



7 March 2018

Chairman: Councillor A Logue

Vice Chairman: Councillor L Clarke

Committee Members: Aldermen P Barr, T Burns, M Cosgrove  
Councillors J Blair, P Brett, J Greer, N Kells, R Lynch,  
M Maguire, P Michael, J Montgomery, S McCarthy and S  
Ross,

Dear Member

**MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING & REGENERATION COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee will be held in the **Council Chamber, Mossley Mill on Monday 12 March 2018 at 6.30pm**  
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: a fork buffet will be available in the Members Room from 5:30pm**

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## **AGENDA**

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- 2 Declarations of Interest.
- 3 Report on business to be considered

## **PRESENTATION**

- 3.1 Presentation by Lough Neagh Partnership

## **ITEMS FOR DECISION**

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- 3.3 East Antrim Old Vehicle Cavalcade 2018 – Request for Assistance
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**ITEMS IN CONFIDENCE**

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3.20 Minor Works and Building Repairs at Council Sites in the Antrim and  
Newtownabbey Borough Area

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4 Any Other Relevant Business

**REPORT ON BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE  
COMMUNITY PLANNING & REGENERATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
ON  
MONDAY 12 MARCH 2018**

**3.1 PRESENTATION**

Members will be aware that following correspondence received from the Lough Neagh Partnership, it was agreed at the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee Meeting on Monday 12 February 2018 that the Partnership would be invited to present to the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee meeting in March.

Gerry Darby from the Lough Neagh Partnership will be in attendance.

## **ITEMS FOR DECISION**

### **3.2 CP/P4/017/VOL2 PEACE IV PARTNERSHIP MINUTES 12 DECEMBER 2017**

Members are asked to approve the minutes from the Peace IV Partnership Meeting held on 12 December 2017 which were ratified on 13 February 2018 at the Peace IV Partnership meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the Peace IV Partnership Minutes dated 12 December 2017 be approved.**

Prepared by: Connor O'Dornan, PEACE IV Co-ordinator

Agreed by: Andrew Irwin, Community Safety and Good Relations Manager

Approved by Majella McAlister, Director of Community Planning & Regeneration

### **3.3 CP/CD/60 EAST ANTRIM OLD VEHICLE CAVALCADE 2018 - REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE**

Members are advised that correspondence has been received, a copy of which is **enclosed**, from the East Antrim Old Vehicle Club requesting sponsorship for its Annual Portrush Cavalcade, Charity Classic Car Run 2018. This event has been sponsored by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council since 2015 and previously by Newtownabbey Borough Council. Each year the Old Vehicle Club donates all sponsorship raised to a nominated charity.

Last year the event attracted approximately 125 vintage vehicles, more than 200 participants and raised £3,500 for Hope House Ireland, based in Whitehead. A similar amount is anticipated this year for their chosen charity Northern Ireland Children to Lapland Trust.

Following the event at Mossley Mill the Cavalcade will travel to the West Strand Car Park, Portrush, to showcase the vehicles in a static display, passing through Mallusk, Templepatrick, Dunadry, Antrim Town, Ballymena, Ballymoney, Coleraine and finally arriving in Portrush. This is a popular event which has potential benefits for the Borough in terms of publicity and spin offs for the tourism sector.

East Antrim Old Vehicle Club has requested the use of the car parks at Mossley Mill to host the event on Sunday 5 August 2018, from 7.30am to 11.00am and has asked that the Council meets the cost of a cooked breakfast for all participants up to a maximum cost of £1,500. Provision exists within the Community Planning and Regeneration Budget 2018/19 should Members wish to approve the request.

#### **RECOMMENDATION: that**

- a) the Council agrees to host the Vintage Car Rally at Mossley Mill on Sunday 5 August 2018 from 7.30 am to 11.00 am.**
- b) the Council approves funding, up to a maximum cost of £1,500, for the provision of a cooked breakfast for all participants in the East Antrim Old Vehicle Cavalcade.**
- c) the Council branding be promoted at this event and other similar events where support is being provided.**

Prepared by: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Officer

Agreed by: Elaine Manson, Community Services & Tackling Deprivation Manager and Louise Moore, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

### **3.4 CP/GR/55 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY WORKING GROUP - MEMBERSHIP**

Members are reminded that in March 2017, it was agreed that the Council's quarterly Good Relations Working Groups be replaced by an Equality and Diversity Working Group which would take a broader look at service provision across the Council and advise, review and champion changes relating to the positive promotion of equality and diversity across the Borough.

The membership is currently comprised of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee and Operations Committee and the Chair of the Community Planning and Peace IV Partnerships alongside the Council's 3 diversity champions namely Alderman M Girvan, Councillor J Blair and Councillor M Goodman.

At their first meeting held on 13 February 2018, it was proposed that the membership of the Equality & Diversity Working Group be extended to include the 2 mental health champions, Councillor D Arthurs and Councillor N McClelland. A copy of the minutes of the meeting are also **enclosed** for Council approval.

#### **RECOMMENDATION: that**

- a) Council approve Councillor D Arthurs and Councillor N McClelland to become Members of the Equality and Diversity Working Group.**
- b) The minutes of the Equality & Diversity Working Group held on 13 February 2018 be approved.**

Prepared by: Claire Fox, Good Relations Officer

Agreed by: Louise Moore, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

### 3.5 ED/ED/102 EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND: REQUESTS FOR MATCH FUNDING

Members are reminded that in January 2018 Council agreed to provide match funding to 5 organisations that had successfully secured European Social Funding (ESF) to support 6 employability programmes which will be delivered across a number of Council areas including Antrim and Newtownabbey over four years. The aim of the Northern Ireland ESF programme (2014-20) is to combat poverty and enhance social inclusion by reducing economic inactivity and increasing the skills base of the present and emerging workforce.

The Council agreed in January to increase the annual budget to provide match funding to the 6 approved ESF projects to a total of £60,000 per annum (from £45,000) each year for 4 years (subject to a satisfactory annual review of performance), offering each approved project up to 50% of their funding requests. Between the 6 projects being supported, a total of 212 new jobs are projected in the Borough over 4 years with 140 programme participants moving into further education and training.

Members are also reminded that 2 other organisations which had been unsuccessful in their ESF applications had appealed the outcome with the funding body (the Department for the Economy) and one, Enterprise Northern Ireland, has since had their appeal upheld. In the meantime, the Council has received a further request to match fund an ESF application from GEM NI Limited. A summary of the 2 additional requests is provided in the table below and further detail on each project is **enclosed**.

Organisation	Year 1 (2018-19)	Year 2 (2019-20)	Year 3 (2020-21)	Year 4 (2021-22)	Total Local Participants	Total Local Jobs Created
Enterprise NI	£14,179	£18,309	£18,309	£12,429	175	35
GEM NI Limited	£15,890	£15,890	£15,890	£15,890	60	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£30,069</b>	<b>£34,199</b>	<b>£34,199</b>	<b>£28,319</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>51</b>

It is proposed to offer both Enterprise NI and GEM NI 50% of the match funding requested for each financial year for the lifetime of the Programme (4 years), in keeping with the Council's decision taken in January. It is therefore also proposed to increase the total annual ESF match funding budget to £77,100 for 4 financial years, subject to each project undergoing a satisfactory annual review of performance. As a result of the investment by all 8 projects, if approved, a total of 263 new jobs are projected in the Borough over 4 years with 160 programme participants moving into further education or training.

Members may wish to note that each project as proposed seeks to deliver key outcomes within the Council's Corporate and Community Plans in



terms of increasing employability, skills and supporting the economically inactive and those with disabilities into sustainable jobs.

**RECOMMENDATION: that:**

- i. The Council agrees to offer Enterprise NI match funding in the sum of £7,090 in 2018-19, £9,156 in 2019-20 and in 2020-21 and £6,215 in 2021-22 and GEM NI Limited £7,945 per annum for four years, subject to a satisfactory annual review of performance bringing the total match funding provision to a maximum of £77,100 per annum (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22), subject to the annual estimates process.**
- ii. Officers bring back further reports to the Committee detailing the progress and achievements of each project at the end of each of the 4 years.**

Prepared by: Emma Stubbs, Economic and Rural Development Manager

Agreed by: Paul Kelly, Head of Economic Development

Approved by Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

**3.6 CP/CD/139 & CP/CD/214 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT AID PROGRAMME 2017/18 & 2018/19 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS (SMALL GRANTS)**

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

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

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

During the month of February 1 application was resubmitted due to a technical error for the 2017/18 Small Grant Programme requesting £170 and was assessed by Officers as outlined below.

<b>Group Name/Project Promoter</b>	<b>Project Description/Title</b>	<b>Scored Percentage</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
MG Bowling Club (Moneyglass)	Small Activity Grant to provide insurance costs	60%	£170	<b>£170</b>

Members are reminded that at the January 2018 Community Planning and Regeneration Committee meeting it was agreed that the Small Grants Programme for 2017/18 would close on 31 January 2018. After this date all small grants applications will be for 2018/19 programme.

During the months of January and February 2018, 3 applications were received for the 2018/19 programme totalling £1,320 and assessed by officers as outlined below.

<b>Group Name/Project Promoter</b>	<b>Project Description/Title</b>	<b>Scored Percentage</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Tidy Randalstown	Small Activity Grant to provide insurance costs.	93%	£420	<b>£420</b>
Antrim Retirement Group	Small Activity Grant to provide insurance and rent costs.	86%	£400	<b>£400</b>
Muckamore Women's Institute	Small Activity Grant to cover hall rental and an outing.	60%	£500	<b>£500</b>

The total budget available for Small Grants for the 2018/19 financial year is £4,274.50. The total amount of financial assistance awarded to date is £1,320 leaving a balance of £2,954.50 to fund future applications that may be submitted to the Council during the remainder of the year.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the Small Grant award recommendations for 2017/18 and 2018/19 as detailed above be approved.**

Prepared by: Kerry Brady, Community Support Officer

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

Agreed by: Louise Moore, Head of Community Planning

Approved by Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

### 3.7 CP/CD/123 COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAMME 2017/18 - ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Members are advised that correspondence has been received from the Department for Communities (DFC) regarding additional funding for the delivery of the Council's Community Support Programme 2017/18.

Members are reminded that the Council accepted a letter of offer from DFC in June 2017 for an amount of £201,554.50 (Advice Services-£72,569 and Community Support General £128,985.50). Subsequently two letters of variance (to amend the original Letter of Offer) were issued in December 2017 and January 2018, the first for an additional £8,210.93 for resources to support the delivery of frontline advice services and the second for an additional amount of £33,603.90 to cover salary and training costs for two Welfare Reform Advisers employed by Citizens Advice Antrim and Newtownabbey (CAAN). This additional funding brought the total Community Support Programme award for 2017-18 to £243,369.33.

A further letter of variance has been received, a copy of which is **enclosed**, offering the Council an additional £5,647.50 which must be spent by 31 March 2018. It is proposed that part of this additional amount could be used to supplement the Council's Community Capacity Building Programme. Over the past 6 months in excess of 100 individuals have successfully participated in the Council's Community Capacity Building Programme. On this occasion a number of courses were oversubscribed including Emergency Aid and Food Safety in Catering. In addition a number of requests have been received from various community/voluntary sector organisations seeking specialised training in Events Management, Stewarding and Crowd Control.

Taking into consideration the increase in the number of community events being organised and delivered by the sector over the next 12 months it is proposed that £3,500 be used to deliver these additional courses and eliminate any reserve waiting lists prior to the end of the 2017/18 financial year.

The remaining £2,147.50 could be utilised to upgrade the current Grant Manager system in order to make the system more user friendly for applicants.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the Council accepts the additional award of £5,647.50 from the Department for Communities and that this be utilised to:**

- (i) deliver additional training courses under the existing Community Capacity Building Programme for 2017/18.**
- (ii) upgrade the existing Grant Management system.**

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

Agreed by: Louise Moore, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

### **3.8 CS/4 RATHENRAW YOUTH SCHEME 2018: USE OF RATHENRAW COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Members are advised that a written request has been received from Rathenraw Youth Scheme, a copy of which is enclosed, for free use of the facilities in Rathenraw Community Centre for the annual summer scheme from 16 to 27 July 2018. The scheme will run from 9am to 4pm daily and is expected to attract over 100 children from the ages of 5 to 16 years. The cost if charged for the Summer Scheme would be approximately £511.

Members are advised that the Rathenraw Youth Scheme has not applied for any other funding from Council for this activity.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the Council approves free use of facilities at Rathenraw Community Centre to Rathenraw Youth Scheme for their Summer Scheme from 16-27 July 2018.**

Prepared by: David Jordan, Community Facilities Officer

Agreed by: Elaine Manson, Community Services and Tackling Deprivation Manager, Louise Moore, Head of Community Planning

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

### **3.9 ED/TOU/043 BALLYCLARE MAY FAIR 2018**

Members are advised that meetings of the Ballyclare May Fair Working Group took place on 6 September, 11 October, 7 December 2017 and 18 January 2018 and the minutes are **enclosed** for the Council's approval.

**RECOMMENDATION: that the minutes of the meetings of the Ballyclare May Fair Working Group held on 6 September, 11 October, 7 December 2017 and 18 January 2018 be approved.**

Prepared by: Vanessa Postle, Tourism, Town Centre & Regeneration Officer

Agreed by: Paul Kelly, Head of Economic Development

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

## ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

### **3.10 PBS/BC/2 BUILDING CONTROL MATTERS FOR THE PERIOD 1- 31 JANUARY 2018**

#### **BUILDING REGULATIONS**

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

#### **Applications Received**

Full Plans – 43

Building Notices – 108

Regularisation Certificates – 47

**Full Plans** Approvals – 29 Rejected applications requiring resubmissions –43

#### **Commencements & Completions**

Commencements – 257

Completions - 196

**Inspections** - A total of 735 Site Inspections were carried out

**Regularisation Certificate** - 32 Regularisation Certificates issued

**Building Notice**- 117 Completion Certificates issued

**Property Certificates** Received – 191

#### **EPB**

EPC's checked – 458 & 96% compliance

DEC's checked – 8 & 100% compliance

Air Conditioning checked – 5 & 100% compliance

#### **Income**

Plan Fees Received for Month	£7782.00
Inspection Fees Invoiced for Month	£17792.21
Building Notice Fees Received for Month	£ 6894.00
Regularisation Fees Received for Month	£2541.60
Property Certificate Fees Received for Month	<u>£11040.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£46049.81</b>

### **BUILDING CONTROL MATTERS FOR PERIOD 01 -31 JANUARY 2018**

#### **POSTAL NUMBERING**

Numbers of official postal numbers issued – 36

Number of new developments named – 2

#### **LPS PARTNERSHIP**

Commercial Vacancies – 60 (Commercial vacancy tranche received on 15/11/2017)



No completed – 6 Property details surveys completed 53
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**RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.**

Prepared by: Vicky Jordan, Business Support

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

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

### 3.11 CPR/PBS/BC/1 LAND AND PROPERTY SERVICES STATISTICS FOR HOUSING COMMENCEMENTS AND COMPLETIONS

The Building Control Section sends a range of monthly statistical reports to Land and Property Services relating to a range of building regulations activity. On a quarterly basis LPS publishes the findings from these reports and the latest version can be found on the following link <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/topics/statistics-and-research/new-dwelling-statistics>.

The table highlighting the numbers of new dwelling completions under the Building Regulations for each of the 11 Council areas is **enclosed** for Members' information.

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

Prepared by Bronagh Doonan, Head of Property & Building Services

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

### **3.12 ED/TOU/40 ULSTER AUTOMOBILE CLUB EASTER STAGES RALLY 2018**

Members are reminded that in October 2017 the Council agreed to provide £20,000 in sponsorship towards The Ulster Automobile Club Easter Stages Rally. The Club plans to run a 'closed road rally' on 6-7 April 2018 with up to 100 crews involving competitive stages in Lylehill and Ladyhill. The rally is a two-part event that will extend into the Mid and East Antrim Borough Council area.

The Council has also approved the opening ceremony to take place at the Sixmile Leisure Centre car park in Ballyclare on Friday 6 April 2018 at 1.00pm and for the car park to be used as a service area from 5-7 April. A room in the Leisure Centre will be used for registration, administrative checks and media sign on from 31 March – 7 April. Rally organisers have agreed with the owners of the adjacent tyre company to use their land and premises for the service park and scrutineering.

The Council has also approved the use of the car park at Antrim Civic Centre as a 'Parc Ferme' on Friday 6 April from 8.00 pm until 10.00 am on Saturday 7 April for secure overnight for competitors' vehicles. Rally organisers will provide their own security personnel and indemnify the Council for the use of all Council facilities.

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

Prepared by: Karen Steele, Tourism Town Centre and Regeneration Manager

Agreed by: Paul Kelly, Head of Economic Development

Approved by Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

### 3.13 CP/CP/026 COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MEMBERSHIP

Members are reminded that the Community Planning Process includes establishing a Community Planning Partnership with representation from the Council, from each of the Statutory Partners and from the community, voluntary and private sectors, now referred to as support partners.

In December 2014, the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee agreed that Council representation on the Community Planning Partnership would be 11 in number: 4 DUP, 3 UUP, 1 SDLP, 1 Sinn Fein, 1 Alliance and 1 TUV.

Members are advised that further to his retirement, Cllr John Scott has been replaced by Cllr Stephen McCarthy with immediate effect. The current membership of Antrim and Newtownabbey Community Planning Partnership is detailed below:

#### **Elected Representatives -**

Councillor R Lynch (Chairperson)  
Alderman M Cosgrove  
Councillor J Blair  
Councillor P Brett  
Councillor M Goodman  
Councillor D Hollis  
Councillor N Kells  
Councillor S McCarthy  
Councillor M Magill  
Councillor J Montgomery  
Councillor S Ross

#### **Statutory Partners –**

J Dixon	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
E Newberry	NI Housing Executive
O Donnelly	Northern HSC Trust
M Baker	Education Authority
E Bond	PSNI
M Loughran	Invest NI
B Murphy	Tourism NI
M Bryson	Libraries NI
P Coyle	NI Fire and Rescue Service
A Campbell	Sport NI
M Meehan	Public Health Agency
B Harkin	Health & Social Care Board
M Crudden	Council for Catholic Maintained Schools

#### **Support Partners –**

D Hayward	Volunteer Now
C O'Neill	Northern Regional College
R Folli	Ulster University

**Government Departments –**

Department for Communities.

Department of Education.

Department for Infrastructure.

Department of Justice.

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

Prepared by: Alison Keenan, Community Planning Manager

Agreed by: Louise Moore, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

### 3.14 CP/CD/213 ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERING AWARDS 2018

Members are reminded of the success of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Spirit of Volunteering Awards, which attracted in excess of 50 nominations, held in Theatre at the Mill in October 2016 to highlight and recognise the valuable commitment of those who volunteer their time within the Borough. Members may recall that it was approved by Council in June 2015 to hold this event every two years.

Initial planning is underway for the 2018 event which is scheduled to take place on 27 September 2018 at 7.00pm in Theatre at the Mill.

The nomination process this year will be launched at two Roadshow Events which will be held in:

- The Oriel Gallery, Clotworthy House, Antrim Castle Gardens on 25 April 2018 at 6pm; and
- Museum at the Mill Newtownabbey on 26 April 2018 at 6pm.

The deadline for receipt of completed nomination forms is 29 June 2018. The assessment of nominations will take place in early July.

In the past, an Event Management and Assessment Panel has been established to work with Officers in the planning of the event and assessment of nominations. It is proposed that the make-up of the Panel for 2018 should include:-

- i. \*The Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey
  - ii. \*The Chairperson and \*Vice Chairperson of the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee
  - iii. Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the County of Antrim, Mrs Joan Christie MBE, OBE, CVO
  - iv. The Chief Executive of Volunteer Now, Denise Hayward
  - v. Specialist Advisor on Volunteering, Paul Dinsmore
  - vi. Relevant Council Officers
- \*These positions will change following the election of a new Mayor, Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee at the Council's AGM in June 2018.*

It is estimated that the total cost of the 2018 event including the Launch will be £18,000, of which £15,000 has been included in the 2018/19 estimates and a further £3,000 to be secured through sponsorship.

A further report will be presented to the Committee in May 2018 detailing the theme of the event, the various accolade categories and the arrangements for issuing guest invitations.

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

Prepared by: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Officer

Agreed by: Elaine Manson, Community Services and Tackling Deprivation  
Manager, Louise Moore, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

### 3.15 CP/GR/54 GOOD RELATIONS GRANT AID & SUMMER INTERVENTION PROGRAMMES 2018

Members are reminded that the Good Relations Action Plan 2018/19, approved by Council in February 2018 includes a proposed budget of £38,000 for a Good Relations Grant Aid Programme 2018-19.

Members may wish to note that the Good Relations Action Plan is submitted to the Executive Office requesting financial assistance and it is anticipated that a Letter of Offer would be issued to Council in April 2018.

The Good Relations Grant Aid Programme has three strands: Summer Intervention, Good Relations Children and Young People and Good Relations Our Cultural Expression; all of which must be utilised to develop positive community and race relations across the Borough.

Two of the three grant aid programmes are rolling programmes, with Summer Intervention grant aid closing on 23 April at 4pm. All programmes open on Monday 2 April and a call for applications will be placed on the Council's website twinned with circulation to all relevant groups registered on the Council's community database. Details of the Grant Aid Programmes will be advertised in the local press.

Type of Grant	Total Budget	Maximum Award	Closing Date (before 4pm on each of the dates shown below)
Summer Intervention	£18,000	£2,500	23 April 2018
Good Relations Children and Young People Grant Aid	£10,000	£2,500	20 April, 18 May, 1 July, 3 August, 17 August, 14 September, 19 October, 16 November
Good Relations Our Cultural Expression	£10,000	£2,500	20 April, 18 May, 1 July, 3 August, 17 August, 14 September, 19 October, 16 November

Members are advised that in order for successful and timely implementation of the Summer Intervention programme a report detailing applications will be scored and brought to the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee in May 2018 for approval. Applications for both Children and Young People and Cultural Expression will be brought for approval on a monthly basis, given that both programmes operate on a rolling basis.

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

Prepared by: Valerie Crozier-Nicholl & Claire Fox, Good Relations Officer

Agreed by: Louise Moore, Head of Community Planning



Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

### 3.16 CP/GEN/19 COMMUNITY PLANNING & REGENERATION SECTION - PARTNERSHIP MINUTES

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

<b>Community Development</b>		
<b>File Ref</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Name of Partnership</b>
D/Gen/91	-	Joint Citizens Advice Bureau
D/CSP/48	29 Nov 17	PCSP Partnership PCSP Private Meeting
D/DP/67	14 Aug 17 10 Oct 17	Rathcoole Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership
D/DP/67	-	Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership
	9 Jan 2018	Joint Cohesion Group
CP/GR/43	24 Nov 2017	Traveller Issues Local Government Partnership

<b>Economic Development</b>		
<b>File Ref</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Name of Partnership</b>
ED/MI/250	10 Nov 17 8 Dec 17	GROW Local Action Group Meeting

<b>Tourism, Town Centres</b>		
<b>File Ref</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Name of Partnership</b>
ED/TC/5	13 Sept 2017 6 Dec 2017	Glengormley Town Teams
ED/TC/5	3 Nov 2017	Ballyclare Town Teams
ED/REG/5	16 Oct 2017 11 Dec 2017	Antrim Town Team
ED/REG/006	6 Sept 2017 18 Oct 2017 29 Nov 2017 15 Jan 2018	Randalstown Town Team
ED/TOU/043	6 Sept 2017 11 Oct 2017 7 Dec 2017 18 Jan 2018	Ballyclare May Fair Working Group

**RECOMMENDATION: that the Partnership Minutes be noted.**

Prepared by: Dawn Leonard/Wendy Donaldson, Business Support

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive

### 3.17 CP/GEN/21 CITIZENS ADVICE NORTHERN IRELAND

Members are advised that correspondence has been received from Dave Wall, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Citizens Advice NI, a copy of which is **enclosed**, highlighting concerns regarding the future of advice services across Northern Ireland and the potential impact on service users. These concerns have arisen largely because future funding from the Department for Communities (DFC) has not been confirmed.

Citizens Advice NI is the umbrella governing body for Citizens Advice Bureaux throughout Northern Ireland. In the letter, Mr Wall outlines concerns regarding the annual budget for 2018/19 from DFC which has yet to be confirmed and the perceived threat to the independent governance of Citizens Advice. Mr Wall refers to previous correspondence from DFC to Council Chief Executives on 23 February 2018 which addresses concerns within Citizens Advice; in this letter DFC reiterates its continuing support for Citizens Advice Bureaux and its commitment to the provision of frontline advice services. A copy of this letter is also **enclosed** for Members' information.

The current situation conveyed in the letter is one of urgency; that if sufficient funding is not confirmed by DFC in the near future the Board of Trustees will be forced to take appropriate steps to address the situation which may involve cessation of key services. Members will be kept informed of developments in this situation.

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

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

Approved by: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive