



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD IN MOSSLEY MILL ON WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL 2023 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : Councillor J Gilmour
- Committee Members
(In person)** : Alderman J McGrath
Councillors - M Brady, M Cooper, P Dunlop, R Lynch
N McClelland, V McWilliam and V Robinson
- Committee Members
(Remote)** : Alderman P Michael,
Councillors - L Smyth and M Stewart
- Non Committee
Members
(In person)** : Councillors N Ramsay and B Webb
- Non Committee
Members:
(Remote)** : Alderman L Clarke
- Officers Present** : Director of Community Planning – U Fay
Deputy Director of Governance – L Johnston
Head of Community Planning – R McKenna
Head of Arts, Culture, Tourism & Events – S Goldrick
Systems Support Officer – C Bell
Member Services Officer – E Skillen

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

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

1 APOLOGIES

Councillors - Bradley and Burbank

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 4.2 Councillor McClelland

Item 4.4 Councillor Cooper

Item 4.8 Councillor Dunlop

Item 4.11 Councillor Brady and Councillor Gilmour

3 INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

None

4 ITEMS FOR DECISION

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

Members were advised that correspondence (circulated) had been received from Department for Communities (DfC) regarding a consultation process on their Draft Equality Action Plan 2022-25.

This consultation would seek views on the DfC's Draft Section 75 Action Plan. The Department's Equality Scheme included a commitment to develop a Section 75 Action Plan. The Draft plan could be found on the Department's website

<https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/section-75-equality-action-plan-consultation>

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

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

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

Proposed by Councillor McClelland
Seconded by Councillor Brady and agreed

that Members respond on an individual or Party Political basis.

ACTION BY: Conor Cunning, DEA Engagement Manager

Having declared and Interest in Item 4.2 Councillor McClelland left the Chamber.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Proposed by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and agreed

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

ACTION BY: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Co-ordinator

Councillor McClelland returned to the Chamber.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Proposed by Councillor McClelland

Seconded by Councillor Lynch and agreed that

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

ACTION BY: Stef Buchanan, Community Planning Manager

Having expressed an interest in Item 4.4 Councillor Cooper left the Chamber.

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

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

Members were reminded that two representatives from each of the three groups awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Service in 2022 had

confirmed their willingness to attend one of the Garden Parties with financial assistance of £125 per person initially proposed.

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

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and agreed

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

ACTION BY: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Co-ordinator

Councillor Cooper returned to the Chamber.

4.5 CP/TD/023 PERIOD POVERTY AND ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVE

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

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

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

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

- Northern Ireland Centenary Centre Ballyduff
- Dunanney Centre (Rathcoole Neighbourhood Renewal)
- Lillian Bland Pavillion

- Mossley Pavillion
- Muckamore Community Centre
- Stiles Community Centre
- Greystone Community Centre
- Neillsbrook Community Centre
- Rathenraw Community Centre
- Parkhall Community Centre
- Ballyclare Town Hall (Grange Neighbourhood Renewal)

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

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

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

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

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

Members thanked those who participated in the working group and congratulated them on the Council being identified as a model of best practice.

Proposed by Councillor Lynch

Seconded by Councillor McClelland and agreed that

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

ACTION BY: Stefanie Buchanan, Community Development Manager

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

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

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

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

Proposed by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Alderman McGrath and agreed that

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

ACTION BY: Conor Cuning, DEA Engagement Manager

4.7 CP/CF/005 COMMUNITY FACILITIES OUTDOOR BOWLERS

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

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

Mossley Outdoor Bowling Club at Mossley Pavilion

Mossley Bowling Club operate from Mossley Pavilion and had 1 ladies team and 4 men's teams incorporating around 70 members. The Club was leading the way locally and beyond in sport and community as an accessible and

inclusive Club for members of the deaf and hard of hearing community. They currently had around 12 deaf and hard of hearing members within their Club. The Club compete in Cup and League matches across Northern Ireland, Ireland and Scotland and had a number of members who represent Ireland at international level.

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

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

Glengormley Outdoor Bowling Club at Lillian Bland Pavilion

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

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

As a result of the review it was proposed that both bowling clubs enter into a facility outdoor bowling agreement with the Council to provide public bowling access during the bowling season. Days and times of public sessions would be agreed annually with the Community Facilities Co-ordinator and promoted across social media, websites and banners outside pavilions. Officers would support the promotion of bowls as an inclusive activity to reduce social isolation, promote physical activity and develop community inclusion. The Accessibility and Inclusion Officer had already been working alongside Mossley Bowling Club to support the group's deaf bowlers by providing Sign Language Interpreters and other support services and would offer sign language training to any of the group's members interested within the Council's Annual Training Plan.

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

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

Proposed by Councillor Cooper

Seconded by Councillor Lynch and agreed that

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

ACTION BY: Stefanie Buchanan, Community Development Manager and Ellen Boyd, Accessibility and Inclusion Officer

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

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

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

Proposed by Councillor Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and agreed that

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

ACTION BY: Paul Townsend, Community Facilities Coordinator

4.9 CP/CP/178 DEA MEMBER ENGAGEMENT GROUP MINUTES

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

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

CP/CP/174	21 February 2023	Threemilewater DEA Member Engagement Group
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Proposed by Councillor Robinson
 Seconded by Councillor Brady and agreed that

the draft minutes of the DEA Member Engagement Groups be approved.

ACTION BY: Conor Cuning, DEA Engagement Manager

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

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

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

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

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

Proposed by Councillor Cooper
 Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and agreed that

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

ACTION BY: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Co-ordinator

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Proposed by Councillor Cooper

Seconded by Councillor Lynch and agreed that

a) annual funding of £25,000 to Thrive Project for 2023/24 be approved

- b) a Service Level Agreement between the Council and the Thrive Project, to be managed by Barnardos, be developed and brought to a future meeting**
- c) a quarterly performance report be brought to the Community Planning Committee**

ACTION BY: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

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

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

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

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

Proposed by Councillor Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed that

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

ACTION BY: Paul Townsend, Community Facilities Coordinator

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Brady and agreed that

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

ACTION BY: Paul Townsend, Community Facilities Coordinator

4.14 CP/PCSP/087 BEAT SUMMER HOLIDAY INTERVENTION 2023

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

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

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

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

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

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and agreed

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

ACTION BY: Lynda Kennedy, Community Programmes Manager

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

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

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

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

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

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

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop
Seconded by Councillor Cooper and agreed that

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

ACTION BY: Lynda Kennedy, Community Programmes Manager

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

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

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

Proposed by Councillor McWilliam
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed that

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

Discussions took place in relation to the name and terms of reference for the Legacy Bursary Scheme and it was

Proposed by Councillor Dunlop
Seconded by Councillor Robinson

that the name and terms of reference for the Legacy Bursary Scheme be reviewed and brought to the June Council meeting for consideration.

ACTION BY: *Simon Goldrick, Head of Arts, Culture, Tourism and Events, and Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning*

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

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

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and agreed that

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

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay Director of Community Planning

4.18 AC/TOU/002 BUS AND COACH NORTHERN IRELAND

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

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

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

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

Proposed by Alderman Michael
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and agreed that

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

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

4.19 ED/ED/080/VOL4 COUNCIL EVENTS PLAN

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

Members were advised that an updated plan for 2023/24 was circulated for the Members information.

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

Proposed by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and agreed that

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

ACTION BY: Samuel Hyndman, Culture and Events Manager

4.20 AC/EV/025 BALLYCLARE MAY FAIR

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

Proposed by Councillor McWilliam
Seconded by Cooper and agreed that

the approval of the minutes of the May Fair Working Group meeting of the 15 March 2023 be deferred to allow for consideration at the May Fair working group meeting on 13 April 2023.

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

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

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

The minutes of this meeting were circulated for Members' information.

Proposed by Councillor Brady
Seconded by Councillor Smyth and agreed that

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

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

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

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

The Women's Night Safety Charter was circulated for Member's information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Proposed by Councillor McClelland
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and agreed that

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

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

4.23 AC/GEN/074 DEFENCE GARDENS SCHEME

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

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

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

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

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

In response to a Member's query the Director of Community Planning confirmed that having existing approval to operate the scheme in Antrim Castle Gardens she would be happy to sign post Veterans attending Castle Gardens to the Centenary Garden.

Proposed by Alderman Michael
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed that

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

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

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

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

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

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

Proposed by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor McClelland and agreed that

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

ACTION BY: Allen Templeton, Performance and Transformation Officer

4.25 AC/TOU/002 TOUR GUIDES NORTHERN IRELAND

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

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

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

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

Benefits of this membership included the following:

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

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

Following a Members query Officers agreed to provide the name of the person who facilitates the Walking Tours in Ballyclare.

Proposed by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and agreed that

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

ACTION BY: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

5 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

Proposed by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor McClelland and agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

5.2 CP/CD/433 CENSUS 2021

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

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

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

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

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

Proposed by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor McClelland and proposed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

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

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

Proposed by Councillor McClelland
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and agreed that

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

NO ACTION

5.4 CP/PP/008 PEACE PLUS PROGRAMME

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

Correspondence (circulated) has been received from SEUPB regarding Investment Area 1.1 the PEACE PLUS Co-designed Local Community Action Plan. SEUPB is intending to launch the first calls under the PEACE PLUS

Programme in May 2023. Investment area 1.1 would be amongst the first calls for applications under the Programme, enabling Councils to submit their Local Action Plans as soon as they are ready.

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

- Call for Applications open by SEUPB in May 2023;
- Submission of Action Plan to SEUPB by October 2023;
- Delivery of first projects (following assessment by SEUPB) early to mid-202

Proposed by Councillor Lynch

Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

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

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

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

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

Proposed by Councillor Robinson

Seconded by Councillor Lynch and agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

5.6 CP/CP/223 DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES HARDSHIP FUND

Members were reminded that it was agreed at the February meeting of the Committee that delegated authority for the Chief Executive to approve the design and delivery of a Hardship Scheme to dispense Department for Communities (DfC) funding to the most vulnerable by the end of March 2023 be approved. It was reported to this meeting that the DfC had advised that

they would shortly be delivering funding for a Hardship Scheme to allow Councils to provide financial support to the most vulnerable in the financial year 2022/23.

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

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

Proposed by Councillor McClelland
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and agreed

that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

7 ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS

Being the final Community Planning Committee for this term Councillor Cooper expressed his personal thanks to the Chair, Directors and Officers for the year and wished everyone well. The Chair echoed Councillor Cooper's sentiments and expressed her well wishes to everyone.

PROPOSAL TO PROCEED 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Brady and agreed

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

6 ITEMS IN CONFIDENCE

6.1 IN CONFIDENCE CP/GR/171 ASYLUM SEEKER FUNDING UPDATE

Members were reminded that it was noted at the Committee in February that The Executive Office (TEO) had invited Councils to submit funding proposals to provide support to individuals seeking asylum who had been placed within the Council area.

Following TEO's assessment of the proposals a Memorandum of Understanding (circulated) it had been issued in respect of full dispersal funding of £88,478. The aim of the funding is to develop capacity and

infrastructure to meet the needs of asylum seekers in the Council area and funding would be used to:

- Review existing support
- Deliver awareness raising and capacity building
- Identify key actions for the short and long term to improve local services capacity for asylum seekers
- Develop local capacity to meet the needs of the increasing number of asylum seekers.

Proposed by Councillor McClelland
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and agreed that

the Executive Office Memorandum of Understanding for full dispersal funding to the value of £88,478 be accepted.

ACTION BY: Jen Cole, Good Relations Co-ordinator

6.2 IN CONFIDENCE CP/CD/435 SOCIAL SUPERMARKETS PILOT AND SAVE THE CHILDREN 2022-23

Members were reminded that it was agreed at the October 2022 Committee to engage Community Advice Antrim and Newtownabbey through Service Level Agreement to deliver an interim Social Supermarket for the Borough at a cost of £149,987. The Social Supermarket delivered a wrap-around support service to those referred as a result of food poverty as well as food vouchers as part of this service.

Members were further reminded at the October Committee they approved £14,000 to be allocated to the Save The Children project as an integral part of the Social Supermarket pilot. Community Advice Antrim and Newtownabbey signposted eligible families to Save The Children for wraparound support including food vouchers. This element of the programme benefited from a matched contribution of £14,000 from Save The Children and £14,000 from the Northern Health and Social Care Trust.

The interim Social Supermarket model opened in November on a referral only basis from recognised partners and existence of this new support scheme was communicated extensively with partners. A copy of the end of year report was circulated.

The Save the Children project provided support to families with children under age of 5 years, who were deemed to be a highest risk of poverty. It opened in October 2022 on a referral only basis through partners. A copy of the end of year report was circulated.

A summary of both reports findings are as follows:

Social Supermarket (November 2022 to March 2023)

- 1,197 people (614 adults and 583 children) supported through the interim Social Supermarket
- 511 households had accessed the Social Supermarket from all DEA's
- 165 households had been referred by partners and networks
- 159 households had accessed additional benefits
- 133 households had engaged in budgeting and specialist debt advice
- 165 households had been referred/signposted to other support services
- £130,000 + food vouchers had been issued
- 130 individuals/families referred into Scheme by over 48 partners

Save the Children (October 2022 to March 2023)

- 93 families supported
- 183 children supported
- Over 700 new Christmas toys provided
- £37,855 food vouchers and early learning support packs provided

Both programmes had been very successful and provided significant support to families and individuals across the Borough during the cost of living crisis. To date the Council was yet to receive confirmation of budgets for 2023/2024 from the Department for Communities, but given the current political and financial uncertainty it was requested that both programmes were permitted to continue in their current format with funding levels to be determined upon receipt of the offer from the Department.

Proposed by Councillor Cooper

Seconded by Councillor Lynch and agreed that

- a) **the update on the Social Supermarket Pilot for the Borough be noted.**
- b) **the continuation of both programmes in 2023/24 subject to provision of funding support from the Department for Communities be approved.**

ACTION BY: Stefanie Buchanan, Community Development Manager

6.3 IN CONFIDENCE CP/CD/443 DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES FUNDING POSITION UPDATE

Members were advised correspondence had been received from Department for Communities (circulated) outlining their current budget position and the outlook for 2023/2024 in the absence of a budget settlement.

The Permanent Secretary for the Department for Communities had indicated that temporary 3 month funding support would be put in place up to 30th June 2023 based on 2022/2023 funding levels.

The Department hope to be in a position to confirm the annual funding budget for 2023/2024 in the coming weeks.

Members were advised this funding covers all Department for Communities programmes operating in our area such as Areas at Risk, Neighbourhood Renewal and Grant Funding.

It was proposed to make those who are anticipating funding aware of this communication from the Department.

In response to a Member's question the Director of Community Planning reassured Members that any future funding would be presented to Members for consideration.

Proposed by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor McClelland and agreed that

an update on the Department for Communities current budget position be communicated to those groups and organisations anticipating funding from the Department in 2023/24.

ACTION BY: Stefanie Buchanan, Community Development Manager

6.4 IN CONFIDENCE CP/CD/279 RATHFERN COMMUNITY REGENERATION GROUP– ANNUAL GRANT INCREASE

Members were reminded that The Sovereign Complex (formerly known as Rathfern Social Activity Centre) was operated by Rathfern Community Regeneration Group Ltd and there was a three-year Service Management Agreement (SMA) with the Group in place until 31 March 2025.

The Group, along with Monkstown Community Association, which operates Monkstown Jubilee Centre, receive an annual grant of £30,000 from the Council which was approved at the Council meeting in October 2021. This was increased to facilitate the significant increase in gas and electricity at both centres, which they are billed for directly.

Members were reminded of the recent completion of the £1m extension project at The Sovereign Complex, which was officially opened on 26 January 2023. The extension would increase activity, programming and usage of the centre but would also increase operational overhead costs.

The original centre comprised of 382 sqm of floor space. The new extension had added an additional 371 sqm of floor space with:

- a new reception and entrance area,
- new youth club hall,

- new dance studio with dedicated sprung floor,
- a changing places toilet facility,
- new car parking facilities along with landscaping and lighting.

The Sovereign Complex accommodates almost 10,000 bookings per annum at a subsidy per booking of £3.40. This compares very favourably with an average subsidy per booking of £33 (2020) for the Council run community centres.

In 2021 the Rathfern Community Regeneration Group received the prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, demonstrating the community and voluntary ethos at the core of the organisation

It was proposed to increase the total grant allowance to Rathfern Community Regeneration Group Ltd from £30,000 per annum to £45,000 per annum to provide for the additional costs incurred by the centre as a result of the extension.

This increase would enable the group to continue to provide vital services to the community at a significantly lower cost to the Council when compared with Councils other community facilities.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Brady and agreed that

an increase of the annual grant paid to Rathfern Community Regeneration Group Ltd for the operation of The Sovereign Complex on behalf of the Council be approved and that Officers reach out to Monkstown Jubilee Centre to revise their SLA due to increasing costs.

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12 April 2023**

6.5 INCONFIDENCE CP/GR/16 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE FUNDING POSITION UPDATE

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from The Executive Office (circulated) regarding applications for funding from The Executive Office's District Council Good Relations Programme 2023-24 Action Plan and plans to consult on budget reductions through an Equality Impact Assessment.

The Executive Office had indicated that delivery beyond 1 April 2023 would be at risk in the absence of a confirmed Executive Office budget for the Action Plan.

Members were advised that the draft Good Relations Action Plan reflected the aims and objectives of the central government strategy Together Building a United Community (T-BUC). It outlined how Government, stakeholders, community and individuals would 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.

Members were reminded the 2023/24 Action Plan at a total cost of £193,161.66 was approved at the January 2023 Community Planning Committee, subject to confirmation of 75% (£144,871.25) of the budget from The Executive Office.

It was proposed that a reduced programme be undertaken between April – June 2023 until confirmation of a budget from The Executive Office had been received.

The Head of Community Planning responded to a Member's question and confirmed that the Councils contribution to Good Relations Programme was 25% of the overall budget. He also clarified that the programme delivery may be delayed during the initial three months with an option for the programme being extended to the summer months' subject to budget being received.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Cooper and agreed
that the District Council Good Relations Programme 2023-24 delivery be reduced from April – June 2023 until confirmation of a budget from The Executive Office has been received

ACTION BY: Jen Cole, Good Relations Coordinator

PROPOSAL TO PROCEED OUT OF 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and agreed

that the remainder of Committee business be taken in Open Session.

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

There being no further Committee business, the Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7.23 pm.

MAYOR