



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD IN MOSSLEY MILL ON MONDAY 10 OCTOBER 2022 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : Councillor J Gilmour
- Committee Members (In Person)** : Alderman - J McGrath
Councillors – M Brady, M Cooper,
P Dunlop, R Lynch, N McClelland,
M Stewart and V McWilliam.
- Members Present (Remote)** : Alderman P Michael
Councillors - P Bradley, J Burbank, T McGrann,
V Robinson and L Smyth.
- Non Committee Members: (Remote)** : Alderman L Clarke
- Officers Present** : Director of Community Planning – U Fay
Head of Community Planning – R McKenna
Head of Arts, Culture, Tourism & Events – S Goldrick
System Support Officer – C Bell
Mayor and Member Services Officer – S Fisher
Member Services Officer – E Skillen

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The Chairperson welcomed Members to the October meeting of the Community Planning Committee and reminded all present of the audio recording procedures.

Although the COVID restrictions had been relaxed, to manage numbers and minimise risk, members of the public and press could continue to access those parts of the Council meetings which they are entitled to attend through the livestream on the Council's website.

1 APOLOGIES

Councillor Cooper

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 6.2 - Councillor Smyth and Councillor Dunlop

3 INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

None

4 PRESENTATION

4.1 G/MSMO/017vol3 PRESENTATION BY FIRMUS ENERGY

A representative from Firmus Energy was in attendance via zoom to give a presentation on Firmus Energy's Industry pathway.

The Chair welcomed Paul Stanfield, Director of Sales, Marketing and Customer Services to the meeting. Mr Stanfield updated Members on the Firmus Energy pricing, support and plans and responded to Members' queries.

The Chair and Members thanked Mr Stanfield for his presentation and he left the meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed that

the presentation be noted.

NO ACTION

5 ITEMS FOR DECISION

5.1 CP/CD/345 NORTHERN IRELAND CENTENARY COMMUNITY CENTRE BALLYDUFF – POLLING STATION REQUEST

Members were advised that correspondence had been received and circulated from The Electoral Office for Northern Ireland indicating the possibility of an unplanned Northern Ireland Assembly Election, which if called would be held on either 8th or 15th December 2022.

The Electoral Office for Northern Ireland had requested the potential use of the Northern Ireland Centenary Community Centre, Ballyduff for use as a polling station if an election is called on either of the identified dates.

Proposed by Councillor Brady
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and agreed that

subject to a Northern Ireland Assembly Election being called, the request for use of the Northern Ireland Centenary Community Centre Ballyduff as a polling station on either 8th or 15th December 2022 be approved.

ACTION BY: Paul Townsend, Community Facilities Coordinator

5.2 CP/CD/440 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT AID PROGRAMME

SMALL GRANTS FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS 2022/2023

Members were reminded of the Small Grants Programme, which was agreed by the Council in October 2014 as part of the new Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Community Development Grant Aid Programme.

The purpose of the Small Grants programme was to provide financial assistance to groups within the Borough of up to a maximum of £1,000 (revised and approved by Council in October 2021) towards seeding costs and/or insurance or a small activity and/or insurance. Members were advised that groups who apply for a small grant were not permitted to apply for any other funding available under the wider Community Development Grant Aid Programme during the course of the 2022/23 financial year.

In December 2019 Members agreed that from 1 April 2020 all Small Grant requests of £500 (now £1,000) or less be assessed on the basis of Pass/Fail against eligibility criteria and not subjected to a scored assessment process.

All proposed awards were subject to the receipt of a Group Constitution,

List of Committee Members, Bank Statement, Annual Accounts and a signed disclosure from the group confirming that all other appropriate supporting documentation is in place and can be provided on request or the offer of funding would be withdrawn.

During the month of September, 3 applications totalling £3,000 had been received and assessed by Officers as outlined below:

Group Name/Project Promoter	Project Description/Title	Pass/Fail	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
CORE New Mossley	Small Activity/Insurance Grant Room Hire and Annual Insurance	Pass	£1,000	£1,000
Friends Through Stroke Support Group	Small Activity/Insurance Grant Room Hire, Equipment,	Pass	£1,000	£1,000

	Seasonal Social Events			
McIlroy Court Residents Association	Small Activity/Insurance Grant Seasonal Social	Pass	£1,000	£1,000
Total			£3,000	£3,000

Proposed by Councillor Lynch
 Seconded by Councillor Mc Clelland and agreed that

the Small Grant applications outlined above be approved at a total cost of £3,000.00.

ACTION BY: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Co-ordinator

5.3 CP/TD/001 SCHOOL UNIFORM RE-USE SCHEME 2022

Members were reminded that the 2020 Pilot School Uniform Re-Use Scheme was approved at the February 2020 Council meeting. The scheme ran again in 2021 with over 7000 good quality school uniform items and over 650 families being supported across the Borough.

The 2022 School Uniform Re-Use Scheme opened in June 2022 and closed at the start of September 2022. Due to demand this year all schemes have continued to make uniform items available beyond the initial timeframe identified, to mid-September.

A total of 9 local schemes representative of each DEA participated in this year's scheme as outlined below:

DEA	School Uniform Scheme Provider
AIRPORT	A Safe Space to be Me: Crumlin Hub
ANTRIM	Oasis in partnership with CFC Church
BALLYCLARE	St John's Church of Ireland
DUNSILLY	TIDAL – Toome House
GLENGORMLEY URBAN	Carnmoney Presbyterian Church Community Relations Forum Fit Moms & Kids
MACEDON	Listening Ear – Dunanney Centre
THREEMILEWATER	Monkstown Village Centre

Additionally, there were two separate Uniform Events with any donations going to the Trussell Trust Food Banks held as follows:

- Mossley Pavilion on 26th July
- Christian Fellowship Church Antrim on 2nd August

The Scheme reported the following outcomes:

- 7000+ Items of good quality school uniform items were donated
- 955 families/children were supported with pre-loved uniform items
- A total of £102 was donated during the Mossley Pavilion event, which had been donated to the local Foodbank

Developments in 2022

An online catalogue was successfully piloted with Listening Ear and the Christian Fellowship Church. This allowed families to view items online and phone or email to pre-order.

As the School Uniform Scheme continues to evolve to meet local community needs it was proposed that the areas below be developed for 2023:

- Officers work to expand the service and provide support for new schemes across all DEAs'
- The number of schools providing own scheme have significantly increased and it was proposed to promote these schemes alongside community schemes to benefit families
- Exploration of funding opportunities to support schemes.
- Development of an Online Catalogue as part of all schemes.

Proposed by Councillor McClelland

Seconded by Councillor Smyth and agreed that

the proposals for the School Uniform Re-Use Scheme for 2023 be approved and consideration be given regarding operation of the on-line catalogues.

ACTION BY: Will McDowell, Tackling Deprivation Coordinator

5.4 CP/PCSP/075 PBNI DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN CONSULTATION

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from the Probation Board for Northern Ireland (circulated) regarding the Public Consultation which is currently live, on their Draft Corporate Plan for 2023-2026. The Plan sets out the strategic direction for the organisation over the next three-year period, with the identification of four strategic priorities:

- **Our People** – we will develop, support and empower our Staff to improve service delivery.
- **Our Services** –we will deliver an effective, quality statutory probation service to reduce re-offending.
- **Our Funding** – we will prioritise our budget to maximise service delivery.
- **Our Partnerships** – we will develop our partnerships to Help make our communities safer.

Members can download the Corporate Plan consultation document:

<https://www.pbni.org.uk/publication/probationboard-northern-ireland-draft-corporate-plan-2023-26>

The consultation is open until 10th November 2022, responses can be submitted via email to info@probation-ni.gov.uk or alternatively arrangements can be made to speak to people about their feedback and views on the draft Plan.

Members may wish to respond on a corporate, individual, or party political basis.

Proposed by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed that

Members respond on an Individual or Party Political Basis.

ACTION BY: Lynda Kennedy, Community Programmes Manager

5.5 CP/CD/451 RENEWAL OF LEASE WHITEABBEY COMMUNITY GROUP

Members were advised that the lease with Whiteabbey Community Group, for the land on which their community centre is situated is now up for renewal.

The building which is owned by the group was opened in 2006 and provides a base for the group to deliver its wide and innovative programme of social, cultural, educational and recreational activities for which they received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in June 2022.

In October 2014 the Council approved and provided financial assistance for an extension to the rear of the existing facility and this opened to the public in 2016 enabling increased community use.

In June 2022 further approval was given to the group for the development of a Community Garden Project in association with Clanmill Housing Association and Connswater Homes. Financial assistance for the project totalling £30,000 has already been secured from the Department for Communities.

In order to facilitate the group in the future delivery of its community development programme it was proposed that a further 10-year lease be drawn up with the group to include:

- The land on which their existing community facility is situated including the extension

- Additional land to facilitate the delivery of the community garden project being funded by DfC.

A site map outlining the boundary of the area to be leased was circulated for Members' consideration.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson

Seconded by Councillor Brady and agreed that

a new 10-year lease be drawn up with Whiteabbey Community Group for the land and facilities situated at Glenville Road, Whiteabbey.

ACTION BY: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Co-ordinator

5.6 CP/CD/426 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TOY SCHEME

Members were reminded that the delivery of a pilot Community Christmas Toy Scheme was approved at the September 2021 Council Meeting.

Following the successful delivery of the pilot in 2021 it was proposed to run a similar scheme in 2022 through the following partnerships: Community & Voluntary Organisations, Habitat for Humanity (NI) through Pop Up Shops and the Council's Recycling Centres supported by Habitat for Humanity NI.

The Pop Up Shops would work on the basis that pre-loved good quality toys are donated and then available for purchase at a very low cost. The scheme provides support for those experiencing financial pressures, whilst also promoting the 'reuse' message within the Council's Climate Change Action Plan. Funds raised at the Pop Up Shops are then donated to local foodbanks.

Community and Voluntary Organisations would be contacted to establish interest in participating in the 2022 Christmas Community Toy Scheme. Any who wish to participate would be supported with a grant of £200 to purchase storage containers and other items.

Preloved toys would be donated at the Council's 5 Household Recycling Centres (HRC's)

- Newpark
- Bruslee
- Crumlin
- O'Neill Road
- Craigmore

This would be delivered in partnership with Habitat for Humanity NI.

Habitat for Humanity NI would deliver two 'Pop Up Toy Shops' with a selection of the toys donated to the HRC's available to purchase at a very low cost as follows:

- Muckamore Community Centre - Thursday 1st December 2022, 10am – 3pm
- Dunnaney Centre, Rathcoole - Thursday 8th December 2022, 10am – 2pm

The Community Planning and Waste Management sections would work in partnership to deliver and promote the Christmas Community Toy Scheme 2022.

Proposed by Councillor McWilliam
 Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed that

- a) delivery of the Christmas Community Toy Scheme in 2022 as outlined be approved.**
- b) a report on the number of Community and Voluntary Organisations participating in the scheme, including grant funding recommendations, will be brought back to the November Committee Meeting.**

ACTION BY: Will McDowell, Tackling Deprivation Co-Ordinator

5.7 AC/GEN/037 ARTS AND HERITAGE GRANT AID

Members were reminded that a revised Arts and Heritage Grant Aid Programme was approved by the Committee in April 2022.

To be successful applicants must score a minimum of 50% in their application and all proposed awards are subject to the receipt of all relevant supporting documentation or the offer of funding would be withdrawn.

The grants are delivered on a rolling funding programme linked to the financial year or until the funding for the year is exhausted. One application has been assessed by officers under the appropriate funding category and maximum award available. A summary of the application is set out below along with the proposed award:

Group / Individual	Funding Category	Funding Purpose	Score	Amount Awarded
Mr Sean Mackey	Participation in specialist training or study	Undertaking an MA Cinematography at the National Film and Television School. The MA Course starts in January 2023 and lasts for 2 years.	100%	£500

Proposed by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor McClelland and agreed that

the Arts and Heritage Grant Award be approved.

ACTION BY: Simon Goldrick, Head of Arts, Culture, Tourism and Events

5.8 CP/CP/207 COST OF LIVING CRISIS – SUPPORT INITIATIVES

Members were reminded that the Council is committed to supporting the most vulnerable in local communities and is currently engaged in a number of support programmes and initiatives including;

- Oil Stamp Saving Scheme
- Keep Warm Packs
- Muddy Boots Experience
- Concessionary Leisure Membership
- School Uniform Re Use Scheme
- Development of a Social Supermarket
- Slow Cooker Programmes
- Period Poverty Initiative

Members were also reminded that it was reported at the August Council Meeting that the Mayor had asked Officers to develop additional initiatives to complement existing programmes. These initiatives were aimed at increasing public access to community programmes during the autumn and winter, in locally accessible Council facilities including community centres, arts and cultural venues and leisure centres.

This would provide opportunities for residents to access warmth and engage socially for the benefit of their health and wellbeing.

Officers had established a Working Group comprised of Community Planning, Arts and Culture, Leisure, Environmental Health and Marketing Officers.

It was proposed the programme would be launched in late October 2022 providing residents with an opportunity get active, learn new skills, socialise and gain some valuable knowledge by attending information sessions supported by the Council's Community Planning partners NIFRS, NHSCT and PSNI.

Funding opportunities had been explored to support schemes, with applications of 3 x £4,000 funding submitted to Northern Healthy Lifestyles Partnership. It was also proposed to support the development and delivery of this service that £1,000 per DEA would be made available to purchase refreshments and or other relevant items.

Programmes representative of each DEA will be established in locations as outlined below:

DEA	Location
AIRPORT	Crumlin LC
ANTRIM	Muckamore Community Centre Stiles Community Centre Old Courthouse Theatre
BALLYCLARE	Ballyclare Town Hall
DUNSILLY	Neillsbrook Community Centre
GLENGORMLEY URBAN	Lilian Bland Pavilion
MACEDON	Dunanney Community Centre
THREEMILEWATER	Mossley Pavilion

This proposed extensive programme of activities would target children, adults and older residents and include:

- Exercise Activities
- Healthy Eating Programmes
- Tea Dances
- Arts and Crafts
- Music Lessons
- Family Movies
- Young People's Activities
- Interactive Learning Workshops
- 'Winter Woollies' Knitting Challenge
- Home Safety Information
- Mindfulness and Wellbeing Programmes

Alongside these activities, Officers would also continue to develop and promote a number of initiatives aimed at providing some relief from the ongoing cost of living crisis.

As part of this initiative a scoping exercise to identify all similar opportunities being delivered by other organisations such as churches, libraries, schools etc had been carried out. This information would be added to details of the Councils programme and a full listing of all activities in all locations across the Borough would be published in hard and soft copy for ease of access. The programme planner would be shared with Members ahead of the launch of the Programme to support local promotion.

Proposed by Councillor Burbank
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed that

the proposed community programme of activities across 7 DEAs with a budget of £7,000 be approved and Baby Banks be added to the list of activities supported.

ACTION BY: Will McDowell, Tackling Deprivation Coordinator

5.9 CP/GR/055 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY WORKING GROUP MINUTES

A copy of the minutes of the Equality and Diversity Working Group meeting held on 27 September 2022 were circulated for Members' consideration.

Proposed by Councillor McClelland
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed that

the minutes of the Equality and Diversity Working Group on 27 September 2022 be approved.

ACTION BY: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

5.10 AC/EV/024 NORTHERN IRELAND CHILDRENS HOSPICE – ELMERS BIG TRAIL

Members were reminded that it was agreed at the Community Planning Committee in February 2022 that the Council would be an 'official sponsor' of Elmer's Big Trail and provide £35,000 in sponsorship. It was also agreed at that meeting to host Elmer's Big Trail in the Borough from 2 to 4 September with this farewell event held in Antrim Castle Gardens the only opportunity to experience this unique art installation outside of Belfast. One benefit of the Council being an 'Official Supporter' sponsor of the trail was that the Council had its own Elmer sculpture, the art sculpture designed.

At the Committee in February it was agreed to avail of the opportunity to permanently acquire the Council's Elmer through auction at a cost of between £3,000 and £7,000. This auction was held at Crumlin Road Gaol on Wednesday 5 October 2022. Following the Mayor's nomination it was attended by Councillor Billy Webb and Officers. The Council's Elmer was acquired for £6,700.00 'Elmer' is to be located permanently at Mossley Mill.

Elmer's Big Trail consisted of 70 individual 'Elmer's' which were located across Belfast from 20 June to 31 August 2022 before the farewell event in Antrim Castle Gardens.

As an 'Official Supporter' the Council received the following benefits:

- High profile as one of five official supporters alongside U105, Castlecourt, Wild at Art and Flynn
- Marketing and Brand Exposure – the Council logo was present on all 70 large sculpture plaques

- Bespoke product/service activation through the Elmer Belfast app and Elmer related events. This included a £5 family voucher for the Council's leisure facilities which could be downloaded when visiting the Council's Elmer Sculpture.
- Enhanced relationship with key stakeholders including other Elmer supporters

The final total of funding raised by this initiative to mark the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice's 21st Anniversary hasn't been calculated yet as funds raised at the auction will be included. However, they expect the total to be significant.

The farewell event at Antrim Castle Gardens attracted 4,000 visitors and raised a total of £20,000 on its own.

Proposed by Councillor McWilliam
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and agreed that

the update be noted and the location of the Council's 'Elmer' at Mossley Mill on a permanent basis be approved.

ACTION BY: Mark McGrann, Tourism Manager

5.11 CP/GR/160 GOOD RELATIONS GRANT AID

Members were reminded that the 2022/23 Good Relations Action Plan submitted to The Executive Office, included a budget of £20,000 for the Good Relations Grant Aid Programme.

The aim of Good Relations Grant Aid Programme was to improve day to day relationships by encouraging everyone to treat others fairly and encouraging a society in which all cultures and traditions are understood, respected and accepted.

Members were advised that applications were required to score higher than 50% to be deemed successful. One application was received in September 2022, scoring above the 50% threshold requesting a total amount of £2,500.

A summary of the application received, the proposed award recommendation overview of the assessment and funding details were circulated for Members' consideration.

Proposed by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor Brady and agreed that

the Good Relations grant aid application outlined be approved at a total cost of £2,500.

ACTION BY: Jen Cole, Good Relations Coordinator

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 CP/CP/212 DEVELOPING WOMEN IN COMMUNITY PROGRAMME PHASE 2

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from the Department for Communities in relation to their Developing Women in the Community Programme – Phase Two.

The Department had identified Macedon as the District Electoral Area eligible for the delivery of the programme. The programme was launched on 3 October 2022 with an open call on the Department for Communities website.

The programme would target women of all ages and would provide an opportunity for participants to partake in a volunteering role in their community and develop a small programme. Family support provision would be a key element of the programme.

The programme modules would include:

- Confidence and self esteem
- Communication
- Personal Development
- Self-awareness Community
- Teamwork and collaboration
- Problem Solving
- Leadership
- Role of women in community safety
- Role of women in peacebuilding Families
- Role of Women in families

Proposed by Councillor Bradley

Seconded by Councillor Lynch and agreed that

the update on Developing Women in Community Programme PHASE 2 be noted and that information be provided on whether this is a continuation of the previous programme or for new participants.

ACTION BY: Stefanie Buchanan, Community Development Manager

6.2 CP/TD/002 AREAS AT RISK UPDATE

Members were reminded the Areas at Risk (AAR) programme was delivered across six Super Output Areas in Antrim and Newtownabbey. Historically the Newtownabbey AAR programme is part funded by the Department for Communities (DfC) whilst the Antrim AAR programme is fully funded by the Council.

Members were reminded that funding for the 2022/2023 Programme was approved at the February 2022 Community Planning Committee. The 2022/2023 Funding is allocated as outlined:

	DfC Contribution 2022/23	Council Contribution 2022/23	Totals
Newtownabbey AAR	£66,750 TBC	£60,170	£126,920

Totals	£66,750	£171,380	£238,130
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Newtownabbey AAR Projects Funded 2022/23

- The Areas at Risk Newtownabbey Project covers Carnmoney, Monkstown and Mossley.
- The contribution committed by the Council in 2022/23 to the Newtownabbey Areas at Risk Projects is **£60,170**
- The contribution committed by Department for Communities in 2022/23 remains the same as previous years at **£66,750**
- Project plans are subject to Council approval following submission of Project Proposals by Groups.

The funding has been allocated as follows:

Organisation	ANBC £	DFC £
Monkstown Community Association	15,500	9,500
Monkstown Community Forum	12,650	4,750
Monkstown Boxing Club	10,200	4,750
Church of the Good Shepherd, Monkstown	1,000	5,000
Holly Bank Primary School, Monkstown	13,820	4,750
Hollybank Pre-school, Monkstown	2,500	2,500
Carnmoney Presbyterian Church	2,500	22,500
New Mossley Presbyterian Church Youth Club (DAM Project)	2,000	13,000

Antrim AAR Projects Funded 2022/23

- The Antrim Areas at Risk Project covers Farranshane, Ballycraigy and Steeple
- The contribution committed by the Council to the Antrim Areas at Risk Projects in 2022/23 is **£111,210**.
- Project plans are subject to Council approval following submission of Project Proposals by Groups.

The funding has been allocated as follows:

Organisation	ANBC £
St Joseph's Nursery School Steeple Nursery School	16,500
Antrim Enterprise Agency	6,000
St Joseph's Primary School	12,980
Ballycraig Primary School	16,000
Parkhall Primary School	14,420
Muckamore Parish Development Association	14,810
Rathenraw Youth Scheme	8,500
Antrim Grammar School	6,500
Inter Estate Partnership	10,500
Farranshane Community Trust	5,000

Members were reminded that at the Council Meeting in November 2020 the proposal to move to a competitive application process for Areas at Risk 2021/22 was referred back to the Community Planning Committee.

With the impact of COVID-19 creating additional pressure on the community and voluntary sector at this time and with a planned review of Neighbourhood Renewal and Areas at Risk to be undertaken by the Department for Communities (DfC), it was agreed to defer the Council's review of Areas at Risk until after the DfC review is completed. As a result it was agreed that the 2020/21 and subsequent programmes would run as in previous years.

The DfC People and Place Review commenced on 19 May 2022 using the principle of co-design. The next locality working group meeting is scheduled for 11 October 2022. It is anticipated that the first tangible programme delivery changes will be effective in 2023/2024.

Areas at Risk projects and programmes were currently managed through a combination of onsite monitoring visits, mid-year and end of year monitoring reports. The delivery of Areas at Risk projects were impacted by COVID in 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 but all projects are now operating fully again for the 2022/2023.

Project monitoring and programme support visits are being conducted by the Tackling Deprivation Co-Ordinator and documented on the Grant Manager system.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and agreed

that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL TO PROCEED 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor Brady and agreed

that the following Committee business be taken In Confidence and the livestream and audio recording would cease.

7. ITEMS IN CONFIDENCE

**7.1 IN CONFIDENCE CP/PV/001 MOSSLEY PAVILION TENANCY REQUEST
CORE COMMUNITY GROUP**

A request had been received from CORE New Mossley Community Group for a tenancy of the Small Meeting Room in Mossley Pavilion. The group currently use church premises in the area but are exploring opportunities within New Mossley for alternative premises.

Mossley Pavilion has a Main Hall, Minor Hall and a Small Meeting Room. The Small Meeting Room is currently available with limited demand.

Members were reminded that it was agreed by the Council in February 2018 that spaces in Community Facilities can be leased at a rent of £■■■■ per square metre per annum.

It is proposed to rent the small meeting room in Mossley Pavilion to the CORE Group as follows:

Organisation	Rooms Requested for Rental Renewal	Tenancy Start Date and Term	Rental Income £■■■■/sqm (per annum)
CORE Community Group	Small Meeting Room	From 1 st November 2022 for 1 year	£■■■■

Proposed by Councillor Bradley
Seconded by Councillor Brady and agreed that

that a 12-month tenancy of the small meeting room at Mossley Pavilion to the CORE Community Group from 1 November at a rent of £■■■■ per annum be approved.

ACTION BY: Paul Townsend, Community Facilities Coordinator

7.2 **IN CONFIDENCE** CP/CD/435 SOCIAL SUPERMARKETS PILOT 2022-23

Members were reminded that it was agreed at the November 2021 Community Planning Committee to allocate £10,058.21 from the Department for Communities (DfC) COVID 19 Food and Essential Supplies Transition Fund to engage the services of a consultant to develop a Social Supermarket for the Borough using a co-design methodology. This process commenced in June 2022.

Members were also reminded that it was agreed at the December 2021 Council meeting to allocate £69,895.73 from Welfare Reform Social Supermarkets be used to develop wrap around services such as, but not limited to, advise on debt, benefits, healthy eating, housing, education and training. This funding remains in the 2022-23 Social Supermarket budget.

In July 2022 the Council agreed to accept a revised Letter of Offer from DfC providing £94,091.47 for the development of a Social Supermarket in the Borough. There is a total budget of £163,987.00 available in the current financial year for the development of a Social Supermarket.

Social Supermarkets are community driven shops which support those living in food poverty. They supply low cost food sourced from the charity FareShare and donations from local business.

The aim of a Social Supermarket model is to offer a longer term and sustainable response to food insecurity by seeking to address the root causes of poverty rather than simply provide food.

This is achieved through the provision of wrap around support.

The initial process to develop a Social Supermarket for the Borough commenced in June 2022 with the consultant carrying out a feasibility study which included local stakeholder engagement, focus groups, meetings with Elected Members and best practice visits with a view to recommending a viable Social Supermarket operating model. A copy of the feasibility study was circulated for Members' information.

However, whilst the feasibility study exercise was ongoing the cost of living crisis accelerated with significantly increased demand for existing food poverty support in particular from the 'working poor'. In addition political and market instability have created challenges with supply of food. FareShare, other charities, foodbanks and businesses are reporting issues with supply chains. The Community and Voluntary sector are raising concerns about their ability to meet the much increased demand. This current situation is highly likely to deteriorate given the challenging winter ahead.

Given the scale of the current cost of living crisis and capacity within the Community and Voluntary sector it has been concluded that delivery of a sustainable Social Supermarket is not viable at this time.

It is proposed that the key principles of a Social Supermarket and key recommendations from the feasibility study are adopted to provide an immediate response to food insecurity and poverty in the Borough. It was proposed to engage Community Advice Antrim and Newtownabbey to deliver a wraparound support service to those referred to them as a result of food poverty and they would provide food vouchers as part of this service.

This interim Social Supermarket model would be subject to a Service Level Agreement and have £149,987 of the available funding allocated to it. It is proposed that the remaining £14,000 be allocated to the Save The Children project. Community Advice Antrim and Newtownabbey would signpost eligible families to Save the Children for wraparound support including food vouchers.

This element of the programme benefits from a matched contribution of £14,000 from Save the Children and £14,000 from the Northern Health and Social Care Trust, letter of support pending.

Proposed by Councillor Lynch

Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed that

(a) the proposal to engage Community Advice Antrim and Newtownabbey through Service Level Agreement to deliver an interim Social Supermarket for the Borough at a cost of £149,987 be approved.

(b) Provision of £14,000 to Save The Children project for delivery of wraparound support to eligible families which would be matched by £14,000 each from Save The Children and the Northern Health and Social Care Trust respectively be approved.

ACTION BY: Stefanie Buchanan, Community Development Manager

PROPOSAL TO PROCEED OUT OF 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Councillor McWilliam

Seconded by Councillor Lynch and agreed that

the remainder of Committee business be taken in Open Session.

The Chairperson advised that audio-recording would recommence at this point.

There being no further Committee business, the Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7.30pm.

MAYOR