



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE HELD IN MOSSLEY MILL ON
MONDAY 11 APRIL 2016 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : Councillor P Brett
- Committee Members Present** : Aldermen - P Barr, T Burns and M Cosgrove
Councillors – T Girvan, P Hamill, N Kells, N Kelly, A M Logue, R Lynch, M Magill, P Michael, V McWilliam and J Scott
- Non Committee Members Present** : Councillors –B Duffin, D Hollis, N McClelland, S Ross and W Webb
- Officers Present** : Director of Community Planning and Regeneration - M McAlister
Head of Property and Building Services - B Doonan
Head of Economic Development - P Kelly
Head of Community Planning – L Moore
ICT Officer – A Cole
Media and Marketing Officer – J McIntyre
Senior Administrative Officer - S McAree

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and reminded them of the audio recording protocol.

The Chairman expressed sincere condolences to Councillor Cushinan on the death of his father. Members stood for a minute's silence.

The Chairman informed members that Pat Hutchinson was retiring from her post after 32 years as District Manager of Citizens Advice Bureau, Newtownabbey. It was

agreed that a letter be sent to Mrs Hutchinson expressing the Council's appreciation for her dedication and long service.

1 APOLOGIES

Councillor J Montgomery

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Scott – Item 3.4

3.1 G/MSMO/17 PRESENTATION -LOUGH NEAGH PARTNERSHIP

Charles Monaghan of the Lough Neagh Partnership was in attendance and made a presentation to the committee

The presentation focused on the Heritage Lottery funded Lough Neagh Landscape Partnership project and in particular those aspects that related to the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council area.

Following members questions the Chairman thanked him for his presentation and he left the meeting.

3.2 ED/MI/340 EX-POST EVALUATION OF 2007-2013 ERDF PROGRAMMES

Members were reminded that the legacy Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Councils benefitted from EU funding for local economic development through the Sustainable Prosperity Programme (2007-13). The funding was used to support local small businesses through a range of programmes some of which were delivered collaboratively with a number of other local Councils. Members received a report on these programmes and their outcomes in February.

The European Commission (Regional Policy) has now launched a stakeholder consultation on the ex-post evaluation of 2007-2013 ERDF Programmes. The aim of this consultation, which closes on 27 April, is to seek feedback from the relevant stakeholders and wider public on the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Cohesion Fund (CF) during 2007-2013 programming period in the 28 Member States.

The framework for the consultation, along with some preliminary findings, can be downloaded via the following link:

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/newsroom/consultations/erdf-cohesion-fund-2007-2013-ex-post-evaluation/

Officers have prepared the following draft response for Members to consider focusing on the areas that are specifically relevant to the Council.

RELEVANCE

The programmes have enabled the Council to engage directly with local SMEs to design and deliver practical interventions that matched the needs of businesses. In the process, the Council was also able to collaborate with a number of other local authorities in the region to deliver the programmes jointly in a way that not only resulted in financial efficiencies but also widened the impact and outcomes. The collaborative partnership between the local Councils will now be taken forward into the new Jobs and Growth Programme (2014-20).

EFFECTIVENESS

The programmes have added considerable value to the local economic development of this Council area by increasing the range and scope of support that the Council has been able to provide to local SMEs.

EFFICIENCY

There was an excessive administrative burden placed on the Council which impacted on the efficient delivery of the programmes particularly around audit requirements. The Council would have welcomed more clarity on the application of De Minimis and State Aid rules to micro-businesses which resulted in substantial time and resources having to be redirected to address this requirement, in the final stages of the programme.

COHERENCE

The programmes have been delivered broadly in line with the operational programmes agreed and published by the Northern Ireland Executive, in particular the role of local Councils in terms of local economic development.

EU ADDED VALUE

The programmes have provided additional resources for the Council to design and develop interventions that directly benefit local SMEs in particular those companies that are not normally eligible for mainstream support to the same extent from national/government agencies.

Proposed by Alderman Barr
Seconded by Councillor Hamill and agreed that

the Council approves the draft response to the consultation on the ex-post evaluation of the ERDF Programme (2007-2013).

ACTION BY Paul Kelly, Head of Economic Development

3.3 ED/REG/2 BALLYCLARE TOWN TEAM

Members were advised that a Ballyclare Town Centre Action Plan for 2016-17 was agreed at the Ballyclare Town Team meeting 19 February 2016.

The proposed action plan is set out below and includes proposals for events and advertising promotions, including ongoing promotion of the recently launched loyalty card scheme.

BALLYCLARE TOWN TEAM ACTION PLAN 2016-17 BUDGET ALLOCATION = £22,000

Project details	Indicative budget
'It's a Knockout' Event on 30 May 2016	£5,000
Festival of Cycling town promotion & event 17-19 June 2016	£10,000
PR / Social Media / Loyalty Card promotion	£4,000
Christmas promotion	£3,000
TOTAL	£22,000

Proposed by Councillor McWilliam
Seconded by Councillor Girvan and agreed that

the Ballyclare Town Centre Action Plan for 2016-17 be approved.

ACTION BY: Paul Kelly, Head of Economic Development

3.4 ED/REG/3 GLENGORMLEY TOWN TEAM: PROPOSED ACTION PLAN 2016-17

Members were advised that proposals for the Glengormley Town Centre Action Plan for 2016-17 had been put forward by Glengormley Chamber & Traders' Association.

The proposed action plan is set out below and includes proposals for events, networking, town centre improvements and summer hanging baskets.

**GLENGORMLEY TOWN TEAM ACTION PLAN 2016-17
BUDGET ALLOCATION = £22,000**

Project details	Indicative budget
Culture Day event on 25 June 2016	£5,000
Hanging baskets	£750
Town centre improvements (planting and street furniture)	£5,000
Branding	£500
Local Business Awards campaign	£2,600
Town centre networking events	£1,000
Christmas event	£4,000
Consultancy support	£2,370
Contingency	£780
TOTAL	£22,000

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Alderman Barr and agreed that

the Glengormley Town Centre Action Plan for 2016-17 be approved.

ACTION BY: Paul Kelly, Head of Economic Development

3.5 G/MSMO/8 DHSS & PUBLIC SAFETY – NEW INNOVATION SCHEME

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety regarding a new Innovation Scheme.

The scheme is open to all voluntary community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations, and seeks to utilise the unique skills and experience of the sector to deliver innovative solutions to deliver improved health and social care outcomes.

In Autumn 2015, 5 workshops were held with relevant stakeholders and a consultation document, highlighting the Departments proposals for the new Innovation Scheme can be viewed at www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/consultation

It was reported that the consultation period closed on 3 June 2016 and Members were encouraged to consider the proposals and submit their views.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Magill and agreed that

Members respond on an individual or party political basis.

NO ACTION

3.6 G/MSMO/8 CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED INCREASE TO COURT FEES

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from the Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service seeking views on proposals to increase the fees NICTS charges for the delivery of civil court business. The consultation documents were available on both the NICTS and Department of Justice websites.

www.courtsni.gov.uk/en-GB/Publications/Public_Consultation or
www.dojni.gov.uk/consultations

The consultation response must be received no later than 5pm on Wednesday 8 June 2016.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Magill and agreed that

Members respond on an individual or party political basis.

NO ACTION

3.7 G/MSMO/8 REVIEW OF PHARMACY REGULATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND – CONSULTATION

It was reported that a review of Pharmacy Regulation had been launched by the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, with a closing date of 14 June 2016.

Currently, the regulatory and professional leadership functions of the pharmacy profession in Northern Ireland are performed by one organisation, the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland (the Society). The Department considers that this dual role does not align fully with modern thinking across the UK on what constitutes effective and efficient regulation of healthcare professionals. It is considered that to operate effectively in the public interest, a modern regulator must be totally and demonstrably independent from the profession it regulates. It must also be impartial, and be seen to be impartial, in its decisions and its actions.

Members were advised that a number of proposals had been developed which sought to reform the current dual role of regulation and leadership performed by the Society.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Magill and agreed that

Members respond on an individual or party political basis.

NO ACTION

3.8 G/MSMO/8 IMPROVING HEALTH WITHIN CRIMINAL JUSTICE – A DRAFT STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

It was reported that correspondence had been received from the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Health and the Department of Justice a copy of which was enclosed, regarding a consultation on "Improving Health within Criminal Justice – a Draft Strategy and Action Plan". This strategy was aimed at ensuring children, young people and adults in the criminal justice system were healthier, safer and less likely to be involved in offending behaviour.

Members were advised that the closing date for receipt of responses was 20 June 2016.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Magill and agreed that

Members respond on an individual or party political basis.

NO ACTION

3.9 CP/CP/5 CONSULTATION – OUTPUT GEOGRAPHY FOR THE UPDATED MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION MEASURE (NIMDM 2017)

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency regarding a consultation on the output geography for the updated Multiple Deprivation Measures.

The purpose of the consultation is to consider the options for the geographical levels for which the Updated Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure (NIMDM 2017) will be produced and published.

Full details of the consultation can be found on the Deprivation page on the NISRA website: http://www.nisra.gov.uk/deprivation/nimdm_2017.htm and the consultation period is until 4 May.

There are broadly two options for the output geography for NIMDM 2017:

Option 1 (which would enable publication of results mid-2017):

To continue with the same methodology as was used for NIMDM 2010 and NIMDM 2005, which was to base the outputs on the Super Output Area (SOA) geography.

- The use of SOAs allows comparison on more comparable sizes than Electoral Wards, which are variable in terms of population size and characteristics
- Small Area (SA) data which nest within SOAs can be aggregated to generate SOA, District Electoral Area and Local Government District level based results on an best fit basis – this lends itself to being used to identify pockets of deprivation
- On the negative side, there is no read across from either SOA or SA results to the **new** Electoral Wards

Option 2 (which would enable publication of results in late 2017):

To undertake a re-design of the underlying statistical geography, part of which is to develop a new set of small statistical geographies that nest with the new Electoral Wards.

- The development of a new approach would allow deprivation outputs for geographical areas that nest within or equate to Wards, and would enable Ward level, DEA level and LGD level results to be produced. It will not however nest perfectly within Assembly areas
- The change of approach would result in a loss of data continuity over time. This could impact on future statistical analysis (across a wide range of topics), which, if released on the new geographical basis would not be comparable with previous releases and would therefore reduce the potential to analyse trends over time.

Members were advised that the consultation response considered the information needs of the Council for community planning and other planning purposes. It reflected the usefulness of ward data in this respect in terms of its accessibility and its potential to aggregate to DEA and Council level.

Proposed by Councillor Kells
Seconded by Alderman Cosgrove and agreed that

the response to the consultation be approved and submitted.

ACTION BY: Louise Moore, Head of Community Planning

3.10 CP/CP/5 MISS SCHOOL = MISS OUT: A STRATEGY FOR IMPROVING PUPIL ATTENDANCE

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from the Department of Education in regard to the consultation process for Miss School = Miss Out: A Strategy for Improving Pupil Attendance.

The strategy document which is available at www.deni.gov.uk/consultations outlines the effects and implications of poor school attendance for children and young people and the proposed strategy to promote attendance.

The document identifies a number of issues which are relevant for the Council, particularly in the context of community planning:

- The identified link between poor attendance and lower academic achievement.
- The need for early intervention – “non-attendance starts at primary level and becomes a pattern. This pattern is very often repeated through secondary years and establishes poor attitudes towards school.”
- The evidence that children who attend educational programmes in early life are more likely to have higher attendance rates when at school.
- The correlation between children who reside in socially deprived areas and their level of school attendance.
- The provision within the strategy of additional support to children and young people in vulnerable groups for example pupils in receipt of free school meals and looked after children.
- The negative impact on attendance of emotional health and well-being challenges faced by children.
- The potential of cross sectoral collaboration to engage communities and ensure that the value of education and regular school attendance is understood and championed within communities.
- The potential for community use of the school estate as a mechanism to develop positive attitudes to learning.

The points identified above support the findings from the research and engagement phase of developing the community plan. Addressing these issues, in partnership with other agencies, fits clearly with the draft outcomes of the Community Plan.

Members were advised that a draft response to the consultation had been prepared on this basis and was enclosed.

Proposed by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Kells and agreed that

the response to the consultation be approved and submitted to the Department.

ACTION BY: Louise Moore, Head of Community Planning

3.11 ED/92 (F) ULSTER BAR CORNER, ANTRIM

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from Karl Asset Management Limited, who had been appointed as the preferred developer for the Ulster Bar Corner site. As the development of the site could provide bespoke, modern office accommodation, the Council was being asked if it would have any demand for office space in the development.

Given the provision which exists at Antrim Civic Centre and Mossley Mill, Officers advised that there was no current demand for future office provision.

Proposed by Councillor Kells
Seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that

Karl Asset Management Ltd be advised that the Council has no demand for further office space at this time.

ACTION BY: M McAlistar, Director of Community Planning and Regeneration

(Councillor A M Logue arrived).

3.12 CPRD/CD/8 IPB INSURANCE PRIDE OF PLACE 2016 IN ASSOCIATION WITH CO-OPERATION IRELAND

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

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

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

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

Population

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

Theme

6. Age Friendly Community Initiative
7. Community Enterprise Initiative
8. Communities Reaching Out Initiative

Non Population

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

To nominate a group, a short application form must be completed by the Council and submitted along with a short resume of the groups work and how it meets the entry criteria. Following assessment successful entrants will receive a large trophy and a cash prize of €1,000. Runners-up will also receive a trophy and a cash prize of €500. The entry fee per Council is £500 per entry, provision for which has been made in the Community Services budget. The closing date for applications is 6 May 2016. The awards ceremony will take place in November 2016, details of which have still to be confirmed.

There are a number of groups within the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council area which would be eligible to take part in this competition.

Members were advised that Officers were currently compiling a list of eligible nominations which would be circulated to Members.

It was agreed that

the matter be deferred to the next Council meeting.

ACTION BY: Louise Moore, Head of Community Planning

3.13 CP/PCSP/26 POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC PLAN 2016-2019

Members were reminded that Antrim and Newtownabbey Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) had undertaken a strategic analysis and extensive community consultation to inform the Strategic Plan 2016 – 2019. At a meeting of the PCSP on 30th March 2016 the Strategic Plan 2016 – 2019 and Action Plan 2016 - 2017 was approved by members and has been submitted to the Joint Committee (Department of Justice and Northern Ireland Policing Board) for approval. A copy of the plan was enclosed.

Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP has agreed two strategic priorities and a range of outcomes in order to address identified community need.

Partnership Priorities

Outcomes

- To form and successfully deliver the functions of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership
- Build community confidence around community safety and policing

Policing and Community Safety Priorities

Outcomes

- Improve community safety by tackling anti-social behaviour
- Improve community safety by tackling crime and anti-social behaviour affecting the most vulnerable people in our society
- Improve community safety by addressing drug and substance misuse and dealing
- Improve community safety by addressing domestic violence
- Improve community safety by tackling burglary
- Improve community safety by tackling crime related road safety issues.

Each of the outcomes has a series of actions and indicators with a subsequent total budget of £464,597 of which £331,154 is core funding from the Joint Committee and as agreed, in the Council estimates for 2016/17, match funding from the Council of £133,443.

In order to avoid gaps in service provision and maintain key activities identified within the 2016-17 Action Plan, the Partnership has agreed the extension of four existing projects for a maximum of three months, in line with the Councils financial guidelines and estimates.

Members were advised that these included; Community Safety Wardens, Good Morning, Drug and Alcohol Counselling Service, Domestic Violence Training and Education.

Following discussion it was agreed that

the PCSP Strategic Plan 2016-19 be endorsed.

ACTION BY: Louise Moore, Head of Community Planning

3.14 ED/TOU/5 TASTE OF TOURISM SUMMIT

It was reported that an invitation to the Taste of Tourism Summit on Tuesday 19 April in Culloden Estate and Spa had been received from the Northern Ireland Hotels Federation, a copy of which was enclosed.

Supported by a range of organisations, including Tourism Northern Ireland, Tourism Ireland and Invest NI, the Summit will explore the role of food and drink within the tourism sector. The full day programme includes 10 internationally acclaimed speakers covering a range of topics such as Food Trends, Service and Standards,

Partnership and Promotion and Michelin Star Chefs who will discuss authentic ingredients, service and focussed partnerships.

Members were advised that the cost of attendance is £125 (inclusive of VAT) per delegate for the full day.

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor McWilliam and agreed that

the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson of the Community Planning & Regeneration Committee, or their nominees, and an appropriate officer attend the event on behalf of Council.

ACTION BY: Member Services

3.15 CP/CP/5 CHILDREN'S ENGAGEMENT EVENT

Members were reminded that in April 2015, the Council signed up to the NI Commissioner for Children and Young Peoples statement of intent around promoting the active participation of children and young people in consultation around issues which affect them.

The Community Plan and Local Development Plan teams are currently identifying gaps in participation in the engagement process to date in order to take a proactive approach to addressing them. One such gap is the involvement of children.

It is proposed that an integrated engagement/consultation "event" be organised in late May to which the school councils from all 34 primary schools in the Borough would be invited.

All sections of the Council will have the opportunity to identify a consultation question(s) relevant to their service area which children would be asked to respond to.

A range of media – art, drama, discussion, digital media – will be used in a number of short consultation/workshops. The choice of media will be appropriate to the issue being explored.

This proposed event serves several purposes concurrently:

- It provides a one-off focused opportunity to consult with up to 400 primary school age children
- It provides an opportunity to pilot the participation of children in consultation processes about decisions which affect their local area
- It connects the Council to local schools in a way that is relevant to the curriculum and which highlights schools' role in the community
- It has significant value to the Council as a means to engage with a core section of citizens.

The cost of facilitating the event will be shared across the service areas participating. Cost of transportation is the main barrier to schools participation in an event such as this and as such provision will be made for the hire of buses, from the existing 16/17 Council budget.

It was reported that the provisional date for the event was Monday 23rd May from 9.30am to 1.30pm. Further details and an invitation to members would follow in due course.

Proposed by Councillor Kells
Seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that

the report be noted.

ACTION BY Louise Moore, Head of Community Planning

3.16 CPR/PBS/BC/2 BUILDING CONTROL MATTERS – FOR THE PERIOD 1 TO 29 FEBRUARY 2016

Building Regulations

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

Applications

Full Applications – 43
Building Notices – 135
Regularisation Certificate applications – 31

Recommendations

Approvals – 32
Rejected – 26

Regularisation Certificate

58 Regularisation Certificates issued under Regulation 13 of the Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended).

Building Notice

102 Completion Certificates issued on Applications received under Building Notices.

Inspections

A total of 742 Site Inspections were carried out, these include both interim and statutory inspections as required by Regulation 12 of the Building Regulations.

Commencements and Completions

Work commenced on 229 jobs.
Work completed on 210 jobs.

Property Certificates

A search was carried out for outstanding notices under Building Regulations, on 155 property enquiries from Solicitors.

Income for February 2016

Plan Fees Received for Month	£7,459.25
Inspection Fees Invoice for Month	£56,462.26
Building Notice Fees Invoiced for Month	£10,436.00
Regulation Fees Invoiced for Month	£6386.40
Property Certificate Fees Received for Month	<u>£8,065.00</u>
Total	£88,808.91

Proposed by Councillor Magill
Seconded by Alderman Barr and agreed that

the report be noted.

ACTION BY: *Bronagh Doonan, Head of Property Services*

3.17 CP/PCSP/25 WELFARE REFORM IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Members were advised of the Stormont Agreement and Implementation Plan, A Fresh Start, agreed by the Executive and published in November 2015. Included in this Agreement was the proposed approach to the implementation of welfare reform in Northern Ireland. The Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order was subsequently approved at Westminster in December 2015.

The Welfare Reform Order will introduce changes across the benefits system in Northern Ireland which will have a significant impact on benefit claimants. These changes will begin to take effect over the next few months. In preparation for this and to provide protection for vulnerable people the Welfare Reform Mitigations Working Group was set up, led by Professor Eileen Evason. The Group has produced a report which details the Mitigation Strategy for Welfare Reform in Northern Ireland, a copy of which was enclosed for members' information.

The Mitigation Strategy recommended a four year funding programme to provide independent advice to claimants at key points in the Welfare Reform changes and that a proportion of this funding should be channelled through local Councils. This funding will be distributed based on an assessment of need in each Council area; potential data to be considered includes the number of benefit claimants and population and deprivation indices. The Executive subsequently agreed a funding package of £501 million over 4 years to 'top -up' the welfare arrangements in Northern Ireland with a review to take place in 2018/19. The recommendations include a multi-faceted approach to advice provision as follows:

Strand 1-A centralised Northern Ireland independent free phone service-£250,000 per annum.

Strand 2-Face to face advice from dedicated advisers in each of the 11 Council areas specifically for Welfare Reform issues-£1.25million per annum.

Strand 3-Additional funding through a regional infra-structure support programme-£500,000 per annum.

It was reported that the Department for Social Development was currently working with the Social Security Agency and the Northern Ireland Advice Services Consortium on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Mitigation Strategy produced by the Working Group.

Members will be kept informed of developments.

Proposed by Councillor Kells
Seconded by Councillor Hamill and agreed that

the report be noted.

ACTION BY: Louise Moore, Head of Community Planning

3.18 CP/GR/21 GOOD RELATIONS GRANT AID & SUMMER INTERVENTION PROGRAMMES 2016

Members were reminded that the Good Relations Action Plan 2016/17, as approved by the Council in December 2015, included a total budget of £47,000 of which 75% was core funding from the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister (OFMDFM).

Type of Grant	Total Council Budget	Maximum Award	Closing Date
Good Relations Grant	£25,000	£2,500	Rolling programme until December 2016
Summer Intervention	£22,000	£2,500	Thursday April 24 2016

The grants are open to groups seeking to develop positive community and race relations activities across the Borough. Members will be aware that the Summer Intervention Grant Aid Programme has a specific focus on engaging with young people over the summer months in order to promote good relations and link young people with existing services.

Members were advised that calls for applications, for both programmes opened on 4 April 2016. The Summer Intervention Programme would close on 24 April 2016 and recommendations would be brought to the Committee in May for consideration. Applications to the Good Relations Grant Aid Programme would be submitted to the Committee for approval on a monthly basis.

Proposed by Councillor Hamill
Seconded by Councillor Girvan and agreed that

the report be noted.

ACTION BY Louise Moore, Head of Community Planning

3.19 CE/STC/SC/64 COMMUNITY PLANNING STATUTORY PARTNERS

Members were advised that correspondence, a copy of which was enclosed, had been received from the Department of the Environment confirming the affirmation of legislation regarding the Local Government (Community Planning Partners) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.

The Order, which came into effect on 15 March 2016, confirms the statutory partners for Community Planning as:

- The Northern Ireland Housing Executive
- The Sports Council for Northern Ireland
- The Council for Catholic Maintained Schools
- A Health and Social Care Trust
- The Northern Ireland Tourist Board
- The Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland
- Invest Northern Ireland
- The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service Board
- The Northern Ireland Library Authority
- The Regional Health and Social Care Board
- The Regional Agency for Public Health and Social Well-Being
- The Education Authority

Proposed by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Kells and agreed that

the report be noted

ACTION BY: Louise Moore, Community Planning Officer

3.20 CP/CD/50 DEA FUNDING PROGRAMME UPDATE

Members were advised that in January 2016, Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council allocated £50,000 to each of the Council's seven District Electoral Areas for the financial year 2015/16 and a further £100,000 for the financial year 2016/17. A number of initiatives had been taken forward under this programme during the period up to 31 March 2016, details of which were enclosed.

It was reported that some of the initiatives would be completed during the 2016/17 financial year.

Members were advised that a further report would be presented to the Committee in May, outlining options for the delivery of the 2016/17 programme.

Members discussed the success of the recent Saturday market event in Antrim Town and it was hoped that this event could be repeated.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Kells and agreed that

the report be noted.

*ACTION BY: M McAlistar, Director of Community Planning and Regeneration
Committee*

3.21 CP/CD/53 & CP/CD/22 NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL AND AREAS AT RISK

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from the Department for Social Development (DSD) regarding the 2016/17 budget for the continuation of the Neighbourhood Renewal Programmes in Rathcoole and Grange and Areas at Risk in Mossley, Monkstown and Carnmoney.

The total amount awarded for the Rathcoole Neighbourhood Renewal Programme for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 is £27,042.60 for the Neighbourhood Renewal Co-ordinator's post which remains at the same level as the previous year. Members are reminded that in April 2015 the Council approved an additional £7,627.40 to compensate for a shortfall in the DSD award for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016. Similar provision has been made in the 2016/17 estimates. The amount awarded by DSD for the continuation of the Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Programme which includes the Neighbourhood Renewal Community Development post and Grange Community House running costs during 2016/17 is £44,461.68.

DSD has also agreed funding of £90,000 for the continuation of Areas at Risk in legacy Newtownabbey, which remains at the same level as 2015/16.

Members were advised that the Newtownabbey Areas at Risk Programme 2016-17 would be reported to Committee in May, at which time the level of match funding required would be confirmed, provision for which had been made in the 2016/17 estimates.

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Michael and agreed that

- a) **The funding awards from DSD for the Rathcoole Neighbourhood Renewal Programme and the Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Programme be accepted**
- b) **Match funding of £7627.40 be allocated to meet the full programme costs for the Rathcoole Neighbourhood Renewal Programme**
- c) **The funding award of £90,000 from DSD for the continuation of Areas at Risk in legacy Newtownabbey be accepted.**

ACTION BY: Louise Moore, Head of Community Planning

3.22 ED/TO/214 REQUEST FOR TWO WEEK STAY AT JORDANSTOWN CARAVAN PARK

Members were reminded that Jordanstown Loughshore Caravan Park had a total of 14 caravan pitches and 4 camping pitches and had a maximum 3 night booking policy.

A request has been received for a 14 night stay at the park by a member of the public who lives in England and is visiting family in the Belfast area. He also wishes to visit the Titanic quarter and move on to visit the North Coast.

The individual has requested a stay from 1 July 2016 to 15 July 2016. This two week stay can be accommodated although this is a busy time for the park and will generate a total of £322.

Proposed by Alderman Barr
Seconded by Councillor Magill and agreed that

the booking be approved for 1 July to 15 July 2016.

ACTION BY Colin Meneely, Business Support Manager

3.23 ED/TOU/15 BRITISH KOI CARP SOCIETY – ANNUAL KOI CARP SHOW AT GREENMOUNT

It was reported that the British Koi Carp Society had submitted an application for the annual Koi Carp Show at Greenmount Campus from 13 to 14 August 2016. The event attracted visitors from throughout Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and from Great Britain. Visitors use local hotels, guest houses and B&Bs for overnight accommodation. The event also encouraged participants to visit local tourist attractions and for some attendees it would be their first ever visit to Northern Ireland. The organisers estimate an attendance of between 2,500-2,800.

Proposed by Alderman Barr
Seconded by Councillor Scott and agreed that

the British Koi Carp Society be awarded £690 towards the Annual Koi Carp Show at Greenmount provision for which exists in the agreed estimates for 2016-17

ACTION BY: Paul Kelly, Head of Economic Development

3.24 AC/ACG/9 RIVER TO LOUGH FESTIVAL – REQUEST FOR MATCH FUNDING

Members were reminded that in January the Council gave permission to Lough Neagh Partnership (LNP) to organise the 'River to Lough Festival' on Saturday 2 July 2016 in Antrim Castle Gardens.

The River to Lough Festival is now in its third year with the previous two events being held at the Eel Fishery in Toome. This year's event will coincide with The Northern Ireland **Year of Food and Drink 2016** offering the Council an opportunity to showcase the unique cultural heritage of 'Lough Neagh & Its Waterways', celebrating the ancient fishing tradition associated with the area. The vision for the festival is to help establish Lough Neagh & Its Waterways as a quality food destination. It will give residents and visitors an opportunity to experience the culture, heritage and sample the prestigious PGI Lough Neagh Eel, which is exported into European markets, and other Lough Neagh products such as the Pollan, Dollaghan and trout. There will also be stalls offering other artisan foods and crafts from across Northern Ireland.

Highlights of the festival include:

- Food Theatre offering cookery demonstrations featuring high profile chefs working with Lough Neagh produce
- Artisan food & craft stalls & 5 local restaurants selling cooked food
- Lough Neagh Fishing Heritage exhibition managed by the Lough Neagh Fishermen's Co-operative
- Pop-up restaurant serving traditional eel supper & Pop-up cookery school
- Stage with live music and entertainment throughout the day
- Teddy Bears Picnic for children
- Children's activities and themed art workshops

To help promote the event the first Lough Neagh Restaurant week will take place from 25 June – 2 July and a marketing campaign will invite residents and visitors to restaurants offering dishes serving Lough Neagh Fish specials as well as other locally sourced ingredients. Restaurants will be encouraged to feature Lough Neagh fish and local ingredients on their menu while also supporting the local fishing industry.

LNP have requested £22,000 in match funding from the Council. LNP has already secured £22,000 from Tourism NI and £3,000 in sponsorship from the private sector including the Lough Neagh Fishermen's Co-op. There will be also be a nominal entry fee of £2 per adult and £1 per child and additional income will be generated from ticket sales for the pop up restaurant and cookery school. An application has also been submitted to the Enkalon Foundation as is awaiting consideration.

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor Girvan and agreed that

Lough Neagh Partnership be awarded £22,000 in match funding towards The River To Lough Festival, provision for which exists in the agreed estimates for 2016-17.

ACTION BY: Paul Kelly, Head of Economic Development

3.25 ED/ED/44 ANTRIM FESTIVAL GROUP – REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members were reminded that the Council recently awarded Antrim Festival Group £5,000 from the Community Festivals budget towards the annual Antrim Summer Festival which was to be held from 10 - 17 June 2016.

The Group has now submitted a further application to the Council to provide additional funding to meet a potential shortfall in costs of up to £6,000. The total costs of the event are estimated at £20,950 and £4,000 in funding has been secured from other sources including the Enkalon Foundation, Sports Relief and Belfast International Airport, with the group meeting the remaining deficit of £5,950 from its own resources.

The festival will be run over 8 days and aims to promote civic pride and support traders in Antrim town centre. The events and activities will include a community parade through the town, a tea dance, and a cycling competition. The festival will culminate with music and family entertainment at Antrim Castle Gardens. The organisers estimate an attendance of over 6,000.

It was reported that Officers had assessed the application and recommend an award of up to £6,000 towards the cost of the event, in addition to the £5,000 already agreed by the Council through the Community Festivals programme budget.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Alderman Barr and agreed that

the Antrim Festival Group be awarded up to £6,000 towards the Antrim Summer Festival, provision for which exists in the agreed estimates for 2016-17.

ACTION BY: Paul Kelly, Head of Economic Development

3.26 CP/GEN/5 COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MINUTES

It was agreed that the business of the Community Planning Partnership would be reported to the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee.

The minutes of the first meeting of the Partnership, held on 27 October 2015, which were approved at the recent meeting of the Partnership were enclosed for Members' information.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Scott and agreed that

the report be noted.

ACTION BY: Louise Moore, Head of Community Planning.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.05pm

MAYOR