



11 January 2023

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Dear Member

**MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Community Planning Committee will be held in the **Council Chamber, Mossley Mill on Monday 16 January 2023 at 6.30 pm.**

You are requested to attend.

Yours sincerely

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

Jacqui Dixon, BSc MBA

**Chief Executive, Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council**

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

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MONDAY 16 JANUARY 2023**

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**4.1 FI/FIN/11 DRAFT RATES ESIMATES UPDATE 2023/24**

An update on the 2023/24 Estimates for the Community Planning Department will be presented at the meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the presentation be noted.**

Prepared by: Richard Murray, Head of Finance

Agreed by: John Balmer, Deputy Director of Finance

Approved by: Sandra Cole, Director of Finance & Governance

## 5 ITEMS FOR DECISION

### 5.1 ED/ED/057 WORLD OF OWLS RANDALSTOWN

Members are reminded that in 2004 the legacy Antrim Borough Council entered into a 20year lease with the Forestry Service for lands in Randalstown Forest. The lands were then sub-let to World of Owls, a registered charity, for 20 years to allow them to operate as a visitor attraction.

Members are further reminded that at the Community Planning and Regeneration Meeting in February 2018 a range of development options in relation to World of Owls, which had been prepared by Consultants appointed by the Council, were considered. At this time the Forestry Service had indicated that it would only renew any lease with the Council if the Council was willing to take on responsibility for the development and management of the entire forest, which exceeds 172 hectares.

It was agreed at this meeting that the Council did not wish to renew the lease with any part of the site at the end of the current lease period on 12 January 2024.

Officers were advised earlier this year of a change in the position of Forestry Service in relation to any lease to the Council. They now have no objection to the Council continuing a separate arrangement with World of Owls, irrespective of any commitment to recreational or any other responsibility in the forest.

The building used by World of Owls is owned by the Forestry Service and has been there since the 1950s. Prior to World of Owls arrival, the building was used by DAERA as an education centre. The current cost of leasing the land and premises from the Forestry Service is £1,600 per annum, which is paid to the Council by World of Owls. This amount is subject to a market valuation every five years with the last valuation carried out in 2021.

Members are advised that World of Owls had approximately 40,000 visitors per annum prior to the pandemic and is on target to recover to this level. World of Owls has previously been voted best small visitor attraction in Northern Ireland by Trip Advisors Director of Destination Marketing, is a former recipient of the World Host Customer Service Award and past runner-up at the Tourism NI Awards in the small visitor attraction category.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the Council enters into a ten year Lease with Forestry Service NI for land at Randalstown Forest, which is sub-let to World of Owls at no cost to the Council.**

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

## 5.2 CP/CP/219 UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND INVESTMENT PLAN FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

Members are advised that the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Investment Plan for Northern Ireland was published on 5 December 2022 and a guidance document dated 14 December is enclosed for Member's information.

Members are advised that an overview of the Fund was given by officers to the Prosperity Outcome Delivery Group in December 2022 as follows:

Announced on the 5 December 2022 that £126,854,145 of funding was available for local investment to March 2025 across three broad pillars:

1. Supporting local businesses and entrepreneurs to innovate, thrive and grow, further unleashing the potential of the private sector
2. Supporting individuals furthest from the labour market and by moving more people into work with the right skills
3. Investing in the places where people live, restoring a sense of community, local pride and belonging

Investment Priority	Communities and Place	Supporting Local Businesses	People and Skills	Multiply
Capital (£M)	12.3	10		
Revenue (£M)	2.8	28.7	47.8	9
Total (£M)	15.1	38.7	47.8	9

The 'Communities and Place' investment priority seeks to prioritise the creation of renewed community spaces and civic relationships throughout Northern Ireland. This investment priority will support the building of resilient healthy and safe places and a strong sense of community spirit through a wide range of place based initiatives such as active transport, neighbourhood support, infrastructure, and cultural and artistic engagement. There is a desire to thread volunteering opportunities across funded initiatives to garner a sense of community ownership and install a renewed sense of pride in place. The overarching goal of this funding is to improve people's pride and satisfaction with towns and villages ensuring these areas are attractive for new residents, potential investors and visitors.

The UKSPF provides an opportunity to foster local pride and belonging through investment in activities that enhance the physical, cultural and social capacity of local areas. It is recognised that the physicality of a place – aesthetic design and public realm, the integration of green space and the arts and culture offer all combine to support the 'live ability factor' of a local area.

The total fund for delivery by local Councils is £15.1 million to be allocated on a per capita basis. Using this allocation method, the Council is anticipated to

receive £1,155,690.41. Councils are expected to be commissioned early in 2023 with the main programme to launch in 2023/24 running to end March 2025.

However, correspondence was received on 20 December to advise that the UKSPF would like to work with Councils to invest £1.34m (of the 15.1m) in this financial year across Northern Ireland on projects to create and improve local green spaces, community gardens, watercases and embankments. These should be small scale short term capital projects for implementation in the current financial year. This funding may be used for additions to green space projects already underway. They would then be followed by a larger commission for a package of projects in the Council area over 2023/24 and 2024/25.

The Councils allocation is anticipated to be in the region of £1,155,690.41 for 2023 to 2025 and will be deducted from the Councils overall allocation.

The indicative timeline for the UKSPF Green Spaces Projects is:

5 January 2023 – Introductory Session on Fund

16 January 2023 – closing date for applications

17 January 2023 – January to 30 January 2023 – assessment of applications

Week commencing 6 February 2023 – Indicative timing for outcome of the assessment process

It is anticipated that Communities and Place funding can be used to build upon much of the work already delivered by the Council across the Borough as part of its recovery, further development of blue/green infrastructure and green space improvements. In addition, many elements of the 'Award Winning Botanical Borough' initiative approved by Council in December 2022 will meet the aims of this fund.

In addition, Members will be aware of the ongoing development of the PEACEPLUS Action Plan by co-design process under the three themes of 'Building a Thriving and Peaceful Community, Building Respect for all Cultural Identities and Local Community Regeneration and Transformation'.

There is significant alignment and complementarity between the UKSPF 'Communities and Place' Fund and PEACEPLUS and Officers will ensure this is reflected as proposals for 'Communities and Place' funding and the PEACEPLUS Local Area Plan are developed in early 2023/24.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**(a) That the update on the UKSPF 'Communities and Place' investment be noted and a further report on funding proposals be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee.**

**(b) Delegated authority for officers to submit an application for Green Spaces Projects to the UKSPF to be approved with details brought back to a future meeting for retrospective approval.**

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



### 5.3 CP/CC/009 MUCKAMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE – LADYHILL FLUTE BAND REQUEST

Members are advised that Ladyhill Flute Band has made a request to hire Muckamore Community Centre on Saturday 18 March 2023, 6pm to midnight for a cultural evening. In addition, they have requested permission to apply for a license to sell alcohol at this event. The consumption and sale of alcohol is permitted with agreement by Council if the relevant licence is obtained by the event organiser.

Members are reminded of a previous request by the band to hold the event last year on Saturday 19 March 2022 was approved at the Community Planning Committee on 14 February 2022.

**RECOMMENDATION: that permission for Ladyhill Flute Band to apply for an alcohol licence to sell alcohol in Muckamore Community Centre on Saturday 18 March 2023 be granted.**

Prepared by: Paul Townsend, Community Facilities Coordinator

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

#### **5.4 AC/GEN/071 CULTURE, ARTS AND HERITAGE STRATEGY – LOCAL GOVERNMENT CATALYST GROUP**

Members are advised that correspondence has been received from the Department for Communities (DfC) regarding the Culture, Arts and Heritage Strategy – Local Government Catalyst Group, copy enclosed.

DfC is taking forward a co-design process to develop a Culture, Arts and Heritage (CAH) Strategy for Northern Ireland. The 'Way Forward' document sets out the ambition of this approach and is enclosed for Members' information. The document highlights the importance of Local Government to the Culture, Arts and Heritage sectors.

All eleven Councils have been invited to participate in a Local Government Catalyst Group along with central government stakeholders to advance this work. The Council will be represented on the Group by the Head of Arts, Culture, Tourism and Events and the Arts and Theatres Manager.

**RECOMMENDATION: that participation in the Culture, Arts and Heritage Strategy Local Government Catalyst Group be approved with an update on the work of the Group to be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.**

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

## **5.5 AC/GEN/010 BOROUGH ARTS AND CULTURAL ADVISORY PANEL**

Members are reminded that the Borough Arts and Cultural Advisory Panel meets quarterly. The Panel met on 14 December 2022 at Theatre at the Mill and the minutes of this meeting are enclosed for Members' information.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the minutes of the Borough Arts and Cultural Advisory Panel of 14 December 2022 be approved.**

Prepared and Approved by: Ursula Fay Director of Community Planning

**5.6 CP/GR/055 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY WORKING GROUP MINUTES**

A copy of the minutes of the Equality and Diversity Working Group meeting held on 14 December 2022 are enclosed for Members' consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the minutes of the Equality and Diversity Working Group on 14 December 2022 be approved.**

Prepared by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

**5.7 CP/CP/213 CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III SUB COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Members are reminded that at the Council meeting in October the establishment of a Sub Committee of twelve Elected Members, to commemorate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and to plan for the Coronation of King Charles III was approved with Members to be nominated by Group Leaders by D'Hont. The first meeting of the Sub Committee was held in Mossley Mill on Tuesday 29 November 2022.

The minutes of the Sub Committee meeting of 19 December 2022 are enclosed for Members' information.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the minutes of King Charles III Coronation Sub Committee meeting of 19 December 2022 be approved.**

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

**5.8 CP/CD/345 NORTHERN IRELAND CENTENARY COMMUNITY CENTRE BALLYDUFF – FREE USE REQUEST**

Members are advised that a request has been received from Scripture Union Northern Ireland for the free use of Northern Ireland Centenary Community Centre Ballyduff for a Summer Scheme (Shine).

It is proposed the scheme will run 16– 22 July 2023, 10am-1pm for a kids' club and 6:30pm-9pm for youth club and community engagement. The group has been granted free use of the facilities in the past and will provide youth engagement activity for a local demographic.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the request for free use of the Northern Ireland Centenary Community Centre Ballyduff by Ballyduff Shine Scripture Union for their Summer Scheme (16-22 July 2023) be approved.**

Prepared by: Paul Townsend, Community Facilities Coordinator

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

**5.9 CP/CD/446 NORTHERN IRELAND CENTENARY COMMUNITY CENTRE BALLYDUFF – COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Members are advised that a request has been received from Ballyduff Community Regeneration Group, tenants at the Northern Ireland Centenary Community Centre, Ballyduff.

The group currently has a licence in place with the Council, approved at the August Council Meeting, to use the grass area behind the play park adjacent to the Community Centre to develop a Community Garden. As part of the licence the group must submit any development requests to Council for approval. The group is requesting permission to:

- develop a Community Garden and build 20 raised flower beds for community use on the land along with erecting some sheds to store equipment and tools.
- engage a fencing contractor to install 1.8m high mesh panel fencing along the currently open side of the site to provide security and protection to the flower beds. There will be a gate for access. The group has provided an estimated cost for the fencing of £2,900.00.

Costs for both requests including installation and insurance are being covered by the Group, who will also be responsible for maintenance.

**RECOMMENDATION: that permission to develop a community garden including installation of perimeter fencing by Ballyduff Community Regeneration Group at the Northern Ireland Centenary Community Centre Ballyduff be approved.**

Prepared by: Paul Townsend, Community Facilities Coordinator

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

## 5.10 CP/GR/169 GOOD RELATIONS ACTION PLAN 2023-24

Members are reminded that an annual submission is made by Council to The Executive Office (TEO) requesting financial assistance for the delivery of a local Good Relations Action Plan. A Draft Action Plan 2023/24 is enclosed for Members' approval.

Members are advised that the draft Good Relations Action Plan reflects the aims and objectives of the central government strategy Together Building a United Community (T-BUC). It outlines how Government, stakeholders, community and individuals will work together to achieve change against the following key priorities:

1. Our Children and Young People;
2. Our Shared Community;
3. Our Safe Community; and
4. Our Cultural Expression.

The draft 2023/24 Action Plan reflects the priorities identified through the Good Relations Audit and Strategy 2020-25.

Members are reminded that The Executive Office requires match funding of a minimum of 25% from local Councils towards the overall Good Relations budget. The total amount required to enable implementation of the Good Relations Action Plan in 2023/24 is £193,161.66.

An amount of £144,871.25, equating to 75% of the Good Relations Action Plan budget has been requested from The Executive Office. This consists of £79,480.28 programme costs and £65,390.97 staff costs. Provision of the remaining 25% has been included in the 2023/24 Council estimates towards the delivery of the plan.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the Good Relations Action Plan 2023-24 be approved.**

Prepared by: Jen Cole Good Relations Coordinator

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay Director of Community Planning



## 5.11 AC/GEN/001 ARTS AND CULTURE SCHEDULE OF CHARGES 2023/24

Members are advised that a review of arts and culture venue hire charges is carried out annually, with the current Arts and Culture Schedule of Charges agreed at the Community Planning Committee in March 2022.

The proposed schedule of charges for 2023/24 (enclosed) has been updated to include the option to hire Theatre at The Mill for non-theatrical use. Given the current economic situation, prices are in the main unchanged, and all prices have been benchmarked against similar venues outside the Borough.

Members are advised of the following proposed changes:

- Theatre at the Mill (theatrical bookings): standard half-day hire rate increase from £550 to £600 (no change to community rate); standard full-day hire rate increase from £900+ to £1,000 (no change to community rate); cost of converting theatre to flat floor reduced from £600 to £250. Changes made to bring charges more into line with other theatre hire fees.
- Theatre at the Mill (non-theatre bookings): hire options now available for the use of the foyer alone, or use of the auditorium, foyer and hospitality suite together.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the 2023/24 Arts and Culture Schedule of Charges be approved.**

Prepared by: Jenna Collier, Theatre Bookings Conference & Events Manager and Greg Fox, Arts and Theatres Manager

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

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

## 5.12 AC/GEN/084 PROPOSED YOUTH THEATRE PARTNERSHIP WITH NEWTOWNABBEY ARTS AND CULTURE NETWORK

Members were advised that the Newtownabbey Arts and Culture Network (NACN) is a registered charity that delivers a range of arts and cultural programmes for young people from its base in Rathcoole. NACN has received Good Relations Grants from the Council for the past three years as well as a Technical Assistance Grant to help it develop a strategic plan to become more self-sufficient. Further funding for the group is provided by the National Lottery's Empowering Young People Programme, the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, and the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland, as well as from membership fees (currently £25 per month).

NACN has a membership of around 115 young people aged 8-25, who mainly live in Newtownabbey but are also drawn from Randalstown, Antrim, and as far afield as Co Down. The charity offers a wide range of arts and cultural activities including performing arts (NACN staged a successful youth theatre production of *Grease* at the Theatre at the Mill in 2022); a Vocal Academy for developing aspiring singers; Maker Space which creates props and other fabrication for events, theatre and film sets; guitar and piano tuition; an Ability Project for young people with disabilities; a DJ Academy; a Game Development Group which creates video game content in partnership with Ulster University and Epic Games; a Rap Music group; and a Volunteer Parent Group, which gives practical help with things like costume making for theatre shows.

Following a request from NACN to work more closely with the Council to help it grow and create more arts and culture opportunities for young people throughout the Borough, Officers propose delivering a pilot youth theatre partnership from February to July 2023, during which time NACN will produce two shows at the Courtyard Theatre - *Matilda* and *Into the Woods* - under a joint Council / NACN brand. These productions would then be reviewed by Officers against agreed operational and artistic criteria, with a view to developing a longer-term partnership.

A detailed proposal on the pilot is enclosed for Members' information, with the following points highlighted:

- Around 25 young people would participate in each production, with a requirement for participants to first become members of NACN (NACN would retain membership fees). Casting would be carried out through an audition process
- NACN would be given free use of the Courtyard Theatre for rehearsals on Saturday mornings and up to two evenings each week during the trial period
- All production and management costs (including fees for the creative team) for the two shows would be the responsibility of NACN
- NACN would agree to adhere to all safeguarding and health & safety requirements as set out by the Council for rehearsals and performances, and Officers would make regular checks to ensure compliance
- The Council would contribute up to £2,000 to support the marketing of the productions

- Officers would also provide an agreed level of free in-kind support, including marketing advice and staff to support performances
- The Council would manage ticketing, with net box office revenue split 80/20 in NACN's favour
- The pilot will not be displacing any other bookings nor incur any additional venue running costs.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the proposed six-month youth theatre pilot in partnership with Newtownabbey Arts and Culture Network, including a contribution of £2,000, be approved with an update reported to a future meeting of the Committee.**

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

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

### 5.13 CP/CD/426 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TOY SCHEME UPDATE

Members are reminded that the delivery of the Community Christmas Toy Scheme 2022 was approved by the Community Planning Committee in October 2022 in partnership with Community and Voluntary Organisations, Habitat for Humanity (NI) and Council Recycling Centres.

Community and Voluntary Organisations were contacted to establish interest in participating in the scheme with the following groups taking part:

- Fit moms & Kids (Glengormley DEA)
- A Safe Space to be Me (Airport DEA)
- Listening Ear (Macedon DEA)

A social media campaign was launched at the beginning of November to encourage donations of 'pre-loved' toys directly into the local community schemes or directly at any one of five Council's Household Recycling Centres.

The Community Christmas Toy Scheme delivered the following outcomes in 2022:

- Over 500 local families supported by the Community partners compared to 150 families in 2021;
- Over 6000 toys donated to Recycling Centres compared to 4000 in 2021;
- 7,535 new and pre-loved toys donated and distributed.

The 2022 scheme has exceeded the performance of the 2021 scheme significantly and a proposal for a Community Christmas Toy Scheme for 2023 will be brought back to a future meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the update on the Community Christmas Toy Scheme be noted and a proposal for delivery of the scheme in 2023 will be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.**

Prepared by: Stef Buchanan, Community Planning Manager

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

#### 5.14 CP/PP/006 PEACEPLUS PARTERSHIP MINUTES

Members are reminded that the PEACEPLUS Partnership operates as a Working Group of Council.

As such the minutes of the following PEACEPLUS Partnership meetings,

- Full Partnership meeting minutes 11 October 2022
- Full Partnership meeting minutes 20 December 2022

are enclosed for consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the minutes of the PEACEPLUS Partnership meetings, as detailed, be approved.**

Prepared by: Lynda Kennedy, Community Programmes Manager

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

## 5.15 CP/GR/164 HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL PROGRAMME

Members are reminded that the Holocaust Memorial Programme proposal was deferred at the December 2022 Community Planning Committee and it was agreed to bring a report back to the January Committee meeting.

Members are reminded that Holocaust Memorial Day is remembered globally each year on 27 January. To mark the Holocaust Memorial, it is proposed that a special programme is delivered that includes a series of learning workshops, followed by a visit to a former concentration and extermination camp, where acts of the Holocaust were committed.

Following the successful Youth Intervention Programme delivered by Impact Network NI in 2021 that included a visit to Poland, Impact Network NI were invited by officers to develop a proposal to deliver a Holocaust Memorial Programme.

This programme is enclosed for Members' information. It aims to promote an understanding of the impact of hate, division and inequality through the exploration of the Holocaust and other genocides, working to address issues around sectarianism and racism.

Anticipated costs for the programme are £28,000, to include facilitation, administration and one overseas visit to Krakow, Poland. Due to the current war in Ukraine and its proximity to Poland a contingency option has also been developed to visit Prague, Czech Republic.

Participation in the programme is proposed as follows:

- The Mayor and Deputy Mayor
- 7 x Elected Members (1 per DEA)
- 7 x Community representative's (1 per DEA) via a nomination process by DEA Member Engagement Groups
- 2 x Council Officers

It is proposed a further report on the outcomes of the programme will be presented to Committee in April 2023, with a view to embedding this programme within the annual Good Relations Action Plan and future participation being targeted at young people and future community leaders.

Provision for this Holocaust Memorial Programme has been made within the Good Relations Action Plan 2022/23.

**RECOMMENDATION: that Holocaust Memorial Programme be approved.**

Prepared by: Jen Cole, Good Relations Coordinator

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Community Planning Manager

Approved by Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

#### **5.16 AC/EV/025 BALLYCLARE MAY FAIR**

Members are advised that the Ballyclare May Fair Working Group resumed in October 2022 to commence planning for the May Fair which will be delivered from 21 to 27 May 2023. The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2023 are enclosed for Members' information.

Members are advised that at this meeting the Working Group was informed that the Ulster Scots Agency has offered £20,000 of funding toward delivery of the event in 2023 through a partnership approach.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) that the minutes of the May Fair Working Group meeting of the 5 January 2023, be approved.**
- (b) the offer of £20,000 funding support from the Ulster Scots Agency for delivery of the Ballyclare May Fair 2023 be approved.**

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

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

## 5.17 CP/P4/047 AND CP/PP/007 PEACEPLUS PROGRAMME

Members are reminded that the establishment of a PEACEPLUS Partnership was approved by the Committee in February 2022 and that the appointment of Elected Members and Statutory Partners noted at the August 2022 Council meeting when the appointment of Social Partners was also approved.

Members are also reminded that at this meeting the Council's allocation of €5,103,757 of funding for the delivery of the Council's Co-designed Local Community Action Plan was accepted.

The PEACEPLUS partnership is now fully established and the process of co-design of the Local Community Action Plan has commenced, being led by the Partnership. This process commences with extensive consultation from January to March when it is anticipated that the call for applications will be opened by SEUPB. There is a significant resource required within the Community Planning team to progress the PEACEPLUS programme now that the co-design process has commenced.

In addition, Members were advised of the extension of Peace IV to the end of September 2023, which brings with it another significant resource requirement.

It is proposed to recruit 2 FTE PEACE Support Officers to support the existing PEACE Co-Ordinator to conclude the delivery of the PEACE IV programme and resource the delivery of PEACEPLUS from 2023 to 2027. Members are reminded that it was reported to the December 2021 Committee that each Council could utilise up to €100,000 to resource the development of the PEACEPLUS plan from their overall funding and use of the funding for this purpose was subsequently approved at this meeting. This funding will be used to cover the recruitment and initial salary costs of the PEACE Support Officers.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the recruitment for 2 FTE PEACE Support Officers be approved.**

Prepared by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning



## 5.18 AC/THB/008 BALLYCLARE TOWN HALL

Members are advised that Ballyclare Memorial Flute Band have made an application to hire Ballyclare Town Hall on Saturday 11 March 2023 for a concert and culture evening. In addition, they have requested permission to apply for a license to sell alcohol at this event. The current terms and conditions of hire for the Town Hall state the following in relation to alcohol:

- Alcohol is not permitted on the premises without prior consent from the Council.

In addition, if a group wish to sell alcohol then they must seek the Council's permission to apply for a license to do this.

Members are advised a number of previous requests to the Council seeking permission to serve and sell alcohol at functions have been approved including a request by Protestant Boys Flute Band for an event in February 2023, which was approved by the Committee in November 2022.

**RECOMMENDATION: that permission for Ballyclare Memorial Band to apply for an alcohol licence to sell alcohol in Ballyclare Town Hall on 11 March 2023 at their concert be approved.**

Prepared by: Jenna Collier, Theatre Bookings, Conference and Events Manager

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

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

## 6 ITEMS FOR NOTING

### 6.1 CP/CD/433 CENSUS 2021 RESULTS

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

Further results from Census 2021 have been published on 15 December 2022. The results will be available on the NISRA website. These results are in relation to Health and Housing. The results have been published at Northern Ireland and Local Government District levels.

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

The results and further information on Census 2021 are available on the website; [www.nisra.gov.uk/Census2021](http://www.nisra.gov.uk/Census2021)

**RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.**

Prepared by: Conor Cuning, DEA Engagement Manager

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

## 6.2 CP/CP/218 NORTHERN IRELAND SAFER AGEING INDEX

Members are advised that a report has been received from Hourglass NI, a copy of which is enclosed, in relation to the first ever Safer Ageing Index for Northern Ireland.

This report has been published by Hourglass in partnership with the Hallmark Foundation and will be produced annually.

Hourglass is a charity focused on ending harm, abuse and exploitation of older people. More than one million older people across the UK experience some form of abuse on an annual basis.

Hourglass has developed the first Safer Ageing Index for Northern Ireland to illustrate and examine how Northern Ireland is progressing towards a safer ageing society for all and to highlight the challenges older people may face. The Safer Ageing Index seeks to provide a data sheet, marking and score card measurement for each Council area in Northern Ireland focused around five categories.

A summary of the Council rankings on the safer ageing indices is provided below. Overall, the Council is mid-table in a final position of sixth out of 11 council areas, with a final score of 94.

Antrim and Newtownabbey Ranking Position.

CATEGORY	RANKING POSITION OF 11
POPULATION	6/11
HEALTH	5/11
ECONOMICS	11/11
CRIME	4/11
ISOLATION	9/11

A summary of the overall performance of the Council area is enclosed for Members' information.

The Council has achieved a broad mix of table rankings performing very well in terms of crime and isolation indices but with improvements to be made in relation to health and crime.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the Northern Ireland Safer Ageing Index report be noted.**

Prepared by: Conor Cuning, DEA Engagement Manager

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Plannin

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

### 6.3 CP/TD/025 PEOPLE AND PLACE REVIEW

Members are reminded that an update on the Department for Communities (DfC) People and Place Review was noted at the Committee in November 2022.

Members are advised that a further update from DfC has been received and is enclosed for Members' information.

The update provides a diagrammatic view of the co-design structures along with a short overview of the role, membership and update on each group. The current Neighbourhood Renewal Programme will continue to be delivered until the review is complete and a succession strategy and implementation plans are in place to transition to any new approach. It is anticipated that the review and strategy development process will take 12 to 18 months. Within this timescale transition to the successor strategy will begin during the 2024/25 year.

Members are advised that the People and Place online page is now live and available on:

People and Place Review Department for Communities (communities-ni.gov.uk)

If Members have any questions or comments regarding the Review they can contact the Review Team on [PeoplePlaceReview@communities-ni.gov.uk](mailto:PeoplePlaceReview@communities-ni.gov.uk)

This update will also be shared with Community Planning Partnership external members.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the update on the Department for Communities People and Place review be noted.**

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

#### 6.4 CP/CD/450 CHRISTMAS FESTIVITY PROGRAMME 2022 – REVIEW

Members are reminded that the “Let Us Light Up Your Night” themed Christmas Switch-On Programme was delivered live in each DEA and streamed online from Wednesday 23 – Saturday 26 November 2022.

Following a review of the 2021 programme the following changes were approved at September Community Planning Committee for 2022:

- All events to be delivered within the same week.
- All events to be delivered earlier to ensure young families can enjoy the full experience of the events.
- A hybrid approach to delivery to continue in order to facilitate the increasing numbers of online viewers.

In total the programme attracted in excess of 12,000 attendees and 18,929 online views as detailed below:

**Total Facebook Views: 14,100**

**Total YouTube Views: 4,829**

**Total Views: 18,929**

Each event was hosted by a Cool FM Presenter and included: School Choirs, Traditional Music Groups, Bands and other local artists along with an exciting acrobatic performance by the internationally acclaimed, award winning touring circus company, Tumble Circus.

In addition, there was also a range of family entertainment on offer to include a Christmas market, street entertainment and a short programme of Christmas readings, carols and music.

Concluding each event either Paddington Bear or a Singing Santa graced the stage to assist the Mayor light the respective DEA Christmas Tree.

Following the delivery of all 7 events an online evaluation opened on Thursday 1 December and closed on Saturday 17 December 2022, this provided valuable feedback for future event planning and highlighted areas for review in 2023 which include event times and duration, programme content, the number of events delivered across the Borough and the provision of Christmas markets.

A summary of the results is detailed below for Members' information:

- 77.1% were satisfied with the festive entertainment on stage
- 54.3% were satisfied with the Christmas market, although 25.7% were neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- 48.6% were satisfied with the Switch-On, and 14.3% were neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- 8.6% watched a virtual live stream and commented favourably on the quality of the stream
- 85.7% rated as good, the accessibility to Council facilities, events and services

## **Spirit of Christmas Awards 2022**

In addition, Members are also reminded of the 'Spirit of Christmas Awards' which were launched in November 2022.

In total 174 nominations were received and assessed by Officers and the following winners were presented with an award at a celebration event held in Antrim Castle Gardens on Tuesday 20 December 2022:

**Light Up Award** – Carnmoney Village Community Group

**Rockin Around the Christmas Tree Award** – The Legendary Character, Mr Scott Wilson

**The Reason for the Season Award** – Riverside School, Antrim

**The Making an Entrance Award** – The Fig Design Company, Ballyclare

**Traditional Christmas Award** – Ms Tracey Hefferon **North Star**

**Award** – Doagh Cultural Society **Mayors Award** – Fairview

Primary School, Ballyclare

A report outlining proposals for Christmas 2023 will be presented to Committee in June 2023.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.**

Prepared by: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Co-ordinator

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning