

May 20th, 2024

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on Monday, 20th May 2024 at 6:00 pm in Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre & MS Teams.

Committee Membership 2023 - 2024

Councillor R Howell **Chairperson**

Councillor O Magennis **Deputy Chairperson**

Councillor L Devlin

Councillor D Finn

Councillor A Finnegan

Councillor C Galbraith

Councillor M Gibbons

Councillor J Jackson

Councillor D Lee-Surginor

Councillor A Lewis

Councillor A Mathers

Councillor D Murphy

Councillor K Murphy

Councillor S O'Hare

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

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3.0 Action Sheet arising from Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 22 April 2024

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Presentations

4.0 The Strategic Stakeholder Forum: Partnering with the CV sector to achieve better outcomes

Presentation to be delivered by Nicholas McCrickard and Rosemarie McDonnell from the Strategic Stakeholders Forum.

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Community Development

5.0 District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report

For Decision

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6.0 Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Update Report

For Decision

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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 Active and Healthy Communities Service Delivery Partner

This item is deemed to be restricted 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.

📄 ***Service Delivery Partner Report - Be Active Prog - restricted for decision - vf AP.pdf*** ***Not included***

📄 ***Appendix 1 - AHC Report - Be Active Prog - restricted for decision - vf AP.pdf*** ***Not included***

8.0 Marketing and Design Services

This item is deemed to be restricted 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.

📄 ***Marketing Services Tender - Restricted for decision - vf AP.pdf*** ***Not included***

📄 ***Appendix 1 -Marketing Services Tender Business Case.pdf*** ***Not included***

9.0 Multi Sports Hub

This item is deemed to be restricted 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.

📄 ***AHC report multi sports hub - restricted for decision - vf - AP.pdf*** ***Not included***

📄 ***Appendix 1 -Multi Sports Hub - Business case Jennings Park - restricted for decision - vf - AP.pdf*** ***Not included***

Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews
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Cllr Callum Bowsie
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Fionnuala Branagh
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Cllr Jim Brennan
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Cllr Pete Byrne
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Mr Gerard Byrne
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Cllr Philip Campbell
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Mr Andrew Cassells
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Cllr William Clarke
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Cllr Laura Devlin
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Ms Louise Dillon
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Cllr Cadogan Enright
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Cllr Killian Feehan
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Cllr Doire Finn
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Cllr Aoife Finnegan
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Cllr Conor Galbraith
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Cllr Mark Gibbons
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Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
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Cllr Glyn Hanna
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Cllr Valerie Harte
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Mrs Laura Higgins
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Cllr Roisin Howell
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Cllr Tierna Howie
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Cllr Jonathan Jackson
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Cllr Geraldine Kearns
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Miss Veronica Keegan
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Mrs Josephine Kelly
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Mrs Sheila Kieran
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Cllr Cathal King
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Cllr Mickey Larkin
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Cllr David Lee-Surginor
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Cllr Alan Lewis
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Cllr Oonagh Magennis
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Mr Conor Mallon
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Cllr Aidan Mathers
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Cllr Declan McAteer
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Cllr Leeanne McEvoy
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Cllr Andrew McMurray
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Maureen/Joanne Morgan/Johnston
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Cllr Declan Murphy
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Sinead Murphy
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Cllr Kate Murphy
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Cllr Selina Murphy
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Cllr Siobhan O'Hare
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Mr Andy Patterson
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Cllr Áine Quinn
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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Cllr Michael Rice
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Ms Alison Robb
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Cllr Michael Ruane
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Cllr Gareth Sharvin
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Donna Starkey
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Nicola Stranney
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Sarah Taggart
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Paul Tamati
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Cllr David Taylor
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly
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Cllr Jill Truesdale
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Mrs Marie Ward
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ACTIONS ARISING FROM ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING – 22 APRIL 2024

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/034/2024	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report	It was agreed to note the report and approve the actions in the action sheets attached for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 19 March 2024. • Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 28 March 2024. • Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 9 April 2024. • Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 10 April 2024. • Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 16 April 2024. • Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 16 April 2024. 	A Robb	Noted and all relevant actions being progressed	Y
AHC/035/2024	Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Update Report	It was agreed to note the report and approve the actions in the action sheet attached for the Community Coordination Hub Meeting held on Wednesday 21 February 2024.	A Robb	Noted and all relevant actions being progressed	Y
AHC/039/2024	Leisure and Sport Scale of Charges	It was agreed to note the contents of the officer's report and the Leisure and Sport Scale of Charges 2024/25 as set out in appendix 1.	A Patterson P Tamati	Noted	Y
AHC/040/2024	Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) and Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership	It was agreed to note the report and the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on Tuesday 30 January 2024, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on Tuesday 26 March 2024. • Minutes of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting held on Wednesday 17 January 2024, approved at the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting on Wednesday 27 March 2024. 	A Robb	Noted	Y

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014					
AHC/036/2024	Public Tender – Staff Uniforms	It was agreed to approve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Business Case as per appendix 1 of the officer's report and approve procurement via a public tender for the supply of leisure uniforms. •That officers undertake the appropriate evaluation of the above public tenders in line with procurement guidelines and appoint a preferred bidder and enter into a contract for up to 3 years as per the appendix 1 business case. 	A Patterson P Tamati	In progress	Y
AHC/037/2024	Leasing of NIHE Land – Springhill Drive, Newry	It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda and to bring forward a report to a future Committee Meeting.	A Patterson P Tamati	Actioned	Y
AHC/038/2024	Newry Pool Update	It was agreed to approve the recommendation in the officer's report to progress remedial works at Newry Leisure Centre pool.	A Patterson P Tamati	Actioned	Y

Living Well Together

Planning for Recovery and Renewal
in Newry, Mourne and Down



Planning for Recovery and Renewal



**A social, political, and economic
response to COVID-19 from the Newry,
Mourne and Down District Council
Strategic Stakeholder Forum (SSF).**



The SSF was established in 2017. It is an independent collective representing the Voluntary and Community (V&C) sector in the Newry, Mourne and Down area. The Forum is also represented on the Community Planning Partnership Board.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19 the SSF has provided an effective community response to the pandemic working alongside the Council in providing a coordinated solution to the Community Co-ordination Hub. The Community Co-ordination Hub was a multi agency initiative set up to support the community and was responsible for the distribution of food boxes during the pandemic. The next stage for the SSF is in preparing to live with COVID-19 and as importantly, planning for recovery and renewal.



Our Values

Partnership Working

creates a positive, empowering, and supportive relationship, with everyone working together towards improving the lives of people living within our community. Our experience has indicated that Public, Private and the V&C sector all have their part to play.

Empowering communities

to change from within by providing local solutions to local problems and by feeding into the wider collective to create a fairer and more just society with social inclusion for all.

Creating a 'social collective'

using a partnership approach with the V&C, Public and Private sectors working together to put in place a Recovery and Renewal plan that benefits everyone living within the community.

How has Covid-19 affected us?



Deaths
165 NMD area
2,143 Northern Ireland



Unemployment
500 redundancies
5,020 furlough



Poverty
18,047 total food parcels given out.



Mental and physical health decline



Social exclusion



Social injustice



Business failures



Global warming



Marginalisation



Health inequalities

Across NI, the Infection rate was 2/3 higher in the 10% most deprived areas (5 within NMD) than in the 10% least deprived areas.

Our Approach

Social, Political, and Economic

The SSF believe that it needs to take the Programme for Government's 'New Deal, New Decade' to a new level and seek to establish alongside our Public and Private sector partners a joint, integrated, collaborative, and innovative approach to tackle social justice and inequality issues such as:

- Combating climate change
- Combating poverty and promoting social inclusion
- Excellent inclusive Education and Training for all
- Good housing for all
- Good jobs for our community
- Inclusive social policies for all our citizens
- Promoting health and wellbeing
- Tackling unemployment as a result of COVID-19

Crucial to using a collaborative approach effectively in the context of recovery and renewal is the need for all stakeholders to play an active role. The SSF is committed to working together with Community Planning Partners on shared issues and believes that we all can contribute to community development which can support recovery and renewal within a clear social inclusion framework. The goal is the creation of stronger, more inclusive communities that continue to look after each other once the current pandemic is over. This paper outlines recommendations that it hopes will put social inclusion at the centre of the Community Plans going forward.



Recommendations for Recovery and Renewal



1.

Repurpose Council-led Community Planning Partnerships with representatives from the V&C, Public and Private sectors to manage COVID-19 and to look ahead to the social and economic recovery and consider giving these forums the statutory power to steer social policy on a local and on a regional basis.

2.

Council-led Community Planning Partnerships should feed into strategy and policy branches of government departments and V&C sector bodies using a joined-up approach and encourage innovative and creative thinking that promotes social inclusion and partnership.

3.

Community Planning Partnerships should encourage the development of local civic engagement initiatives to shape and influence policies and projects using a bottom up approach.

4.

The SSF will continue working with the Council's Community Co-ordination Hub, the Public and the Private sector to effectively prepare and provide practical solutions for emerging issues.

- Areas for exploration could include food distribution, repurposing of manufacturing, catering and hospitality, support to health service, and building a resilient and reactive response team to help tackle all eventualities.
- The SSF also want to work with all three sectors to ensure engagement around any additional measures introduced to protect public health and to look at ways to do this that protects the public and allows the economy to broadly remain open.
- Keeping our volunteers healthy, safe, well managed and supported is key to ensuring that they can sustain their support in any future COVID-19 waves and to the local community infrastructure beyond the pandemic.

5.

Investing in Health and Wellbeing Initiatives in Newry, Mourne and Down.

- Build on partnerships with the V&C, Public and Private sectors to champion health and wellbeing.
- Invest in the V&C sector by creating nine Wellbeing Champions to embed health and wellbeing initiatives into our communities working in partnership with Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDT) GP Practices and the wider health family throughout Newry, Mourne and Down.
- Build capacity in the V&C sector for wellbeing programmes with a target of 25,000 people in year one.
- Create Wellbeing Champions in the Public and Private sectors – 2 per 2,000 employees – 10,000 employees' benefit.
- Collaborate with the wider NHS family and all their health initiatives within Public and Private sectors to bring maximum benefit to Newry, Mourne and Down residents.

6 Community Planning in Newry, Mourne and Down



6.

Better Procurement, Community Wealth and Social Value.

- Work with the Council to develop a social value strategy to further the social, economic and environmental goals of Newry, Mourne and Down.
- Current procurement policy and models to be revised and led by Council/V&C sector via Community Planning Partnerships and all procurement channelled through that resource to be designed and procured locally.
- Repair V&C sector fragmentation through encouraging collaboration between organisations through a new procurement regime.
- Community wealth building - taking the lead from areas like Preston and Manchester to help deliver inclusive growth across Northern Ireland.
- Increase the number of V&C sector organisations that supply goods and services to the area's anchor institutions – retaining wealth within communities.
- Increase the V&C sectors access to public contracts, retaining more wealth locally.
- Change methods of advertisement and terms that accompany public tenders to give community, voluntary and social enterprise organisations a greater chance at success, participation, and collaboration.



7.

Growing Employment in Newry, Mourne and Down and provide meaningful employment opportunities for people negatively impacted by COVID-19.

- Promote and build on partnerships for Youth reskilling between the V&C, Public and Private Sector.
- Consider the role of volunteering in seeking to build and maintain skills for people looking for work.
- Provide additionality to the Council's regeneration plans for Newry City, Downpatrick and the surrounding towns and villages to help rebuild communities, our economy and provide employment, training, and apprenticeship opportunities.
- Youth Unemployment – The SSF welcomes the Department for Economy (DfE) Apprenticeship Recovery Package aimed at retaining existing apprentices and to encourage the creation of new apprenticeship opportunities.
- The SSF working in partnership with a wide range of V&C, Public and Private sector stakeholders is committed to creating 200 new Level 2/3 and Higher-Level Apprenticeship opportunities annually (L4-6) in growth sectors in the Council area.
- Explore the ideas for recovery and growth as set out in the 'aspirations for future governance arrangements' set out underneath.

8.

Liaise with local, regional and government bodies to support the growth and development of a strong volunteering infrastructure not only within Newry, Mourne and Down but across NI. Ensure the Newry, Mourne and Down area's voice is heard through the development of a Volunteering Strategy (or similar) including discussions on proposals such as a Volunteering Passport.

Aspirations for the Future

The SSF recognises that the ideas outlined below are aspirational but are worthy of debate under a civic forum:

Replace Universal Credit with a universal basic income for all and encourage a move away from benefits dependency and proactively encourage self-development for all our citizens.

Lower the working hour week to allow more flexible working patterns to take account of childcare responsibilities.

Introduce an affordable housing programme including rent caps and better rights for all our citizens and give citizens options for ownership which are attractive and achievable.

Regenerate town centres by creating affordable public housing with mixed development and open spaces.

Set up a regional innovation lab and encourage by grant, new growth sectors such as AI, Medicine, engineering, and construction.

Fundamentally review the working relationship between government departments and mandate an integrated approach.

Fundamental review of travel policy to encourage car share and zero emission technology.

Fundamental review of educational provision which encourages creativity and innovation.

Review health services and build from the bottom up using partnership approach.

Review of infrastructure projects to ensure economic and social inclusion benefits.

Conclusion

The SSF alongside our partners in the Private and Public sectors would suggest using the common principles as outlined below as a way forward:

- Be ambitious for us and our community.
- Provide bespoke solutions to intractable issues in relation to economic inactivity.
- Provide innovation, creativity, ingenuity, and integrity to provide new solutions to old problems.
- Reinvigorate thinking and provide dynamic solutions to erosive societal problems.
- Shape and drive policy rather than follow it.
- Use the skills, talents, and expertise of the group to maximum effect.

We believe that this will provide the necessary model for Recovery and Renewal and look forward to working with our partners in the public and private sector in Newry, Mourne and Down on behalf of all the citizens of the district.



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Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	20 May 2024
Subject:	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director for Community Development
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manger Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

For decision	X	For noting only	
1.0			Purpose and Background
1.1			<p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the report. To consider and agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached from the DEA Forum Private Meetings listed in 3.1 below. <p>Background</p> <p>The information in Appendix 1 attached is provided to update the Committee on recent DEA activity and on activity planned to be undertaken by the DEAs.</p>
2.0			Key issues
2.1			None.
3.0			Recommendations
3.1			<p>That the Committee: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the report. Agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 23 April 2024. ➢ Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 16 May 2024.
4.0			Resource implications
4.1			Support and assistance from partners to deliver actions in the DEA action plans.
5.0			Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1			<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>

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 – N/a</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>
.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	<p>Appendices</p>
7.1	<p>Appendix 1: Update on the ongoing work of the DEAs. Appendix 2: Action Sheet of Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting, 23 April 2024. Appendix 3: Action Sheet of Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting, 16 May 2024.</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>
8.1	<p>None.</p>

Appendix 1

Update on the ongoing work of the DEAs

The following information is provided to update the AHC Committee on recent DEA activity and on activity planned to be undertaken by the DEAs.

All People in Newry, Mourne and Down Enjoy Good Health and Wellbeing:

Level of Health Status:

The Newry DEA Open House drop in social café project came to a close on Monday 29th April 2024 after 6 months. This annual project continues to support local people to establish social connections, access support and spend time in a warm safe space without costs. This year's project was supported by Arbour Housing Association, the SHSCT Primary Care Team, Council's Ethnic Minority Support Centre and DfC. Each week between 80-100 people availed of the services and several were referred onto other support pathways.

Rowallane DEA have commenced a Creative Writing Project in the Sir Hans Sloan Centre, Killyleagh. The course is led by Deirdre Cartmill who has written poetry books, fiction and TV. The first session attracted 14 people who will continue to enjoy the course for the next 3 weeks.

Slieve Gullion DEA in partnership with Culloville Development Association are holding monthly Coffee Mornings as an opportunity for socially and rurally isolated people to socialise and support each other.

The Mournes DEA will be working in partnership with Kilkeel Development Association to deliver a health and wellbeing event on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th May 2024. The event will include a number of health and wellbeing information stalls, a PARS taster session, and mocktail demonstrations.

Crotlieve DEA is working in partnership with the Education Authority and the PCSP to deliver a Health pop up event on the Pier in Warrenpoint in June 2024. The event, which was very successful last year, targets young people and seeks to engage them in conversations about risk taking behaviour whilst delivering games and challenges. The Pier has been chosen as the location as in previous years it has been a venue for ASB.

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

Level of Civic Participation and Good Relations:

The DEAs supported the YAFTAS (Youth and Future Talent Awards) 2024 which were held in the Canal Court Hotel, Newry, on Thursday 28th March 2024 following assessment of the nominations. All the fantastic runners up and winners were awarded for their hard work and dedication to community, peers, environment, safety and community relations. The event celebrated with over 200 young people from our District their wonderful achievements.

Newry and Slieve Gullion DEAs held a Funding Fair on Wednesday 24th April 2024. The fair was a stall holder style event. Over 15 funders from across NI held a stall whereby they provided one to one support and advice to attendees. Over 180 people attended the funding fair and included representatives from sports groups, community organisations, charities, community interest companies and more. As a follow up to this event, the DEA Coordinators have identified specific challenges facing sports groups and will scope out the possibility of arranging a specifically sports focussed funding event over the coming months.

The Downpatrick DEA worked in partnership with the Council's Social Inclusion Support Officer to provide a Family Activity Day in Delamont Country Park for all the displaced families within the Downpatrick area. They continue to work to support families and are proposing future activities for families.

Newry DEA supported groups throughout the Council's Financial Assistance Call 1 to engage in the process and apply where appropriate. A continued effort was made through partners in CCG to support new groups and those with additional support needs particularly in relation to the Council's new Financial Assistance portal. The DEA Coordinator continues to facilitate 'Community Development Workers' meetings from across the DEA to establish shared opportunities and reduce duplication.

Slieve Gullion DEA is working with Whitecross Community Association who have recently taken on a lease of a 'Community Hub' in the centre of Whitecross. Support is being provided in terms of becoming a charity, applying for funding and accessing furniture and equipment for the Hub.

Newry DEA supported by Amplified Arts Ltd and Newry BID have commenced an exciting new project called Street Dreams which will see the transformation of drab utility boxes across the city to provide new spaces to display art and imagery that reflects our local community and spaces. The first 4 boxes were designed by Zippy the artist in partnership with Magnet Young Adult Centre and are a reflection of their idea 'Music and Nature'. Newry DEA look forward to working with several local groups over coming months to bring to life more spaces.

Rowallane DEA is holding a community group connectivity event with guest speaker Adrian Bird, Resurgam Trust, on Wednesday 15th May 2024 in the Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick. The event will permit sharing of experience, swapping of contacts, and meet and greet with local statutory/voluntary representatives including PSNI, PCSP, NIFRS, Education Authority and Rowallane DEA Forum members.

The Mournes DEA will be linking in with primary schools in Newcastle to welcome Amal on Wednesday 22nd May 2024. Amal is a 3.5-metre puppet who represents a 10-year-old Syrian refugee girl searching for her mother. The aim of the project is to raise awareness of refugee children who have become separated from their families. Since 2021 the project has visited over 160 towns and cities in 16 countries and been welcomed by over 2 million people.

All People in Newry, Mournes and Down get a good start in life and fulfil their lifelong potential:

Level of Educational Wellbeing:

Crotlieve DEA will support a Transitions Programme being delivered to Primary 7 pupils in Crotlieve. The programme will be delivered in partnership with the Education Authority and seeks to prepare Primary 7 pupils for the changes they will face as they leave primary school and enter post primary education.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

**Action Sheet of Slieve Croob District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 23rd April 2024 at 4.15pm via Microsoft Teams**

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Chairperson:	Councillor Alan Lewis
In Attendance:	Councillor Jim Brennan Councillor Andrew McMurray Councillor Siobhan O'Hare
Independent Members:	Heather Holland, County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN) Kenny Baxter, Frontier Support Network
Statutory Partners:	None
Council Officials:	Rosie Daly, Community Facilities Manager Catherine Hughes, Acting Head of Performance and Improvement Priscilla McAlinden, Slieve Croob DEA Coordinator Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager Suzanne Rice, Corporate Policy and Equality Officer Jacqueline Urey, PCSP Officer
Others:	None
Apologies:	Councillor Roisin Howell Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement Richie Shilliday, Dundrum Village Association, Dundrum Cricket Club, RIOT Community Hub

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/SC/3/2024	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	Noted.
DEA/SC/4/2024	Action Sheet of meeting held on Tuesday 27 th February 2024	<p>Action Sheet of Slieve Croob meeting held on Tuesday 27th February 2024 was adopted as a true record.</p> <p>Community Facilities Manager updated the meeting regarding net installation at Castlewellan 3G pitch.</p> <p>DEA Coordinator updated the meeting on progress of Castlewellan off-street parking surveys.</p>	Noted.
DEA/SC/5/2024	Community Facilities Update	Community Facilities Manager updated the meeting regarding proposed summer schemes and upgrade of Ballynahinch Community Centre.	Noted.
DEA/SC/6/2024	PCSP Update	PCSP Officer provided an update on PCSP Financial Assistance, RAPID Bins, SIDS. She also informed the meeting regarding an event to be held on 24 th April 2024 in the St. Patrick Centre focusing on violence against women and girls and a Vape and Drugs awareness event on 6 th June 2024 aimed at parents, guardians, carers and youth workers.	Noted.
DEA/SC/7/2024	Draft Corporate Plan 2024 - 2027	<p>The Corporate Policy & Equality Officer advised members that the Council's consultation on the Corporate Plan is open and will remain so until 31st May 2024.</p> <p>The DEA Co-Ordinator to forward to members a copy of the questionnaire.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>DEA Coordinator.</p>

DEA/SC/8/2024	Draft Performances Improvement Objectives 2024 - 2025	<p>The Acting Head of Performance and Improvement advised members on the launch of the consultation on the Council's Performance Objectives, which will feed into the Council's Corporate Plan. The consultation is open from 19th April – 31st May 2024.</p> <p>Clarification requested on staffing levels within Council Enforcement Department and confirmation that generic letters can be sent to residents living in areas of dog fouling to reduce issue.</p>	<p>Acting Head of Performance and Improvement.</p> <p>Acting Head of Performance and Improvement.</p>
DEA/SC/9/2024	Action Plan Update	Forum members unanimously approved proposed Action Plan 2024/2025 and associated budget.	DEA Coordinator.
DEA/SC/10/2024	Date and time of next meeting	Next DEA Forum meeting scheduled to take place on 18 th June 2024 at 4.15pm via Microsoft Teams.	DEA Coordinator.

The meeting ended at 5.11pm.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

**Action Sheet of Rowallane District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Annual General Meeting
held on Thursday 16th May 2024 in The Mill Room, Ballynahinch Community Centre, at 7.00 p.m.**

Chairperson:	Councillor Terry Andrews
In Attendance:	Councillor Callum Bowsie, Councillor Jonathan Jackson Councillor David Lee-Surginor
Independent members	Richard Orme, Ballynahinch Community Collective
Statutory Partners:	None
Council Officials:	Ellen Brennan, DEA Co-Ordinator
Others in Attendance:	None
Apologies:	Councillor Tierna Kelly Bethany McClune, Education Authority Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement Lise Curran, CDRCN Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager Joseph Deegan, Community Services Manager (East) Jacqueline Urey, PCSP Officer Raymond Cochrane, Frontier Support Network Robert Burgess, Rowallane & Slieve Croob Community Twinning Group, Saintfield Horse Show, Saintfield Community Estates

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/ROW/05/02/2024	Ballynahinch Bypass	The Chairperson advised members that he had sought a meeting with Minister O'Dowd for elected members in Rowallane in relation to the Ballynahinch Bypass and would keep everyone informed of any progress.	Noted.
DEA/ROW/05/03/2024	Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.	Noted.
DEA/ROW/05/05/2024	Action Sheet of meeting held on 10 th April 2024	It was agreed that the Action Sheet from 10 th April 2024 meeting be approved as a true record.	Noted.
DEA/ROW/05/06/2024	Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson	<p>On the proposal of Councillor Bowsie, seconded by Richard Orme it was agreed that Councillor Lee-Surginor be elected as Chairperson.</p> <p>On the proposal of Councillor Lee-Surginor, seconded by Richard Orme it was agreed that Councillor Andrews be elected as Vice-Chairperson.</p>	Agreed.
DEA/ROW/05/07/2024	Update from Education Authority	The DEA Coordinator advised members of the 3 youth pop up events planned for Ballynahinch, Saintfield and Crossgar in July 2024 in partnership with the Education Authority.	Noted.
DEA/ROW/05/09/2024	DEA Co-ordinator's Report	Report from DEA Coordinator regarding upcoming projects and applications for Independent Membership of the Forum.	Noted.

The Meeting ended at 7.30 pm

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	20 May 2024
Subject:	Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Update Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director for Community Development
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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

For decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For noting only	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the report. To consider and agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheet of the Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting listed in 3.1 below. <p>Background</p> <p>The information in the Action Sheet attached is provided to update the Committee on recent CCH activity and on activity planned to be undertaken by the CCH and its member organisations.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	To coordinate actions to mitigate impact on individuals and groups in the community.
2.2	Members attention is drawn to the funding concerns which were raised at the meeting. This includes funding from The Executive Office (TEO) for work in supporting Refugees and Asylum Seeker and Good Relations. The period ahead will be challenging and any reduction or withdrawal of funding will have a direct impact on service delivery by Council and our community/voluntary partners.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Committee: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the report. Agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheet attached for the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Community Coordination Hub Meeting held on Wednesday 17 April 2024.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Support and assistance from partners to deliver actions in the CCH action sheets.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i>

	<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
7.1	Appendix 1: Community Coordination Hub Meeting Action Sheet of Wednesday 17 April 2024.
8.0	Background Documents

8.1	None.
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NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**Action Sheet of Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting
Wednesday 17th April 2024 @ 2:00pm via Teams**

In Attendance: Chair: Alison Robb (Assistant Director Community Development)

Raymond Jackson (Confederation of Community Groups and Strategic Stakeholder Forum)
Nicholas McCrickard (County Down Rural Community Network and Strategic Stakeholder Forum)
James Elliott (DFC)
Laura Higgins (Admin Assistant AHC)
Aisling Rennick (DEAs)
Sonya Burns (Programmes Unit)
James Campbell (Health & Wellbeing)
Ruth Allen (SHSCT)
Justyna McCabe (Diversity and Inclusion)
Lauren McMenamy (Community Planning)

Apologies: Damien Brannigan (Engagement)
Rosemary McDonnell (Community Advice Newry, Mourne and Down and Strategic Stakeholder Forum)
Sinead Trainor (Health & Wellbeing)
Julie McCann (Community Services, Facilities and Events)
Gerard Rocks (SHSCT)
Martina Flynn (PSCP)
Lynda Vladeanu (SEHSCT)
Alan Beggs (Community Planning)

	Agenda Item	Discussion and Action Agreed	Raised by/ Referred to
1.	Welcome & Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and apologies noted. An extended welcome was made to Ruth Allen, SHSCT Locality Manager for Promoting Wellbeing Newry & Mourne. Ruth has now returned from secondment and has resumed her duties and will take the place of Aidan McCabe. Aidan wanted to pass on his thanks to all CCH members and added that he enjoyed attending and contributing to the meetings. He hopes that the opportunity arises to work with members again. 	All
2.	Actions from last CCH Meeting held on Wednesday 21st February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actions from the last CCH meeting held attached. 	All
3.	Funding Opportunities for NI Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding Opportunities for NI Community. Copy attached for information and distribution as appropriate. Ali encouraged members to share this information with community groups and to anyone else who would find it of benefit. 	All A Robb
4.	Update on Refugees and Asylum Seekers Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justyna stated that the latest statistics from the Home Office and Mears indicate that there are currently 12 families and 38 service users in the district. There is no contingency accommodation and there has been a 'Notice to Quit' from the Donard Hotel, Newcastle, as it is closing (there is no one residing at the Hotel). Service users who had been residing at the Hotel have now been moved to community accommodation across various Council districts. 	J McC

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been 4, well received, sessions held by the NI Law Centre informing stakeholders of the Asylum process and how people can start the process to seek Asylum status. 2 sessions were held in Downpatrick and 2 in Newry. • Last week NIHE and MEARS met with 9 families who have been granted refugee status as these families have now been moved from MEARS support to NIHE support. It is imperative that families go to NIHE as soon as they receive their letter from the Home Office granting Asylum to start the housing process as the process is lengthy. • There is still a monthly online Stakeholder meeting held for Downpatrick and Newcastle. The Newry meetings are bi-monthly due to numbers. • There are a number of very beneficial projects being delivered by CDRCN. • Justyna added that there is still no information on funding for this year, if there will be any funding and if there is, how much funding will be available, which is very concerning. • Raymond explained that he attended the NI Law Centre meetings and found them extremely informative. • Justyna advised that the housing situation is dire, NIHE may have no housing options and families could be located anywhere in NI causing disruption to schools where children have already settled and/or having to move away from established and familiar people/support groups. Private rental is not an option as these families have no references and no money. • Justyna concluded that there is still no data sharing agreement and therefore very little or no prewarning that families are in the area and in need of support. 	<p>RJ</p> <p>J McC</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ali thanked Justyna and Sinead Bailie (Council’s Social Inclusion Support Officer) and all stakeholders and partners for the ongoing work that they are doing in supporting refugees and asylum seekers. 	A Robb
5.	Update from DfC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James advised that the Department have not set a definitive budget. The Minister has guaranteed one quarter of last year’s funding for Councils and the Voluntary and Community Sector and advance payments have been made. James will update CCH when the full budget has been announced. • In terms of Hardship Funding, there has been no further Hardship monies with housing remaining a major issue. • Raymond advised that he is presenting to a Stormont Committee regarding funding needs. • Nicholas provided feedback that last year Clanrye Group ran three Social Supermarket (SSM) sites, however this will not be possible this year if there is a lesser budget. It may only be possible to run one site in Newry as there would not be enough funding for staff in Downpatrick and Kilkeel. • James thanked everyone for their feedback and stated that everything that can be done will be done. 	<p>JE</p> <p>RJ</p> <p>N McC</p>
5.1	DfC 2024/2025 Social Supermarket (SSM) Support Fund update for consideration / approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ali asked CCH members to consider the recommendation that the advance funding payment from DfC based on a quarter of the funding awarded by DfC in 2023/2024 for the Social Supermarket (SSM) (a quarter being £33,368.30) be awarded to the Newry, Mourne and Down Strategic Stakeholder Forum (NMD SSF) for the continuation and development of the District’s SSM initiative subject to the Council and DfC receiving a SSM Action Plan and Budget for the District for 2024/2025 from the NMD SSF. 	A Robb

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All CCH members were in agreement with the recommendation. Members were also asked for their approval on the recommendation that any further 2024/2025 SSM funds received from DfC to be awarded to the NMD SSF for the continuation and development of the District's SSF initiative ahead of confirmation from DfC of the full amount of funding from the District's SSM in 2024/2025. All CCH Members were in agreement with the recommendation. Raymond advised that Clanrye Group are partially continuing the SSM from the Quays, Newry, and Raymond will be meeting Clanrye Group regarding the budget proposal, it will be open to all SSF partners and Clanrye Group will be the lead partner. 	<p>All</p> <p>A Robb</p> <p>All</p> <p>RJ</p>
5.2	DfC 2023/2024 Social Supermarket (SSM) Support Fund update on progression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members were provided with the SSM report pre-meeting. A discussion took place and the importance of wraparound services was highlighted, these services provide support to households and look to important areas such as: Community Nutrition, Cooking on a Budget, Benefits Advice, Budgeting, Health and Wellbeing and Training and Employability Skills. Eligibility criteria requires participants to declare themselves as experiencing hardship, at risk of experiencing food poverty, living in the Downpatrick, Kilkeel, Newry and South Armagh areas. Raymond concluded that the full OBA report will be available at the next CCH meeting. 	RJ
5.3	DfC Hardship Grant Scheme Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members were provided with delivery partners' update reports pre-meeting. 	A Robb

	2022/2023 update on progression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ali reminded Raymond and Nicholas that Damien needs the delivery partners completed end of year/cumulative 'Benefits Realisation Plans (OBA Report Cards)' as soon as possible to enable Damien to return to DfC by 30th April. • Raymond said that he was aiming to have this completed by the end of April or early May at the latest. 	RJ
6.	Updates from CCH Members:	<p><u>Community Update 6.1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholas highlighted how well received and needed the SSM and Hardship monies are. Case studies illustrate the positive effect they have had on so many people and families. The need is still very much there so DfC budgets should be made available to support this as times are very hard for vulnerable people. He added that there is no policy direction at present and it is very much hoped that new arrangements will be in place very soon. • Raymond appealed for DfC budget confirmations and long-term strategies and budgets as opposed to monthly or quarterly funding. The Cost-of-Living crisis has not gone away, the working poor need support and there will be major issues ahead. <p><u>Trusts & PHA Update 6.2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruth stated that a lot of work is being done with ethnic minorities and asylum seekers. • Ruth added that a small amount of funding has been secured through Verve which will be linked into wraparound support with the SSM. 	<p>N McC</p> <p>RJ</p> <p>RA</p>

		<p><u>Council Update 6.3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aisling advised that the DEAs are planning for the new year with reduced budgets, there has been no update on any budget support from TEO for Good Relations projects. Other sources of funding are being explored. • Sonya explained that Call 1 Financial Assistance applicants will be notified of outcomes in mid-May. Call 2 is being prepared now. • PeacePlus application has now been resubmitted and it is hoped that outcomes will be known by September. • The new Programmes Management system is performing well with over 400 applications being received during Call 1. • The Programmes Unit is now named 'Grants and Funding Unit'. • James advised that in response to the flooding crisis, the Health Improvement Team in conjunction with the PHA, ran 3 sessions in Kilkeel, Newcastle and Newry to help with people's wellbeing and wellness packs were distributed and a key speaker spoke about building resilience. • The Health Improvement Team also worked in conjunction with HomeStart and purchased 24 slow cookers to tackle obesity as part of a programme in the Southern Trust. • Ali advised members that she attended an Emergency Planning meeting and is working with the DEAs on building resilience in relation to any further flooding issues. Training is being identified, information sources and signposting services in Newcastle. Camlough was also badly affected by flooding and there 	<p>AR</p> <p>SB</p> <p>JC</p> <p>A Robb</p>
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		is ongoing work in relation to setting up an Interagency group and ways to alleviate concerns.	
7.	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All business was discussed and noted through the other items on the agenda. 	A Robb
7.1	Health & Social Care Trust Condition Management Programme for information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members were provided with details on the Condition Management Programme (CMP). More information can be found at: https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/condition-management-programme 	A Robb
8.	Date of Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at 2.00pm 	All