>Elaine McAlinden, DBEC Partnership Officer, presented and outlined the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DBEC Local Government Network • DBEC Governance Structure • Evolution, Vision, Key Enablers and Objectives • Opportunities for DBEC and overview of Action Plan • Highlighted that the DBEC Strategy and Action Plan were circulated with the meeting invite and available to download from the website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed: <p>There were no comments or queries from those in attendance. Members agreed to note the content of the report and presentation.</p>

<p>5. In-Person Presentation – Review of the upgraded Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Website</p>	<p>Maeve Finnegan, Mitso Marketing, provided members with an overview of the new Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor website.</p> <p>The following comments were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Pete Byrne welcomed that the upgraded website has portrayed the key messages specific goals and unique selling points of the DBEC region very well. All other members in attendance agreed that the website looked good and provided an excellent opportunity to grow the DBEC brand. • Members asked could the link be circulated to them for further review across their individual communication and marketing teams; those seeking to do this should reach out through Elaine for the draft website link. • Agreed: • Maeve Finnegan highlighted that it is hoped that the new website will be ready to go by the end of September 2024, subject to further content and development work by the Mitso team. • Communication and social media will be organised around the re-launch and the updated web link will be sent to Council and University individual marketing teams to update on their website. • Further training and content management \ maintenance will be undertaken with DBEC Resource. • Maeve further highlighted that Mitso Marketing is in contract, hosting the site for 2 years to March 2026 and we will help to iterate the site as and when needed.
<p>6. In-Person Presentation – Overview of DBEC Showcase Event – Shaping a Cross-Border Investment Corridor</p>	<p>Katie Doran, Managing Director, Lanyon Group provided an update on the progression of DBEC Communications and Marketing Plan as follows: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Brand Evolution</u> <p>K. Doran provided a brief overview of the evolution and development of the DBEC brand, including colour palettes to match accessibility guidelines for the DBEC website, map styling, report covers, infographic styling, website and social media visuals.</p> <p>Agreed: All members in attendance noted the update and approved the refinements to the DBEC brand as outlined.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DBEC Key Messaging

K. Doran reviewed the key messaging framework (external and internal) mapping out an economic narrative that can be applied across all stakeholder engagement, strategic marketing, and PR / social media activities.

Agreed: To circulate the key messaging document to PAG members.

- Stakeholder Engagement

K. Doran presented an overview of the key target stakeholders including Government, Membership bodies, education, cross-border bodies, social and voluntary, media and private sector contacts. K. Doran highlighted that following intensive work by the DBEC Resource team and Lanyon Group the database now had over 1200+ key contacts within it. This database would be used by DBEC to market directly to stakeholder groups on events and opportunities.

Agreed: To note the progress to date with the stakeholder database and to continue to update as necessary.

- DBEC Showcase Event

K. Doran tabled a draft plan for a one-day conference event, identifying proposed event content, theme, speakers, a conference plan and suggested panel sessions. K. Doran also highlighted the agreed sponsors to date.

K. Doran highlighted the following points for members to consider and agree on:

- Showcase Event had been provisionally held in the diary for Tuesday 22 October 2024 at the ICC, Belfast. The proposed event is 6 weeks to the day from the date of the September PAG;
- The event is extremely important for DBEC and will be a platform for showcasing the potential for the corridor, building collaboration, and demonstrating the ambitions of the region;
- One challenge is that it is likely that a general election may be called in ROI, possibly in mid-November 2024; this would mean that attendance from ROI ministers at the event is unlikely and the DBEC Showcase will be 'sidelined';
- Engagement with Government Ministers from both ROI and NI is vital to ensure political 'buy-in' to the Economic Corridor;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In tandem with this, ongoing engagement with the private sector and other key stakeholders is key before the event – so partners are aware of the vision and ambition of DBEC ahead of receipt of the issue of an event invite; members in attendance noted that the agenda is light on private sector input; • It was further noted that high-profile keynote speakers were necessary to pitch the message and ambitions of DBEC to its target audiences; • In promoting the event, there is a need for clear messaging around the focus of the event, the importance of attendance and what the event seeks to deliver for its target audiences; • Some PAG members felt that it is important to pitch the event to the appropriate audience and that a 'pause' on delivering the Showcase Event needs to happen to ensure that we do not miss the opportunity for DBEC to showcase the region appropriately and across all target audience groups. <p>Agreed:</p> <p>Following discussion, the following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DBEC Showcase Event is to be postponed to Quarter 1 of 2025. • All in attendance agreed, that it was important for political leaders to be in attendance at the event • In the interim, Members asked for Lanyon Group to work on a PR plan to ensure that marketing is ongoing and that the engagement particularly with the private sector is ongoing. • In addition, members asked for a Save the Date to be circulated to stakeholders as soon as practically possible to ensure that the date is secured in diaries in Q1 2025. 						
<p>7. Update on delivery against Action Plan.</p>	<p>Following an update on delivery against key actions underway PAG noted and agreed the following:</p> <p>1. <u>Project Development and Funding Bids</u></p> <p>E. McAlinden provided an update on the project development and funding bids as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="549 1850 1452 1957"> <thead> <tr> <th>Funder</th> <th>Project</th> <th>Status</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>DECC & Shared Island Funding</td> <td>Sustainable Solutions for</td> <td>Application</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Funder	Project	Status	DECC & Shared Island Funding	Sustainable Solutions for	Application
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	attaining a Net Zero Economy	
PEACE PLUS 2.3 – Skills Development	Cross Border Skills Delivery	Application
PEACE PLUS 6.1 – Strategic Planning and Engagement	Sustainable Solutions for attaining a Net Zero Economy	Concept Stage
	Transformative Innovation Support Network	Concept Stage
	Investor Ready Lands Development	Concept Stage
	DBEC Tourism Working Groups	Concept Stage
	Cross Border Skills Strategy	Concept Stage

Agreed:

Engagement will continue with funding bodies on application proposal in the shaping and development of bids.

Progress report to be brought back to a future meeting of PAG.

2. Skills Audit Research

E McAlinden informed the PAG members that report that the Skills Audit Research – Phase 1 work was now complete. The findings of the research is being used to inform the concept note for the Cross Border Skills Strategy highlighted previously.

Agreed: No further action.

3. Elevating Fintech: 15 May 2024

PAG members noted the images depicting the highly successful Elevating Fintech event in Killeavy Castle. E McAlinden highlighted that this was a collaboration with The Fintech Corridor.

Agreed: No further action

4. Communications and Engagement

PAG members noted the strategic Officer and Director engagement programme that has been delivered with key stakeholders’ organisations along the Corridor to raise awareness of the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor vision and ambitions,

	<p>informing of key actions/programme areas underway and exploring areas for alignment and collaborative actions relevant to each partner.</p> <p>The engagement with Government Departments to leverage support for DBEC events, projects, and funding streams was noted to date.</p> <p>Agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The outstanding meetings with DECC and DETE to be organised when the DBEC Resource team is back working at full staffing capacity.
8. Next meeting	<p>PAG members noted that the next scheduled meeting of the PAG is Thursday 5 December 2024. The next meeting will be held in a Northern Ireland location, possibly in the Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council area or Newry, Mourne, and Down District Council area.</p> <p>Agreed:</p> <p>DBEC Resource to investigate options for the next PAG meeting and issue meeting invite, confirming date/location and time to all PAG members in due course.</p>

Cllr Pete Byrne closed the meeting at 12:12pm

For approval at next meeting of DBEC Political Advisory Group

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 14 th October 2024
Subject:	Licensing 6 Monthly Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director of Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Paula Hughes, Senior Licensing Officer

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

	For decision	For noting only	x
1.0	Purpose and Background		
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To note the contents contained within the Licensing 6 monthly report.</p> <p><u>Background</u> The Licensing Section is responsible for administering the Entertainment, Cinema, Petroleum, Amusement, Marriage, Street Trading, Lotteries, Road Closures, Pavement Café and Shops Sunday Trading, Postal Numbering, Street/Road naming and Street Nameplate functions.</p>		
	Key issues		
2.1	n/a		
3.0	Recommendations		
3.1	To note the contents contained within the Licensing 6 monthly report Appx 1		
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> <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>Licensing 6 Monthly Report – 1st April to 30th September 2024</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>
	<p>N/A</p>

Licensing Report: Matters for Noting

1 April 2024 – 30 September 2024

1.0	Application Information	
1.1	Number of Licensing Applications Received and Validated (Entertainment, Cinema, Petroleum, Amusement, Marriage, Street Trading, Lotteries, Road Closures, Pavement Café and Shops Sunday Trading)	248
1.2	Number of Licences Granted (Entertainment, Cinema, Petroleum, Amusement, Marriage, Street Trading, Lotteries, Road Closures, Pavement Café and Shops Sunday Trading)	220
1.3	Number of Annual Inspections Carried out (Amusement, Cinema, Entertainment, Marriage, Petroleum and During Performance Inspections)	240

2.0 List of Entertainment Licences Issued

Name of Premises (Entertainment)	Address	Town	Postcode
St Mochais GAC Darragh Cross	119 Manse Road	Crossgar	BT30 9LZ
Duffy's Circus	Dundrum Road	Newcastle	BT33 0LN
The Barn Bar and Country Kitchen	37 Mearne Road	Downpatrick	BT30 6SY
Russell Gaelic Union	100 Old Course Road	Downpatrick	BT30 8BW
St Colmans GAC	91 Old Park Road	Ballynahinch	BT24 8SE
McGuigan's Bar	48 Monaghan Street	Newry	BT35 6AA
The Q Club	2 Basin Quay	Newry	BT35 6HU
Kilbroney Bar	31-33 Church Street	Rostrevor	BT34 3BA
Dollys Brae Inn	15 Gargarry Road	Ballyward	BT31 9RW
Larkins Brasserie & Lounge	13-19 Francis Street	Newry	BT35 8BQ
Warrenpoint Golf Club	Lower Dromore Road	Warrenpoint	BT34 3LN
Carrickcruppen GAA & Social Club	Lowes Lane	Camlough	BT35 7JS
Castleward Estate – Mansion House Tea Room and Theatre	Castleward Estate, Park Road	Strangford	BT30 7LS
Castleward Estate – Front Lawn	Castleward Estate, Park Road	Strangford	BT30 7LS
Old Killowen Inn	10 Bridge Street	Rostrevor	BT34 3BG
The Saint Patrick Centre	53A Lower Market Street	Downpatrick	BT30 6LZ
Hunter Moore Social Club	65 Belfast Road	Newry	BT34 1QH
Anchor Bar	49 Castle Street	Killough	BT30 7QQ
Mullans Bar	48 Church Street	Downpatrick	BT30 6EJ
Montalto House	Dromore Road	Ballynahinch	BT24 8AY
Shane O'Neills GFC	9 Newry Road	Camlough	BT35 7JP
Hillyard House	1-5 Castle Avenue	Castlewellan	BT31 9DX
Irish National Foresters (INF Club)	15A William Street	Newry	BT34 2EQ

The Avenue Bar	18 St Patrick's Avenue	Downpatrick	BT30 6DW
Rocky Mountain Cottage/ Santa's Cottage	59 Sandbank Road	Hilltown	BT34 5XX
Down Arts Centre	2-6 Irish Street	Downpatrick	BT30 6BP
Glenn GAC	32 Barr Hill	Newry	BT34 1SY
The Corner Inn	29 Killyleagh Street	Crossgar	BT30 9DQ
Murphy's Bar & Restaurant	78 Market Street	Downpatrick	BT30 6LZ
Ye Old Ship Inn	12-14 The Square	Warrenpoint	BT34 3JT
Ballynahinch Rugby Football Club	6 Mountview Road	Ballynahinch	BT24 8JR
Ardglass Golf Club	4 Castle Place	Ardglass	BT30 7TP
Newry Masonic Social Club	Downshire Road	Newry	BT34 1LP
Little Bulgaria	19 English Street	Downpatrick	BT30 6AB
The Cuan Guest Inn	6-12 The Square	Strangford	BT30 7ND
Belleek GAC/ St Laurence O'Tooles GFC	Shaughan Road	Belleek	BT35 7PF
The Lodge Building and Cultural and Business Centre	1 Dublin Road	Castlewellan	BT31 9AG
Kilmorey Arms Hotel	41-43 Greencastle Street	Kilkeel	BT34 4BH
Newry Leisure Centre	60 Cecil Street	Newry	BT35 6AU
Longstone Community Hall	65 Longstone Road	Annalong	BT34 4UY
Killeavy GAC (Social Club)	49 Forkhill Road	Newry	BT5 8QX
Railway Bar	79 Monaghan Street	Newry	BT35 6AY
The Lantern	10B Cardinal O'Fiaich Square	Crossmaglen	BT35 9AA
Newry Omniplex Cinema	Albert Basin	Newry	BT35 8QS
Clonduff GAA Club	18 Castlewellan Road	Hilltown	BT34 5UJ
Denvir's	14-16 English Street	Downpatrick	BT30 6AB
Corner House Bar	1 Bridge Street	Rostrevor	BT34 3BG
Irish National Foresters Club	9 Havelock Place	Warrenpoint	BT34 3NE
Downpatrick Omniplex	5 Owenbeg Avenue	Downpatrick	BT30 5FJ
Downpatrick Co-Operative Marketing Ltd	24 Bonycastle Road	Downpatrick	BT30 8HB
Newcastle Centre (Meanwhile use space)	10-14 Central Promenade	Newcastle	BT33 0AA
Villa Vinci	31 Main Street	Newcastle	BT33 0AD
Square 4	4 The Square	Kilkeel	BT34 4AA
The Old Commercial Bar and Lounge	2 Kildare Street	Ardglass	BT30 7TR
Liatroim Fontenoys GAC	11 Backderry Road	Castlewellan	BT31 9SL
St Patricks Parish Centre	24 Church Street	Ballynahinch	BT24 8LP
Killyleagh Yacht Club	22A Cuan Beach	Killyleagh	BT30 9QU
AOH Hall Glasdrumman	298 Glasdrumman Road	Annalong	BT34 4QN
Drumaness Mills Football Club	156A Drumaness Road	Drumaness	BT24 8RL
Newry and Mourne Museum	Bagnels Castle, Castle Street	Newry	BT32 2BY
Mourne Golf Club	36 Golf Links Road	Newry	BT33 0AN
Down County Museum – Function Room	The Mall, English Street	Downpatrick	BT30 6AH
Spa Golf Club	20 Grove Road	Ballynahinch	BT24 8PN

Teconnaught GAC	7 Rann Road	Downpatrick	BT30 9AR
Percy French Restaurant	Downs Road	Newcastle	BT33 0AH
Downshire Arms	28 Main Street	Hilltown	BT34 5UJ
Kent Amusements	79 Central Promenade	Newcastle	BT33 0HH
Mulhollands Bar	18-20 Main Street	Castlewellan	BT31 9DG
Duffy's Circus Kilkeel	Greencastle Street / Scrogg Road	Kilkeel	BT34 4BH
Royal County Down Golf	20 The Harbour Road	Kilkeel	BT34 4AX
Boley Inn	19 Main Street	Hilltown	BT34 5UH
Kilkeel Royal British Legion Club	20 The Harbour	Kilkeel	BT34 4AX
Killeavy GAC	Forkhill Road	Newry	BT35 8QX
Marquee at Strangford Festival	Lower Green/Quay Road	Strangford	BT30 7LL
Castlewellan GAC	21 Circular Road	Castlewellan	BT31 9ED
Ballyhornan Family Centre	15 Rourkes Link	Bishopscourt	BT30 7DQ
Mackens Bar (Gems Bar Ltd)	71-73 South Promenade	Newcastle	BT33 OEY
Joyland Amusement Centre	1-7 Central Promenade	Newcastle	BT33 0AA
Mirabelle Bar	28 Market Street	Downpatrick	BT30 6LY
Finnis Orange Hall	161 Rathfriland Road	Dromara	BT25 6EG
Old Court Barn	60A Old Court	Strangford	BT30 7NG
Clonduff GAC	18 Castlewellan Road	Hilltown	BT34 5UY
Ballyholland Harps GAC	Bettyshill Road	Newry	BT34 2LY
Swiftys	16 The Square	Newtownhamilton	BT35 0AA
INF Glen Club	37 Bridge Street	Rostrevor	BT34 3BG
Dan's Bar	109 Camlough Road	Newry	BT35 7EE
Minnie Doyle's Bar	13-15 Main Street	Hilltown	BT34 5UH
Number 7	7 Duke Street	Warrenpoint	BT34 3JY
St Bronaghs GAA	Mary Street	Rostrevor	BT34 3AY
Dufferin Arms	35 High Street	Killyleagh	BT30 9AF
Rowallane Garden, National Trust	Crossgar Road	Saintfield	BT24 7LH
Inverbrena Community Centre	Stella Maris Street	Strangford	BT30 7NJ
Round House Bar	28 Stream Street	Downpatrick	BT30 6DE
Mooney's Bar	36 Main Street	Castlewellan	BT31 9DG
Dufferin Coaching Inn	33 High Street	Killyleagh	BT30 9QF
Fitzpatricks Bar	7 Church Street	Downpatrick	BT30 6EH
The Primrose	30 Main Street	Ballynahinch	BT24 8DN
Kings Bar	136 Rathfriland Road	Dromara	BT25 2EE
Gallaghers	59-61 Main Street	Newcastle	

3.0 List of Petroleum Licences Issued

Name of Premises (Petroleum)	Address	Town	Postcode
Ghan Filling Station	43 Warrenpoint Road	Newry	BT34 3EB
S McConnell & Sons Ltd	184 Carrigenagh Road	Kilkeel	BT34 4QA

Rockmount Service Station	32 Rathfriland Road	Newry	BT34 1JZ
Mulkerns Eurospar	51A Forkhill Road	Newry	BT35 8QY
Satellite Filling Station	46 Rathfriland Road	Hilltown	BT34 5YN
Rafferty's Garage	42 Newry Road	Kilkeel	BT34 4DT
Barbican Annalong	35 Kilkeel Road	Annalong	BT34 4TJ
Murphy Brothers	103 Carrickasticken Road	Forkhill	BT35 9RL
Grants Stores	2 Bog Road	Kilkeel	BT34 4SY
Mac Fuels	56 Forkhill Road	Newry	BT35 8QX
Killens Service Station	49 Main Street	Hilltown	BT34 5UJ
Newry and Mourne Down District Council	Unit 19, Greenbank Industrial Estate	Newry	BT34 2QU
Kellys Point Hire Limited	Milltown Industrial Estate	Newry	BT34 3PN
MCG Wholesale	68 Edenappa Road	Jonesborough	BT35 8HY
Eurospar Ardglass	5 Downpatrick Road	Ardglass	BT30 7SF
O'Hares Drumaness Ltd T/A Eurospar	121 Drumaness Road	Ballynahinch	BT34 2ET
Gaboto Limited	124 Concession Road	Crossmaglen	BT35 9JE
Morrisons Vivoxtra	69-77 Belfast Road	Ballynahinch	BT24 8EB
D & W Carlisle Ltd	105 Belfast Road	Ballynahinch	BT24 8FF
Spar Killyleagh	4 Downpatrick Street	Killyleagh	BT30 9RG
Brennans	12 Main Street	Dundrum	BT33 0LU
College Filling Station	112 Market Street	Downpatrick	BT60 6LZ
Donard View Service Station	76 Crossgar Road	Ballynahinch	BT24 8XS
Eurospar Clough	2-4 Main Street	Clough	BT30 8RA
Eurospar Kilkeel	55 Greencastle Street	Kilkeel	BT35 4BH
Finch's Millvale	17 Millvale Road	Bessbrook	BT35 7NH
Royal County Down Golf Club	36 Golf Links Road	Newcastle	BT33 0AN
Supervalu Newcastle (Barbican)	80-82 Dundrum Road	Newcastle	BT33 0LN
Ulster Rally	3A Carnbane Industrial Estate	Newry	BT35 6QH
Morgan Fuels Killeen Xpress Service Station	251 Dublin Road	Newry	BT35 8RL
Eurospar Downpatrick	6 Ardglass Road	Downpatrick	BT30 6JQ
O'Hares Supermarket	37 Newry Road	Mayobridge	BT34 2ET

4.0 List of Amusement Permits Issued

Name of Premises (Entertainment)	Address	Town	Postcode
Casino Palace	8 Water Street	Newry	BT34 1DJ
Vegas Casino	4 Corn Market	Newry	BT35 8DG
The Casino	51 Monaghan Street	Newry	BT35 6AY
Arcadia Amusements	37-39 Central Promenade	Newcastle	BT33 0AA
Joyland Amusements	1-11 Central Promenade	Newcastle	BT33 0AA
Funland	90-94 Main Street	Newcastle	BT33 0AE
Max Sports Gaming Centre	4 Margaret Square	Newry	BT34 1DE
Rosco's Amusement Arcade	15 St Patrick's Drive	Downpatrick	BT30 9NE
The Q Club	2 Basin Quay	Newry	BT35 6HU

5.0 Street Nameplates

Nameplates Requests Received	41
Nameplates Ordered	35
Nameplates confirmed as being erected	20

6.0 List of Single Language Nameplates erected from 1 April 2024 – 30 September 2024

Street Name	
Lisnamulligan Road, Hilltown	
Shinn Road, Newry	
Greenan Gate, Newry	
Greenhill Road, Rathfriland	
Benagh Road, Mayobridge	
Tullyhappy Lane, Newry	
5-12 Cloughreagh Bungalows, Bessbrook	
1-4 Cloughreagh Bungalows, Bessbrook	
Benagh Road, Mayobridge	
Ardkivrinn, Newry	

7.0 Requests for Dual Language Nameplates

7.1 Abbey View, Downpatrick

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 28 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

7.2 Drummill Road, Cullyhanna

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 28 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

7.3 Edenmore Road, Mayobridge

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 30 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

7.4 Dundrinne Close, Castewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 30 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

7.5 Linen Hall, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 28 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

7.6 Croslieve Drive, Newry

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 10 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.0 Postal Numbering

8.1	Allocation of New Postal Address	242
8.2	Postal queries received	167

Postal queries are address queries from Pointer, Land and Property Services and queries from members of the public.

9.0 Property Certificates

9.1 Number of Property Certificates responded to **1356**

10.0 Requests for Development Naming (Approved)

10.1 "Bencrom Way" Warrenpoint

By Developer: Killbroney Timber Frame

The proposal of "**Bencrom Way**" **meets** with the Street Naming Criteria under criterion 2 "Reflect the local townland name, or a local geographical/topographical feature or social, or historical feature".

The development is situated in the locality of Ben Crom Mountain.

11.0 Requests for Road Re-Naming (Rejected)

11.1 The proposal of "**Station Close**" **did not meet** the re-naming Criteria as it is not an adopted road by the DFI, and it is an access roadway under the Council's car park asset.

The request was in relation to the naming of the access road that runs adjacent to Market Street, Downpatrick leading to Market Street North and Market Street South car parks.

Recommendation:

For Noting:

Signed: -

Jonathan McGilly

Assistant Director of Regeneration