



10 May 2017

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Vice Chairman: Councillor Logue

Committee Members: Aldermen - W Ball and Cosgrove
Councillors – A Ball, Blair, Clarke, T Girvan, Kells, Kelly, Lynch,
Michael, Montgomery, McWilliam and Scott

Dear Member

MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING & REGENERATION COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee will be held in the **Council Chamber, Mossley Mill on Monday 15 May 2017 at 6.30pm**
You are requested to attend.

Yours sincerely

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

PLEASE NOTE: a fork buffet will be available in the Members Room from 5:30pm

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**REPORT ON BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE
COMMUNITY PLANNING & REGENERATION COMMITTEE MEETING ON
MONDAY 15 May 2017**

ITEMS FOR DECISION

**3.1 CE/GEN/4 TRANSPORTNI – PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS –
SCHOOL STREET, BALLYCLARE**

Correspondence has been received from TransportNI advising of proposals to restrict parking on one side of School Street, Ballyclare to ensure one footway is available to children walking to Ballyclare Primary School (*enclosed*). The proposed restriction would only apply Mon – Fri between 8 am and 6 pm.

The Committee's instructions are requested.

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

3.2 ED/ED/6 EXPLORING ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME: MATCH FUNDING CONTINUATION

Members are reminded that in June 2015, the Council agreed to provide match funding to Enterprise Northern Ireland in support of a three year 'Exploring Enterprise Programme' (EEP). The programme is run throughout Northern Ireland and delivered locally by Antrim Enterprise Agency AEA), working closely with Mallusk Enterprise Park, with 65% of the cost funded by the Department for Employment and Learning (DEL) through the European Social Fund (ESF). The Council's match funding was approved subject to the annual estimates process and to an annual review of performance against the agreed outputs.

The Exploring Enterprise Programme is aimed at unemployed individuals, especially the long term jobless, who may be interested in the self-employment option; it offers a range of practical support activities that may result in participants either starting up their own businesses or enhancing their employability skills and prospects. The programme has a particular focus on people with disabilities and health conditions, lone parents, older workers, young people not in education, employment or training (NEETs), women and also people with low or no qualifications.

The target was to deliver 8 courses in the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council area over 3 years, (2 in year 1, 4 in year 2, and 2 in year 3) with the following key outputs:

- 96 personal development plans completed
- 56 individuals achieving QCF Level I in 'Understanding Business Enterprise'
- 6 individuals successfully obtaining employment
- 8 individuals starting their own businesses

An overview and review of the project is **enclosed** and a summary of outputs for year 2 are set out below:

| Year 2016-2017 | Progress |
|--|--|
| Courses Delivered | 4 |
| Personal Development Plans Completed | 45 |
| Individuals achieving QCF Level 1 in 'Understanding Business Enterprise' | 27 (5 Portfolios will be moderated by CCEA in May 2017 & 7 in January 18) |
| Individuals obtaining employment | 14 |
| Individuals starting their own business | 6 |

In 2017-18, AEA is to run 2 courses with the Council's agreed match funding of up to £10,311. The targets are:

- 24 personal development plans completed
- 14 individuals achieving QCF Level I in 'Understanding Business Enterprise'
- 2 individuals successfully obtaining employment
- 2 individuals starting their own businesses

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council reaffirms its support for year 3 of the Exploring Enterprise Programme for the 2017/18 year in the sum of up to £10,311, provision for which exists in the Economic Development budget.

Prepared by: Michelle Pearson

Agreed by: Emma Stubbs

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

3.3 ED/ED/40 O52(F) LOUGH NEAGH PARTNERSHIP: REQUEST TO RENEW CORE FUNDING

Members are reminded that the Council has provided £25,000 to the Lough Neagh Partnership (LNP) towards its core operating and programming costs in 2015-16 and in 2016-17. A request has been received (enclosed) from the LNP for the Council to consider renewing core funding for 2017-18 in the sum of £22,000, £3,000 less than the previous year's support as there will be no digital marketing skills programme as part of any new agreement.

Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon and Mid Ulster Councils have both agreed to provide £22,000 each for the current year and Lisburn City and Castlereagh and Mid and East Antrim Councils are still considering a request for £3,500 each (they both share much smaller shorelines of the Lough).

Members are also reminded that a Lough Neagh Development Trust was established in 2016 to take on the long term management and development of the Lough under community ownership. There is an expectation that funding will be sought from central government to support the work of the Development Trust going forward and officers would suggest that in future years there should be reduced reliance on the Councils to cover core operating costs. To assist the Partnership in its future planning it is suggested that officers engage in discussions regarding a reduced funding profile over the next 2-3 years.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Committee agrees:

- a) to provide £22,000 to the Lough Neagh Partnership towards its core operating costs in 2017-18 provision for which exists in the tourism budget**
- b) to engage with the Partnership regarding a reduced funding profile over the next 2-3 years**

Prepared by: Paul Kelly, Head of Economic Development

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

3.4 ED/EUP/2 RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME: APPLICATION PROCESS AND MATCH FUNDING REQUESTS

Members are reminded that GROW South Antrim is currently delivering the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 across the Borough to include schemes that will support businesses, community organisations and village renewal projects. The Council made provision for £25,000 in the Capital estimates in 2016/17 and 2017/18 for match funding towards projects approved through the GROW programme.

Community Support – Basic Services

GROW is currently open for applications under its Basic Services measure, inviting proposals from the community sector to improve access to services in rural areas. Three potential applicants have requested that the Council consider providing up to 20% match funding to their project, subject to securing funding at a grant rate of 75% from GROW. The remaining 5% of the project costs will be provided by the applicant organisation. The table below summarises the applicants and their project proposals.

| Organisation & Proposal | Estimated Total Project cost | Council match funding request |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| TIDAL, Toomebridge: Extension of community building to provide more lettable space for the dental surgery, and re-organisation of internal community space to facilitate additional community based activities. | £100,000 | £20,000 |
| Doagh Cultural Society: Installation of an internal lift (including associated building works) in Doagh Cultural Hall to enable persons with a disability or limited mobility to access the first floor. As the downstairs room is used by a playgroup, the majority of existing and proposed community activity take place in the upper rooms. | £24,000 | £4,800 |
| TOTAL | £124,000 | £24,800 |

All of the organisations are also applying for funding to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, and if successful, the match funding requirement from the Council may reduce.

Village Renewal

Members are also reminded that in September 2016, the Council successfully secured funding from GROW to update existing, and create new village and hamlet plans across the Borough. Village steering groups were subsequently invited to submit their proposals for the delivery of eligible actions identified in their plans, and Officers are currently reviewing these following an eligibility

assessment carried out by GROW. As GROW has a budget for village renewal in the current financial year for projects, it is proposed that the Council (which is required under the funding regulations to submit applications directly to GROW on behalf of the villages) commences work on, and prepares funding applications for the first batch of projects as follows:

| Village & Proposal | Estimated Total Cost | Council match funding |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Templepatrick: Replacement of the toilets at Wallace Park | £80,000 | £30,000 |
| Ballyeaston: Improvement works to the Church ruins and graveyard; capital works to install an outdoor power-point for community events and outdoor festive decorations | £30,000 | £7,500 |
| Straid: Capital works to improve the entrance into the village | £40,500 | £11,375 |
| Ballynure: Outdoor gym equipment at the War Memorial Park | £25,000 | £6,250 |
| TOTAL | £175,500 | £55,125 |

The maximum funding available from GROW for each village project is up to £50,000 at a 75% grant rate. Officers will explore the potential to access additional match funding from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive to reduce the Councils match funding requirement.

Officers are reviewing the remaining village proposals and will report back to Committee in due course.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that

- a) The Council agrees to match fund 2 Basic Services applications up to £24,800, provision for which exists in the capital estimates programme, subject to the projects successfully securing funding from GROW**
- b) The Council agrees to submit funding applications to GROW and to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive for 4 village renewal projects, and to provide match funding of £55,125 if required, provision for which exists in the Capital Estimate Programme**
- c) Officers report back to the Committee on additional village projects following review.**

Agreed by: Paul Kelly, Head of Economic Development

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

3.5 ED/ED/80 CORPORATE EVENTS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME – SECOND CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Members are reminded that a second call for applications under the Council's Corporate Events Sponsorship Programme was released in April 2017. 3 applications were received by the deadline of Monday 19 April and Members agreed to provide funding for one of these (the May Day Steam Rally) at the Council meeting on 24 May as the event was being run before the May meeting of the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee.

The other two applications received were from Kaleidoscope seeking funding for a performance of My Fair Lady over 5 days in November at Theatre at the Mill; and from the Top of the Town for a 2 day Country Music Festival in Antrim town centre from 17-18 June coincides with the Antrim Summer Festival. Officers recommend that the application from Kaleidoscope be considered ineligible for funding as it is part of the Council's theatre performance programme.

Officers have assessed the application from the Top of the Town and the outcome is indicated below. Members are reminded that the Council has already agreed to provide a total of £15,000 to the Antrim Festival Group for its festival from 9-17 June and is also funding the Street Velodrome from 16-18 June, which includes a market adjacent to the Old Courthouse in Market Square.

| APPLICANT | EVENT NAME | LOCATION/DATE | SCORE (PASS RATE = 50%) | AWARD RECOMMENDED |
|--------------------|---------------------------|--|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Top of the Town | Country Music Festival | Antrim Town Centre – Market Square, 17-18 June 2017 | 25% | Nil |

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the requests for Corporate Events Sponsorship funding from Kaleidoscope and from the Top of the Town be declined.

Prepared by: Karen Steele – Tourism, Town Centre & Regeneration Manager

Agreed by: Paul Kelly, Head of Economic Development

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

3.6 ED/ED/20 SOCIAL ENTERPRISE HUBS

Members are reminded that support for social enterprises is a function that transferred from Invest Northern Ireland to the 11 Councils from April 2015. In 2014, the Northern Ireland Executive agreed to fund the operation of 9 Social Enterprise Hubs covering 11 areas throughout Northern Ireland as part of its Delivering Social Change framework through the Social Investment Fund. The Hub serving Antrim and Newtownabbey was based at the ECOS Centre with additional premises in Bridge Street in Ballymena managed by LEDCOM.

Officers have considered the proposal from LEDCOM and recommend that the Council declines as there are staff already employed in the Community Planning and Regeneration Department who can provide support to those considering setting up or expanding a social enterprise. Causeway Coast and Glens has already declined the offer and Mid and East Antrim is still to decide. Members are also advised that officers will be engaging with Antrim Enterprise Agency and Mallusk Business Park, both social enterprises themselves, to scope out their capacity for service delivery within the Council area.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council declines the proposal from LEDCOM for a temporary Social Enterprise Hub service.

Prepared by: Paul Kelly, Head of Economic Development

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

3.7 ED/ED/7 NOW GROUP: MATCH FUNDING FOR YEAR 4

The NOW Group is a social enterprise that supports young people and adults facing obstacles to employment and learning. In 2015, NOW secured funding at a rate of 65% by the Department of Education and Learning through the European Social Fund to provide young people (16-24) and adults up to 65 with learning difficulties access to training, volunteering and employment opportunities using a mix of mentoring, workshops, and tailored advice services over a three year period. The project aims to recruit 580 trainees across the Council areas of Antrim and Newtownabbey, Ards and North Down, Belfast, and Lisburn and Castlereagh creating 126 jobs over three years.

Members are reminded that in June 2015, the Council agreed to provide match funding to the Now Group in the sum of up to £17,500 per annum for three years (2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18) subject to an annual review of performance with the following key outputs; identified for the overall programme;

- 15 paid jobs to be created
- 15 voluntary jobs to be created
- 15 work experience placements
- 90 QCF accreditations
- 75 individual learner plans prepared

An overview and review of the project is **enclosed** and a summary of outputs for year 2 are set out below:

| Year 2016/2017 | Progress |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Paid jobs to be created | 15 |
| Voluntary jobs to be created | 5 |
| Work experience placements | 13 |
| QCF accreditations | 31 |
| Individual learner plans prepared | 23 |

The target outputs for year 3 are:

- 6 paid jobs to be created
- 6 voluntary jobs to be created
- 6 work experience placements
- 35 QCF accreditations
- 30 individual learner plans prepared

Provision has been made in the 2017-18 Economic Development budget to match fund this project. Progress reports from the project promoter indicate that to date, the jobs target has been exceed (31 against an overall target of 30); and the target for work experience has also been exceeded (23 against a target of 15).

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council reaffirms match funding to the NOW Group for year 3 of its programme in the sum of up to £17,500 provision for which exists in the Economic Development budget.

Prepared by: Michelle Pearson

Agreed by: Emma Stubbs

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

3.8 ED/REG/5 ANTRIM TOWN TEAM: PROPOSED ACTION PLAN 2017/18

Members are reminded that proposals for the Antrim Town Team Action Plan for 2017-18 were agreed at the Antrim Town Team meeting on 20 March. The proposed action plan is set out below and includes proposals for extending the town centre Wi-Fi to other key gateway streets, annual business awards and a range of complimentary activities.

ANTRIM TOWN TEAM ACTION PLAN 2017-18 BUDGET ALLOCATION £22,000

| PROJECT IDEAS | INDICATIVE BUDGET |
|--|--------------------------|
| Marketing campaign to promote Antrim town brand as an independent shopping destination | £4,000 |
| Extend Wi-Fi coverage to Fountain Street and Bridge Street (subject to performance of Phase 1) | £6,000 |
| Complimentary events in the town when large events are taking place in nearby attractions | £4,000 |
| Development of the loyalty scheme | £5,000 |
| Business Awards | £3,000 |
| Total | £22,000 |

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Antrim Town Team action plan for 2017-18 be approved at a total cost to the Council of £22,000, provision for which exists in the Economic Development budget.

Prepared by: Karen Uprichard, Tourism, Town Centre & Regeneration Officer

Agreed by: Paul Kelly, Head of Economic Development

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

3.9 PBS/BC/3 STREET NAMING

Correspondence was received on 25th and 27th April 2017 from Fermac Properties Ltd, regarding the naming of a residential development at Randalstown Road, Antrim. The development at present is for 242 residential units. The developer intends to make an amended planning application for change of house types and to reduce the number of units to approximately 190. The developer wishes to have an overall development name approved with the intention of using appropriate suffixes as and when the final site layout is agreed. Three overall development names proposed are outlined below with a site location map **enclosed**.

- 1 Castletown
- 2 Castlewater
- 3 Castle Tower

The Committee should be aware that there are already many street names in the Borough area which have utilised "Castle" in the name. There is a development in Templepatrick with the name Castleton and there are two addresses in Ballynure with the names Castletown Road and Castletown Park

Should the Committee not wish to select one of the above names, the matter will be referred back to the developer via the Building Control section for further consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Committee selects a name for this development.

Prepared by: William Richmond, Principal Building Control Surveyor

Approved by: Bronagh Doonan, Head of Property and Building Services

Agreed by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

3.10 PBS/BC/3 STREET NAMING

Correspondence was received on 10th April 2017 from Gary Hunter (Philip Tweedie Estate Agents) on behalf of Cultra Developments, regarding the naming of a residential development at Bernice Road, Newtownabbey. The development is for five dwellings, a mixture of detached and semi - detached. The three development names and the developer's rationale have been submitted as outlined below with a site location map and site layout plan enclosed.

- 1 Bernice Mews
- 2 Bernice Manor
- 3 Craigarogan Mews

Should the Committee not wish to select one of the above names, the matter will be referred back to the developer via the Building Control section for further consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Committee selects a name for this development.

Prepared by: Liam McFadden, Principal Building Control Surveyor

Approved by: Bronagh Doonan, Head of Property and Building Services

Agreed by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

3.11 CP/GEN/17 DFC INTERIM LETTER OF OFFER- COMMUNITY FESTIVALS FUND 2017/18

Members are advised that correspondence has been received from the Department for Communities (DFC) indicating that financial assistance of up to £7,375 is to be made available to the Council to deliver its annual Community Festivals Programme for the period 1 April-30 June 2017.

This amount remains at the same level pro rata as the previous year with the same requirement for match funding from the Council.

Members are reminded of the decision taken at the Council meeting in March 2017 to support a number of programmes on an 'at risk' basis including Community Festivals for up to 6 months subject to a review in July 2017.

Following this decision by the Council to continue programme delivery 'at risk' it is anticipated that letters of offer will be issued to service providers for a six month period from 1 April to 30 September 2017. In light of the aforementioned letter of offer from DFC regarding the Community Festivals Fund the 'at risk' element for the Council for the period 1 April-30 June is no longer applicable, however the 1 July to 30 September period remains relevant.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Interim Letter of Offer for financial assistance received from the Department for Communities for the sum of £7,375 towards the Community Festivals Fund for the period 1 April to 30 June 2017 be accepted.

Prepared by: Elaine Manson, Community Services & Tackling Deprivation Manager

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

3.12 CP/CD/135 BONFIRE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME 2017

Members are reminded that a review of the Bonfire Management Programme was undertaken in September 2016 and that the new Programme for 2017 was approved by the Council in October 2016, with a budget of £48,000, a copy of which is **enclosed** for members' information.

Subsequently two information sessions, detailing the proposed new agreement, were held with the relevant groups in Antrim and Newtownabbey in January 2017. The purpose of these meetings was to receive feedback from the groups and compile a list of potential participants for the programme in 2017.

An initial site inspection of all potential bonfire sites took place at the end of March 2017 following which Council Officers accompanied by representatives from the PSNI, NIFRS and the NIHE met with community group representatives for each bonfire site on an individual basis in Antrim and Newtownabbey in April 2017. All necessary documentation was signed enabling the groups to participate in the 2017 programme.

In total 17 sites across the Borough have signed up; 4 sites in Antrim and 13 in Newtownabbey which are detailed as follows:

Antrim

Neillsbrook - Bonfire
Newpark and Caulside – No Bonfire or Beacon
Parkhall (Kilgreel) – Beacon
Steeple (Oaktree Drive) – No Bonfire or Beacon

Newtownabbey

Burnside (Kelburn Park) - Beacon
Doagh (Anderson Park) – Beacon
New Mossley – Beacon
Old Mossley - Beacon
Mallusk (Parkmount) – No Bonfire or beacon
Grange (Grange Drive) - Bonfire
Ballyduff (Forthill Drive) - Bonfire
Monkstown (Abbeytown Square) - Bonfire
Monkstown (Devenish Drive) - Bonfire
Queenspark - Bonfire
Rathcoole (Foyle Hill) – Bonfire
Rathcoole (Dunanney) – Bonfire
Rathfern (Knockenagh Avenue) – Bonfire

Over the last number of years Doagh Cultural Society has requested some modifications to the beacon for Anderson Park. The proposed modified structure has been discussed and approved by the NIFRS.

Requests have also been received from CORE the newly constituted community group in New Mossley and the Inter-estate Partnership in Antrim, for the Parkhall Kilgreel Road site. These groups are keen to trial beacons for the first time. As the Council is currently in possession of four beacons an additional beacon would need to be purchased at a cost of £3,500 to facilitate these requests provision for which exists in the capital estimates

For groups holding bonfires the agreed collection start date for this year's programme is 16 May 2017. Inter-agency inspection dates have been set to coincide with this on 15 May, 12 June and 10 July 2017.

At present groups are developing their 11 July festival programmes and completing their event pro-formas all of which will be funded and administered by the Council up to a maximum of £2,700 per group. It is expected that the procurement of all goods and services in relation to each site will be completed by the end of May 2017.

Information detailing the dates, times and venues of these festivals will be reported to the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee in June 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- a) The 17 sites listed be approved for the inclusion in the 2017 Bonfire Management Programme.**
- b) A new beacon be purchased at a cost of £3,500 to enable the 5 sites which have requested beacons to proceed.**
- c) The modifications to the Doagh beacon be made at a cost of approximately £2,000.**

Prepared by: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Officer

Agreed by: Elaine Manson, Community Services & Tackling Deprivation Manager

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

**3.13 CP/GR/56, CP/GR/57
CP/GR/59, CP/GR/62 GOOD RELATIONS SUMMER INTERVENTION GRANT AID
PROGRAMME 2017**

Members are reminded that the annual Good Relations Action Plan submitted to the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister included a budget of £18,000 for the Summer Intervention Grant Aid Programme to support diversionary activities and good relations projects for young people living in areas affected by sectarian conflict.

The funding stream which closed on Friday 21 April invited applications for projects which would help to reduce potential sectarian clashes and promote positive community relations during July and August 2017.

A total of 4 applications were received, 3 applications successfully scored above the 50% threshold requesting a total amount of £7,500. A summary of all the applications received and the proposed award recommendations and an overview of the assessment and funding details are **enclosed** for members' consideration. As there is a remaining budget of £10,500 available and due to the tight turnaround time, the funding was reopened on Monday 24 April at 4pm with a closing date of 4pm on Friday 19 May.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the proposed funding awards totaling £7,500 be approved.

Prepared by: V Crozier-Nicholl, Good Relations Officer

Agreed by: C O'Dornan, Acting Community Safety & Good Relations Manager

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

**3.14 CP/GR/56, CP/GR/57,
CP/GR/59, CP/GR/62 GOOD RELATIONS GRANT AID PROGRAMME 2017**

Members are reminded that the annual Good Relations Action Plan submitted to The Executive Office contains a budget of £25,000 for the implementation of a Good Relations Grant Aid Programme to support community and race relations locally. This is a rolling programme open until November 2017 subject to budget availability.

A summary of the Good Relations applications received for April and an overview of the assessment and funding details is **enclosed** for information. Members will be aware that a pass threshold of 50% for Good Relations Grant Aid applications was agreed at the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee in November 2014. Three applications have been received in April with two being successful requesting a total amount of £5,000 leaving a current remaining budget of £20,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the proposed funding awards totaling £5,000 be approved.

Prepared by: V Crozier-Nicholl, Good Relations Officer

Agreed by: C O'Dornan, Acting Community Safety & Good Relations Manager

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

3.15 CP/CD/139 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT AID PROGRAMME 2017/18 – FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS (SMALL GRANTS)

Members are 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 is to provide financial assistance to groups within the Borough of up to a maximum of £500 towards seeding costs and/or insurance or a small activity and/or insurance. Members are advised that groups who apply for a small grant are not permitted to apply for any other funding available under the wider Community Development Grant Aid Programme during the course of the 2017/18 financial year.

To be successful in securing a small grant groups applying must score a minimum of 50% in their application assessment and all proposed awards are subject to the receipt of all relevant supporting documentation otherwise the offer of funding will be withdrawn.

In April 5 applications were received requesting a total of £2,491.86 and were assessed by Officers as outlined below:

| Group Name/Project Promoter | Project Description/Title | Scored Percentage | Amount Requested | Amount Awarded |
|--|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Creggan Local Heritage Group | Small Activity Grant for a family fun day including light refreshments, fun activities for children & musical entertainment | 80% | £500.00 | £500.00 |
| Templepatrick Action Community Association | Small Activity Grant for the Big Lunch community event | 73% | £500.00 | £500.00 |
| Doagh Preschool Playgroup | Small Seeding Grant for a new community run playgroup including insurance and other start up items | 60% | £500.00 | £500.00 |
| Mid Antrim Animal Sanctuary | Small Activity Grant for entertainment for Summer Open Day | 53% | £500.00 | £500.00 |
| Silver Threads | Small Activity Grant for insurance and an outing | 40% | £491.86 | £0 |

The total budget available for Small Grants for the 2017/18 financial year is £6,570.93. The total amount of financial assistance awarded to date, including the above successful applications, is £5,667.07 leaving a balance of £903.86 to fund future applications that may be submitted to the Council during the remainder of the financial year.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Small Grant award recommendations be approved.

Prepared by: Kerry Brady, Community Support Officer

Agreed by: Elaine Manson, Community Services & Tackling Deprivation Manager

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

3.16 CP/CP/5 LOVE LIVING HERE – COMMUNITY PLAN FOR ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY 2017-2030

Members are reminded of the draft community plan framework which was published for consultation on 18th January for a 12 week period ending 12th April.

The plan has now been finalised, taking into account the consultation responses and is **enclosed** for members' consideration. The final draft was considered and approved by the Community Planning Partnership at its meeting on Tuesday 2nd May. Each of the partner organisations, including the Council will now formally approve the plan through their respective governance structures.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the plan be approved and submitted to the Department for Communities.

Prepared by: Alison Keenan, Community Planning Manager

Agreed by: Maria Curran, Acting Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

3.17 CP/CD/144 IPB INSURANCE PRIDE OF PLACE 2017 IN ASSOCIATION WITH CO-OPERATION IRELAND

Members are advised of The IPB Insurance, Co-operation Ireland Pride of Place Competition the purpose of which is to acknowledge the work carried out by communities throughout the entire island of Ireland. Entry to the competition is by way of Council nomination.

The competition recognises the work being done to create communities for tomorrow whilst respecting the heritage and culture of the past. It also pays recognition to the efforts being made to create viable, vibrant and visible communities which impact and make a difference in peoples' lives.

This year there are 11 categories in total made up of 5 population categories, 3 single issue categories with designated themes and 3 non-population specific categories; Housing Estates, Islands and Coastal Communities and Urban Neighbourhoods.

The Council may nominate groups in up to a maximum of 5 categories with one entry only in any individual category. A list of all the categories is outlined below:

Population

1. 0-300
2. 300 -1000
3. 1000-2000
4. 2000-5,000
5. Over 5,000

Theme

6. Community Based Youth Initiative (voluntary aspect important)
7. Creative Place Initiative (capturing the cultural creativity of a community)
8. Communities Reaching Out Initiative (reaching out to new residents/communities in the area)

Non Population

9. Housing Estates
10. Islands and Coastal Communities
11. Urban Neighbourhoods.

*An urban neighbourhood is a defined area of a city, town or suburban place

To nominate a group, a short application form must be completed by the Council and submitted along with a short resume of the groups work and how it meets the entry criteria. Following assessment successful entrants will receive a large trophy and a cash prize of €1,000. Runners-up will also receive a trophy and a cash prize of €500.

The entry fee per Council is £500 per group, provision for which has been made in the Community Services budget. The closing date for applications is 5 May

2017. The awards ceremony will take place in November 2017, details of which have still to be confirmed.

Members will be aware that the Council has made submissions annually to this competition for a number of years. With the current programme of both capital and revenue schemes underway it is felt that these will come to fruition in 18-24 months and that it would be appropriate to consider applying at that time.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that consideration be given to submissions for this competition in 18-24 months.

Prepared by: Kerry Brady, Community Support Officer

Agreed by: Elaine Manson, Community Services & Tackling Deprivation Manager

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

3.18 ED/REG/3 GLENGORMLEY TOWN TEAM

Members are reminded that the Midsummer Magic event will take place in Lilian Bland Park, Glengormley on 10 and 11 June 2017. The event is being organised in conjunction with the Community Relations Forum which received funding from the Council's Community Festival Fund, with match funding being provided through the Town Team's Action Plan.

The event will build on the success of the 2016 Christmas market and will feature an artisan market, family fun activities, amusements, entertainment and music and dance performances from local groups. Businesses in Glengormley will be providing the food and drink stalls and a local bar has agreed to apply for an alcohol licence for the event.

In accordance with the relevant byelaw, the consumption of alcohol is prohibited in the park. It is therefore proposed to suspend the byelaw for the duration of the event (12-8pm on Saturday 10 June and Sunday 11 June).

Rebel Legion has offered to provide Star Wars and science fiction characters at the event free of charge, in return for carrying out a charity bucket collection. The collection will be in aid of Hope House (Ireland), a registered charity which provides accommodation to support the recuperation of patients undergoing cancer treatment.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that

- a) a notice advising of the suspension of the byelaw be placed in the local press.**
- b) Rebel Legion be granted permission to carry out a charity collection on behalf of Hope House (Ireland) during the event**

Prepared by: Lisa O'Kane, Tourism, Town Centre & Regeneration Officer

Approved by: Paul Kelly, Head of Economic Development

3.19 CD/PM/107 THREEMILEWATER PARK LANDSCAPE PROPOSALS

Members are advised that provision exists within the Capital estimates for an improvement scheme at Threemilewater Park, to include upgrading the entrances and path network, landscaping and enhanced site facilities and signage. The total current funding available is approximately £341,000 from the allocated Threemilewater Park (£100,000) and Parks and Allotments (£241,000) Capital budgets.

The proposals have identified three areas within the park with separate characteristics. Schemes for each area have produced and presented to the Threemilewater DEA Members on 26th April 2017. The options with indicative costs are detailed below and refer to the enclosed park layout drawing.

AREA 1 Woodland

Proposals:

- i. Improve park boundary security, drainage to paths, reduce erosion and enhance 2no. entrances at Doagh Road and the railway bridge.
- ii. Site furniture, signage and artwork.
- iii. Park landscaping and planting works generally.
- iv. High level path (provisional and not costed at this stage)

Estimated cost: £77,000

AREA 2 Parkland

Proposals:

- i. Create a loop path network with trim trail and upgrade existing paths
- ii. Site furniture, signage and artwork.
- iii. Park landscaping and planting works generally.

Estimated cost: £146,000

AREA 3 Primary Entrance and Wetland scrub

Proposals:

- i. Improve park boundary security, and enhance 2no. entrances at Doagh Road and Hawthorne Road.
- ii. Upgrade existing paths leading to a refurbished bridge and newly landscaped central park hub
- iii. Site furniture including picnic tables and play zone for under 6 age group, signage and artwork.
- iv. Park landscaping and planting works generally.
- v. Boardwalk

Estimated cost: £306,000

The total estimated cost for areas 1, 2 and 3 is £529,000 (excluding the high level woodland path in Area 1)

All costs presented above are subject to further detailed site investigations.

At the meeting on 26 April 2017, Members requested Officers to progress with the appointment of a consultant to prepare a scheme design to bring back to

Committee for approval. At that time an accurate cost can be provided, and a decision taken regarding the phasing of the scheme.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that

- a) The concept for areas 1, 2 and 3 be approved in principle**
- b) A consultant be appointed to develop designs and cost plans and a further detailed report be brought back to Members for consideration**

Prepared by: Claire Minnis, Projects Development Manager

Approved by: Reggie Hillen, Head of Service Capital Development

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

3.20 ED/REG/9 CRUMLIN TOWN TEAM: PROPOSED ACTION PLAN 2017/18

Members are reminded that proposals for the Crumlin Town Team Action Plan for 2017-18 were agreed at the Crumlin Town Team meeting on 12 April 2017. The proposed action plan is set out below and includes projects aimed at making vacant units more attractive to prospective tenants, improving public safety, marketing support, and some environmental improvements.

| PROJECT PROPOSALS | INDICATIVE BUDGET |
|--|-------------------|
| Develop appropriate forms of social media channels; development of the new brand for the town centre | £2,000 |
| Help bring forward sustainable parking options for the town centre | Nil cost |
| Networking events to help build business engagement, targeting the local business community and featuring relevant guest speakers | £1,000 |
| Provide a contribution to the installation costs of a CCTV provision in the town centre (subject to outcome of the Council's current audit and consultation process of CCTV across the Borough). | £8,000 |
| Ongoing technical assistance from external specialists to establish and develop the Town Team and assist with the development/implementation of the plan | £1,500 |
| Environmental improvements to help improve the appearance of some vacant units and surrounding areas | £4,000 |
| Improve town centre signage | £5,500 |
| Total | £22,000 |

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Crumlin Town Team action plan for 2017-18 be approved at a total cost to the Council of £22,000, provision for which exists in the Economic Development budget.

Prepared by: Karen Uprichard, Tourism, Town Centre & Regeneration Officer

Agreed by: Paul Kelly, Head of Economic Development

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

3.21 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council conducts its business through a traditional committee system, where business is initially considered by one of its Committees forming a key component of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council's corporate governance framework.

In line with good governance arrangements Terms of Reference (TOR) are required for each Committee. These TOR will build on the previously agreed Committee remits and outline each Committee's core functions and define authority limits using a standardised format. It is proposed that each Committee's TOR will be taken to the associated Committee for approval prior to publication on the Council website. A copy of the new draft Community Planning and Regeneration Committee Terms of Reference is **enclosed** for consideration by Members.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Members approve the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee Terms of Reference.

Prepared By: Liz Johnston, Head of Governance

Approved By: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning and Regeneration

3.22 ED/ED/59 – BUILD YOUR OWN WEBSITE

ED/ED/60 – STAR 3

ED/ED/61 – BRICKS & CLICKS

COUNCIL BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMMES 2016-17 – PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

Members are reminded that three of the Council's business support programmes concluded at the end of March 2017. Officers have carried out a preliminary assessment of the impact of these programmes and will bring a more detailed evaluation to Committee in due course.

1. The **Build Your Own Website** programme was originally intended as a pilot programme for a maximum of 10 local businesses, however given the high level of initial interest, the Council agreed to increase the number of places to 22. As a result, 22 local businesses now have fully functioning websites operating to help them promote and sell their goods and services. The business owners also have the skills required to sustain and develop their websites. Feedback from the participants has been very positive, reinforcing the need to repeat the programme in 2017-18.
2. The **Bricks & Clicks** programme provided early business support for 10 local businesses, involving 3.25 days of individually tailored mentoring, the development of an action plan for each participant, a £500 product development bursary, interactive workshops, test trading and the opportunity to engage in World Host Training. The programme results and feedback to date at this early stage have been very encouraging, with many of the programme objectives already or almost achieved well in advance of the 6 month post-programme evaluation timeframe. These include the creation of 5 new retail businesses (target is 6), 5 new jobs (target is 6, although it is expected that this may rise to 15 within 12 months) and 3 retail businesses occupying premises (target is 2).
3. **STAR 3:** this programme offered customised, focused and specialist support for individual retailers, and those businesses in the hospitality, tourism and professional sectors to implement practical business solutions to help enhance business competitiveness. The programme consisted of;
 - One-to-one mentoring;
 - Specialist mentoring;
 - 4 interactive Workshops;
 - Two mystery shop exercises;
 - World Host accreditation; and
 - Development of business development action plans.

20 businesses were recruited and 19 completed the programme (one withdrew). The initial findings indicate an average of 25% increase in turnover per business, with a cumulative increase in turnover of potentially over £700,000, and an increase in projected employment of 14 full-time jobs.

In summary, all three programmes ran for approximately 6 months, and 51 local businesses have benefitted. As agreed by the Council in March, an enhanced suite of business support programmes are currently being rolled out for 2017-18.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the report be noted and that officers present a more detailed evaluation of the programmes in due course.

Prepared by: Alastair Law, Innovation & Funding Officer

Agreed by: Paul Kelly, Head of Economic Development

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

3.23 ED/ED/16 NEWTOWNABBEY MENS SHED

Members are reminded that the Council has supported the establishment and development of Newtownabbey Men's Shed, a social enterprise that works with isolated men to provide opportunities to socialise and develop practical skills. In 2015, the Council provided £5,000 to assist the group in opening up new premises at Merville House, where men were recruited to learn skills in woodcraft. The group has also received funding through the Council's Premises and Community Outreach grant schemes in 2017 totalling £3,500 (Premises) and £1,900 (Community Outreach).

Newtownabbey Men's Shed recently had to vacate Merville House and has moved to temporary premises in Valley Business Park but a long term solution to their accommodation requirements needs to be identified. The Council's premises grant is expected to cover space rental costs at Valley Business Park to the end of August (£600 per month) plus electricity costs (estimated at £100 per month).

Members are advised that an 'in confidence' report on this matter was presented to the Operations Committee in April. It was agreed that the matter be deferred pending a further more detailed report.

Given the potential of projects such as the Men's Shed to contribute to the Council's Corporate goals and community planning approach officers have considered how the group might best be supported to secure premises and continue delivery of their services.

As has been the case with other community facilities that the Council has been asked to support a business plan has been requested, which outlines the need for the facility and projects the income and expenditure over a 3-5 year period. It is considered that the production of such a plan would help both the group and the council to come to a decision about the appropriate way forward. The Plan should consider:

1. The current operation of the Men's Shed project i.e., what the group does, who it supports and how and what it hopes to do in the longer term.
2. It should produce income and expenditure projections for 3-5 years as appropriate
3. Review Governance arrangements and consider 'best practice' in other similar projects across Northern Ireland. Assess if there is a social enterprise opportunity through the production and sale of goods e.g. craft works.
4. Consider suitable options for the future location of the project including the proposed Hazelbank option.

Should members wish to proceed on this basis it is estimated that the cost of the business plan will be circa £3,000, provision for which can be found in the Departmental budget. In the first instance however Officers will pursue support through the ASK programme provided via Economic Development which can

provide 10 hours free mentoring to the group. Should the mentoring support be sufficient to aid the production of a business plan the £3,000 will not be required.

Members may also wish to consider additional funding from the DEA programme to cover the group's rental costs at the Valley Business Park until 31 March 2018 to enable the Plan to be completed and capacity building work undertaken.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that

- a) The group be supported through the ASK programme in the first instance**
- b) A Business Plan be completed at a maximum cost of £3,000 (if required)**
- c) Members consider covering the rental costs and electricity of up to £4,900 at the Valley Business Park for the period 1 September to 31 March 2018 from the relevant DEA budget/s.**

Prepared & Agreed by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

3.24 ED/ED/39 RYBNIK DAYS 2017

Members are reminded that in April 2017, the Council agreed to send a delegation of 10 to take part in the Rybnik Days cultural event in June, including a debate on the 'Future of Europe' which is being funded through the European Citizens Programme. The delegation was due to consist of 4 young people, 5 Council Members, nominated at the Committee in April, and 1 Council officer.

A public call for applications for young people was open from 19 April – 3 May 2017 and was widely promoted through the Council's website, social media, and through the community database which includes youth groups, uniformed groups and other youth organisations such as Young Farmers Clubs. However, only 3 applications were received by the closing date for the 4 available places.

There is now 1 place remaining in the delegation of 10 agreed with Rybnik. It is therefore proposed that the outgoing Mayor attends the event in this place.

Members are reminded that all of the accommodation costs for the Antrim and Newtownabbey delegation will be covered by the Rybnik hosts through the European Citizens Programme funding and travel expenses will be met by the Council at an approximate cost of £200 per person attending.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the outgoing Mayor attends the Rybnik Days cultural event in June 2017, with the 5 Members already nominated, 1 Officer and 3 young people.

Prepared by: Carol Shane, Economic Development Project Officer

Agreed by: Paul Kelly, Head of Economic Development

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

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3.25 ED/ED/76 PROPOSED BUSINESS MENTORING PROGRAMME

Members are reminded that the Council is currently able to access EU grant aid for eligible business support initiatives through the Jobs and Growth Programme funded through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and Invest Northern Ireland. Officers have submitted an application for funding for a business mentoring programme which, if successful, will provide up to 200 local companies with a mentor to help them prepare and implement growth strategies that will result in the creation of up to 165 jobs over 3 years. The jobs target is a condition of the EU funding which requires jobs, to be produced directly linked to the grant aid received.

Grant aid of 80% is available towards eligible costs, including 20% funding from Invest NI with the Council providing 20% (approximately £51,000 over 3 years). The application process is estimated to take up to 4 months and officers will bring back a more detailed report once the outcome is known. If the application is successful, the programme will start from January 2018 and is expected to complete by December 2020.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the report be noted.

Prepared by: Paul Kelly, Head of Economic Development

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

3.26 PBS/BC/2 BUILDING CONTROL MATTERS FOR THE PERIOD 1- 31 MARCH 2017

BUILDING REGULATIONS

The following submissions under Regulation 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14 of the Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended) were received.

Applications Received

Full Plans – 60 applications and 91 subsites

Building Notices – 149

Regularisation Certificates – 47

Full Plans

Approvals – 26

Rejected applications requiring resubmissions – 66

Commencements & Completions

Commencements – 293

Completions - 235

Inspections

A total of 828 Site Inspections were carried out

Regularisation Certificate

53 Regularisation Certificates issued

Building Notice

120 Completion Certificates issued

Property Certificates

Received – 267

Completed – 245 & 26% completed within timescale

EPB

EPC's checked – 2 & 100% compliance

DEC's checked – 9 & 89% compliance

Air Conditioning checked – 0 & 0 % compliance – (Building Control are currently liaising with Junction One to finalise compliance).

Income

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Plan Fees Received for Month | £15450.13 |
| Inspection Fees Invoiced for Month | £15856.68 |
| Building Notice Fees Received for Month | £27154.00 |
| Regularisation Fees Received for Month | £4574.40 |
| Property Certificate Fees Received for Month | <u>£17150.00</u> |
| TOTAL | £80185.21 |

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the report be noted.

Prepared by: Louise McManus, Business Support

Agreed by: Bronagh Doonan, Head of Property and Building Services

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

3.27 PBS/BC/2 BUILDING CONTROL MATTERS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 31 MARCH 2017

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Commercial Vacancies – None received from Land and Property Services

No. Completed – 0

(LPS has advised that new tranches are under review, currently no decision has been made).

Property Details Surveys Completed - 51

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the report be noted.

Prepared by: Louise McManus, Business Support

Agreed by: Bronagh Doonan, Head of Property and Building Services

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

3.28 PBS/BC/2 BUILDING CONTROL MATTERS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 31 MARCH 2017

POSTAL NUMBERING

Numbers of official Postal Numbers Issued – 39

Numbers of New Developments named - 3

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the report be noted.

Prepared by: Louise McManus, Business Support

Agreed by: Bronagh Doonan, Head of Property and Building Services

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

3.29 CP/GEN/19 COMMUNITY PLANNING & REGENERATION SECTION – PARTNERSHIP MINUTES

Members are advised that the quarterly update Partnership Minutes as listed below can be viewed in the new electronic folder called “**Partnership Minutes for Members Information**” on your I pads.

| Community Development | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---|
| File Ref | Date of Meeting | Name of Partnership |
| D/Gen/91 | 01/11/17 | Joint Citizens Advice Bureau |
| D/CSP/48 | 25/01/17 | PCSP Private Meeting |
| D/DP/67 | 11/10/16 14/02/17 | Rathcoole Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership |
| D/DP/67 | 25/01/17 | Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership |
| CP/P4/3 | 11/04/17 | Peace IV Partnership |
| | 14/03/17 | Joint Cohesion Group |
| CP/GR/43 | 27/01/17 | Traveller Issues Local Government Partnership |

| Economic Development | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| File Ref | Date of Meeting | Name of Partnership |
| ED/MI/250 | 16/12/16 10/02/17 10/03/17 | GROW Local Action Group Meeting |

| Tourism, Town Centres | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| File Ref | Date of Meeting | Name of Partnership |
| ED/TC/5 | 11/01/17 | Glengormley Town Teams |
| ED/REG/5 | 16/01/17 | Antrim Town Team |
| ED/ED/56 | 16/01/17 | Antrim Linkages |

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Partnership Minutes be noted.

Prepared by: Dawn Leonard/Wendy Donaldson

Agreed by: Majella McAlister,
Director of Community Planning and Regeneration



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Your reference:
Our reference: 3194AN

13 April 2017

Dear Mrs Dixon

Proposed Waiting Restrictions – School Street Ballyclare

Please note change of restriction times to bring into line with the rest of the town.

TransportNI is proposing to restrict parking during on one side of School Street. At present cars park along both sides and restrict access. Ballyclare Primary School pupils use an access onto this street and are regularly forced to walk on the road as cars are parked partially on the footways. The proposal to restrict parking to one side only will ensure one footway is available for the children. The restriction would only apply

Mon- Fri between the hours of 8 am and 6pm.

I would appreciate your comments.

Yours sincerely

Gilmore Crowe
Traffic Management

ESF Exploring Enterprise Programme - ENI

Project

The Exploring Enterprise Programme will focus on people with disabilities and health conditions, lone parents, older workers, young people not in education, employment or training (NEETs), women and also people with low or no qualifications. The longer term aim of the programme is to develop a latent pool of potential entrepreneurs within the most deprived communities and socially disadvantaged groups within the Borough. Antrim Enterprise Agency will be working closely with Mallusk Enterprise Park on behalf of Enterprise Northern Ireland to recruit potential applicants.

Budget

ANBC Costs

| Year | Courses | Total cost | ESF | Match Funding from Council |
|--------------|----------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| 2015-16 | 2 | £29,460 | £19,149 | £10,311 |
| 2016-17 | 4 | £58,920 | £38,298 | £20,622 |
| 2017-18 | 2 | £29,460 | £19,149 | £10,311 |
| Total | 8 | £117,840 | £76,596 | £41,244 |

Targets

A minimum of eight courses are to be organised and delivered for clients residing in the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council area (2 in year 1, 4 in year 2, and 2 in year 3) with the following target outputs:

| | Target 2015-2018 |
|---|-------------------------|
| Courses Delivered | 8 |
| Personal Development Plans Completed | 96 |
| Individuals achieving QFCF Level 1 in 'Understanding Business Enterprise' | 56 |
| Individuals obtaining employment | 6 |
| Individuals starting their own business | 8 |

Outputs

| | Year 1 2015-2016 | Year 2 2016-2017 | Progress To Date |
|---|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Courses Delivered | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Personal Development Plans Completed | 26 | 45 | 71 |
| Individuals achieving QFCF Level 1 in 'Understanding Business Enterprise' | 10 (5 Portfolios will be moderated by CCEA in May 2016 & 8 in January 2017) | 27 (5 Portfolios will be moderated by CCEA in May 2017 & 7 in January 18) | 37 |
| Individuals obtaining | 6 | 14 | 20 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| employment | (3 of these participants were part-time employed when starting the programme) | | |
| Individuals starting their own business | 2 | 6 | 8 |



Ms Jacqui Dixon

Chief Executive

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council

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10th January 2017

Dear Ms Dixon

Lough Neagh Partnership

I refer to your letter of 10th November 2016 regarding core funding for Lough Neagh Partnership for 2017/18.

Over the past number of weeks we have been reviewing the LNP strategy and action plan and feel we are now in a position to respond to your letter.

Firstly our request to Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council for 2017/18 was for £25,000, the same sum as we received for 2016/17 and similar to the funding from Mid Ulster and Armagh/ Banbridge/Craigavon councils. Smaller contributions were received from Mid and East Antrim and Lisburn/Castlereagh councils as their council areas have a relatively small impact on the Lough Neagh shoreline.

The £25,000 contribution for 2016/17 was made up of two distinct parts: £3000 for the delivery of a digital marketing skills programme to tourism businesses in the Antrim and Newtownabbey area and £22000 for core funding for Lough Neagh Partnership.

The Digital Marketing Skills Programme was tendered out by LNP and delivered in January 2017 and the feedback from the participants was excellent. However the attendance was

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disappointing with a number of business representatives failing to turn up. It may be that training which is provided free of charge is not fully appreciated.

Our proposal is that we would not seek funding from your council for this element. Business training can be incorporated within existing councils training provision under the Tourism Strategy or through central government departments such as DfC or DfC.

The effect of this would be to reduce our funding request from £25,000 to £22,000.

Using the core funding provided by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council for 2016/17 we provided a number of services to your district. These are outlined in the Progress Report submitted to Paul Kelly and include the following:

1. Landscape Partnership.

Overall management of the Heritage Lottery funded Lough Neagh Landscape Partnership. Benefit to Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council over the five year period will amount to over 1 million pounds.

2. Tourism Destination

As advised by TourismNI, we are currently working to develop a number of themed tourism cluster groups including Lough Neagh food, land based activities, eco-tourism and heritage. These groups include representatives from your district and the cluster will complement the actions detailed in your tourism strategy.

3. Marketing

We deliver a continuous marketing plan for Lough Neagh which is relevant to your council district. Items include a dedicated website, events, press releases, stakeholder newsletters, consumer and trade pages on Facebook and Twitter, Blogs, children's competitions and trade stands and exhibitions and promotion of the Eel-eat campaign.

4. River to Lough Festival



The River to Lough Festival was hosted at Antrim Castle Gardens in partnership with your council and TourismNI.

5. Lough Neagh Development Trust

We assisted Development Trust NI to establish a shadow Development Trust for Lough Neagh. Progress on the agreed action plan has been slow due to a change of ministers in DAERA but we have continued to work with DTNI to focus on IT/ website elements to enable Trust to get back to communities and other stakeholders and give them a way to register their support for the Trust.

6. Antrim and Newtownabbey Cultural Heritage Audit/Strategy

Just recently we have assisted Alan Morrow, who has been commissioned by your council to prepare a cultural heritage audit/strategy.

7. Other work

Other ongoing work includes

- trying to secure a Lough Neagh Co-operation project under the Rural Development Programme. This would be beneficial to your council and perhaps organisations such as Antrim Boat Club and
- Working with Sustrans re Lough Neagh Cycle Trail and Outdoor Recreation NI re development of trails.

I hope the above summary will give you an idea of some of the work carried out by the Lough Neagh Partnership. 2016/17 has been an incredibly busy year for us with the start of the Landscape Partnership Scheme and the initial stages of the new Development Trust. All the indications are that 2017/18 will be equally busy.

The core funding financial support from Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council is essential to the survival and work of the Lough Neagh Partnership. We feel that we are providing a range of services which are very beneficial to your council and that we have attracted and will continue to attract significant funding to your Borough.



The funding which we seek for 2017/18 is £22,000, a reduction of £3000 on the 2016/17 figure. It will be mainly used to cover office expenses, marketing activities, facilitating tourism development and assisting the new Development Trust.

I hope you will be able to include this in your estimates for 2017/18.

Yours Sincerely

Charlie Monaghan

Manager

Lough Neagh Partnership

Cc. Paul Kelly

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ESF NOW Programme

Project

The project will provide young people (16-24) and adults up to 65 with learning difficulties throughout the Antrim and Newtownabbey Council area with access to training, volunteering and employment opportunities using a mix of mentoring, workshops, and tailored advice services.

The funding provided by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council is to match fund grant aid awarded from the European Social Fund through the Department for Employment and Learning.

Budget

| | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Total |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| SEHSCT Funding | £80,066 | £80,066 | £80,066 | £240,198 |
| Lisburn City Council | £30,000 | £30,000 | £30,000 | £90,000 |
| BHSCT Funding | £87,096 | £87,096 | £87,096 | £261,287 |
| Hazelwood College & Hillcroft School | £5,000 | £5,000 | £5,000 | £15,000 |
| Antrim Council | £17,500 | £17,500 | £17,500 | £52,500 |
| North Down Borough Council | £20,000 | £20,000 | £20,000 | £60,000 |
| ESF & DEL | £986,743 | £986,743 | £986,743 | £2,960,230 |
| DES | £291,662 | £291,662 | £291,662 | £874,985 |
| TOTAL | £1,518,066 | £1,518,066 | £1,518,066 | £4,554,199 |
| GENERATED INCOME | £35,000 | £35,000 | £35,000 | £105,000 |

| | £1,553,066 | £1,553,066 | £1,553,066 | £4,659,199 |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| EXPENDITURE | | | | |
| Gross Salaries/Ers' | | | | |
| NIC/Ers' Pension | £1,109,333 | £1,109,333 | £1,109,333 | £3,327,999 |
| Indirect Costs @ 40% | £443,733 | £443,733 | £443,733 | £1,331,201 |
| TOTAL | £1,553,066 | £1,553,066 | £1,553,066 | £4,659,199 |

Targets

The target outputs for Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council for the 3 years from 1 July 2015 to 31 March 2018 are:

1. To create 15 paid jobs,
2. To provide 15 voluntary and 15 work experience placements
3. To achieve 90 QCF accreditations
4. To complete 75 Individual Learner Plans.

Outputs

| | Targets | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | Progress To Date |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|------------------|
| Paid Jobs | 15 | 7 | 15 | 22 |
| Voluntary Jobs | 15 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| Work Experiences | 15 | 10 | 13 | 23 |
| QCF Modules | 90 | 31 | 31 | 62 |
| IPPs Initiated | 75 | 25 | 23 | 48 |

| Client Breakdown To Date | 18-24yrs | 25-40yrs | 40-65yrs |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Male | 22 | 10 | 4 |
| Female | 7 | 2 | 3 |

| Employer Engagement To Date | Public | Private | 3rd Sector |
|-----------------------------|--------|---------|------------|
| Airsoft | | X | |
| Alfie's Cafe | | X | |
| Ashers Bakery | | X | |
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| Funky Monkeys | | X | |
| Greenisland Golf Club | | X | |
| Hendersons | | X | |
| HSBC | X | | |
| Manguard | | X | |
| Momentum Cleaning | | X | |
| Mossley Mill (Cafe) | | X | |
| NI Hospice | | | X |
| Outsource | | X | |
| Re:store | | | X |
| Robinsons Services | | X | |
| Royal Mail | X | | |
| Six Mile Leisure Centre | X | | |
| Sleepy Hollow | | X | |
| Subway | | X | |
| Sword Security | | X | |
| TESCO Newtownabbey | | X | |
| The Cova | | X | |

William Richmond

From: Conor Margey <conor@fermacproperties.com>
Sent: 27 April 2017 10:13
To: William Richmond
Subject: Lands at Randalstown Road, Antrim
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Hi William,

Re: Lands at Randalstown Road, Antrim – Building Control Reference : AA/2134/0159; Planning Reference : T/2008/0195/F (Validated)

Further to our conversation last week, we have spent some time looking at the locality and have come up with 3 potential names for the above scheme. By way of background, the above site has Planning Consent under T/2008/0195/F for 242 residential units and had a single dwelling approved for Building Control purposes under reference AA/2134/0159, as advised by yourself.

It is our intention to apply for a change of house-type planning application on the front section of the site and also to reduce the density of the site down to circa 190 units in total. As such, we do not yet have an fully approved planning layout for the site. The change of house-type application is just for the first few units, to allow us to start constructing a showhouse, as soon as possible. This is to be lodged imminently and, as soon as we can achieve planning and building control approval on that area, we will start on site, perhaps towards the end of the Summer, with a fair wind.

With this in mind, we would like to apply for the approval/consent for an "Overall Development Name" for the site to allow us to prepare our marketing material, branding, website etc at this stage. As discussed, this would form the brand/identity of the site and this overall development name would then be paired with the appropriate suffixes, such as Avenue, Crescent, Park etc and also individual site postal numbering to give postal addresses, once the entire layout is approved and signed off. Our designers are hoping to start designing and branding as soon as we have a name and it will take them around 4 months to complete everything, so you'll appreciate that we are keen to get started.

In order to give our designers time to develop a proper (and accurate!) brand and logo etc, together with all the necessary marketing material, website etc, we would kindly ask that the Council consider the following 3 no. "Overall Development Names" :

1. **"Castletown"**: This selection offers a strong and proud local name, combining reference to the adjacent Antrim Castle and Shane's Castle opposite. These together with the small townland in which the Development is located, named "Town Parks" (source www.Openstreetmap.org). The word "Castletown" will, we feel, also give this large development its own identity and give the homeowners a sense of place. This would eventually be paired with suitable suffixes drawn from the approved site layout to provide names for areas within the development, such as Castletown Crescent, Castletown Avenue, Castletown Park etc.

2. **Castlewater** : The site is bounded/traversed by two small watercourses, both of which feed in to the nearby Six Mile Water River and then Lough Neagh beyond. This “water”, in it’s different forms, combines with the strong Castle name to give another strong local name, which connects with the local environment. Again, this would eventually be paired with suitable suffixes in due course, based on the approved layout
3. **Castle Tower** : Again a strong reference to the adjacent Antrim Castle/Shane Castle opposite the lands and the Round Tower of Antrim. These come together to give a proud local name that will give this large development its own identity and also provide a sense of place for homeowners, whilst also referring to the heritage of Antrim Town. As above, this would eventually be paired with suitable suffixes in due course, based on the approved layout

Assuming one of the above is approved, we would then make applications in due course, after planning approval for the postal numbering and full development name for each appropriate section of the site, like Castletown Avenue, Castletown Crescent etc, as we discussed.

Thanks again for your time last week, it was very helpful. If you need anything further, or if you need any more information from us in advance of your meeting on 2nd May, please just let me know. Otherwise, I look forward to hearing from you in due course,

Kind regards,

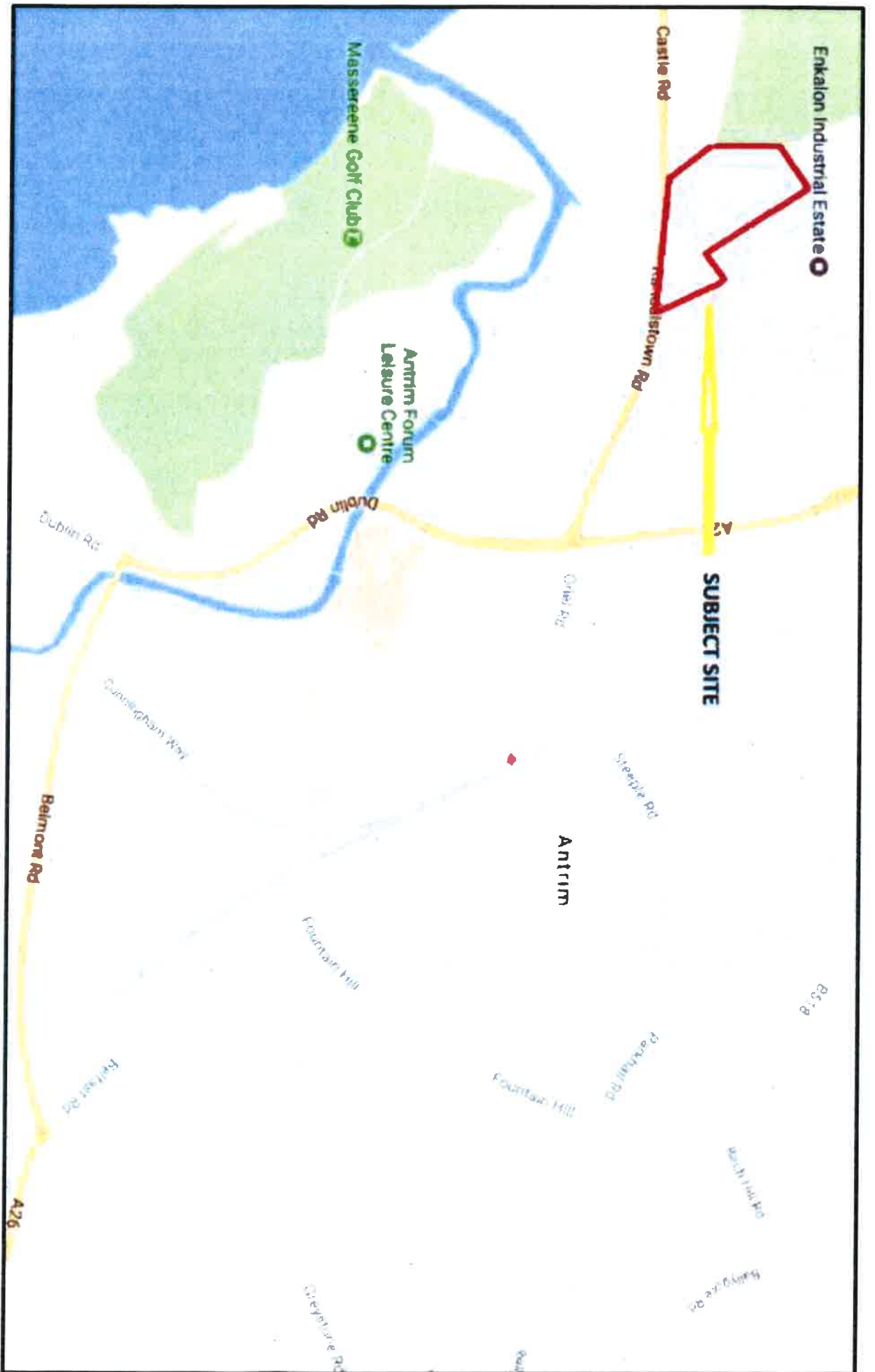
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Subject: Development Name

Hi

I am acting on behalf of Cultra Developments in respect of a new housing development at 30 - 34 Bernice Road, Newtownabbey. We would request the following development names be considered.

1st Choice

Bernice Mews – We prefer this development name as it clearly identifies the location and type of development. The development is on the Bernice Road and it will be a ‘Mews’ Style development. This choice is also innkeeping with similar developments in the Newtownabbey/Mallusk area.

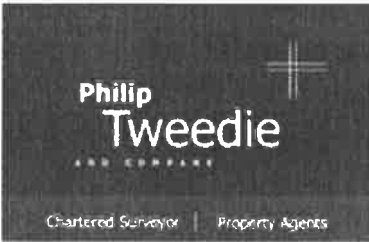
2nd Choice

Bernice Manor – We have chosen this development name as it clearly identifies the location of the development. We have proposed ‘Manor’ as this is innkeeping with similar developments in the Mallusk area.

3rd Choice

Craigarogan Mews – We have proposed this development name as the development is sited in the ‘Craigarogan’ townland. We have proposed ‘Mews’ as this development is a ‘Mews’ style development.

Please let me know if you have any queries or require any additional information.



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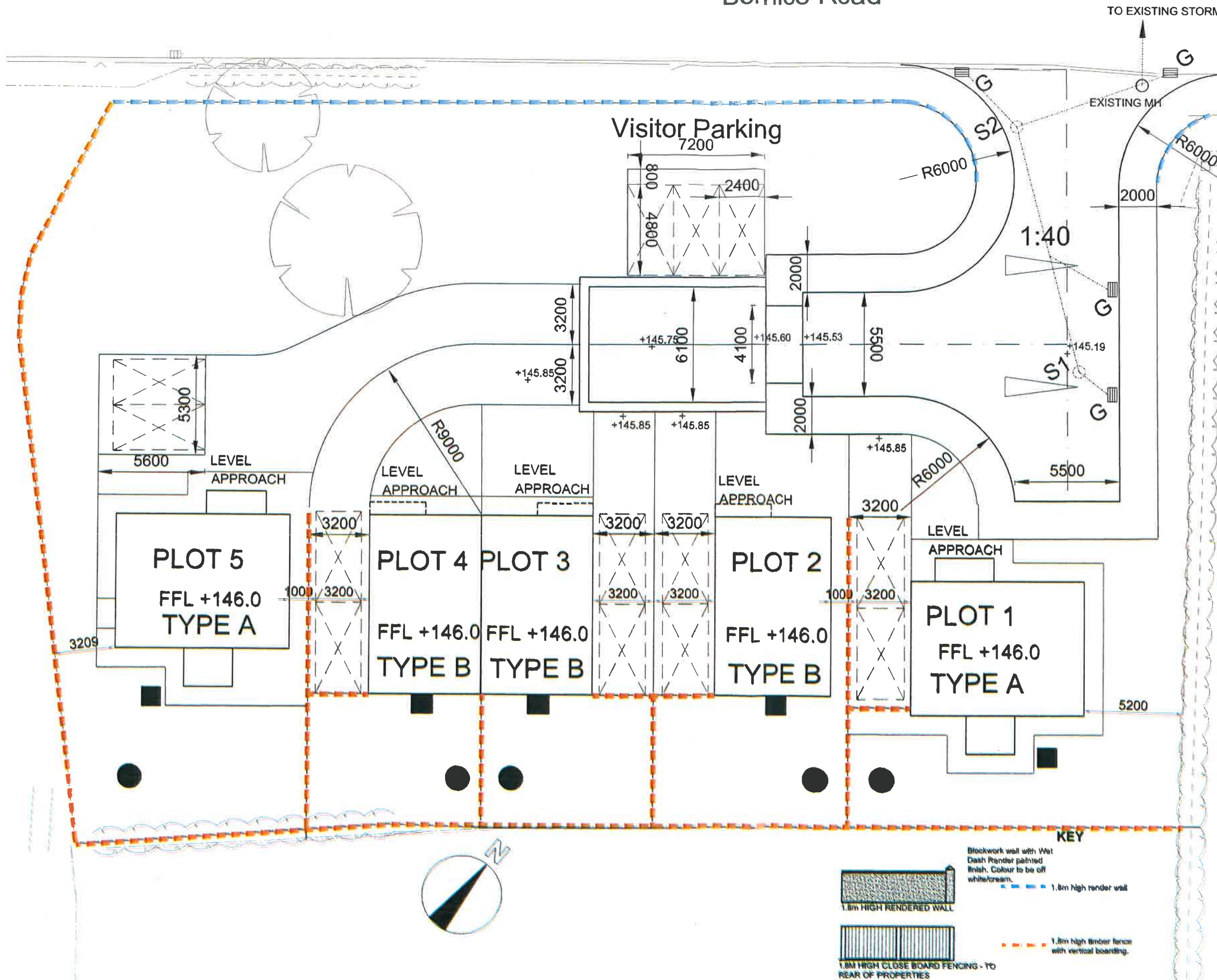
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OIL TANK
Siting of Oil Storage tank to comply with Table 6.1 of the Northern Ireland Building Regulations Technical Booklet 'L' 2012. Oil tanks to be located a minimum of 1.8m from buildings and 0.75m from boundaries or fire walls must be provided.

OIL TANK CONSTRUCTION
An Oil storage tank shall be constructed in accordance with the Recommendations of BS 799-5: 1987, for steel storage tanks and OFS T 100: 1995, for medium density polyethylene tanks.

PROTECTIVE MEASURES AGAINST FIRE
An above ground oil storage tank shall be placed on a hard surface constructed of concrete or paving slabs not less than 42 mm thick. The hard surface shall extend beyond the perimeter of the tank, or its external skin if it is an integrally bundled type, by not less than 300 mm.
The protection of an above ground or semi-buried oil tank from a fire, which may start in a building or beyond the site boundary, shall be in accordance with the provisions given in Table 5.1.
Detailed provisions for a buried tank are not given in this Technical Booklet but it should be installed in accordance with the recommendations of BS 5410: 1997.
A firewall shall be so constructed that it does not pose a danger to people around it.

AUTOMATIC ISOLATION
The fuel pipework shall be resistant to the effects of fire and be fitted with a fire valve system (kbb remote sensor type suitably positioned in proximity of the oil boiler) where it enters the building. In accordance with the relevant recommendations in BS 5410 Part 1: 1997, Sections 8.2 and 8.3.

CONTROL OF OIL POLLUTION
Where Regulation 76 in PART L applies, the oil shall be stored in an integrally bundled prefabricated tank. The bund shall have a capacity of not less than 110% of the tank it contains.

OIL BOILER
Garage or externally located (in suitable housing) Oil Fired Condensing Outdoor Combi Central Heating Boiler (Min Efficiency 93%). Boiler and Flue to comply with Sections 1 and 5 of Technical Booklet 'L' of the Northern Ireland Building Regulations 2012.

Proposed gully, connected into existing storm system.

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| B | 14/12/16 | PLOT NUMBERS ADDED | SAB | DEF |
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Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council

Bonfire Management Programme

Introduction

1. The purpose of this document is to outline the framework for the delivery of the Bonfire Management Programme from 2016 onwards (hereinafter referred to as the Programme) for Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) including relevant guidelines for groups who receive funding as part of this Programme. The Council will review this Programme annually.
2. The Programme seeks to achieve the following key objectives in relation to family fun events and bonfire sites:
 - To work with and support local communities to bring about improvements in bonfire management, particularly in terms of inclusivity, safety and increased family atmosphere;
 - To further reduce the adverse health and environmental impacts of bonfires including the illegal disposal of waste.

In addition the Programme, in the longer term, aspires to:

- Reduce the use of flags, images and effigies;
 - Promote wider cultural links throughout the Borough;
 - Tackle sectarianism, racism, homophobia and other forms of prejudice.
3. The Programme forms an agreement between the Council and a constituted group (hereinafter referred to as the Group) to ensure that family fun events and bonfire sites meet the requirements of the Programme.
 4. Before signing up to this Programme and its Terms and Conditions, Groups should consider whether they can work within the parameters of the Programme.

Eligibility criteria

1. To be eligible for financial assistance of up to £2,700 under this Programme to run a family fun event the Group must meet the following criteria in full:
 - a) Be properly constituted and include a decision making process and aims and objectives and activities that are acceptable to the Council;
 - b) Must ensure that appropriate insurance cover where required is taken out and maintained for the duration of the Event. It is the responsibility of the Group to seek advice on any insurance liabilities relating to the event/activity. Evidence of this shall be presented to the Council if requested (refer to condition 16 below).
 - c) Produce an annual statement showing the Group's financial position for the relevant period;
 - d) Agree to the Council's monitoring, evaluation and training requirements as appropriate.
 - e) Be one of the Bonfire Sites recognised by the Council (List of recognised groups/sites provided at Appendix c). No new sites will be included.

General funding Guidelines

1. Activities supported

Funding can **only** be used for activities such as running community events, events to promote positive cultural expression or alternative activities which may include:

- Cultural activities such as talks, workshops or exhibitions
- Cross community events
- Events to improve cross community relations
- Daytime festivals
- Fun day activities
- Purchase of food and refreshments
- Venue hire
- Musical entertainment (providing that it ends at a reasonable time). Times will be agreed with Council Officers
- One day event insurance (Employer's and Public Liability Cover) can also be included.

This list is not exhaustive; however funding for any item/activity outside of these **categories must be agreed with the Council in advance.**

2. Funding **will not be permitted** to be used for:

- Purchasing flags, emblems or bunting
- Prizes (cash prizes and trophies)
- Alcohol
- Any activities directly related to bonfires e.g. pallets, fuel to light the Bonfire or to collect pallets etc.
- Activities that have already taken place
- Charity or fundraising events.
- Building / capital costs.

Legal Matters

1. Bonfires can cause localised air pollution and annoy neighbours. There are no specific laws governing the use of bonfires, but there are laws covering their impact on others and the environment. Pollution from bonfires can fall within the definition of statutory nuisance. The Police Service of Northern Ireland, the Department of the Environment, Councils, the Northern Ireland Fire Service, and the Northern Ireland Environment Agency have statutory enforcement powers in relation to matters associated with bonfires.
2. The Group should be mindful that the following are some of the relevant legislation pertaining to the control and management of bonfires:
 - **Criminal Damage (NI) Order 1977** – creates offences of destroying or damaging property/possessing anything with intent to destroy or damage property.
 - **Fire and Rescue Services (NI) Order 2006** – provides the Northern Ireland Fire Service with discretionary powers to do anything necessary to extinguish a fire.
 - **Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878** – provides Councils with the powers to abate a nuisance, including smoke.
 - **Public Order (NI) Order 1987** – provides the PSNI with powers to impose controls on open-air public meetings and creates offences of breach of the peace, stirring up hatred or arousing fear.
 - **Roads (NI) Order 1993** – creates offences relating to lighting a fire within 15 metres of the centre of a road, if any person or traffic using the road is injured, endangered or interrupted; and creates an offence of depositing or causing/permitting to be deposited rubbish, compost or any other thing whatsoever on a road in such a position as to cause, or be likely to cause, any obstruction or danger.
 - **Waste and Contaminated Land (NI) Order 1997** – creates offences in relation to the treating, keeping, disposing etc. of controlled waste (e.g. tyres, sofas, pallets etc.) without the required authorisation; and also places a duty on anyone who produces, collects, keeps, treats, disposes of waste to ensure protection of the environment and human health.

Terms and Conditions

1. Up to two representatives from the Group (which must operate within the immediate area of the Bonfire Site) will liaise with the Council and be representative of both the Family Fun Event and the associated Bonfire Site.
2. Each Group wishing to sign up to the Programme will nominate two representatives to attend scheduled Steering Group meetings from the date of sign up through to the date of the Family Fun Event /Bonfire. The structure of these meetings will be as follows:
 - a) Council Officers and statutory partners meet with Groups on an individual group basis (as in legacy Newtownabbey); and/or
 - b) Council Officers and statutory partners meet Groups on a joint group basis (as in legacy Antrim);
3. Steering Group meetings or individual group meetings will be multi-agency and consist of elected members and relevant statutory partners including Police Service of Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service and

Northern Ireland Housing Executive, as appropriate. The Steering Group or individual group meetings will be required to report to the Council for approval of all decisions taken at the Steering Group meetings.

4. Each statutory agency will be asked to send at least one representative in an advisory capacity to the Steering Group or individual group meetings.
5. Each Group included in the Programme will agree to start collecting materials for the Bonfire Site no earlier than 16 May each year. Areas will not be permitted to collect materials prior to this date and in doing so would be in breach of the Terms and Conditions of the Programme. Should materials be collected on a site prior to 16 May and not removed within the **3 day** notification period then the site **will not** be permitted to participate in the Programme. In the event of fly tipping at the Bonfire Site, the relevant landowner should be notified immediately by the Group.
6. Each Group must provide written evidence from the landowner of permission to use the proposed Family Fun Event site prior to the procurement of goods and services for the Event by the Council. Advance agreement on arrangements for a post event clean up to take place on, or as soon after the event as is practicable, must also be reached to minimise disruption to those living in the vicinity of the Event Site. (Please note that 12 & 13 July are public holidays therefore clean up dates may not be immediately after the Event).
7. For bonfires on private land (not owned by a public body), the Council will be unable to provide financial assistance to the Group for a Family Fun Event unless evidence of written consent for the Bonfire has been received from the landowner and submitted to the Council. In the event that a privately owned site is included in the list of recognised sites at Appendix C, but agreement is reached not to hold a bonfire on the site, the Council may still be in a position to provide financial assistance for a Family Fun Event.
8. Each Group will ensure that the nominated bonfire site is kept tidy and will not infringe on any roads, pavements or walkways.
9. The Northern Ireland Housing Executive and/or the Council will endeavour to support the Group to keep the Bonfire Site free from unwanted materials from the date of sign up to the Programme, 3 and 4 April 2017, until the date of the Family Fun Event. Relevant contact details will be provided to the Group to arrange the collection of non-combustible materials from the Bonfire Site during this period, e.g. white goods, metal, etc.
10. Groups should refrain from erecting/displaying racist, sectarian or paramilitary paraphernalia such as flags, emblems, effigies on or in the vicinity of the Bonfire Site, or on or in the vicinity of any activities associated with this Programme.
11. Tyres and other toxic materials should not be collected or burnt on the Bonfire and materials should be restricted to wood. The Bonfire should not contain any potentially hazardous material which may explode or give off toxic fumes.
12. The Council will procure all goods and services centrally from a list of approved suppliers.

13. The Groups will agree, with the Council and the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service, to the production of a bonfire safety article which will be carried in the Council's residents' magazine.
14. Two representatives from each Group will be required to attend event management and risk assessment training organised by the Council in advance of the Family Fun Event. A risk assessment and proof of appropriate insurance cover must be submitted to the Council at least fourteen days prior to the Family Fun Event.
15. The Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service with the Council and other statutory partners will take all steps reasonably practicable to provide relevant advice to the Groups on the structure and safety of the associated Bonfire and in doing so will endeavour to reduce any associated risks to an acceptable level. However the responsibility to reduce any associated risks to an acceptable level and any liability therefrom will lie solely with the Group.
16. The Group must arrange to have the Council's Confirmation of Insurance Form completed and returned to the Council (Appendix A).
17. The Group shall indemnify the Council and keep indemnified and hold the Council harmless from and against all actions, suits, claims, demands, losses, charges, damages, costs and expenses and other liabilities which the Council may suffer or incur as a result of any claims made in respect of and or associated with the event/activity for which the funding is provided to the Group under this Programme.
18. No press releases/statements regarding the Programme will be issued unless agreed by the Council.
19. The date of sign up to the Programme will be no later than 4 April 2017. The Group must complete and return to the Council the Declaration Form at Appendix B. In advance of the Group signing up to the Programme, Council Officers together with the statutory partners, will carry out a site visit and providing the site is not in breach of the Terms and Conditions of the Programme the nominated representatives of each Group will meet with Council Officers and relevant statutory partners on or before 4 April 2017 to sign up to the Programme. If materials exist on the site at this stage, or there are any issues which need to be addressed, the Group will be given 3 days to have the site cleared. If the Group complies and has the site cleared within the specified 3 days then it will be permitted to sign up to the Programme. If the Group fails to comply within the specified 3 days then it will not be permitted to sign up to the Programme.
20. Details of the Family Fun Events will also be discussed and agreed at the time of sign up to the Programme.
21. The Terms and Conditions outlined in the new Programme will be reviewed by the Council in consultation with the relevant statutory partners and the Groups post July 2017.

Non-compliance

1. Each Group will undertake to ensure that the associated Bonfire Site complies with the Terms and Conditions of this Programme. Bonfire Sites that have breached any of the Terms and Conditions will be given 3 days to address the issue. If the Group addresses the issue then no further action from the Council will be taken.
2. Failure to comply with the Terms and Conditions **may** result in a reduction in funding applied either within the current year or the following year as appropriate. The level of reduction will be determined by the Council on a case by case basis.
3. Collection and/or burning of tyres and other toxic materials and health and safety considerations; Where tyres and/or other toxic materials appear on a Bonfire Site and are not removed within the 3 day notification period or where recommended clearance space is not achieved the following **will** apply:

| Key Target | Potential Reduction |
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| Tyres and toxic materials should not be collected or burnt on the bonfire and materials should be restricted to wood. However the Council reserves the right to intervene in exceptional non-compliance situations by increasing the level of reduction or suspending financial assistance. | 20% up to £540 |
| Clearance space between bonfires and surrounding buildings should be within an appropriate range as determined by the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service | 15% up to £405 |
| Total Reduction | 35% up to £945 |

APPENDIX A



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CONFIRMATION OF INSURANCE FORM

I/We (delete as appropriate) (Broker/Insurer name) _____

act as the Broker/Insurer (delete as appropriate) for (company/community group name)

_____ ("the insured") and confirm that the correct

required insurance is in place to cover the insureds participation in (name of event(s))

_____ taking place on

(date(s)) _____ at (location(s)) _____.

We undertake to immediately inform the Council if any matters come to our knowledge which may affect the validity of this form.

Signed: _____

For / on behalf of: _____

Print name: _____

Date: _____

Council request the following insurance(s) should be in place:

Public Liability Insurance – with a limit no less than £5m

*A lower limit maybe considered for community groups and smaller organisations with assurances that adequate cover is in place with their Insurance Company/Broker.

Employers Liability Insurance (where applicable) with a limit no less than £2m

APPENDIX B

Declaration

_____ (Name of Constituted Group) wishes to participate in the Bonfire Management Programme 2017 and agrees to be bound by the Terms and Conditions of this Agreement and will work towards the full implementation of this Agreement. Signed: _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Bonfire Area: _____ Specific Site: _____

| Site Contact Details: | |
|---|------------|
| Contract 1 | Contract 2 |
| <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> | |

SUMMER INTERVENTION 2017 TABLE ONE – APPLICATIONS SCORING 50% AND OVER

| Group Name/ Project Promoter | Project Description/Title | Scored (%) | Amount Awarded |
|---|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Glengormley Amateur Boxing Club | To engage 30 young people on a cross community basis from across the Glengormley area aged between 14 and 18 in a programme of good relations during July August. The programme will include 2 boxing sessions per week, 4 cultural visits and activities and 4 good relations focused workshops. | 68% | £2,500 |
| Rathfern Community Regeneration Group | To engage with young people 12 -17 and give them a vision of their future via discussion groups and asking them how they see future community development projects. The programme includes Cultural awareness project, Dance sessions, clay modelling and arts & crafts. | 54% | £2,500 |
| Bawnmore and District Residents Association | To run 2 family fun days on 12 July and 27 August to involve the local community in diversionary activities. | 57% | £2,500 |
| | | TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED | £7,500 |

TABLE TWO – APPLICATIONS FAILING TO REACH THE 50% SCORING THRESHOLD

| Group Name/ Project Promoter | Project Description/Title | Scored (%) | Amount Requested |
|---|---|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Monkstown Boxing Club | To engage 150 'at risk' young people in a structured programme of boxing/ fitness/ outdoor adventure activities during the summer period which will include opportunities to engage in Good Relations activities and meet with young people from the Colin Glen area. | 40% | £2,500 |

GOOD RELATIONS 2017 TABLE ONE – APPLICATIONS SCORING 50% AND OVER

| Group Name/ Project Promoter | Project Description/Title | Scored (%) | Amount Awarded |
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| St Comgall's Youth Club | To engage 16 young people in a programme of activities including workshops and outdoor team-building activities which provide the young people with opportunities to come together and develop and strengthen attitudes amongst our young people and to build a community where they can play a full and active role in building good relations | 52% | £2,500 |
| Bardic Educational Arts and Media | The Island Good Relations Project To develop and implement a good relations project for approximately 120 young people from 4 Primary Schools from across the Antrim area between October 2016 and February 2017. Through the medium of drama, the young people will explore the issues of nationhood and identity and the use of flags, symbols, emblems and history in helping to form identity. | 60% | £2,500 |
| | | TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED | £5,000 |

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| Group Name/ Project Promoter | Project Description/Title | Scored (%) | Amount Requested |
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| Monkstown Boxing Club | To engage 150 'at risk' young people in a structured programme of boxing/ fitness/ outdoor adventure activities during the summer period which will include opportunities to engage in Good Relations activities and meet with young people from the Colin Glen area. | 36% | £2,500 |



Love Living Here



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INTRODUCTION

Love Living Here is the exciting new Community Plan for the Borough of Antrim and Newtownabbey. It sets out a shared vision and agreed outcomes for the area up to 2030. The successful implementation of the Plan will be marked by a demonstrable improvement in how services are delivered across our Borough and the quality of life our citizens experience.

Central to the approach we have developed for delivery of our Community Plan is the widespread engagement of citizens from our communities across the Borough. We recognise the key role that groups such as schools, churches, sports clubs and community groups play in the day to day life of our communities. We hope that these groups will actively participate in our Place Shaping Forums to contribute their valuable local knowledge.

Community Planning came into operation in Northern Ireland on 1 April 2015, when local Councils were tasked with leading the development of the Plans. This has been achieved by working collectively with the other groups involved through a local Community Planning Partnership.

Our partnership members have responsibility for a diverse range of services from health and education, to tourism and sport. Through working together we have sought to understand the challenges which face those who live in, work in or visit our Borough. This has required extensive research, analysis of relevant statistics and a willingness by partners to contribute key information and knowledge to the Community Planning process.

Whilst we appreciate that there is still more to be done as we move into an action planning phase, our work to date has provided a robust evidence base and enabled us to engage in meaningful consultation with communities across our Borough.

We are mindful that our Community Plan will not operate in isolation, it must link to and reflect other key strategies and plans which will be delivered over the years to 2030. In this context the new Local Development Plan, which will be the spatial plan for the Borough will be a key consideration for the Partnership. It will consider any land use planning aspects such as housing, open spaces and employment which emerge through the Community Plan.

Equally, we are mindful that our Community Planning Partners must continue to deliver their core functions whilst also being committed and active participants in the delivery of the Community Plan. In a climate of economic austerity this will be a key challenge and only by working together will we be able to achieve the long term outcomes we aspire to and keep our citizens needs at the heart of what we do.



Councillor Phillip Brett
Chairman, Antrim and Newtownabbey
Community Planning Partnership

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

Community Planning is “a process led by Councils in conjunction with partners and communities to develop and implement a shared vision for their area, a long term vision which relates to all aspects of community life and which also involves working together to plan and deliver better services” (Community Planning Foundation Programme, Department of the Environment)

The Community Plan is a plan for the Council area but it is not the Council’s plan. Community Planning is based on meaningful co-operation and collaboration across the Public Sector with a shared responsibility between partners to achieve outcomes.

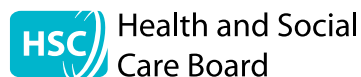
The active involvement of central government departments acknowledges the role of Community Planning in the delivery of the Programme for Government.

We will work with other support partners, strengthening the expertise and knowledge of the Partnership, enabling the development and implementation of actions in the plan.

We are committed to continuing to engage with the local community to ensure that the needs of our citizens remain at the heart of what we do.

We understand the importance of enabling others to be involved in Community Planning. We will encourage local community and voluntary sector groups, churches, schools and sports clubs, and other organisations to participate in Community Planning in their area. By establishing a Place Shaping Forum in each of the Council’s District Electoral Areas (DEAs) we will seek to ensure a local approach to the delivery of the Community Plan.

Our partners include:



COMMUNITY PLANNING THE APPROACH

Community Planning focuses on promoting positive outcomes for the citizens of Antrim and Newtownabbey. Love Living Here clearly sets out our aspirations for Antrim and Newtownabbey by 2030. It is the framework which will inform and influence the strategies and business plans of all the Community Planning partners delivering services across the Borough.

OUTCOMES BASED ACCOUNTABILITY (OBA)

The Community Plan has been developed using an outcomes based approach. This means that

...the focus of the plan is on the difference it will make to the wellbeing and quality of life of our citizens.

OUTCOMES

An outcome is a condition of wellbeing which we want for our community as a whole, for example our citizens are healthy.

INDICATORS

An indicator is a measure or statistic which can be tracked over time and which will allow us to measure how the Community Plan is making a difference.

TURNING THE CURVE

To inform the Community Plan we have undertaken extensive research, identifying baseline indicators that tell us 'where we are now' and if things have

been getting better or worse. The aim of the Community Plan is to turn the curve and improve upon 'where we are now'.

ACTIONS AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Achievement of the ambitious outcomes in Love Living Here will only be possible through shared ownership of actions. No single organisation will be able to turn the curve. However, through collective action, the Partnership will be able to improve the wellbeing and quality of life of the citizens of Antrim and Newtownabbey.

An implementation plan with related performance measures for each outcome in the Community Plan will outline the short, medium and long term actions which will be delivered to achieve our outcomes.

DATA DEVELOPMENT

The indicators which have been identified to measure progress towards achieving our outcomes are based on the information which we could access during the development period of the Community Plan. However, through the development process we have identified information which, if collected in a way that allowed meaningful analysis at a Council and District Electoral Area level, would provide even greater insight into progress. This will form the basis of the Partnership's data development agenda, an area of work we will develop in partnership with other Council areas and which will result in additional indicators which can be measured in the future.



THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The Community Plan has been developed through an extensive engagement and co-design process with partners, residents, local groups and organisations as well as other stakeholders such as regional charities and central government departments.

Through a series of workshops, pop-up engagements and conferences we were able to identify the issues which matter most to our citizens.

We identified the positives of life in Antrim and Newtownabbey such as our parks and open spaces, our proximity to Belfast and the sense of community and belonging. We identified the challenges such as access to services and opportunities, the changing needs of an ageing population and the challenges which face our town centres.

Two conferences in early 2016 helped to prioritise the key issues for inclusion in the Community Plan. The Community Planning Partnership has reviewed the information collected through these engagements and has identified a range of priority issues and concerns as expressed by our citizens. These priorities have been grouped under 4 key Outcomes, and a Wildly Important Goal.

The draft Community Plan framework was published in January 2017. During the 12 week consultation period, drop in workshops, group discussions and an online consultation questionnaire gathered

views on the draft outcomes and indicators as well as suggestions about what steps could be taken to achieve the outcomes.

The feedback on the draft plan has been taken into account in the publication of the final plan and will inform the development of outcome delivery plans. A full report on the responses to the consultation and how they have been taken into account in finalising the plan is available online at www.antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/communityplan

The Outcomes (what we plan to achieve)

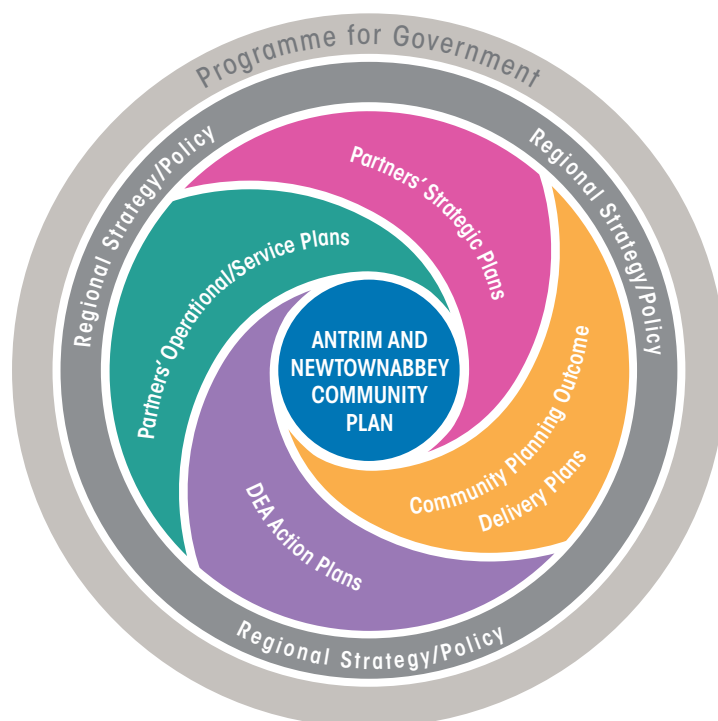


THE WIDER CONTEXT

The Community Plan for Antrim and Newtownabbey sits within a framework of regional strategies and priorities for action. Each of the strategies aims to make life better for the people of Northern Ireland (NI) and improve our economic, social, educational and environmental prospects in the future. It is therefore important to capture and understand what the Community Plan can do to assist the achievement of these strategic objectives and how they can help to inform the actions we take at a local level.

A full analysis of regional strategies which are relevant to the Community Plan is available online at www.antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/communityplan

At a regional level, the Programme for Government provides the framework for the development and delivery of public policy. The ambitions of our Community Plan echo at a local level the goals of the Programme for Government, as demonstrated in the table below.



**Antrim and Newtownabbey
Community Planning Framework**

| Love Living Here Outcome | Related Programme for Government Outcome(s) |
|---|--|
| 1 Our citizens enjoy good health and wellbeing | We enjoy long healthy active lives We care for others and help those in need |
| 2 Our citizens live in connected, safe, clean and vibrant places | We have created a place where people want to live and work, to visit and invest We connect people and opportunities through our infrastructure We have a safe community where people respect each other and the law We live and work sustainably – protecting the environment We are an innovative, creative society, where people can fulfil their potential We are a shared society that respects diversity |
| 3 Our citizens benefit from economic prosperity | We prosper through a strong competitive regionally balanced economy We have more people working in better jobs We have a more equal society |
| 4 Our citizens achieve their full potential | We have an innovative creative society where people fulfil their potential We give our children and young people the best start in life We have a more equal society |
| Wildly Important Goal Our vulnerable people are supported | We care for others and help those in need We give our children and young people the best start in life We have a more equal society |

The Borough of Antrim and Newtownabbey covers 274 square miles and has a population of 140,467 people. Bounded by Lough Neagh in the west and Belfast Lough in the east, the Borough is divided into 7 District Electoral Areas (DEAs) as shown on the map.



Airport District Electoral Area (DEA) covers Aldergrove, Clady, Crumlin, Mallusk and Templepatrick. Population 20,304.

Antrim District Electoral Area (DEA) covers Antrim Centre, Fountain Hill, Greystone, Springfarm, Steeple and Stiles. Population 21,789.

Ballyclare District Electoral Area (DEA) covers Ballyclare East, Ballyclare West, Ballynure, Ballyrobert and Doagh. Population 17,564.

Dunsilly District Electoral Area (DEA) covers Cranfield, Parkgate, Randalstown, Shilvotan and Toome. Population 17,401.

Glengormley Urban Electoral Area (DEA)

covers Ballyhenry, Burnthill, Carnmoney, Collinbridge, Glebe, Glengormley and Hightown. Population 21,027.

Macedon District Electoral Area (DEA) covers Abbey, Carnmoney Hill, O'Neill, Rathcoole, Valley and Whitehouse. Population 19,592.

Threemilewater District Electoral Area

(DEA) covers Ballyduff, Fairview, Jordanstown, Monkstown, Mossley and Rostulla. Population 20,800.



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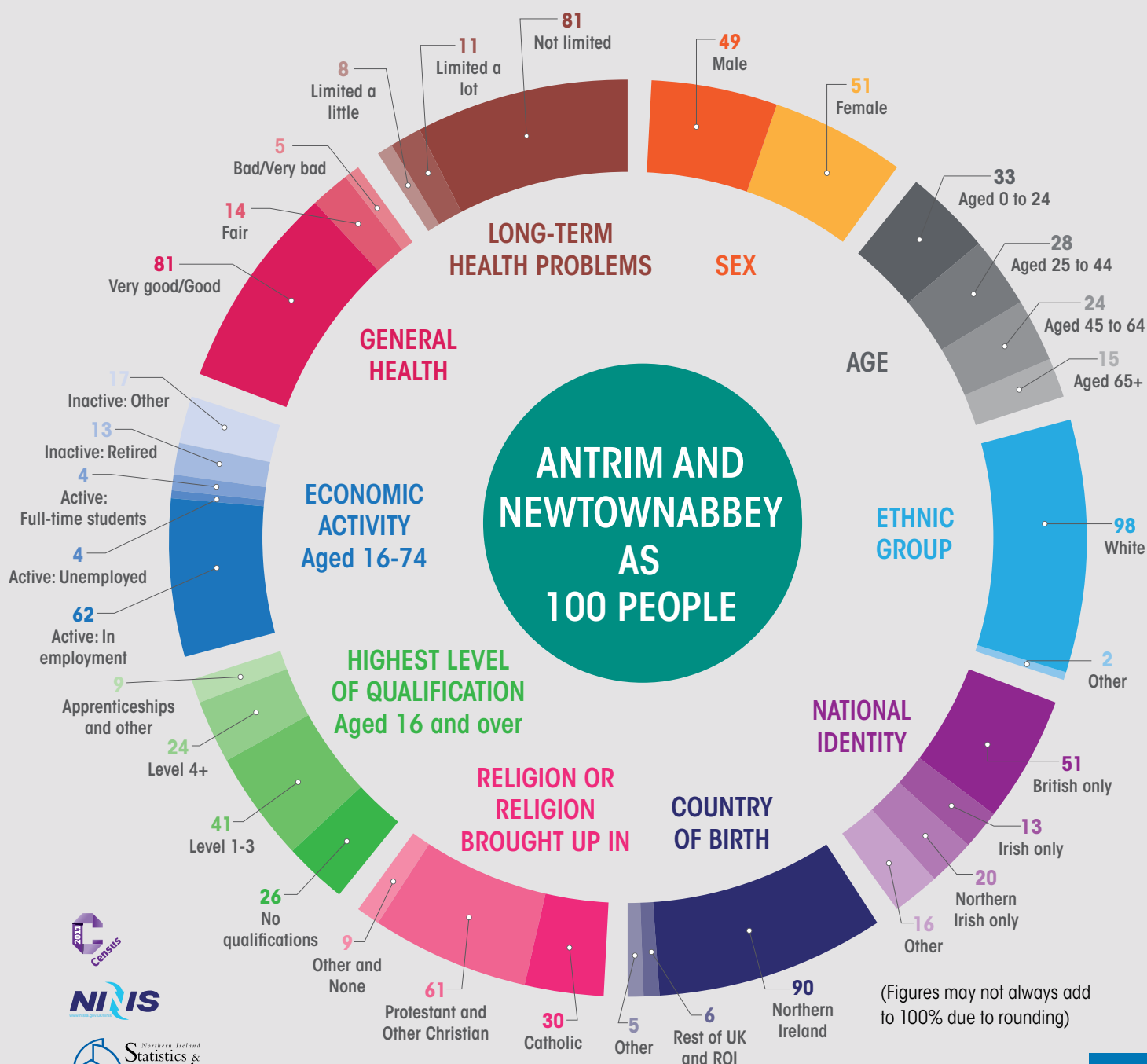
- Council boundary
- DEA boundary

UNDERSTANDING ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY

To develop this plan, a broad and comprehensive analysis of the data and statistics for the area was undertaken. A short summary of the main characteristics of our area is provided below. In addition, key data relating to each outcome and indicator is provided in the relevant sections of the plan.

POPULATION

Our population has grown by 6.1% over the last decade. By mid-2030, our population is projected to be 145,401, an increase of 3.5% from 140,467 in mid-2015. Our older population is projected to overtake our children by 2027 with a projected population of 29,346 older people (aged 65+) and 28,529 children (aged 0-15). By 2030, it is projected that there will be a 42% increase in the number of people aged 65+.





72% households are owned outright or owned with a mortgage compared to **66%** overall in Northern Ireland



11% of properties were rented from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive **12%** in Northern Ireland

HOUSING

By 2030, it is projected that although the number of households within our area will increase, the average household size will decrease.

One person households

14,388

21.8%



2012

2030



It is projected that by 2030, the largest housing growth within our area will be 'one person households'.

By 2022, it is projected that the number of households with children (aged under 16) will start to decline.

HEALTH

In our area we have 2 hospitals Antrim Area and Whiteabbey and 18 GP practices. Our residents also have access to 6 leisure facilities and 9 Council owned community centres alongside facilities provided by the community and voluntary sector.

The most commonly recorded diseases for patients registered with GP Practices within our area are: Hypertension (high blood pressure), Asthma, Diabetes Mellitus and Heart Disease.

Respiratory and circulatory disease are also an issue in our area with higher hospital admission rates for these illnesses than in other Council areas.

It is common for health inequalities to exist between more affluent areas and those with higher levels of deprivation.

The incidence of those admitted to hospital for self harm is twice as high in our most deprived areas than in the Borough as a whole.

The number of preventable deaths is over **50% higher** in the most deprived areas



WELLBEING

Levels of wellbeing are positive however levels of satisfaction with family life are less so.

Our Borough has rich and diverse natural and built heritage and assets which people value.

85% of residents feel a sense of belonging to their neighbourhood (NI Life and Times Survey).

EDUCATION, SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

In our Borough there are 53 primary, 10 post primary and 7 special schools. Northern Regional College, Ulster University and the College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE) also have campuses here.

There are 13,490 primary school pupils (including Year 1-7, reception and nursery class pupils) and 10,415 post primary school pupils currently living in the Antrim and Newtownabbey area.

Primary school Key Stage 2 pupils are performing **above** the NI average



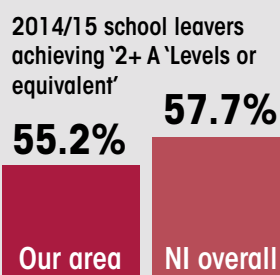


80.9% of school leavers achieved 'at least 5 GCSE's grades A*-C compared to 81.1% overall for Northern Ireland



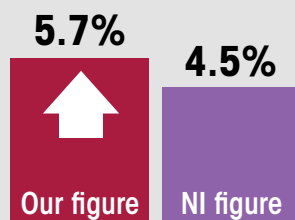
In 2012/13, 78.2% of Key Stage 2 pupils achieved level 4 or above in Communication in English, compared to a Northern Ireland average of 77.1%. (Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council ranked 6th highest of 11 Councils). 79.6% achieved level 4 or above in Using Maths, again above the Northern Ireland average (78.5%). (Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council ranked 4th highest).

However the picture for school leavers resident in our area is different with attainment levels below the Northern Ireland averages.



In 2015/16, 23.8% and 20.3% of primary school pupils (Years 1-7) and post primary pupils respectively living in our area were entitled to free school meals.

In 2015/16, 56% of post primary pupils living in our area attended a school within the area. 28% travelled to a school in Belfast and 10% to a school in Mid & East Antrim. Over 4,500 post primary pupils resident in Antrim and Newtownabbey attend a school outside of the area.



Antrim and Newtownabbey



Northern Ireland



The number of residents who have no or low level (level 1) qualifications

In 2015/16 there were approximately 525 "newcomer" primary school pupils and 100 post primary school pupils living in Antrim and Newtownabbey. 4 in 10 of these pupils reside in the Antrim Town DEA.

EMPLOYMENT

Over half of our population aged 16-64 excluding students (55.6%) who are in employment work within the Council area.

Our area has a higher economic activity rate and employment rate (for those aged 16-64) than NI overall.

The employment rate (16-64 year olds) has decreased to **70.7%** in 2015 from **75.4%** in 2011.



In 2015 the annual average claimant count was 2.6%.

The annual full-time gross weekly wage is lower for those people that live within our area compared to NI overall and to neighbouring Council areas. In 2015, the annual full-time gross median wage for those people that live within the area was £479.10 per week compared to £484.90 for NI overall.

For more detailed information please refer to our three baseline reports Social, Economic and Tourism and Environment and our 7 District Electoral Area (DEA) Profiles. These provide comprehensive information and are available at www.antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/communityplan

A SHARED VISION FOR 2030

1

Our citizens enjoy good health and wellbeing



2

Our citizens live in connected, safe, clean and vibrant places



3

Our citizens benefit from economic prosperity



Antrim and Newtownabbey is a resilient, socially responsible community where citizens enjoy a high quality of life.

4

Our citizens achieve their full potential



Wildly Important Goal

Our vulnerable people are supported



1

OUR CITIZENS ENJOY GOOD HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Our Priorities

- >> Antrim and Newtownabbey is a place where people of all ages value their health and wellbeing and look after it in a variety of ways and encourage others to do so too.
- >> Exercise and physical activity are acknowledged as important ways to stay well both physically and mentally.
- >> There is provision of accessible recreational and leisure opportunities for all our citizens.
- >> The value of other activities such as volunteering, participating in local clubs and groups and learning new things as ways to look after our emotional and mental wellbeing is recognised.
- >> The particular needs of an ageing population are met so that our citizens can live long, healthy and independent lives in their own homes if that is their wish.
- >> The particular needs of the most vulnerable in our community are met so that they can live active and healthy lives. These needs may include access to leisure or play facilities, access to appropriate advice and support or access to services.

2

OUR CITIZENS LIVE IN CONNECTED, SAFE, CLEAN AND VIBRANT PLACES

Our Priorities

- >> Getting around our Borough is easier for those who don't have access to a car and for those who would prefer a more active mode of transport.
- >> Our town and village centres are vibrant places where people live and where they spend their leisure time.
- >> Our citizens can be active participants in community life, if they wish to be, with opportunities to participate in clubs and activities and to get involved in volunteering.
- >> Our towns and villages, and our green and open spaces, are clean and vibrant places which our citizens have pride in.
- >> Our natural environment is valued.
- >> Local people get involved in decisions on the future development of their areas through the Place Shaping Forum.

3

OUR CITIZENS BENEFIT FROM ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

Our Priorities

- >> Our local economy thrives, with local businesses starting up, growing, expanding and generating employment.
- >> Enterprise and innovation are encouraged and supported from an early age to build businesses and entrepreneurs of the future.
- >> Our area has a skilled population and infrastructure which is attractive to investors and employers.
- >> Barriers to accessing employment are reduced or removed enabling all of our citizens to have equitable access to the opportunities available in the Borough.

4

OUR CITIZENS ACHIEVE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

Our Priorities

- >> A range of formal and informal learning opportunities are available.
- >> There is a culture of lifelong learning in Antrim and Newtownabbey with a range of opportunities to acquire new skills and qualifications.
- >> Our children and young people achieve throughout their education and progress to employment.
- >> Our children and young people are ambitious and inspired to achieve from an early age.
- >> The range of ways in which people learn, and develop skills for life and work, is acknowledged through availability of placements, internships and apprenticeships.

WILDLY IMPORTANT GOAL: OUR VULNERABLE PEOPLE ARE SUPPORTED

Our Priorities

- >> Our ageing population is supported to live active lives as part of their community.
- >> Our ageing population is supported to live as contentedly and independently as possible for as long as possible.
- >> Our young people are supported to access opportunities which enable them to fulfil their potential.

PRINCIPLES

The four outcomes in the Community Plan are based on the following eight principles. The principles are important to developing a Community Plan which will meet the needs of all the citizens of our Borough.

EQUALITY

The statistical evidence has shown that inequalities exist across the outcome themes. Proactive measures and targeting of areas most in need will aim to ensure that the varying social and economic needs of communities across the area are addressed. The overall aim will be to raise living standards in the most deprived areas up to at least the average of the rest.

SUSTAINABILITY

We wish to adopt a sustainable approach to social, environmental and physical development. This means making sure that the impact of what we do is long term and based on the needs of our citizens. We also want to make sure we protect the valuable built and natural environment that exists in the Borough.

CONNECTIVITY

We need to improve the social and physical connections throughout the Borough. This includes examining and seeking ways to improve our roads, paths, transport networks and digital connectivity.

We would also like to improve the social connections between residents across our Borough creating greater cohesion.

OPPORTUNITY

We are fortunate that there are a lot of positive qualities about our Borough including our schools

and colleges and the variety of high quality businesses based here. We want to build on this and increase opportunities for our citizens in training, education, and employment. We want our first class leisure facilities to continue to provide opportunities for participation in a range of leisure activities.

INCLUSIVITY

We want to promote a culture of tolerance, acceptance and inclusivity for all our citizens, which will link all elements of the Community Plan.

VITALITY

We need to increase or restore vitality to communities both physically and socially by providing citizens with opportunities to be part of popular and inclusive events and activity in their area.

CAPABILITY

We want our citizens to be able to take advantage of any opportunities created through Community Planning. At the moment, this ability varies across different communities and we want to address this. The different skills levels across the Borough can act as a barrier to employment and enterprise and we want to find solutions to address this.

COMPASSION

We want to care for and support our neighbours and the vulnerable within our community. Social responsibility will be built into the Community Plan and is reflected in our vision for Antrim and Newtownabbey.



COMMUNITY PLAN FRAMEWORK



PRINCIPLES

EQUALITY - bringing the areas of highest disadvantage up to at least the average of the rest
 OPPORTUNITY CAPABILITY SUSTAINABILITY CONNECTIVITY VITALITY COMPASSION INCLUSIVITY

ENABLERS - MAKING THE PLAN HAPPEN

> Development support > Community engagement > Communication and awareness raising > Physical assets

HOW WE WILL DELIVER THE PLAN

The Community Planning Partners have worked closely to agree the focus of the Community Plan. Community Planning brings shared responsibility to achieve outcomes. Only by working together can we achieve these long-term outcomes, reduce duplication of services and create new and innovative ways of working to improve services for everyone who lives and works in the area.

Partnership members are committed to collectively delivering on the attainment of our outcomes. This will require a new way of working. Partners will collectively review their organisational contribution to outcomes as well as how each can contribute resources, knowledge and expertise to a partnership approach to delivering on the Community Plan.

We recognise the positive synergies of co-operation and the Community Plan reflects what we can deliver as a partnership, over and above our individual, respective responsibilities.

The **Community Planning Partnership** is made up of senior representatives from each of the statutory

partners, support partners and government departments. The Partnership is responsible for the strategic oversight of the Community Plan.

The **Community Planning Officers Working Group** is made up of senior officers from each of the partner organisations. The Working Group develops and determines the delivery arrangements for the Community Plan.

Outcome Delivery Groups will include a much wider cross section of stakeholders, who will engage with the community and relevant local organisations to design and develop actions to achieve the outcomes in the Community Plan.

Place Shaping Forums will support the implementation of the Community Plan. The Partnership will facilitate the development of a local Place Shaping Forum in each of the seven District Electoral Areas in the Borough. Chaired by a local Councillor and facilitated by a senior council officer. Each forum will include representation from locally based organisations.



ENABLERS

- making the plan happen

A number of “enablers” or support mechanisms will be vital to the successful achievement of the outcomes in the Community Plan. They will provide the foundation upon which to continue to develop the Community Plan and accomplish delivery over the next 10-15 years.

DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

We recognise the need for ongoing support for all engaged in the Community Planning process.

Action: A development programme which reflects the needs of Place Shaping Forum members will be facilitated to build the skills of local people and develop their confidence to engage with, and to represent, their local community.

Action: An ongoing development programme for Partnership members will be facilitated to raise awareness of good practice in Community Planning and promote effective partnership working.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Community Plan must be owned by the whole community. To ensure this we will continue to engage with our citizens. The Place Shaping Forum in each area will play an important part in ensuring that the actions developed through the Community Plan reflect community need.

The Partnership is committed to working in a meaningful way with the citizens of the Borough

to tackle local issues within the framework of the Community Plan.

Action: The Partnership will work with local people to develop an action plan for each DEA which reflects the ambitions of the Community Plan and the needs of local areas.

COMMUNICATION AND AWARENESS BUILDING

The Community Plan has been developed through an extensive engagement process. The Partnership knows the importance of engaging with and listening to those who will benefit through delivery of the Community Plan and is committed to continued engagement with residents and stakeholders.

This engagement will continue throughout the lifetime of the Community Plan.

Action: The Partnership will develop a 3 year engagement and communication plan which will be regularly reviewed.

This will include developing the Community Planning section of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council’s website, where all information relating to Community Planning is currently located.



COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF PHYSICAL ASSETS

There is a wealth of publicly and community owned and managed physical assets (e.g. buildings, sites, vehicles) throughout the Borough. Some are no longer needed for their current use or are not being used to their full potential. Moving forward, the partners will consider how the best use of these assets/facilities can be achieved. This might be through the development of asset management agreements, shared use of resources or the transfer of assets.

Actions:

- >> A GIS officer will be employed to facilitate the mapping of key assets to inform Community Planning activities.
- >> An asset map will be produced identifying the public and community assets of the area including details of the characteristics/facilities available at each site eg schools, hospitals, leisure facilities.
- >> A Community Planning, collaborative approach will be promoted in the future development of capital schemes as appropriate.

POTENTIAL DEMONSTRATION SCHEMES

The following indicative projects provide an illustration of how a Community Planning approach could be applied to potential local demonstration schemes.

Development of the Newtownabbey Community High School site

Partners: Education Authority, Housing Executive, Council and others as appropriate.

The former Newtownabbey Community High School site located on the Shore Road is likely to be declared surplus by the Education Authority further to the location of the new Abbey College at the Monkstown Community High School site. This has created an opportunity to consider the future use of the 4.39 hectare site and a master plan has been completed. It is proposed that the key partners collaborate on the way forward for this important site in the greater Rathcoole area, considering in particular the housing demand and the need for leisure/recreational provision.



Development of Abbey College

Partners: Education Authority, Northern Trust, Council, Sustrans and others as appropriate.

The new Abbey College, is currently operating from the Monkstown Community High School site whilst work is undertaken to identify a site and develop plans for a new purpose built school. It is proposed that adopting a Community Planning approach to the development of the new school will achieve the best outcomes for the pupils, their families, staff and the surrounding community. Relevant considerations will include health and wellbeing, walking and cycling routes, out of hours provision etc.

Development of the Greater Steeple site, Antrim

Partners: Council, Housing Executive, Education Authority, Northern Trust, Sport NI, Sustrans, Northern Ireland Environment Agency, Private sector and others as appropriate.

The former Antrim Borough Council offices operated from the Steeple House, a listed building located to the rear of the current Civic Centre and set within an historic parkland which features one of the last remaining round towers in Ireland. The Council had previously obtained planning permission for housing on the site which could help to address the need for over 50's provision within Antrim Town. The Steeple House itself is proposed to be redeveloped into a multi-purpose resource facility accommodating community and social enterprise activities. The parkland which is currently enclosed could, if opened up, provide walkways and cycle paths for children attending local schools including Antrim Grammar and Parkhall College as well as facilitating visitors to the site. The monastic importance of the site is something which should be protected as it forms an important element of the Historic Antrim story. It is proposed that the concept plan developed for the site be progressed adopting a Community Planning approach.

Development of Carnview Children's Home

Partners: Council, Northern Trust, DTNI, North Belfast Ethical Investment Trust, Community & Voluntary sector and others as appropriate.

The former Carnview Childrens' Home owned by the Northern Health and Social Care Trust lies at the foot of Carnmoney Hill in the Rathfern estate and has been vacant for many years. A local community group has a desire to redevelop and operate the building to house health and wellbeing, childcare and social enterprise activities. Development Trusts NI has been involved in supporting the preparatory work for the proposed project under the Community Asset Transfer model. It is proposed that a Community Planning approach be adopted to explore the feasibility of this scheme.

1 Our citizens enjoy good health and wellbeing



OUR PRIORITIES

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WHY DOES GOOD HEALTH AND WELLBEING MATTER? (The evidence)

We want the residents of Antrim and Newtownabbey to experience good health and wellbeing so that they are able to enjoy life to the full regardless of their age, where they live, or their socio-economic background.

81.09% of our residents reported that they were in **good** or **very good health** however inequalities in health and wellbeing need to be addressed

Good health is not consistent across our Borough.

Good or very good health:

89% in the Mallusk ward

65% in the Whitehouse ward

This shows that we have inequalities in health and wellbeing which need to be addressed.

It is common for health inequalities to exist between more affluent areas and those with higher levels of deprivation. However, it does not mean that it should be acceptable for these inequalities to continue into the future. All of our citizens should have an equal opportunity to experience good health and wellbeing throughout their lives.

The life expectancy of our residents is comparable to Northern Ireland figures.



82.2 years



78.4 years

However between 2009 and 2013 it was reported that 27.1% of all deaths were considered premature and potentially avoidable, this means that lifestyle choices are impacting on health and wellbeing.

Whilst our citizens are active, with 34% of respondents to a Sport NI survey reporting that they did 30 minutes of physical activity per week, 10.7% have mobility or dexterity difficulty.

19% of our residents have a long term health problem

On a positive note, many illnesses can be influenced by lifestyle choice, positive mental health and access to recreational opportunities which increase physical fitness.

Our population is ageing and therefore in the future we can expect to have increased demands on our healthcare services. It is therefore essential that we enable our older people to live active, healthy, productive and independent lives within the community. We have made this a "Wildly Important Goal".

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO OUR CITIZENS?

Through our community engagement process respondents told us their priorities for health and wellbeing were:

- >> Enhanced support services to combat the causes and effects of poor mental health and the risk of suicide.
- >> Measures to combat drugs and alcohol abuse and their long term effects on young people, including access to legal highs and prescription drugs.
- >> Early intervention and prevention measures to tackle the causes of ill health and ensure wellbeing.
- >> Enhanced provision of access to and more sharing of green spaces and sports facilities including walkways, cycle paths and play facilities for children and young people including those living with a disability.
- >> Education and awareness of the value of our natural and built environment and the contribution it makes to personal and community wellbeing.

HOW WILL WE MEASURE THIS?

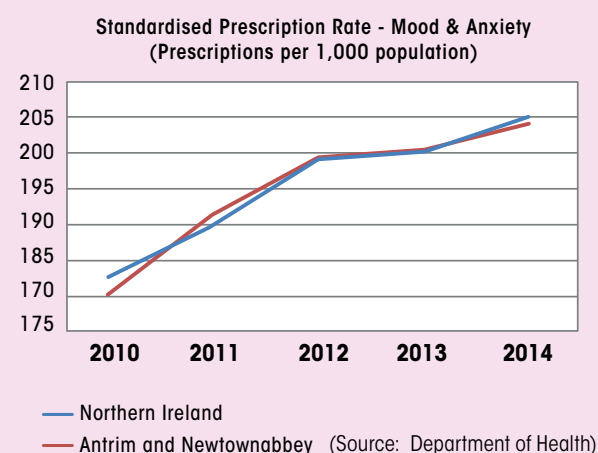
We have identified the following success measures (indicators) which will tell us whether, through partnership working under the Community Plan, we are positively contributing to improved health and wellbeing. These are:

>> A decrease in the % people with prescriptions for mood/anxiety disorders.

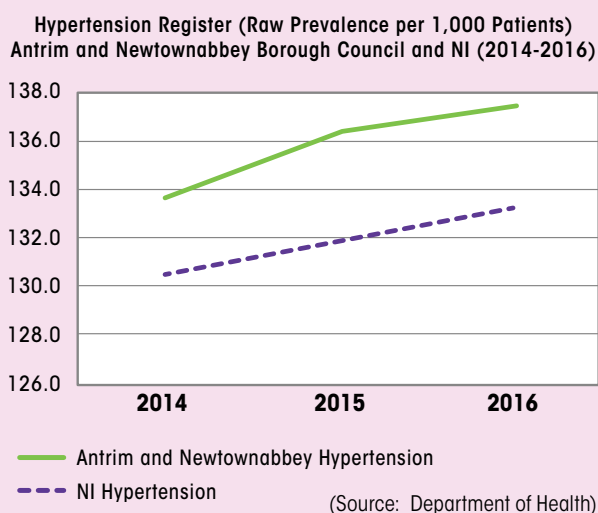
>> A decrease in the % of people registered as suffering from hypertension (high blood pressure).

Our baseline

1 in 5 people in Antrim and Newtownabbey have a prescription for a mood or anxiety disorder. Whilst slightly lower than the NI average, this figure is still high and is rising.



1 in 8 people in Antrim and Newtownabbey are registered as suffering from high blood pressure (hypertension) which is higher than the Northern Ireland average.



HOW MIGHT WE ACHIEVE THIS?

We can improve the health of our residents by enabling people to make better choices through targeted education and awareness of healthier lifestyle options. We can ensure that support and health services are accessible. We can also prioritise providing better access to and opportunities for recreational activity and activities with others which improve social connections and improve health and wellbeing.

In order to achieve this outcome we have identified the following strategic actions:

- >> Facilitate the roll out of “Take 5 Steps to Wellbeing” across the Borough with a specific focus on increasing uptake in schools, community and businesses.
- >> Schemes to support older people to access opportunities for participation in a variety of activities according to their needs and aspirations.
- >> Engage with community pharmacists in the area to scope and understand the services available to the community through pharmacies, including appropriate medicines’ use and public health initiatives. Support an enhanced public health role for community pharmacy by facilitating their better connection into, and engagement with, the local community infrastructure.
- >> Create additional greenways for walking/cycling across the Borough and link with greenway networks in neighbouring Council areas.
- >> Develop new allotment sites to address the high demand for neighbourhood allotments (circa 150 people in 2017 on a waiting list).
- >> Improve access to and provision of play and recreational facilities across the Borough for people with a disability.

RELEVANT POLICIES/STRATEGIES

- >> NI’s Health and Wellbeing Strategy: A Healthier Future (2005-2025) Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety
- >> Making Life Better – A Whole System Strategic Framework for Public Health 2014 – 2023 (DHSSPS)
- >> A Fitter Future For All: Obesity Prevention Framework for Northern Ireland 2012-2022
- >> Sport Matters: The Northern Ireland Strategy for Sport and Physical Recreation 2009-2019 (DCAL)
- >> Strategic Planning Policy Statement

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council | Council for Catholic Maintained Schools | Education Authority | Health and Social Care Board | Health and Social Care Trust | Libraries NI | NI Fire and Rescue Service | Northern Ireland Housing Executive | Public Health Agency | Sport NI | Ulster University | Volunteer Now | Advice Agencies | Central Government Departments | Churches | Community and Voluntary Sector | Schools |

Our Citizens Live in Connected, Safe, Clean and Vibrant Places

OUR PRIORITIES: CONNECTED

- >> Getting around our Borough is easier for those who don't have access to a car and for those who would prefer a more active mode of transport.
- >> Our citizens can be active participants in community life, if they wish to be, with opportunities to participate in clubs and activities and to get involved in volunteering.
- >> Local people get involved in decisions on the future development of their areas through the Place Shaping Forum.



WHY DOES BEING CONNECTED MATTER? (The evidence)

CONNECTED PLACES

Our residents value the opportunity to travel independently and freely. However, physical connectivity across the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough is an issue. This affects not only our ability to move between places of interest, but also our ability to access key services such as healthcare and our ability to access further education, training and employment opportunities.

Public transport

The Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough has a mixture of urban and rural environments. Our initial research indicates that access to public transport varies considerably across the Borough and is particularly problematic in rural areas. This could give rise to difficulties and inequalities for our residents in accessing opportunities and services purely because of where they live.

The current complexity of public transport routes makes it difficult to move freely across the Borough. The current routes focus on connectivity to Belfast instead of facilitating travel within the Borough. For example, there is no direct public transport route between the Macedon area and Mallusk.

Active travel - cycling and walking

In order to ensure Antrim and Newtownabbey

is a connected, safe and vibrant place to live we have to address the issue of ensuring physical connection to the places, services and opportunities of interest to our residents. Ensuring greater access and connectivity will improve our economy, reduce social isolation, improve health and wellbeing and increase the sense of community cohesion felt by our residents.

We have a challenge to ensure that when considering development and planning of our environment, we avoid planning options which place reliance on access to private cars as the primary means of transport. We need to ensure that we prioritise the development of public and active transport options. We need to consider how we can maximise opportunities to develop cycle, rail and bus networks within the Borough, allowing access between centres of commerce, recreational and educational opportunity.

The 2011 census indicates that less than 1% of journeys to work or school in Northern Ireland are by bicycle. This reliance on motorised transport negatively impacts upon the health and wellbeing of our citizens and contributes to congestion.

Less than 10% of
journeys to work or school
are on foot



Reliance on car ownership

The pattern of car ownership within the Borough reinforces the reliance on private forms of transport. However, there are inequalities in private car ownership within our Borough, which may mean that there are associated inequalities in access to jobs, key services and places of interest. For example, in Dunsilly 37% of people have access to 2 or more cars. In contrast, in Macedon 34% of people do not have access to either a car or a van.

81% of our citizens have access to **one or more** cars/vans (This is higher than the Northern Ireland average of 78%)



CONNECTED PEOPLE

Digital connectivity

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council ranks joint 3rd of the 11 councils in terms of availability of super-fast broadband. 82% of premises had access to super-fast broadband.

2015/16 home internet access:

80% households in Antrim and Newtownabbey

78% in Northern Ireland

Community and voluntary activity

There are 302 community groups registered on the Council's database for the Antrim and Newtownabbey area, showing that there are opportunities for people to contribute to the vitality of their local communities.

Volunteers affiliated with organisations in the area is **9,244**



- >> Census data identified that 14% of people aged 16+ had volunteered.
- >> 44% of 315 survey respondents indicated they were members of a community organisation.

>> 20% of Sport NI Survey respondents in 2010 were members of a sports club.

>> According to the 2011 Census 12% of usual residents provided unpaid care to family, friends or neighbours. This figure was highest in the Carnmoney ward at 15%.

This commitment to voluntary activity gives rise to a sense of community and community spirit, which our citizens consider is an important aspect of living within the area. However, the awareness of and engagement in community organisations and clubs is not consistent across the Borough. This means that the awareness of opportunities to volunteer and the understanding of the benefits of volunteering both for the individual and the wider community, also varies.

Participation in community life

Participation in community life, whether as a volunteer, or as a member of a group, is known to have positive impacts on mental and emotional wellbeing for the individual as well as enabling the development of new skills which can aid employability.

It is also recognised that volunteering or participating in a community activity widens the networks of those who could otherwise be socially isolated, and increases inclusion of those who are marginalised or vulnerable.

85.1% of respondents felt a **sense of belonging** to their neighbourhood



It is therefore important that we maximise the opportunities for our citizens to become actively connected and engaged with their community.

However, we recognise that there are barriers to the ability of individuals to get involved in community programmes and activities. For example, limitations can be presented by life stage issues such as caring responsibilities for young children, work patterns, health status and the ability of individuals to travel to or pay for activities. We need to identify practical means to enable people to overcome these barriers.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO OUR CITIZENS?

Through our community engagement process respondents told us their priorities were:

- >> Increased facilities and opportunities for the community especially provision for young people.
- >> Enhanced range and awareness of community events/activities to meet the needs of a diverse audience.
- >> Protection and enhancement of existing natural/open spaces, ensuring protection of the landscape, enhanced accessibility for recreational use.
- >> Increased public and active transport options to enable access to key centres and open spaces.
- >> Enhancement of sustainable development initiatives which promote a low carbon life style including energy efficiency, renewable energy use and car sharing schemes.

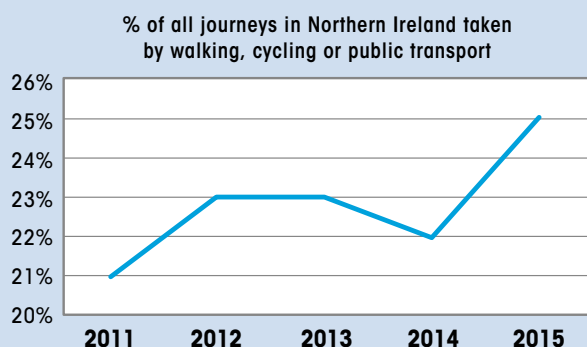
HOW WILL WE MEASURE THIS?

We have identified the following success measures (indicators) which will tell us whether, through partnership working under the Community Plan, we are positively contributing to the creation of connected places and people.

Figures for numbers of volunteers and membership of groups/sports clubs in the Borough are not currently available however this will be part of our data development process.

- >> Access to sustainable and affordable transport
- >> An increase in the % of non car journeys
- >> An increase in the % people who are volunteers/members of a group/sports club

Our baseline



(Source: Department for Infrastructure NI Travel Survey)

HOW MIGHT WE ACHIEVE THIS?

- >> Undertake a transport study which will develop a service map for public and community transport and an audit of the available assets (buses, vans, volunteer drivers). Identify the gaps/ areas of need regarding accessibility across the Borough to leisure, education, health, training and employment opportunities and make recommendations to address issues.
- >> Scope/map the existing infrastructure (cycle and walking paths) and projects or programmes which support and promote active travel e.g. bike to work, safer routes to school. Use the findings to make recommendations for a (pilot) programme to address issues.
- >> Develop a joined up volunteering scheme for the Borough potentially including a timebanking/ rewards scheme.

RELEVANT POLICIES/STRATEGIES

- >> Delivering Social Change 2012 (OFMDFM)
- >> Join In, Get Involved: Build a Better Future A Volunteering Strategy and Action Plan for Northern Ireland 2012 (DSD)
- >> Exercise, Explore, Enjoy – a strategy for Greenways 2016 (DRD)
- >> Northern Ireland changing Gear – a bicycle strategy for NI 2015-2040 (DRD)
- >> Regional Development Strategy 2012-2035 (DRD)

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council | Education Authority | Health and Social Care Trust | Health and Social Care Board | Public Health Agency | Sport NI | Central Government Departments | Northern Ireland Environment Agency | Schools | South Antrim Community Transport | Sustrans | Translink | Transport NI |

OUR PRIORITIES: SAFE, CLEAN AND VIBRANT PLACES

- >> Our town and village centres are vibrant places where people live and where they spend their leisure time.
- >> Our towns and villages, and our green and open spaces, are clean and vibrant places which our citizens have pride in.
- >> Our natural environment is valued.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO OUR CITIZENS?

Through our community engagement process respondents told us their priorities were:

- >> New town centre businesses, reducing the number of vacant properties, and encouraging increased footfall and spend.
- >> Promotion of town centre living to encourage regeneration.
- >> Increased presence of community policing.
- >> Measures to combat drinking, drugs and anti-social behaviour in public spaces.
- >> Measures to increase road safety and deal with speeding and high traffic volumes.
- >> Increased maintenance of community spaces to combat litter, dog fouling, graffiti, flags, emblems and kerb painting which reduce the amenity value of public space.
- >> Increased night-time economy leading to a greater sense of safety in town spaces.
- >> Ensuring an appropriate mix and balance of housing to ensure people can remain in the area regardless of age, family size or health status.
- >> Protection and enhancement of existing natural/open spaces, ensuring protection of the landscape, enhanced accessibility for recreational use and the creation of wildlife corridors.

WHY DOES LIVING IN SAFE, CLEAN AND VIBRANT COMMUNITIES MATTER? (The evidence)

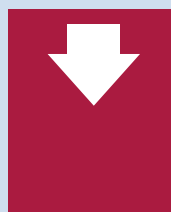
The Antrim and Newtownabbey area has 4 designated town centres, Antrim, Ballyclare, Crumlin, and Randalstown, plus Glengormley which is an urban centre.

Town teams now operate in Antrim, Ballyclare, Crumlin, Glengormley and Randalstown and the Council is working in partnership with the Department for Communities on regeneration plans.

Our citizens value opportunities for accessing local shops and cafes. 83% of the 315 survey respondents stated that they use their local shops and 70% that they use local cafes. However the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour can negatively impact on the enjoyment of our town centres and community spaces.

The fear of crime persists despite a downward trend in crime and anti-social behaviour in recent years.

17%



Between 2005/2006 and 2014/15 there was an overall decrease in crime of 17%.

Key factors which influence the sense of security and safety in our town centres are the extent of footfall which they attract and whether they operate an evening economy.

Less than half (40%) of new businesses survive for more than 5 years which gives rise to vacant units



Ensuring the vibrancy of our town centres and increasing the sense of safety within them, is positively impacted by limiting the number of vacant properties and ensuring an appropriate mix of retail and residential properties.

Town centres are also negatively impacted upon by out of town shopping outlets. In order to redress this situation, accessibility of town centres is a priority, including effective public transport and affordable, accessible parking.

Evidence suggests our parking is affordable. At the 1st January 2017, 7 out of 10 off street car park spaces in Antrim and Newtownabbey were free of charge.

HOW WILL WE MEASURE THIS?

We have identified the following success measures (indicators) which will tell us whether, through partnership working under the Community Plan, we are positively contributing to the creation of connected, safe, clean and vibrant places.

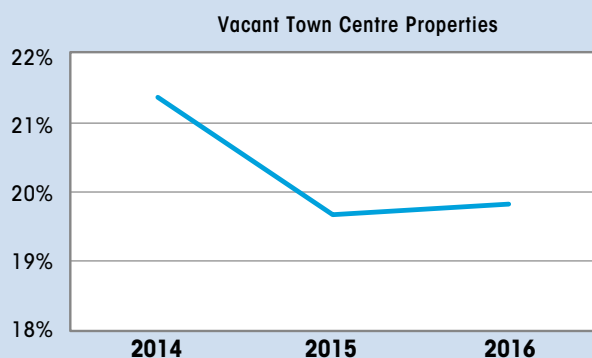
>> A decrease in the % of vacant non-residential units

>> An increase in town/village centre footfall

Our baseline

The graph shows the percentage of vacant non-residential town centre properties within the Borough.

The area has 4 designated town centres (Antrim, Ballyclare, Crumlin and Randalstown) plus Glengormley which is an urban centre (figures are not currently available for Glengormley).



(Source: Department for Communities Town Centre Database)

Figures for town centre footfall are not currently available for all 4 town centres, however going forward, measurements will be introduced in order that we can track progress on this. This will be part of our data development process.

HOW MIGHT WE ACHIEVE THIS?

- >> Facilitate our Place Shaping Forums to contribute to developing a better understanding of local issues and needs.
- >> Work collectively to ensure Antrim and Newtownabbey is within the top 3 'clean' Council areas in Northern Ireland.
- >> Engage with and support the work of the Police and Community Safety Partnership in the roll out of policing and community safety initiatives.
- >> Engage with and support the work of the Peace IV Partnership in the development of shared spaces (Crumlin Glen, Parkhall/Antrim Grammar and the Urban Sports Park) and shared space events.
- >> Engage with and support the work of the Rural Development Partnership in Village Renewal and investment in rural services.
- >> Delivery of major public realm and revitalisation schemes in our town centres including Glengormley (circa £4 million) and Antrim Town.

RELEVANT POLICIES/STRATEGIES

- >> Safer Together Community Safety Strategy 2015 - 2017 (NIHE)
- >> Urban Regeneration and Community Development Framework 2013 (DfC)
- >> Homeless Strategy 2012-2017 (NIHE)
- >> Community Safety Strategy for NI 2012-2017: 'Building Safer, Shared and Confident Communities' DOJ
- >> The Housing Strategy for Northern Ireland: Facing the Future 2012-2017 (DfC)

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council | Invest NI | Northern Ireland Housing Executive | PSNI | Central Government Departments | Chambers of Trade/Commerce | Policing and Community Safety Partnership | Shopping Centre Management | Taxi Companies | Translink |

3 Our citizens benefit from economic prosperity



OUR PRIORITIES

- >> Our local economy thrives, with local businesses starting up, growing, expanding and generating employment.
- >> Enterprise and innovation are encouraged and supported from an early age to build the businesses and entrepreneurs of the future.
- >> Our area has a skilled population and infrastructure which is attractive to investors and employers.
- >> Barriers to accessing employment are reduced or removed enabling all of our citizens to have equitable access to the opportunities available in the Borough.

WHY DOES BENEFITING FROM ECONOMIC PROSPERITY MATTER? (The evidence)

In order to ensure an economically prosperous area, it is necessary to ensure business activity within the area, but also an appropriate skills match of potential employees for the nature of work available.

Antrim and Newtownabbey has the lowest proportion of VAT registered businesses in Northern Ireland.



3,685 VAT/PAYE registered businesses are located within the Borough

There are **3,000 microbusinesses** with 9 employees or less

Small and micro businesses are an essential element of the economic fabric of the area and are often suppliers of goods or services for larger companies. Any changes to the supply chain needs of the larger purchasing companies therefore has a significant impact on other businesses locally and the resilience of the local economy.

There is therefore a need to prioritise the sustainability and growth of existing businesses and their supply chains.

In Antrim and Newtownabbey 70% of the working age population are employed in the private sector. This includes employment in some large companies such as Caterpillar, Canyon, Chain Reaction, Bombardier and Royal Mail. 19.4 % of jobs are in the retail, wholesale and motor vehicle sectors.

Between 2011 and 2015 the number of jobs available in the Borough increased by 2.8% to 55,937. There has therefore been growth in some sectors, for example distribution, whereas there has been contraction in others such as manufacturing. There were 486 redundancies within the Borough between 2013 and 2015, the majority of which were in the manufacturing sector.

30%

employed in the public sector

Residents aged 16-64 within the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough

19.6%

employed in the human health and social services sector

The rationalisation of public sector services and reform of public sector bodies in Northern Ireland has resulted in a reduction in employment.

Any reduction of jobs within the public sector is significant. Across Northern Ireland public sector jobs have decreased by 2.6%, a trend which has also impacted locally.

The levels of entrepreneurship in Northern Ireland are low and stand at 5.1%, measured by the number of business start-ups. Antrim and Newtownabbey is ranked 10th of the 11 councils.

The rate of **entrepreneurship** in Antrim and Newtownabbey is **4.2%**

We have a challenge to support the growth and innovation activity of the private sector, particularly during a period of public sector compression.

An important element of supporting and encouraging innovation and economic activity is ensuring our citizens have the right skills and qualifications.

27.1% of the population aged 16-64 are **educated to degree level** or above



The skills based within the Borough may also not align with the skills required by emerging industries. Unless skills are aligned, business growth will be restricted, or jobs will have to be filled with candidates from outside the local area.

55.6% of those aged 16-74 who are in **employment** work in the Borough

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO OUR CITIZENS?

Through our community engagement process the priorities identified were:

- >> Measures to encourage investment and job creation within the area.
- >> Measures to combat road traffic congestion and parking difficulties which discourage town centre economies.
- >> Focus on enhanced employability skills matched to the economic opportunities available and those being developed within the area with an emphasis on 'high end' job creation and entrepreneurship.
- >> Prevent 'brain drain' from the area and loss of skills to the local economy.
- >> Enhanced information sharing between government and the private sector to ensure statutory supports are appropriately targeted and businesses develop in line with strategic aspirations and emerging markets.
- >> Innovation support for local businesses to ensure competitiveness within current and future markets.
- >> Enhanced digital connectivity and transport systems to enable access to local and international markets for goods and services.

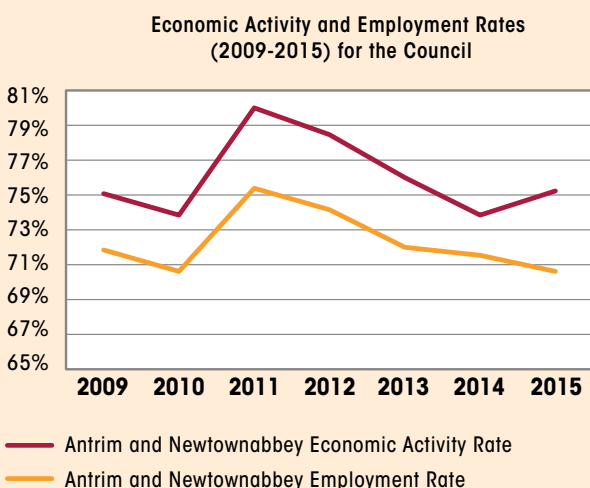


HOW WILL WE MEASURE THIS?

We have identified the following success measures (indicators) which will tell us whether, through partnership working under the Community Plan, we are positively contributing to economic prosperity.

- >> An increase in the % of the working age population who are employed/self employed
- >> An increase in the % of the working age population who are economically active.

Our baseline



(Source: Department for the Economy)

Economically inactive includes retired people, students, those at home caring for family and those who are long term sick.

Economically active includes those in work or seeking work.

HOW MIGHT WE ACHIEVE THIS?

- >> Develop an integrated support structure for business & enterprise (including social) which facilitates the integration of Council business support functions such as environmental health, planning, building control, economic development and rural business support.
- >> Provision of first class infrastructure for business development and growth including support for enterprise parks, development of digital connectivity and supporting the development of the skills base of the local population.

- >> Establish an Employability and Skills/Economic Think Tank Forum which will bring together education and skills providers and local employers and which will initially undertake an employment and skills audit to inform the development of future initiatives.

- >> Create a portfolio of investment locations within the Borough in conjunction with the private sector.

RELEVANT POLICIES/STRATEGIES

- >> Economy 2030: Draft Industrial Strategy for NI 2017 (DfE)
- >> Smart Specialisation Framework for NI 2015 (DfE)
- >> Enabling Success: A Strategy to Tackle Economic inactivity in Northern Ireland 2015 (DfE)
- >> Economic Strategy: Priorities for sustainable growth and prosperity: building a better future 2012-2030 (DETI)
- >> Regional Development Strategy 2012-2035 (DRD)

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council | Council for Catholic Maintained Schools (CCMS) | Education Authority | Health and Social Care Trust | Invest NI | Tourism NI | Northern Regional College | Ulster University | Business in the Community | Central Government Departments | Chambers of Trade/Commerce | Community and Voluntary Sector | Entrepreneurs | Major Employers | Private Sector | Social Enterprise Hubs |

Our citizens achieve their full potential



OUR PRIORITIES

- >> A range of formal and informal learning opportunities are available.
- >> There is a culture of lifelong learning in Antrim and Newtownabbey with a range of opportunities to acquire new skills and qualifications.
- >> Our children and young people achieve throughout their education and progress to employment.
- >> Our children and young people are ambitious and inspired to achieve from an early age.
- >> The range of ways in which people learn, and develop skills for life and work, is acknowledged through availability of placements, internships and apprenticeships.

WHY DOES ACHIEVING POTENTIAL MATTER? (The evidence)

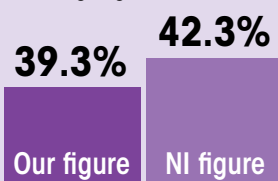
Enabling individuals and communities to maximise their skills and qualifications not only develops the economic vibrancy of the area but also increases community resilience and cohesion.

Further and higher education

Available figures demonstrate that over 13,000 Antrim and Newtownabbey citizens were enrolled in Further Education (8,738) and Higher Education (4,545) in 2014/15.

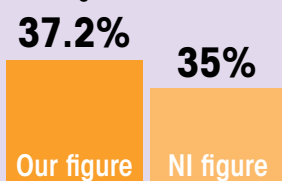
Further and Higher Education learning opportunities are provided by the College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE), Northern Regional College and Ulster University, all of which are based within the Borough. In addition the Borough has 53 primary schools and 10 post primary schools.

Proportion of school leavers entering Higher Education



9th across all Councils

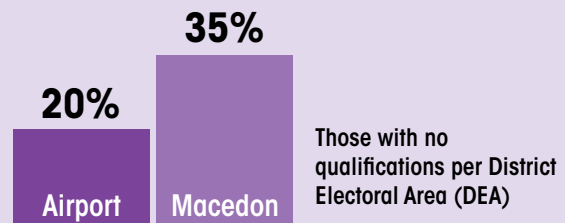
Proportion of school leavers entering Further Education



3rd across all Councils

Skills and qualifications

Despite the opportunities to access formal education institutions qualification levels vary widely across the Borough.



The attainment of educational qualifications and transferrable skills, impacts on the ability of individuals to secure employment. 28% of those who are unemployed in the Borough are long term unemployed. 27% of those are aged between 18-24.

This is a matter of concern since the inability to gain employment at a young age will have a knock on impact on employment opportunities throughout life and increase dependence on state support services. Ensuring our young people in particular achieve their potential is therefore reflected in our 'Wildly Important Goal'.

Changes in educational needs

Trends in age profile and economic patterns are also influencing educational opportunities within the Borough. Our ageing population are working for longer and this is leading to a need for re-training and/or upskilling to ensure longer term employability.

We are also experiencing a shift in the pattern of educational opportunities sought by individuals, with 81.8% of Further Education enrolments in 2014/15 being secured on a part-time basis. In 2014/15 35,681 people enrolled on non-regulated (hobby) courses.

There is also a move towards apprenticeships and vocational courses as alternatives to academic qualifications.

These changes in community needs and interests present challenges to the way in which educational courses are offered. Barriers to access need to be overcome, such as cost, transport and course scheduling.

However, the changes also present opportunities. The increased number of older people seeking educational attainment, provides new opportunities for intergenerational learning and enhanced community cohesion. There are also opportunities to harness the skills of older people as trainers and mentors within formal and informal education environments.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO OUR CITIZENS?

Through our community engagement process the priorities identified were:

- >> Balancing of school provision to ensure appropriate access to suitable educational opportunities close to home.
- >> Enhanced community based informal educational opportunities to enable skills development and improved life choices.
- >> Increased opportunities and access to third level education and vocational training such as apprenticeships.
- >> Increased provision of rural library services and information hubs.

- >> Increased opening hours for community and leisure facilities.
- >> Enhanced partnership/collaborative working between the statutory, community and voluntary sector to ensure joined up service provision which accurately meets the needs of the local community and maximises value for money.
- >> Development of enhanced community spirit and volunteering, enabling individuals to make a positive contribution to the place in which they live and grow.
- >> Supporting the development of local community leaders and the sustainability of the community sector to ensure the vibrancy of community support structures.

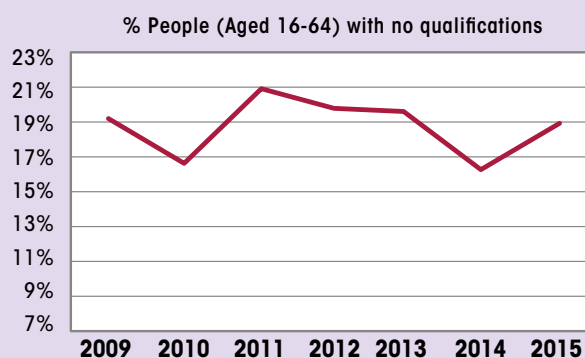
HOW WILL WE MEASURE THIS?

We have identified the following success measures (indicators) which will tell us whether, through partnership working under the Community Plan, we are positively contributing to ensuring our citizens achieve their full potential. These are:

- >> An increase in the % of residents of working age who are engaged in learning
- >> A decrease in the % of working age population with no qualifications.

Our baseline

The graph shows the % of Antrim and Newtownabbey working age population with no qualifications over a 5 year period. In 2015 18.8% had no qualifications compared to 16.2% in Northern Ireland.



(Source: Department for the Economy)

Whilst data is not readily available for individuals who are involved in learning on an informal basis (for example art or music classes or capacity building programmes). The figures available demonstrate that more than 13,000 Antrim and Newtownabbey citizens enrolled in Further Education (8,738) and Higher Education (4,545)

HOW MIGHT WE ACHIEVE THIS?

- >> Establish an Employability and Skills/Economic Think Tank Forum which will bring together education and skills providers and local employers and which will initially undertake an employment and skills audit to inform the development of future initiatives.
- >> Develop an integrated approach across partner organisations to apprenticeships, internships, placements and work experience. This will include a review of HR policies regarding work experience, placements and internships for all ages, agreeing a standardised policy and practice.
- >> Develop an integrated approach across partner organisations to the development of a social clause policy with respect to the creation of training and employment opportunities within procurement contracts.
- >> Build upon good practice work with respect to targeting disadvantaged areas e.g. Areas at Risk programme.
- >> Develop an 'Aspiration Programme' for children & young people which includes research into levels of aspiration and current practice. Examine best practice approaches and develop programmes accordingly (on the understanding that a combination of approaches will be required depending on target audience – early years, pre-school, primary school, post primary school, disengaged young people) (possibly target Years 10 and 11 as this is when children seem to disconnect).
- >> Promote the value of lifelong learning by scoping what currently exists, gaps and opportunities and using this information to develop an annual Festival of Learning across the Borough.

- >> Facilitate the roll out of "Take 5 Steps to Wellbeing" across the Borough with a specific focus on increasing uptake in schools, community and businesses.

RELEVANT POLICIES/STRATEGIES

- >> The Child Poverty Strategy 2016 (DfC)
- >> Further Education Means Success – Further Education Strategy 2016 (DfE)
- >> Generating our Success – NI Strategy for Youth Training 2015 (DfE)
- >> Securing our Success – the Northern Ireland Strategy on Apprenticeships 2014 (DfE)
- >> Pathways to Success: Preventing Exclusion and Promoting Participation of Young People 2012 – 2020 (DEL)
- >> Graduating to Success – Higher Education Strategy 2012-2020 (DEL)
- >> The Skills Strategy – Success Through Skills – Transforming Futures 2011-2020 (DEL)
- >> STEM Strategy: Success Through STEM 2011 (DE/DEL)
- >> Every School a Good School: A Policy for School Improvement (ESaGS) (DE) 2009-2020
- >> Providing Pathways (Education Authority 2017)
- >> Children and Young People's Strategy (DE 2017-2027)

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council | Council for Catholic Maintained Schools (CCMS) | Education Authority (schools and youth service) | Libraries NI | Northern Regional College | Sport NI | Ulster University | Central Government Departments | Community and Voluntary Sector | Confederation of Business Industry | CAFRE (Greenmount) | Jobs and Benefits Offices | Local Businesses |

'Wildly Important Goal' – our vulnerable people are supported



OUR PRIORITIES:

- >> Our ageing population is supported to live active lives as part of their community.
- >> Our ageing population is supported to live as contentedly and independently as possible for as long as possible.

WHY DOES SUPPORTING OUR VULNERABLE PEOPLE MATTER? (The evidence)

Our population is ageing.

46.7%



Population increase 2005-2015 aged 85+

42.1%



Projected population increase 2015-2030 aged 65+

Currently 15.9% of the population of the Borough are aged 65+, with 7% of those (almost 10,000 people) aged 75+.

It is estimated that **11% of households** in the Borough are **lone pensioner** households.



Health and wellbeing challenges

This presents huge challenges for how we organise and deliver community services, enable independence for older people and ensure health and wellbeing.

Social isolation has a negative impact on health and wellbeing. We are aware that personal mobility issues can make remaining connected within the community challenging. This is exacerbated by difficulties in accessing public transport in some areas and therefore limits the extent to which older people can contribute and participate in community life.

Older people are more susceptible to health related challenges and therefore need more care services to enable them to remain independent and to continue to live in their own homes. These supports are dependent on a mixture of family, community and health and social care services.

Supporting independence

Homes also need to be suitable to support independence, including suitable layout and adaptability to changing mobility and health requirements.



There is also a need for suitable and adequate provision of residential care and supported living opportunities for those who are unable to remain fully independent within the community.

It is not sufficient to enable our older people to stay in their own homes, we need to ensure that they have a quality of life and feel safe. Older people often express a fear of crime and worries around personal security which impacts upon the extent to which they go out and the times which they go out.



Older people also often suffer from **fuel poverty** which can impact their quality of life.

The Housing Conditions Survey 2011 referenced that between 38% and 42% of households in the Borough were in fuel poverty. In particular there were concentrations of households around Ballyclare and Toome, as well as known areas of deprivation such as Farranshane and Macedon.

As more of our population lives longer, the quality of life for older people and the ability to live independently becomes ever more important. We need to ensure that our support services, transport systems and community structures support measures aimed at early intervention, positive health and wellbeing and maximum personal independence.

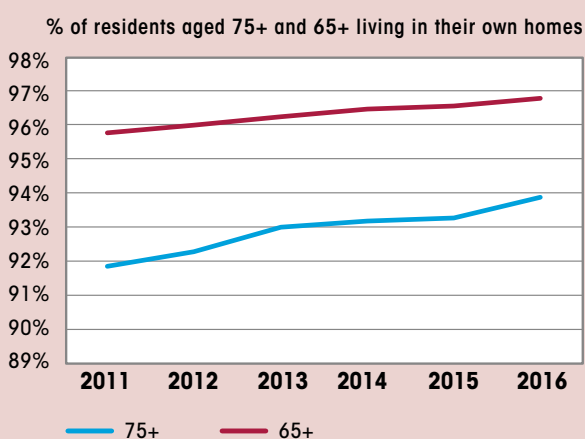
HOW WILL WE MEASURE THIS?

We have identified the following success measure (indicator) which will tell us whether, through partnership working under the Community Plan, we are positively supporting our vulnerable people.

>> An increase in the % of residents over 75 living in their own homes.

Our baseline

The graph shows the % of residents aged 75+ and 65+ living in their own homes. Whilst both trends are positive, there is a notable gap (3%) between the figures for 65+ and those for 75+.



(Source: Business Services Organisation)

HOW MIGHT WE ACHIEVE THIS?

- >> Develop an age friendly strategy & action plan for Antrim and Newtownabbey. This exercise will initially involve a mapping exercise against the World Health Organisation age friendly criteria to scope current provision and identify gaps/opportunities for development/expansion of service delivery e.g. Good Morning programme, befriending programme, home safety initiatives, health and social care schemes etc.
- >> Develop a multi-agency Vulnerability and Concern Hub to facilitate identification of vulnerable people in the Borough and collectively identify the necessary support interventions needed to improve their wellbeing and reduce their vulnerability.
- >> Ensure access to benefits and support advice for all our older citizens.

RELEVANT POLICIES/STRATEGIES

- >> Active Ageing Strategy NI 2016 - 2021 (DfC)
- >> Transforming Your Care: A Review of Health and Social Care 2011 (DHSSPS)
- >> Improving Dementia Services in Northern Ireland – A Regional Strategy 2011 (DHSSPS)
- >> Warmer Healthier Homes – A New Fuel Poverty Strategy for Northern Ireland 2011 (DfC)

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council | Health and Social Care Trust | Health and Social Care Board | Libraries NI | NI Fire and Rescue Service | Northern Ireland Housing Executive | PSNI | Public Health Agency | Advice Agencies | Community and Voluntary Sector | Policing and Community Safety Partnership |



OUR PRIORITY

>> Our young people are supported to access opportunities which enable them to fulfil their potential.

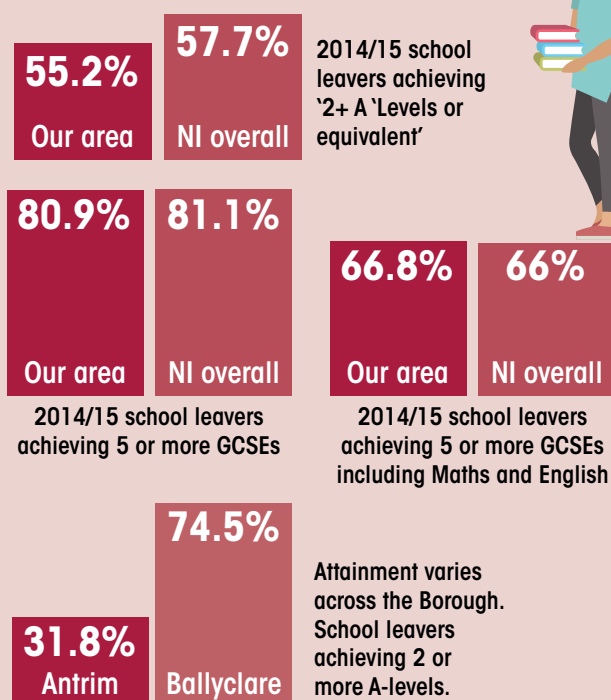


WHY DOES SUPPORTING OUR VULNERABLE PEOPLE MATTER? (The evidence)

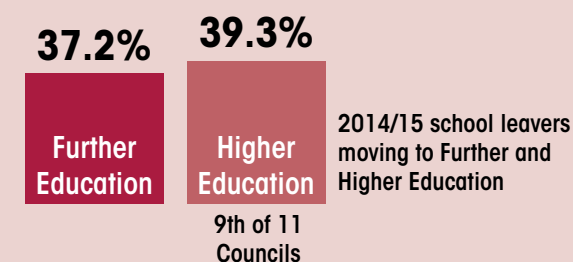
Locally, some educators describe a “poverty of aspiration” in some young people. This not only impacts on the economic status of young people, but also their ability to make positive life choices and ultimately their health and emotional wellbeing.

Educational Attainment

While our rates of educational attainment in Northern Ireland are high, educational achievement within the Borough is slightly below the Northern Ireland average.



Moving on from School



Whilst figures specific to Antrim and Newtownabbey are not available, it is known that fewer school leavers in Northern Ireland who are entitled to free school meals progress to Higher or Further Education (65.3%) than those who are not entitled to free school meals (81.1%).

A concern is the number of young people who leave education with “no destination” towards employment or training. In 2015 5.7% of school leavers (91 young people) within the Borough exited education in this manner. 30% of those young people lived in Antrim town DEA. It can be expected that those young people will have significantly less life choices than those who continue to gain additional skills.

27% of unemployment benefit claimants from the Borough are aged 18-24

In April 2016 there were 620 participants from Antrim and Newtownabbey in the Apprenticeships NI programme. 2 local employers offering placements include NIE and Belfast International Airport.

The location and availability of training has a direct impact on the pathways chosen by young people when leaving school. In addition, the ability to pay training costs may also impact on the number of young people accessing Further and Higher Education.

Outside of Education

There were 109 youth justice referrals and 22 Juvenile Justice Centre transactions regarding young people from the Borough in 2015/16. It is known that by addressing access to training and employment opportunities, positive impacts can be made on factors such as youth crime and anti-social behaviour.

However, it should be highlighted that young people are contributing significantly to the community. In the 2011 census 18.1% of usual residents aged 18-24 had volunteered their time within the previous year. If we are to secure the economic vitality of the area and ensure that young people are enabled to fulfil their potential, it is essential that barriers to ongoing personal development and training are minimised.

It is also important to match training options to vocational opportunities within the area, such as apprenticeships, to provide young people with confidence that the effort they put into skills development will pay real dividends for their employability.

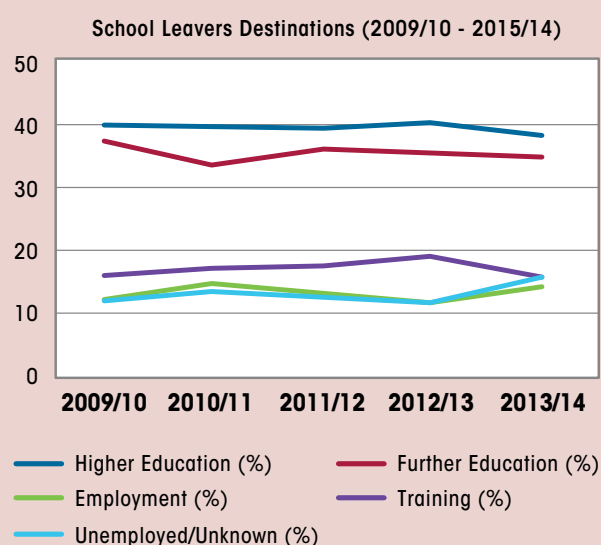
HOW WILL WE MEASURE THIS?

We have identified the following success measure (indicator) which will tell us whether, through partnership working under the Community Plan, we are positively supporting our young people to fulfil their potential:

>> An increase the % of young people progressing to employment, further education, training or voluntary activity.

Our baseline

The graph shows where our school leavers move on to from post primary school.



(Source: Department for Education)

HOW MIGHT WE ACHIEVE THIS?

- >> Develop a Children and Young People Transition Programme which uses research and best practice to understand and address the transition needs and support needs of young people and in particular with regard to underachievement.
- >> Establish an Employability and Skills/Economic Think Tank Forum which will bring together education and skills providers and local employers and which will initially undertake an employment and skills audit to inform the development of future initiatives.

RELEVANT POLICIES/STRATEGIES

- >> The Child Poverty Strategy 2016 (DfC)
- >> Further Education Means Success – Further Education Strategy 2016 (DfE)
- >> Generating our Success – NI Strategy for Youth Training 2015 (DfE)
- >> Securing our Success – the Northern Ireland Strategy on Apprenticeships 2014 (DfE)
- >> Pathways to Success: Preventing Exclusion and Promoting Participation of Young People 2012 – 2020 (DEL)
- >> Graduating to Success – Higher Education Strategy 2012-2020 (DEL)
- >> Every School a Good School: A Policy for School Improvement (ESaGS) (DE) 2009-2020
- >> Providing Pathways (Education Authority 2017)
- >> Children and Young People's Strategy (DE 2017-2027)

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council | Council for Catholic Maintained Schools (CCMS) | Education Authority | Health and Social Care Trust (16+ service) | Invest NI | Libraries NI | Northern Regional College | PSNI | Sport NI | Ulster University | Volunteer Now | Community and Voluntary Sector | CAFRE (Greenmount) | Chambers of Trade/Commerce | Jobs and Benefits Offices | Policing and Community Safety Partnership | Princes Trust | Private Sector | Recruitment Agencies | Training Providers

NEXT STEPS

The Community Plan provides the framework to develop and deliver public services in Antrim and Newtownabbey in the years to 2030. Based on a shared vision for the area and setting out the outcomes we want to see for our citizens, the Community Plan is the first step on the road to a better Borough.

To achieve these ambitious goals, there are several steps to take over the lifetime of the plan.

Research and Development

In the early stages of implementation of the Community Plan, the Partnership will undertake or commission a number of scoping studies or audits which will more comprehensively inform development of the projects and initiatives which the Partnership has committed to.

Outcome Delivery Plans

Each of the outcomes and the Wildly Important Goal will have a delivery plan. These plans will include short, medium and long term actions and will be developed by Outcome Delivery Groups.

Led by members of the Partnership, these groups will include a broad range of stakeholders who can provide the expertise to inform the projects, programmes and actions which can address the challenges in our area.

DEA Place Shaping Forums

We will engage at a local level with communities to ensure delivery of the Community Plan is responsive to local needs and to facilitate engagement of local people in the community planning process.

Monitoring and Review

The Community Planning Partnership will review the plan on an annual basis and will formally report on progress every two years.



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General

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council conducts its business through a traditional committee system, where business is initially considered by one of its Committees forming a key component of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council's corporate governance framework.

The Council has created a number of Committees to progress the work of the Council from 1st April 2015 in line with the provisions of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) Act 2014, Schedules 1 and 2 and other relevant statutes as follows:

- Audit Committee
- Operations Committee
- Policy and Governance Committee
- Planning Committee
- Community Planning and Regeneration Committee

Introduction

This document confirms the remit of the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee, its' terms of reference, summarising the core functions referred to it and defines its authority limits.

Responsibilities

The Community Planning and Regeneration Committee will be responsible for recommending to the Council the key decisions and actions required to be taken specifically in relation to the work of the Community Planning and Regeneration Directorate.

This will include:

- Approving and overseeing the delivery of any relevant service strategies for the following Council functions:
 - Community Development
 - Economic Development
 - Capital Development
 - Property and Building Services;
- Approving relevant policies and procedures for the Community Planning and Regeneration Directorate;
- Monitoring and reviewing business and service delivery plans for the Community Planning and Regeneration Directorate;
- Approving the establishment of external partnerships where considered relevant to the role of the Community Planning and Regeneration Directorate;

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- Engaging on an ongoing basis with all relevant external bodies as to their strategies, policies and proposals which will impact on the Borough of Antrim and Newtownabbey;
- Approving and monitoring funding sources and mechanisms to assist with various initiatives, projects and actions within the remit of the Community Planning and Regeneration Directorate;
- Recommending to the Council the resolution of any associated issues;
- Considering the resource implications of any recommendations.

Membership

The Community Planning and Regeneration Committee will comprise of 15 Members of the Council appointed using the Quota of Greatest Remainder (QGR) as provisions for within Schedule 2 of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) Act 2014.

The Committee will have a Chair and Deputy Chair appointed by the Council at its Annual General Meeting as positions of responsibility under Part 3 of the Local Government (NI) Act 2014.

Meetings

Business shall not be transacted unless a quorum is present. A quorum for the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee will be in line with Standing Order 7 (1) of the Council's Standing Orders.

"The quorum for Council, Committee and Sub Committee meetings be one-quarter of the whole number of members of the Council, Committee and Sub Committee..."

The Community Planning and Regeneration Committee will meet normally on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm except when this falls within a recess period agreed by the Council.

All meetings of the Committee will be governed by the Council's Standing Orders and the Local Government Code of Conduct for Councillors.

The Community Planning and Regeneration Committee may ask any other officer of the Council to attend to assist it with any discussions on a particular matter.

Working Groups

The Community Planning and Regeneration Committee may consider it necessary to establish Working Groups made up of Elected Members, Officers and Non-elected Members to consider and make recommendations on a series of non-policy matters and/or to help in the formulation of policy.

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Any Working Groups established by this Committee shall officially report to the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee and shall not have power to exercise any function of the Committee nor to make any decision on behalf of the Committee nor to instruct any officer without prior authority of the Committee.

All working groups shall be provided with a terms of reference by the Committee, defining its objectives and reporting arrangements.