



04 April 2023

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Committee Vice-Chair: Alderman J McGrath

Committee Members: Alderman P Michael

Councillors – M Brady, P Bradley, J Burbank, M Cooper,
P Dunlop, R Lynch, N McClelland, T McGrann,
V McWilliam, V Robinson L Smyth and M Stewart

Dear Member

MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Community Planning Committee will be held in the **Council Chamber, Mossley Mill on Wednesday 12 April 2023 at 6.30 pm.**

You are requested to attend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqui Dixon".

Jacqui Dixon, BSc MBA
Chief Executive, Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council

PLEASE NOTE: Refreshments will be available in the Café from 5.20 pm

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4 ITEMS FOR DECISION

4.1 CP/CD/443 DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES DRAFT EQUALITY ACTION PLAN

Members are advised that correspondence **enclosed** has been received from Department for Communities (DfC) regarding a consultation process on their Draft Equality Action Plan 2022-25.

This consultation will seek views on the DfC's Draft Section 75 Action Plan. The Department's Equality Scheme includes a commitment to develop a Section 75 Action Plan. The Draft plan can be found on the Department's website <https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/section-75-equality-action-plan-consultation>

The Plan covers the period 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2025 and will be updated or amended during its lifetime when required. The Plan relates to the Department's specific functions and aims to promote equality of opportunity and good relations by taking actions to address identified inequalities.

The Department will work towards the delivery of the targets specified in the Plan within the limits of the financial and other resources allocated to the Department. In addition, the Plan will be updated as new priorities and targets are approved by a new Minister and Executive.

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

RECOMMENDATION: that Members respond on an individual or Party Political basis.

Prepared by: Conor Cuning, DEA Engagement Manager

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

4.2 CP/CD/459 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT AID PROGRAMME TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS 2023/24

Members are reminded that a presentation on the Community Development Grant Aid Programme was made by Officers to the Committee in September 2022 and that the proposed changes to the Community Development Grant Aid programme were approved.

Under the new programme it was agreed that Technical Assistance Grants be delivered on a rolling basis with a maximum award threshold of £10,000.

Members are reminded that a pass threshold of 50% applies to applications to the Programme and that groups are not required to demonstrate match funding. Members should also note that proposed awards are subject to the receipt of all relevant supporting documentation, or the offer of funding will be withdrawn.

During the month of March 2 applications totalling £20,000 were received and assessed by Officers as outlined below:

| Group Name/Project Promoter | Project Description/Title | Pass/Fail | Amount Requested | Amount Awarded |
|------------------------------------|---|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Old Bleach Bowling Club | Business Plan for Facility Enhancement | Pass | £10,000 | £10,000 |
| Women's Aid ABCLN | Feasibility Study and Business Plan for 3 Phase Development of New Centrally Located Premises in Newtownabbey | Pass | £10,000 | £10,000 |
| Total | | | | £20,000 |

RECOMMENDATION that the two Technical Assistance applications outlined above be approved at a total cost of £20,000.

Prepared by: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Co-ordinator

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

4.3 CP/TD/001 SCHOOL UNIFORM RE-USE SCHEME 2023

Members are reminded that the School Uniform Re-Use Scheme was launched in 2019 providing schemes across all of the District Electoral Areas. The continuation of the Scheme was approved at the Committee in October 2022.

The scheme is now entering its third year. In 2022 over 7000 good quality school uniform items were donated and over 955 families supported across the Borough.

It is proposed the 2023 School Uniform Re-Use Scheme will open for a two-week period for donations from 19 June 2023 to 7 July 2023. It will then close to allow organisations time to sort and prepare donations. The School Uniform Scheme will re-open for uniform collections from 24 July to 1 September 2023.

The School Uniform Re-use scheme will be promoted in Borough Life and social media channels with a focus on the environmental impacts of participation in this scheme.

A total of 9 local schemes representative of each DEA have committed to participating in this year's scheme as outlined below:

| DEA | School Uniform Scheme Provider |
|-------------------|---|
| AIRPORT | A Safe Space to be Me: Crumlin Hub |
| ANTRIM | 1 st Antrim Presbyterian |
| BALLYCLARE | The United Parish -St John's Ballyclare & Christchurch |
| DUNSILLY | TIDAL – Toome House |
| GLENGORMLEY URBAN | Carnmoney Presbyterian Church Community Relations Forum Fit Moms & Kids |
| MACEDON | Listening Ear – Dunanney Centre |
| THREEMILEWATER | Monkstown Village Centre |

Members are also reminded that the following areas for development were approved by the Committee in October:

- Expansion of the service in all DEA's with the provision of support for new schemes.

- Communication with and promotion of the increasing number of schools participating in the scheme.
- Exploration of funding opportunities to ensure that an increased number of schemes can be supported by £200 per scheme.
- Development of an online catalogue and roll out to all schemes.

Members are advised of the following update on areas for development:

- Officers have been working alongside Community Organisations to encourage new schemes to start and an Expression of Interest for those new groups who wish to participate is currently open to 30 April 2023.
- Officers have been in contact with schools across the Borough and invited them to register their scheme with the Council.
- Officers are continuing to develop the online catalogue in collaboration with all participating schemes.
- Officers have explored funding opportunities with limited success but given the minimal costs for participation in the scheme it is proposed to continue to provide financial assistance of £200 to each participating scheme.

RECOMMENDATION: that the proposals for the operation of the School Uniform Scheme in 2023, including provision of financial assistance of £200 to each participating group, be approved with an update of the outcomes of the scheme brought to a future meeting of the Committee.

Prepared by: Stef Buchanan, Community Planning Manager

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

4.4 CP/CD/445 QUEENS AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE 2023 – ROYAL GARDEN PARTIES

Members are reminded that it was agreed the provision of financial assistance of up to £225 per person to attend a Royal Garden Party in Buckingham Place on either 3 or 9 May 2023 be brought to the April Committee for consideration.

Members are reminded that two representatives from each of the three groups awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Service in 2022 had confirmed their willingness to attend one of the Garden Parties with financial assistance of £125 per person initially proposed.

The total cost per person for attendance, which includes flights, transfers and accommodation, is £225 and it is proposed to provide this amount per person for attendance at one of the Garden Parties.

RECOMMENDATION: that provision of £225.00 per person, to attend a Royal Garden Party in May be approved.

Prepared by: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Co-ordinator

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

4.5 CP/TD/023 PERIOD POVERTY AND ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVE

Members are reminded that the delivery of a six month 'Period Poverty' and environmental initiative at a cost of £3,000 was approved for delivery at the June 2022 Committee.

Members are advised that since this initiative was launched correspondence has been received from The Executive Office (TEO) (enclosed) outlining a briefing report for Local Government Officers in respect of Period Products (Free Provision) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 which received Royal Assent in May 2022 with an implementation date of May 2024. TEO have indicated that costs associated with period poverty are likely to be met by their office.

Officers have participated in the TEO Working Group for Period Poverty and committed to participating in a multi-agency working group. The Council was subsequently identified as a model of best practice by TEO and in February 2023 hosted a best practice and shared learning visit to the Period Poverty Initiative(s) in the Borough.

Members are also reminded the Period Poverty Pilot was a two strand approach based in Community Facilities and Community Organisations within the Areas at Risk programmes which are located within identified areas of social and economic deprivation. The aim of this initiative was to encourage increased use of reusable and environmentally friendly period products, whilst having the valuable benefit of providing a sustainable resource for those affected by period poverty, which is an added pressure on individuals and families as a result of the current cost of living crisis. Products were made available in restrooms in Community Facilities and through Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships at the following locations:

- Northern Ireland Centenary Centre Ballyduff
- Dunanney Centre (Rathcoole Neighbourhood Renewal)
- Lillian Bland Pavillion
- Mossley Pavillion
- Muckamore Community Centre
- Stiles Community Centre
- Greystone Community Centre
- Neillsbrook Community Centre
- Rathenraw Community Centre
- Parkhall Community Centre
- Ballyclare Town Hall (Grange Neighbourhood Renewal)

The pilot schemes, which provided education and awareness on re-usable products were delivered in partnership with:

- Listening Ear (Rathcoole Neighbourhood Renewal)
- United Parish of St Johns (Grange Neighbourhood Renewal)
- OASIS (Antrim)
- Rathenraw Youth Scheme (Antrim)
- Muckamore Parish Development Association (Antrim)

The pilot has now been evaluated with an overall positive outcome and favourable feedback. Approximately 8000 out of an available 10,000 biodegradable and environmentally friendly sanitary products were utilised in our Community Facilities, with an average use of 1000 sanitary products per month. In relation to re-usable products 65 reusable packs out of 100 available packs were distributed to the 5 community organisations adopting a 'Train the Trainer' model with an average use of 8 reusable packs per month. Feedback on the reusable products has been positive with users providing favourable anecdotal evidence on benefits. From feedback there is a clear need for a strong marketing and educational piece of work to introduce people to benefits of reusable products and address preconceptions and barriers to their use.

It has been agreed that officers from the Council will form part of TEO multi-agency working group going forward to explore and agree best practice with regard to both free and reusable products and further updates will be brought back to the Committee.

It is proposed to continue to have a supply of biodegradable, environmentally friendly disposable sanitary products available within Community Facilities and Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships for 2023/2024 and officers will continue to support the 5 community organisations to administer the remaining reusable packs within their areas at an approximate cost of £3000.

RECOMMENDATION: that

- a) the correspondence from The Executive Office be noted.**
- b) the continuation of delivery of disposable environmentally friendly sanitary products in community settings at an approximate cost of £3,000 be approved.**

Prepared by: Stefanie Buchanan, Community Development Manager

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

4.6 CP/CD/444 ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY SENIORS' FORUM

Members are reminded that at the July 2022 Council Meeting it was agreed to provide funding of £15,000 for the 2022/23 financial year to Antrim and Newtownabbey Seniors' Forum and that a service level agreement between the Council and the Forum be developed. Officers have continued to work with the Forum and Community Planning partners (NIHE, PHA, NHSCT, PSNI, NIFRS) to manage the service level agreement and performance of this Group.

Members are also reminded it was agreed at the July Council Meeting that a quarterly performance report be provided to the Community Planning Committee, from September 2022. The most recent Quarter 3 Performance Report was approved at the February 2023 Committee, and is enclosed for Members information.

It is proposed that the Council provides an annual contribution of £15,000 to the Antrim and Newtownabbey Seniors Forum in 2023/24 with other partners having confirmed their commitment to continue to support this group. Provision of this funding has been made in the 2023/24 budgets.

RECOMMENDATION: that the provision of £15,000 financial support for the Antrim and Newtownabbey Seniors Forum in 2023/24 be approved.

Prepared by: Conor Cuning, DEA Engagement Manager

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

4.7 CP/CF/005 COMMUNITY FACILITIES OUTDOOR BOWLERS

Members are reminded that within the Community Facilities portfolio there are two outdoor bowling greens based at Lillian Bland Pavilion and Mossley Pavilion used by Glengormley and Mossley Bowling Clubs.

As part of an ongoing service review officers have engaged with both local clubs, Mossley Outdoor Bowling Club and Glengormley Outdoor Bowling Club, to put in place a community bowling programme.

Mossley Outdoor Bowling Club at Mossley Pavilion

Mossley Bowling Club operates from Mossley Pavilion and has 1 ladies team and 4 men's teams incorporating around 70 members. The Club is leading the way locally and beyond in sport and community as an accessible and inclusive Club for members of the deaf and hard of hearing community. They currently have around 12 deaf and hard of hearing members within their Club. The Club compete in Cup and League matches across Northern Ireland, Ireland and Scotland and have a number of members who represent Ireland at international level.

The Club operate from April to September annually with access required Monday to Saturday during their season. They utilise the Minor Hall, changing rooms and bowling green.

The Club currently keep one rink open for the public outside of matches with no charge to the public and are subject to a key holder arrangement with the Council.

Glengormley Outdoor Bowling Club at Lillian Bland Pavilion

Glengormley Outdoor Bowling Club operate from Lillian Bland Pavilion and has 2 teams of around 40 active members. They have a wide range of members, including younger and older members and have been involved in supporting the 'Brighter Nights' programme for young people in Lillian Bland during summer months. The Club operate from May to August annually with access required Monday to Saturday during their season. They utilise the foyer, changing rooms and bowling green.

The Club have a historic Facility Management Agreement in place and as part of this they manage the public bowling green on behalf of the Council, with two rinks reserved for public use only.

As a result of the review it is proposed that both bowling clubs enter into a facility outdoor bowling agreement with the Council to provide public bowling access during the bowling season. Days and times of public sessions would be agreed annually with the Community Facilities Co-ordinator and promoted across social media, websites and banners outside pavilions. Officers will support the promotion of bowls as an inclusive activity to reduce social isolation, promote physical activity and develop community inclusion. The Accessibility and Inclusion Officer has already been working alongside

Mossley Bowling Club to support the group's deaf bowlers by providing Sign Language Interpreters and other support services and will offer sign language training to any of the group's members interested within the Council's Annual Training Plan.

This aligns to aims within the Council's Equality Scheme and the Disability Action Plan. In addition to this it will further promote the Council's commitment to the British Deaf Association BSL and ISL Deaf Charter.

It is proposed that both bowling clubs enter into an outdoor facility agreement with the Council, retain key holder status and pay an annual fee of £100 for their seasonal pavilion booking. The public sessions will be provided free of charge and promoted to all.

RECOMMENDATION: that outdoor facility agreements with both Mossley and Glengormley Bowling Clubs, including keyholder access and an annual fee of £100, be approved.

Prepared by: Stefanie Buchanan, Community Development Manager and Ellen Boyd, Accessibility and Inclusion Officer

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

4.8 CP/CD/009 MUCKAMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE – KEYHOLDER OPTION

Members are reminded that Muckamore Parish Development Association (MPDA) is a regular booker at Muckamore Community Centre with bookings on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Muckamore Community Centre is home to Muckamore Community Playgroup who are currently a keyholder for the Centre.

Muckamore Parish Development Association have requested the option of becoming a keyholder for the Centre to facilitate their bookings.

RECOMMENDATION: that Muckamore Parish Development Association request to become a keyholder for Muckamore Community Centre be approved.

Prepared by: Paul Townsend, Community Facilities Coordinator

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

4.9 CP/CP/178 DEA MEMBER ENGAGEMENT GROUP MINUTES

Members are reminded that the DEA Member Engagement Groups are now a central part of the Community Planning engagement framework. Draft minutes for the seven DEA Member Engagement Groups are **enclosed** for Members' information, these will be formally adopted at the next meetings of the DEA groups.

| Community Planning Section – DEA Member Engagement Group Meetings | | |
|--|------------------------|--|
| File Ref | Date of Meeting | Name of Partnership |
| CP/CP/168 | 9 February 2023 | Airport DEA Member Engagement Group |
| CP/CP/169 | 2 February 2023 | Antrim DEA Member Engagement Group |
| CP/CP/170 | 28 February 2023 | Ballyclare DEA Member Engagement Group |
| CP/CP/171 | 23 February 2023 | Dunsilly DEA Member Engagement Group |
| CP/CP/172 | 8 February 2023 | Glengormley DEA Member Engagement Group |
| CP/CP/173 | 2 March 2023 | Macedon DEA Member Engagement Group |
| CP/CP/174 | 21 February 2023 | Threemilewater DEA Member Engagement Group |

RECOMMENDATION: that the draft minutes of the DEA Member Engagement Groups be approved.

Prepared by: Conor Cuning, DEA Engagement Manager

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

4.10 CP/CD/458 EAST ANTRIM OLD VEHICLE CLUB CAVALCADE 2023 – REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members are advised that correspondence has been received from the East Antrim Old Vehicle Club requesting sponsorship for its Annual Portrush Cavalcade, Charity Classic Car Run 2023. This event has been sponsored by the Council since 2015 and previously by the legacy Council. Each year the Old Vehicle Club donates all sponsorship raised to a nominated charity.

Last year the event attracted approximately 70 vintage vehicles, more than 150 participants and raised £2,500 for Autism NI. A similar amount is anticipated this year for their chosen charity "Air Ambulance Northern Ireland", a charity working in partnership with the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service to provide a Helicopter Emergency Medical Service for the Region.

Following a Participants Breakfast and a display of vintage vehicles at Mossley Mill the Cavalcade will travel to the West Strand Car Park, Portrush, to showcase the vehicles in a static display. En route the vehicles will pass through Mallusk, Templepatrick, Dunadry, the outskirts of Antrim Town and Ballymena. This is a popular event which has potential benefits for the Borough in terms of marketing and tourism.

East Antrim Old Vehicle Club has requested the use of the car parks at Mossley Mill to host the event on Sunday 6 August 2023, from 7.30am to 11.00am and also provision of a cooked breakfast for all participants up to a maximum of £2000.

RECOMMENDATION that:

- a) hosting the Portrush Cavalcade Charity Classic Car Run at Mossley Mill on Sunday 6 August 2023 from 7.30am to 11.00 am be approved.**
- b) provision of financial assistance up to £2,000 to fund a breakfast for all participants in Mossley Mill be approved.**

Prepared by: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Co-ordinator

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

4.11 CP/CP/113 BARNARDO'S THE THRIVE PROJECT

Members are reminded that following a presentation to the Community Planning Committee in November 2019 it was agreed to provide £15,000 in financial assistance to Thrive for 2020/21.

Following this an award of £25,000 (£15,000 from DfC COVID-19 Community Support Fund) to Thrive for 2021/22 was approved at the Community Planning Committee in November 2021.

At the July 2022 Council Meeting £25,000 financial assistance was approved for Thrive for 2022/23, subject to a quarterly performance report being provided to the Council. Quarterly performance monitoring has been reported to Community Planning Committee throughout 2022/23.

The Thrive Project is a collaboration of local parents, schools, community and voluntary organisations and statutory agencies working together to help children and young people in Macedon and Threemilewater DEA's to achieve their full potential and have the best start in life.

An Elected Member from each of the Macedon and Threemilewater DEA's was nominated to serve on the Thrive Project Board at the January 2021 Community Planning Committee.

Officers have been continuing to work with Thrive and other Community Planning partners (DE, DoJ, EA, NHSCT, PHA) to explore a delivery and financial model for 2023/24 and funding support of £247,000 has been committed from Community Planning partners to support the delivery of Thrive on an ongoing basis.

| Funder | Amount Committed |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Department of Education / Justice | £114,000 |
| Education Authority/ Extended Schools | £35,000 |
| Barnardo's NI | £25,000 |
| Northern Health & Social Care Trust | £25,000 |
| Public Health Agency | £48,000 |
| Total | £247,000 |

Thrive have requested that the Council consider provision of £25,000 in financial assistance during 2023/24, provision for which has been made in 2023/24 estimates.

It is proposed that a Service Level Agreement between Council and Thrive is established that sets out Thrive's responsibility for the funding package.

RECOMMENDATION that:

- a) annual funding of £25,000 to Thrive Project for 2023/24 be approved**
- b) a Service Level Agreement between the Council and the Thrive Project, to be managed by Barnardos, be developed and brought to a future meeting**
- c) a quarterly performance report be brought to the Community Planning Committee**

Prepared by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

4.12 CP/CF/004 PARKHALL COMMUNITY CENTRE – STEEPLE CULTURAL AND HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

Members are advised that Steeple Cultural and Heritage Association have made a request to hire Parkhall Community Centre on Saturday 8 July 2023, 12 noon-11pm for a fun day which will take place from 2pm-10pm. The fun day will involve bouncy castles, with refreshments being served in the Community Centre.

In addition, they have requested permission to apply for a license to sell alcohol during the event. The consumption and sale of alcohol is permitted in community centres subject to the agreement of the Council and if a relevant licence is obtained by the event organiser.

Members are advised that a number of previous requests to the Council seeking permission to serve and sell alcohol at functions have been approved, a recent request being approved at Committee in January 2023 for a similar event in Muckamore Community Centre.

RECOMMENDATION: that permission for Steeple Cultural and Heritage Association to apply for an alcohol licence to sell alcohol in Parkhall Community Centre on Saturday 8 July 2023 be approved.

Prepared by: Paul Townsend, Community Facilities Coordinator

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

4.13 CP/CD/289 DUNANNEY CENTRE – REAR GARDEN ARTWORK REQUEST

Members are reminded that at the Council Meeting in August 2022 approval was given for Funky Kids to progress with an artwork project on a section of the internal facade of the rear perimeter wall, which is now completed.

A request has been received from one tenant (Listening Ear) and one regular group (Abbey Allsorts) to make use of the remaining wall space for art work projects. Listening Ear offer a range of programmes and support services and Abbey Allsorts are a group facilitating activity for children with additional needs and their siblings.

The two groups combined wish to create 3 separate sections on the remaining wall space:

- Listening Ear have requested to paint a 'sunrise' style image towards the far part of the wall at the tree in the corner to create a relaxing and inspiring feel to that area. In addition, towards the bottom end of the wall the tenant would like to create an historical image under the theme of 'Loyal People, Loyal Community' featuring small banner images from local bands.
- Abbey Allsorts have requested to paint the middle section of the wall using 'blackboard' paint that children can freely draw on. This may require some rendering of the pebbledash wall to ensure a smooth surface. The group have also offered to share the 'blackboard' section for other tenants to use.

All tenants were circulated details of the requests and no objections have been received.

It is proposed to grant the listening Ear & Abbey Allsorts permission to install art work on the rear garden wall at the Dunanney Centre subject to the final design being approved by Macedon DEA Elected Members.

RECOMMENDATION: that installation of art work on the rear garden wall of the Dunanney Centre by Listening Ear and Abbey Allsorts be approved subject to the final design being approved by Macedon DEA Elected Members.

Prepared by: Paul Townsend, Community Facilities Coordinator

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

4.14 CP/PCSP/087 BEAT SUMMER HOLIDAY INTERVENTION 2023

Members are reminded that the Antrim and Newtownabbey Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) supported by the Council's Good Relations Programme, delivers a youth intervention programme annually during July and August.

BEAT ('Be Educated, Be Active, Be Together') is designed to be more than a conventional summer scheme by engaging with detached young people who are at risk of becoming involved in anti-social behaviour and providing a mix of positive physical, developmental and educational activities. Young people are encouraged to participate in activities that include drugs/alcohol awareness, fire safety, team building, mental health awareness, developing healthy inter-personal relationships, arts and music, good relations, and sports. The BEAT programme is aimed at young people aged 11+ and will aim to operate 3 evenings per week, from 7-10pm, for 8 weeks during July and August in 5-6 areas across the Borough.

The BEAT programme will be targeted in areas within the Borough that are highlighted and agreed through a multi-agency forum (PCSP Children and Young Person's Steering Group), as experiencing increased levels of anti-social behaviour.

Local community groups are encouraged to participate in the planning and implementation process to ensure local ownership and support for the programme. Delivery agents will be tasked to engage with local youth providers and community groups to secure their involvement and provide greater long terms sustainability and relationship building opportunities for the young people within their own communities.

To support the delivery of this summer's BEAT programme it is proposed to permit free use of Council facilities including Community, Leisure and Parks in areas that BEAT will be operating.

RECOMMENDATION that the free use of facilities, subject to availability, for the Summer BEAT programme during July and August 2023 be approved.

Prepared by: Lynda Kennedy, Community Programmes Manager

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

4.15 CP/PCSP/143 ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY PCSP – COMMUNITY SAFETY WARDENS

Members are reminded that Antrim and Newtownabbey Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) fund and deliver a Community Safety Warden Scheme across the Borough. The PCSP secures additional funding through an application to the NIHE Community Safety Fund towards the scheme, on an annual basis.

The current contract (2023-2025) provides for 5400 hours of on street presence per annum, which equates to provision of two teams, comprising of two wardens per team, on duty four nights per week – Thursday – Sunday.

This provision has been identified as crucial to ensure cover of all hotspot areas across an extensive area and to carry out additional, meaningful engagement with young people, residents and businesses across the Borough. There is a need for two dedicated teams of Community Safety Wardens to continue to be deployed over 4 nights per week (Thursday – Sunday). This ensures all key areas in the Borough are covered and a quick response to need continues to be achieved. The cost of this level of cover is approximately £105,000 per annum.

PCSP have allocated £60,000 in their 2023-2024 Action Plan towards the Community Safety Warden project and have applied to the NIHE Community Safety fund for a further £25,000, which has been successful in previous years.

It is proposed that the Council provides a contribution up to a maximum of £25,000 towards the Community Safety Warden Scheme, to enable two dedicated teams of Community Safety Wardens to be deployed four nights per week across the Borough.

RECOMMENDATION: that a financial contribution, up to a maximum of £25,000, towards the Community Safety Warden Scheme be approved.

Prepared by: Lynda Kennedy, Community Programmes Manager

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

4.16 CP/CD/390 MRS JOAN CHRISTIE CVO, OBE LEGACY BURSARY SCHEME 2023

Members are reminded that it was agreed at the Committee in December 2021 to deliver the Mrs Joan Christie CVO, OBE Legacy Bursary Scheme in 2022/23 with the presentation of the awards included in the Spirit of Volunteering Awards held on 13 October 2023 in Theatre at the Mill.

Members are advised that the Mrs Joan Christie CVO, OBE Legacy Bursary Scheme will open for application in May 2023 and close in August 2023. The awards will be presented at an event held in the Theatre at the Mill.

RECOMMENDATION: that the delivery of the Mrs Joan Christie CVO, OBE Legacy Bursary Scheme in 2023 be approved.

Prepared by: Simon Goldrick, Head of Arts, Culture, Tourism and Events, and Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Agreed and Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

4.17 AC/GEN/010 BOROUGH ARTS AND CULTURAL ADVISORY PANEL

Members are reminded that the Borough Arts and Cultural Advisory Panel meets quarterly. The Panel met on 28 February 2023 at Theatre at the Mill and the minutes of this meeting are **enclosed** for Members' information.

RECOMMENDATION: that the minutes of the Borough Arts and Cultural Advisory Panel of 28 February 2023 be approved.

Prepared and Approved by: Ursula Fay Director of Community Planning

4.18 AC/TOU/002 BUS AND COACH NORTHERN IRELAND

Members are reminded that the Tourism Action Plan for the Borough was approved by the Our Prosperity Outcome Delivery Group on 19 February 2020 and an update on progress against the plan presented to the March 2023 Community Planning Committee.

Members are advised that Officers met recently with Bus and Coach Northern Ireland (BCNI) Chief Executive with a view to developing a mutually beneficial partnership with this organisation to increase both domestic and international visitors to the Borough.

BCNI has been in existence since 2002 and works with various Government agencies to deliver an attractive, integrated and comprehensive transport system for Northern Ireland. They advise that coach tourism is becoming increasingly popular across all demographic visitor groups.

BCNI is the only organisation in Northern Ireland promoting coach tourism and they have a dedicated Tourism Committee. It is proposed that the Council becomes a Group Travel Partner of Bus and Coach NI at a cost of £300 per annum. As a partner the Council will be entitled to attend meetings of the Tourism Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: that an application to become a Group Travel Partner with Bus and Coach NI, at a cost of £300 per annum, be approved.

Prepared by: Simon Goldrick, Head of Arts, Culture, Tourism and Events

Agreed and Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

4.19 ED/ED/080/VOL4 COUNCIL EVENTS PLAN

Members are reminded that an updated Council Events Plan for 2022/2023 was approved at the Council meeting in November 2022.

Members are advised that an updated plan for 2023/24 is **enclosed** for the Members information.

The Council Events Plan will continue to be kept under review and a further update if required will be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: that the updated Council Events Plan for 2023/24 be approved.

Prepared by: Samuel Hyndman, Culture and Events Manager

Agreed by: Simon Goldrick, Head of Arts, Culture, Tourism and Events

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

4.20 AC/EV/025 BALLYCLARE MAY FAIR

Members are advised that the Ballyclare May Fair Working Group resumed in October 2022 to commence planning for the May Fair which will be delivered from 20 to 27 May 2023. The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2023 are enclosed for Members' information.

RECOMMENDATION: that the minutes of the May Fair Working Group meeting of the 15 March 2023, be approved.

Prepared by: Simon Goldrick, Head of Arts, Culture, Tourism & Events

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

4.21 CP/CP/213 CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III SUB COMMITTEE

Members are reminded that at the Council meeting in October it was agreed to establish a Sub Committee, to commemorate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and to plan for the Coronation of King Charles III. The fifth meeting of the Sub Committee was held on Tuesday 14 March 2023.

The minutes of this meeting are **enclosed** for Members' information.

RECOMMENDATION: that the minutes of King Charles III Coronation Sub Committee meeting of 14 March 2023 be approved.

Prepared and Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

4.22 CP/CS/001 WOMEN'S NIGHT SAFETY CHARTER

Correspondence has been received from Hospitality Ulster, copy enclosed, advising that they would like to roll the 'Women's Night Safety Charter' out across Northern Ireland and are seeking buy in from both statutory bodies and hospitality businesses.

The Women's Night Safety Charter is enclosed for Member's information.

Members are advised that The Northern Ireland Executive Office (TEO) has been working with stakeholders to prioritise the safety of women and girls and that key stakeholders, Hospitality Ulster and White Ribbon NI have joined forces to adopt the Women's Night Safety Charter and support this roll out in Northern Ireland.

The Charter is a commitment by organisations and businesses operating at night to support the campaign to end violence against Women and Girls.

In practical terms commitment to the Women's Night Safety Charter would require the Council to:

- Nominate a champion in the Council who actively promotes women's night safety
- Demonstrate to staff and customers that the Council takes women's safety at night seriously, for example through a communications campaign
- Remind customers and staff that Northern Ireland is safe, but tell them what to do if they experience harassment when working, going out or travelling
- Encourage reporting by victims and bystanders as part of the communications campaign
- Train staff to ensure that all women who report are believed
- Train staff to ensure that all reports are recorded and responded to
- Design public spaces and workplaces to make them safer for women at night.

The Council operates a range of services at night including Council, Committee and other meetings, leisure services, theatres and galleries, events and community services.

The proposal was considered by the Equality and Diversity Working Group on 22 March 2023 when it was agreed that a proposal to adopt the Charter should be progressed.

RECOMMENDATION: that adoption of the Women's Night Safety Charter by the Council be approved.

Prepared and Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

4.23 AC/GEN/074 DEFENCE GARDENS SCHEME

The Defence Gardens scheme (DGS) has since 2019 provided an evidence based programme of nature based socially therapeutic horticulture to improve the mental and physical health of armed forces veterans and leavers as well as their families.

Members are reminded that participation in the Defence Gardens Scheme by allocating a flower bed in Antrim Castle Gardens at no cost to the Council was approved by the Committee in June 2021.

Following a recent meeting with representatives of DGS the opportunity to further develop the programme across the Borough has been identified and it is proposed to accommodate two ten week courses for up to 8 veterans at a time in at least two suitable locations in the Borough – this will facilitate four courses annually.

The DGS programme offers a balance of therapeutic and vocational content adapted to the needs of the group, the individual and season. A horticulturist and horticultural therapist will deliver the sessions. On graduating from the programme individuals will be offered a range of extension options including volunteering at other garden locations, training and if appropriate employment support. Participation in the scheme is funded by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust with up to £10,000 available in funding to support delivery of the Defence Gardens Scheme in the Borough.

It is proposed to host four DGS courses for up to 8 veterans at a minimum of two locations on either side of the Borough in 2023/24 with an application for funding to the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust to be made for up to £10,000 of funding with an update to be brought back to a future meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: that the hosting of four Defence Gardens Scheme programmes of 10 weeks for up to 8 veterans at a time in a least two Council park or garden facilities be approved.

Prepared and Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

4.24 PT/CI/055 RECOVERY AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN – PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT QUARTER 3 – COMMUNITY PLANNING

Members are reminded that Part 12 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 puts in place a framework to support the continuous improvement of Council services.

The Council's Corporate Recovery and Improvement Plan 2022-23 was approved in June 2022. This set out a range of challenging performance targets, along with four identified improvement objectives and a number of Statutory Performance Targets.

A third quarter progress report for Community Planning is enclosed for Members' approval. The Corporate Recovery and Improvement Plan 2022-23 Quarter 3 Performance Progress Report was scrutinised, reviewed and noted by the Audit and Risk Committee on 21st March 2023.

RECOMMENDATION: that the Corporate Recovery and Improvement Plan 2022-23 Quarter 3 progress report for Community Planning be approved.

Prepared by: Allen Templeton, Performance and Transformation Officer

Agreed by: Lesley Millar, Performance and Improvement Manager

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

4.25 AC/TOU/002 TOUR GUIDES NORTHERN IRELAND

Members are advised that Tour Guides Northern Ireland (TGNI) is Northern Ireland's tourist guiding body focusing on quality training and continuous professional development of its guides. TGNI is spearheaded by a number of established, experienced, professional guides elected annually from within its membership.

TGNI's aim is to offer visitors to Northern Ireland a warm welcome and to show them the best Northern Ireland has to offer whilst inspiring, educating and entertaining them.

The role of professional tour guides in the delivery of high quality tourism experiences to visitors has become increasingly important. The development and delivery of guided tours across the Borough is a key objective within the Tourism Plan for the Borough.

The Council as a tourism organisation has the opportunity to access TGNI's industry partner programme by becoming an honorary member at a cost of £500 per annum.

Benefits of this membership include the following:

- Tour Guide Liability Insurance
- Quality Assurance and Continued Professional Development
- Members only Fam Trips and Site Visits
- Professional and Social Networking Opportunities
- Advocacy for the Tour Guiding Profession in NI
- Access to the Industry Partner Programme

Tour organisers are known to look for membership of the body when choosing itinerary locations.

RECOMMENDATION: that an application for the Council to become an honorary member of Tour Guides Northern Ireland, at a cost of £500 per annum, be approved,

Prepared and Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

5 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.1 CP/CD/434 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

Members are reminded that as part of the Council's Corporate Recovery Plan delivery of a Community Mental Health Champions initiative was approved by the Committee in November 2021.

The aim of the programme was to recruit and train in excess of 20 Community Mental Health Champions across the Borough who will work with the Community and Voluntary sector to design, deliver and promote community mental health initiatives.

The training, FAA Level 2 Award in First Aid for Mental Health (RQF) has now been completed with 66 people completing the training. For Members information details of training location and participant's attendance is listed below.

| VENUE | No. of Participants |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Corr's Corner Hotel, Newtownabbey | 18 |
| Holiday Inn Express, Antrim | 19 |
| Tidal, Toomebridge | 11 |
| Ballyclare Rugby Club, Ballyclare | 19 |
| | Total: 67 |

RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.

Prepared by: Conor Cunning, DEA Engagement Manager

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

5.2 CP/CD/433 CENSUS 2021

Members are reminded that at the June Community Planning Committee the first results from Census 2021 were reported following publication on 24 May 2022. The first release of data consisted of headline population statistics by age, sex, number of households with usual residents, and communal establishment population.

Further results from Census 2021 have been published 21 February 2023. The third phase of main statistics for Census 2021 were published 21 March 2023. The release includes topics such as sexual orientation, household composition, labour market, qualifications, communal establishments, migration and travel to work or study.

The results include statistics at both Northern Ireland and Local Government District levels and are available on the NISRA website. The NISRA Area Explorer will be updated on 5 April with statistics from this release.

The Census 2021 outputs prospectus provides more information on this and future releases

Other main Census 2021 statistics will be released in stages up to Summer 2023.

The results and further information on Census 2021 are available on the NISRA website; www.nisra.gov.uk/Census2021

RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.

Prepared by: Conor Cuning, DEA Engagement Manager

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

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

A copy of the minutes of the Equality and Diversity Working Group meeting held on 23 March 2023 are enclosed for Members consideration.

RECOMMENDATION: that the minutes of the Equality and Diversity Working Group on 23 March 2023 be approved.

Prepared by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

5.4 CP/PP/008 PEACE PLUS PROGRAMME

Members are reminded that the key stages in the Co-designed Local Community Action Plan, with indicative timescales was reported to the Council in August 2022.

Correspondence **enclosed** has been received from SEUPB regarding Investment Area 1.1 the PEACE PLUS Co-designed Local Community Action Plan. SEUPB is intending to launch the first calls under the PEACE PLUS Programme in May 2023. Investment area 1.1 will be amongst the first calls for applications under the Programme, enabling Councils to submit their Local Action Plans as soon as they are ready.

The key stages of the Co-designed Local Community Action Plan, with revised indicative timescales, are as follows:

- Call for Applications open by SEUPB in May 2023;
- Submission of Action Plan to SEUPB by October 2023;
- Delivery of first projects (following assessment by SEUPB) early to mid-2024.

RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.

Prepared by: Lynda Kennedy, Community Programmes Manager

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

5.5 ED/ED/080/VOL 4 ISPS HANDA WORLD INVITATIONAL GOLF

Members are reminded that corporate event sponsorship of £37,500 for the ISPS Handa Golf was approved for a three-year period at the January 2020 Council Meeting and subsequently increased to £50,000 at the January 2021 Council Meeting.

Members were advised that it was reported to the March Committee that Massereene Golf Club had decided not to host this tournament in 2023 having been the host venue in the Borough in 2021 and 2022. It was agreed that a further update on the venue for ISPS Handa Golf in 2023 be brought to a future meeting.

Correspondence has now been received from ISPS Handa advising that they have been unable to find a suitable alternative venue in the Borough and that Castlerock Golf Club will host the tournament in 2023. The Council's funding offer of £50,000 will be withdrawn.

RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.

Prepared by: Simon Goldrick, Head of Arts, Culture, Tourism and Events

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

5.6 CP/CP/223 DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES HARDSHIP FUND

Members are reminded that it was agreed at the February meeting of the Committee that delegated authority for the Chief Executive to approve the design and delivery of a Hardship Scheme to dispense Department for Communities (DfC) funding to the most vulnerable by the end of March 2023 be approved. It was reported to this meeting that the DfC had advised that they would shortly be delivering funding for a Hardship Scheme to allow Councils to provide financial support to the most vulnerable in the financial year 2022/23.

Further correspondence was received from DfC on 28 March 2023, copy **enclosed**. DfC advise that the total amount of funding available for Northern Ireland is £4 million with the Councils allocation, on a per capita basis, being £306,432. The funding is available within the 2022/23 financial year and an accounts direction will allow this funding to be placed in a restricted reserve to be used within 2023/24 by the Council. It is non recurrent funding and not available in future years.

It is proposed that the ongoing development of a Hardship Scheme continues and that it is used to disperse this funding to the most vulnerable in the Borough. A post project evaluation will be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.

Prepared and Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning