

March 18th, 2025

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on Tuesday, 18th March 2025 at 6:00 pm in Council Chamber, Downshire Civic Centre.

Committee Membership 2024-25

Councillor C Galbraith **Chairperson**

Councillor A Mathers **Deputy Chairperson**

Councillor L Devlin

Councillor D Finn

Councillor M Gibbons

Councillor R Howell

Councillor J Jackson

Councillor D Lee-Surginor

Councillor A Lewis

Councillor O Magennis

Councillor L McEvoy

Councillor D Murphy

Councillor K Murphy

Councillor H Young

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

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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 Usage Agreement for AHC Facility

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 and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

📄 ***Usage Agreement for AHC Facility - vf.pdf***

Not included

8.0 Funded Programme Delivery

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 and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

📄 ***Funded Programme Delivery -vf.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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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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Ms Joanne Fleming
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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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Mr Conor Haughey
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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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Ms Catherine Hughes
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Cllr Jonathan Jackson
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Cllr Geraldine Kearns
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Miss Veronica Keegan
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Mrs Josephine Kelly
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Mrs Sheila Kieran
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Cllr Cathal King
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Mr Harry Korkou
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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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Mr Gary Scott
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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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Cllr Helena Young
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ACTIONS ARISING FROM ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING – 17 FEBRUARY 2025

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/012/2025	Action sheet of AHC Committee Meeting held on Monday 27 January 2025	Noted	A Patterson	Noted	Y
AH/013/2025	Presentation: Physical Activity and Wellbeing Strategy	Noted	C Haughey	Noted	Y
AHC/014/2025	Sport, Physical Activity and Wellbeing Strategy	It was agreed to approve the adoption and launch of the Physical Activity and Wellbeing Strategy 2025-30	C Haughey	In progress	Y
AHC/015/2025	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"> • Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 14 January 2025. • Mournes DEA Forum Private Forum Meeting held on 21 January 2025. • Rowallane DEA Private Forum Meeting held on 30 January 2025. 	A Robb	Noted and actions being progressed	Y
AHC/018/2025	Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) & Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Report	It was agreed to note the report and the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP held on 26 November 2024, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on 28 January 2025. • Minutes of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting held on 20 November 2024, approved at the Newry NRP Meeting held on 15 January 2025. 	A Robb	Noted	Y

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014

AHC/016/2025	Be Active Programme	It was agreed to approve business case and appointment of a suitable supplier through a public procurement process for a Programme Delivery Partner as outlined within the officer's report.	C Haughey	Tender submitted	Y
AHC/017/2025	Fuel Poverty Strategy NI	It was agreed to approve the attached response within the officer's report be submitted to the Department for Communities on behalf of Council.	A Robb	Response submitted	Y

Report to:	Active & Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	18 March 2025
Subject:	Notice of Motion – Running Track in East Down
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Haughey – Assistant Director Healthy Living
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Haughey – Assistant Director Healthy Living

For decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For noting only	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1.0	Purpose and Background
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1.1	<p>Purpose</p> <p>The purpose of this report is for the Active & Healthy Communities Committee to consider the Notion of Motion received from Councillor Devlin at the Council Meeting on 4 November 2024.</p>
1.2	<p>Background</p> <p>At the Council Meeting on 4 November 2024 Councillor Devlin tabled the following Notice of Motion:</p> <p><i>"Acknowledging the sterling contribution made on the international athletic stage by local athletes from Newry Mourne and Down, this Council regrets the current lack of a professional running track within the east of the district and commits to carrying out a desktop review of all publicly available land in East Down that could accommodate a professional running track, with a view to delivering on this much needed sports amenity for current and future athletes within our district."</i></p> <p>The Motion was referred to the Active and Healthy Communities Committee</p>

2.0	Key issues
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2.1	<p>The Councils Sports Facilities Review from 2022 stated the following:</p> <p>'In recent years interest in athletics, mostly running, has grown significantly to a present estimate of 70,000 to 80,000 participants in Northern Ireland, making it one of the highest participation sports. The district presently has one athletics track, located in Newry.'</p> <p>The review included the following recommendation:</p> <p>'The Council to develop a second athletics track for the district, strategically located in Downpatrick to best achieve geographical spread, reflecting population density and taking advantage of partnership/funding opportunities. The track should be 400m and up to 6 lanes, with a synthetic surface, floodlit and fenced. This should then be designated as part of the multi sports hub provision for Downpatrick DEA.'</p> <p>Officers have been continuing to review options for available land and suitable sites for the location of a running track as part of a multi-sports hub to be developed in partnership</p>
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	with a school or another statutory body, in line with the approved recommendations of the Councils Sports Facilities Review.
3.0	Recommendation
3.1	Officers to provide an update to AHC Committee as further progress is made on options for available land and suitable sites for the location of a running track as part of a multi-sports hub to be developed in partnership with a school or another statutory body, in line with the approved recommendations of the Councils Sports Facilities Review.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	None.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><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	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:	Active Health and Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	18 th March 2025
Subject:	Leisure Closure Arrangements
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Haughey, Assistant Director: Healthy Living
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Haughey, Assistant Director: Healthy Living

For decision	X	For noting only	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.0	Purpose and Background		
1.1	<p>Purpose The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the AHC Committee regarding the proposed amendments to the leisure centre closure arrangements for the 2025 period, as outlined in Appendix 1.</p> <p>Background In August 2024, the AHC Committee approved the leisure centre closure arrangements for the 2024/2025 period. Since that time, officers have conducted a comprehensive review of operations across the Leisure Centres. Based on this review, a modification to the previously approved closure arrangements is now proposed.</p>		
2.0	Key issues		
2.1	<p>Following the reopening of the Newry Leisure Centre Swimming Pool, a thorough review has been undertaken of the cleaning regimes and operational schedules across Newry, Down, and Kilkeel Leisure Centres.</p> <p>In light of this review, it is proposed to reduce the opening hours on Bank Holidays. This adjustment is intended to ensure that staff have sufficient time to complete essential operational tasks to a high standard, in line with industry best practices. Additionally, this change will help mitigate the possibility of public complaints related to the efficiency of services during these periods.</p>		
3.0	Recommendations		
3.1	Approval of the amended leisure closure arrangements for 2025 as per this report.		
4.0	Resource implications		
4.1	All budget requirements have been accounted for within the 2025/26 AHC Departmental Budget.		
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 – 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>
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> <p>If no, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	<p>Appendices</p>
	<p>Appendix 1: Leisure Closure Arrangements 2025 Tier 1 sites</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>
	<p>AHC Committee Report, 19 August 2024 – Leisure Closure Arrangements</p>

Appendix 1
Leisure Public Holiday Arrangements 2025

Newry, Kilkeel and Down Leisure Centre

Day	Opening Arrangement	Proposed Updated Opening Times	Change from previously agreed Bank Holiday Opening Hours
Sunday 20 th April 2025 (Easter Sunday)	Closed	Closed	Unchanged
Monday 21 st April 2025 (Easter Monday)	Reduced Hours	9:30am – 4:00pm	9:30am – 4:30pm
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025 (Easter Tuesday)	Reduced Hours	9:30am – 4:00pm	9:30am – 4:30pm
Monday 5 th May 2025 (Early May Bank Holiday)	Reduced Hours	9:30am – 4:00pm	9:30am – 4:30pm
Monday 26 th May 2025 (Spring Bank Holiday)	Reduced Hours	9:30am – 4:00pm	9:30am – 4:30pm
Saturday 12 th July 2025 (12 th July Holiday)	Closed	Closed	Unchanged
Sunday 13 th July 2025 (13 th July Holiday)	Open Normal Hours	Open Normal Hours	Unchanged
Monday 14 th July 2025 (Moved for 12 th July Holiday falling on a Saturday)	Reduced Hours	9:30am – 4:00pm	9:30am – 4:30pm
Tuesday 15 th July 2025 (Moved for 13 th July Holiday falling on a Sunday)	Reduced Hours	9:30am – 4:00pm	9:30am – 4:30pm
Monday 25 th August 2025 (Summer Bank Holiday)	Reduced Hours	9:30am – 4:00pm	9:30am – 4:30pm

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	18 March 2025
Subject:	District Electoral Area Forums Update
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director Community Development
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Martina Flynn, Head of Engagement

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 Sheets attached from the DEA Forum Private Meeting 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 Sheet attached for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 25 February 2025. ➤ Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 18 February 2025. ➤ Slieve Croob DEA Private Forum Meeting held on 25 February 2025. ➤ Downpatrick DEA Private Forum Meeting 11 February 2025.
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 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>

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7.0	Appendices
7.1	<p>Appendix 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 25 February 2025. ➤ Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 18 February 2025. ➤ Slieve Croob DEA Private Forum Meeting held on 25 February 2025. ➤ Downpatrick DEA Private Forum Meeting 11 February 2025.
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None

**Action Sheet of Crotlieve District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 25th February 2025 at 18.00 pm in The Boardroom Warrenpoint Town Hall**

Chairperson:	Councillor Micky Ruane
In Attendance:	Councillor Declan McAteer Councillor Mark Gibbons Councillor Kate Murphy Councillor Selina Murphy
Independent Members:	Claire Shiels - County Down Rural Community Network Martina Byrne- Hilltown Community Association/Clonduff Development Enterprise/Women of Clonduff Thelma Thompson Little - Altnaveigh House Trust
Statutory Partners:	Deirdre Magill - Southern Health and Social Care Trust
Council Officials:	Nicola Whyte – DEA Crotlieve Kerri Morrow - Engagement & Development Manager Aoife McComiskey – DEA Slieve Gullion Elaine Carr, Peace Officer
Others in Attendance:	None
Apologies:	Councillor Jarlath Tinnelly Martina Flynn - Head of Engagement Annie Clarke – Southern Health & Social Care Trust (Update provided to Nicola) Keith Parke - Ardarragh Accordion Band/Lisnamullion Rural Association/Drumlough & Ballygorian RDA Carrie Crawford – Area Youth Worker EA (Update provided to Nicola) Maureen Larkin - Area Youth Worker EA Connaire McGreevy, Greater Newry Chamber of Commerce Declan Crilly, Outdoor Leisure Officer (Update provided to Nicola)

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/C/01/2025	Welcome and Apologies.	Councillor Ruane welcomed Members and noted apologies.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/02/2025	Declarations of Interest.	There were no declarations of interest declared.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/03/2025	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held on 10th September 2024	Action sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/04/2025	Ending Violence against women and girls	Kerri Morrow gave an update on EVAWG and informed all members that a stakeholder conference will take place in Canal Court Hotel on 25 th March. Register to attend here - https://EVAWGStakeholderConference.eventbrite.co.uk	All Members to share with your network.
DEA/C/05/2025	Peace Plus	Elaine Carr gave an update on the launch event of Peach Plus and encouraged as many members as possible to complete this questionnaire. https://forms.office.com/e/tGhjRuPdD4	All members to complete

DEA/C/06/2025	Proposed sale of land	<p>Coordinator provided an update on behalf of Declan Crilly which was read to the forum.</p> <p>The forum requested that Declan present a paper to the relevant committee with further details.</p>	Declan Crilly to action.
DEA/C/07/2025	DEA Co-ordinator's Report.	<p>Nicola gave an update on the following events that are currently planned:</p> <p>Multiply Programme</p> <p>27/02/25 Family Games with Hilltown Community Centre</p> <p>12/03/23 Family Games Night with WWG, St Peters Parish Centre</p> <p>21/03/25 Family Games Night with EA Youth Group, Hall 4 All</p> <p>22/03/25 Nutrition with Green Spaces</p> <p>24/03/25 Nutrition with Hilltown Community Centre</p> <p>21/3 & 28/3 Homework Club with Hilltown Community Centre</p> <p>DEA Events</p> <p>11/03/25 Crumlin Road Gaol Shared history trip with Newry DEA</p> <p>25/03/25 Age Friendly Afternoon Tea Dance</p> <p>Funding requested to support local St. Patricks Day Parade £150.</p> <p>Re-Imaging project working with local community groups</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Nicola to look at approvals from Housing Executive and discuss the live here love here funding with groups.</p>

		<p>Networking Event for Crotlieve community to meet with DEA, PSNI, Chamber, etc and register to the DEA database.</p> <p>WBR Chamber of Commerce asked if the following topics could be discussed at the forum, President could not attend as she was on annual leave but will attend the next meeting. Dog Fouling – Warrenpoint</p> <p>Local business request notice be giving when works are to be carried out such as the recent installation of new street lighting.</p>	<p>Coordinator to progress and promote.</p> <p>Item has been reported by Councillors to relevant department. Coordinator to follow up.</p> <p>Coordinator to advise WBR Chamber of relevant DFI contact regarding this item.</p>
DEA/C/08/2025	Update from Community Safety and Good Relations.	Kerri Morrow proposed that this be removed from the agenda, an update can be provided to the forum when needed. Agreed by Chair.	COMPLETED
DEA/C/09/2025	Update from SHSCT.	<p>Deirdre Magill gave an updated on multi disciplinary team in Summerhill and Warrenpoint Health Centre.</p> <p>Clare Sheils provided a written update in her absence including information relating to upcoming Action Cancer Bus visits.</p>	Noted
DEA/C/10/2025	Kings Lane	Councillor Gibbons asked about access to the key for the bollards on Kings Lane.	Coordinator to report to relevant agency and report back.

DEA/C/11/2025	Hilltown Christmas Lights	Martina Byrne asked about the problem with the Christmas Lights in Hilltown, they worked for one day only.	Coordinator to report to relevant department.
DEA/C/12/2025	Update from Carie Crawford – EA Youth Services	Carrie Crawford provided a written update in her absence including information relating to upcoming activity. Information to be circulated.	Noted.
DEA/C/13/2025	Date of Next Meeting.	The next meeting date: Tuesday 13 th May 2025 at 6pm in Warrenpoint Town Hall.	DEA Co-ordinator to forward agenda and papers in advance.

The meeting ended at: 18.45

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

**Action Sheet of Newry District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Thursday 18th February 2025 at 1.00pm in Boardroom, Monaghan Row**

Chairperson:	Councillor Aidan Mathers
In Attendance:	Councillor Valerie Harte Councillor Cathal King
Independent Members:	Raymond Jackson, Confederation of Community Groups Eamonn Connolly, Newry Business Improvement District Allison Slater, Family Support Hub Ann Grant, County Down Rural Community Network Thelma Thompson, Altnaveigh House Trust Colin Hanna, Newry, Mourne Enterprise Agency
Council Officials:	Kerri Morrow, Community Engagement & Development Manager Elaine Carr, Peace Officer Aoife McComiskey, DEA Coordinator
Others in Attendance:	Josephine O'Hare, NIHE Warren Roberts, PSNI Padraig Harte, Pips Hope and Support Laura McGuigan, Pips Hope and Support Deirdre Magill, Multi Disciplinary Team Lead
Apologies:	Councillor Doire Finn Councillor Geraldine Kearns Noreen Rice, Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Paul McGuinness, Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Martin Flynn, Head of Engagement Maureen O'Gorman, EA Youth Service Niamh McNamee, EA Youth Service

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DEA/N/2025/1	Declarations of Interest	No declarations made.	COMPLETED.
DEA/N/2025/2	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held 18 th February 2025	Action sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record.	Approved.
DEA/N/2025/3	DEA Coordinator's Report	DEA Coordinator's update report given.	Noted.
DEA/N/2025/4	Patrick Street Site	Update requested in relation to current D1 process.	Engagement & Development Manager to progress.
DEA/N/2025/5	Pips Hope and Support – Baton of Hope	P Harte provided a presentation and update on the planned Baton of Hope Initiative in September 2025 across Newry, Crotlieve and Slieve Gullion areas.	Members recommend that the group be invited to present the project at full council for consideration.
DEA/N/2025/6	PEACE Plus Update	Elaine Carr provided an update on the Peace Plus Programme for NMDD and welcomed members to return comments or proposal ideas using the questionnaire which will be circulated.	Coordinator to circulate.
DEA/N/2025/7	Member Update.	Members provided updates as follows: Deirdre Magill provided an update on the Multi-Disciplinary Teams work across the Newry GP practices. Details to be circulated.	Noted.

		<p>Raymond Jackson provided an update on funding being coordinated through CCG and partners to support people struggling financially.</p> <p>Eamonn Connolly provided an update on the activities being held as part of the Health in the City month 2025. Details to be circulated.</p> <p>Thelma Thompson provided an update on upcoming activity being hosted by Altnaveigh House Trust. Details to be circulated.</p> <p>Colin Hanna provided an update on the Go Succeed Programme and business development cases.</p> <p>Ann Grant provided an update on the successful progress of the Rural Micro grants.</p> <p>Allison Slater provided an update on the Bolster Anniversary Celebrations and Everyday Heroes Award. Details to be circulated.</p>	
DEA/N/2025/8	Environmental	Members expressed disappointment at littering around Newry.	Coordinator to contact relevant agencies to tackle this issue.

DEA/N/2025/9	Economic Development	Members expressed concern about significant movement of local business from the city centre creating empty dwellings	Noted
DEA/N/2025/10	Safety and Good Relations	W Roberts provided an update on recent activity within Newry City area and reiterated that live reporting is essential to progressing any incidents.	Noted.
		Billboards at Creamery Quarter, Newry relating to paramilitaries are not reflective of the area and members requested they be removed.	Coordinator to Progress.

The meeting ended at: 2.30pm

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**Action Sheet of Slieve Croob District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 25th February 2025 at 4.15pm in R.I.O.T., Dundrum**

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Chairperson: Councillor Jim Brennan

In Attendance: Councillor Helena Young

Independent Members: Kenny Baxter, Frontier Support Network
Heather Holland, County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN)
Richie Shilliday, Dundrum Village Association, Dundrum Cricket Club, RIOT Community Hub

Council Officials: Priscilla McAlinden, Slieve Croob DEA Coordinator

Others: Stephen Croft, Community Health Development Worker, Safe and Well
Maureen O’Gorman, Senior Youth Worker, Education Authority

Apologies: Councillor Roisin Howell
Councillor Alan Lewis
Kerri Morrow, Engagement & Development Manager
Councillor Siobhan O’Hare

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/SC/3/2025	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	Noted.
DEA/SC/4/2025	Action Sheet of meeting held on Tuesday 10th December 2024	Action Sheet of Slieve Croob meeting held on Tuesday 10th December 2024 was adopted as a true record.	Noted.
DEA/SC/5/2025	Safe and Well Presentation	Safe and Well flyer and presentation to be circulated to all members.	DEA Coordinator.
DEA/SC/6/2025	Youth services Update	Update provided highlighting that two youth workers based in Downpatrick will cover Downpatrick and Slieve Croob DEAs. REACH programme flyer to be distributed to DEA members.	Noted. DEA Coordinator.
DEA/SC/7/2025	Castlewellan On-Street Parking	Forum members to consult businesses/residents to determine support for DFI to carry out a new public consultation on parking issue. Email to be sent to all members with closing date for response.	DEA Coordinator.
DEA/SC/8/2025	Action Plan Update	Forum members unanimously approved Action Plan programmes 2024/2025 and associated budget.	DEA Coordinator.
DEA/SC/9/2025	Multiply Programme	DEA Coordinator updated members on Multiply Programme. Members agreed proposed programmes.	DEA Coordinator.
DEA/SC/10/2025	Action Plan Proposal 2025 - 2026	Forum members unanimously approved Action Plan programmes 2025/2026 and associated budget.	DEA Coordinator.
DEA/SC/11/2025	Date and time of next meeting	Next DEA Forum meeting scheduled to take place on Tuesday 29 th April 2025 via Microsoft Teams.	DEA Coordinator.

The meeting ended at 6.10pm.

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**Action Sheet of Downpatrick District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 11 February 2025 at 5.30pm in the Downshire Civic Centre,
Ardglass Road, Downpatrick**

Chairperson: Councillor Phillip Campbell

In Attendance: Councillor Oonagh Hanlon
Councillor Gareth Sharvin
Councillor Cadogan Enright

Independent Members:

Jim Masson, Down Business Connect, Down Community Health Committee,
Dan McEvoy, Downpatrick Housing Community Network
Macartan Digney, Downpatrick Community Collective

Statutory Partners: Trevor Maxwell, Department for Infrastructure
Neil Graham, Department for Infrastructure
David McCullagh, Department for Infrastructure

Council Officials: Katrina Hynds, Downpatrick DEA Co-Ordinator

Others in Attendance: None

Apologies: Jenny Lavery, NI Housing Executive Housing Community Network
Daniella McCarry, County Down Rural Community Network

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/DPK/25/01	Apologies	As recorded above.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/25/02	Declarations of Interest	None declared	Noted.
DEA/DPK/25/03	Action Sheet of Meeting held 11 December 2025	The Action Sheet was Noted	Noted
DEA/DPK/25/04	Update from Department for Infrastructure re Edward Street	<p>The Network Development Manager gave members an update on the progress relating to the traffic issues in Edward Street. He informed members that surveys have been carried out to consider the best option for this area.</p> <p>A discussion ensued, following which the Officer advised that the Department will ask their consulting partner to progress with detailed studies of the top performing options in the upcoming financial year. Once a preferred option in terms of road safety, traffic flow, traffic calming measures and parking, etc is considered, a further report will be brought back to committee.</p>	Department for Infrastructure

DEA/DPK/25/05	DEA Co-Ordinator's Report	<p>The DEA Co-Ordinator presented her report to members.</p> <p>She further presented the Downpatrick DEA Action Plan and proposed Programme of Activities for 2025/26. Approval of the Programme was agreed on the proposal of Dan McEvoy, seconded by Macartan Digney</p>	Noted.
DEA/DPK/25/06	Update on Environmental/Regeneration Schemes	The Chair gave members an updated on current and future schemes within the Downpatrick DEA	Noted
DEA/DPK/25/07	Date of Next Meeting	Date of Next Meeting has been scheduled for 8 April 2025 at 10.00 am	DEA Co-Ordinator

The meeting ended at: 6.30 pm