



November 28th, 2024

Chairperson: Councillor J Craig

Vice-Chairperson: Alderman H Legge

Aldermen: A Grehan, A McIntyre, P Porter and S Skillen

Councillors: D Bassett, T Beckett, J Gallen, B Higginson, C Kemp, S Lowry,
G McCleave, T Mitchell and G Thompson

Ex Officio:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor: Councillor K Dickson

Deputy Mayor: Councillor R Carlin

Notice Of Meeting

A meeting of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee will be held on Tuesday, 3rd December 2024 at 5:00 pm for the transaction of the undernoted Agenda.

For those Members attending this meeting remotely, the Zoom link and passcodes are contained within the Outlook invitation that has been issued.

A hot meal shall be available in the **Members' Suite** from 4.15 pm.

David Burns

Chief Executive

Agenda

1.0 APOLOGIES

2.0 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

- (i) Conflict of Interest on any matter before the meeting (Members to confirm the specific item)
- (ii) Pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest (Member to complete the Disclosure of Interest form)

📎 *Disclosure of Interests form Sept 24.doc*

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3.0 REPORT FROM HEAD OF COMMUNITIES

3.1 Partnership between The Executive Office and Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council to help end Violence against Women and Girls

For Decision

📎 *Communities EVAWG 27.11.24 FINAL.pdf*

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4.0 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE & COMMUNITY WELLBEING

4.1 Estimates Process - Directorate Update (2025/2026)

Not included

For Decision

Confidential for reason of information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

4.2 United Kingdom Shared Prosperity Fund Addendum to Letter of Offer for the Community Investment Fund (CIF) for Ballymacash Sports Academy and Lisburn Rugby & Football Club

For Decision

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📎 *Communities - UKSPF 26.11.24 FINAL.pdf*

Not included

4.3 Project Initiation & Business Cases for Several Small Works Programmes

For Decision

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 **UKSPF Moira Shed Moira Wall Report 27.11.24 LM FINAL2.pdf**

Not included

5.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL
MEMBERS DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

1. Pecuniary Interests

The Northern Ireland Local Government Code of Conduct for Councillors under Section 6 requires you to declare at the relevant meeting any pecuniary interest that you may have in any matter coming before any meeting of your Council.

Pecuniary (or financial) interests are those where the decision to be taken could financially benefit or financially disadvantage either you or a member of your close family. A member of your close family is defined as at least your spouse, live-in partner, parent, child, brother, sister and the spouses of any of these. Members may wish to be more prudent by extending that list to include grandparents, uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces or even close friends.

This information will be recorded in a Statutory Register. On such matters **you must not speak or vote**. Subject to the provisions of Sections 6.5 to 6.11 of the Code, if such a matter is to be discussed by your Council, **you must withdraw from the meeting whilst that matter is being discussed**.

2. Private or Personal Non-Pecuniary Interests

In addition you must also declare any significant private or personal non-pecuniary interest in a matter arising at a Council meeting (please see also Sections 5.2 and 5.6 and 5.8 of the Code).

Significant private or personal non-pecuniary (membership) interests are those which do not financially benefit or financially disadvantage you or a member of your close family directly, but nonetheless, so significant that could be considered as being likely to influence your decision.

Subject to the provisions of Sections 6.5 to 6.11 of the Code, you must declare this interest as soon as it becomes apparent and **you must withdraw from any Council meeting (including committee or sub-committee meetings) when this matter is being discussed**.

In respect of each of these, please complete the form below as necessary.

Pecuniary Interests

Meeting (Council or Committee - please specify and name):

Date of Meeting: _____

Item(s) in which you must declare an interest (please specify item number from report):

Nature of Pecuniary Interest:

Private or Personal Non-Pecuniary Interests

Meeting (Council or Committee - please specify and name):

Date of Meeting:

Item(s) in which you must declare an interest (please specify item number from report):

Nature of Private or Personal Non-Pecuniary Interest:

Name:

Address:

Signed:

Date:

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*If you have any queries please contact David Burns, Chief Executive,
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council*



Committee:	Communities & Wellbeing
Date:	3 December 2024
Report from:	Head of Communities

Item for:	Decision
Subject:	Partnership between The Executive Office and LCCC to End Violence Against Women and Girls

1.0	<u>Background and Key Issues</u>
1.1	The Executive Office (TEO) is requesting the support of Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council to work together to increase investment in community-based and local approaches helping to end violence against women and girls.
1.2	The Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (EVAWG) Strategic Framework 2024-31 was launched by the First Minister and the Deputy First Minister on the 16th of September 2024, following a Ministerial Statement to the Assembly. The Strategy includes a first Delivery Plan (2024-26) which will support those organisations working to prevent and challenge the attitudes, behaviours and culture that can lead to violence against women and girls. The Strategy and associated documents are available at https://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/topics/ending-violence-against-women-and-girls .
1.3	A key action within this first Delivery Plan is to launch and support delivery and impact of a community focused 'Change Fund' to equip community groups to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls.
1.4	In order to deliver this action, TEO would like to develop a partnership approach with each local council, which includes providing a funding allocation to support community and voluntary sector (CVS) organisations in each local government area.
1.5	This approach aims to maximise the impact of the 'Change Fund' by ensuring support to and delivery in local communities across the region. This can contribute to Community Planning priorities and complement EVAWG relevant initiatives already being supported by local councils.
2.0	<u>Proposal</u>
2.1	TEO is requesting that council delivers a localised 'Change Fund' scheme open to CVS organisations and grassroots groups across the area. Subject to an approved business case and approval processes at central government level, TEO is aiming to have available c£110k for 2025/26 in the LCCC area to equip local community groups to prevent violence against women and girls.
2.2	Given the importance and urgency of the issue, Ministers would like a call for applications to open early in 2025. This requires completion of internal approvals within councils to enable a 'go live' date in advance of this.

2.3	Furthermore, TEO is keen to explore with councils the possibility of providing interim ‘momentum support’ to allow expansion of existing good work by councils and communities during the current financial year. This could involve an allocation of c£50k in 2024/25 to LCCC.		
2.4	Given the existing remit of the LCCC PCSP and its efforts on this issue, it is considered prudent to ensure joined up working and maximisation of synergies through work already undertaken in this field. Therefore, it is recommended that the PCSP is integral in the delivery of the ‘Change Fund’ and the c£50k momentum support and how it could be most effectively allocated in this financial year. Collectively, through embracing a community planning approach, working alongside our partners in the community and voluntary sector including organisations who are experts in the field eg Women’s Aid, we will work to ensure that this funding is targeted to fulfil the objectives of both strands.		
2.5	As a first step in local engagement, council officers have met with the PSNI to scope out ideas for the immediate delivery of ‘momentum support’. While these would be subject to the approval of TEO, areas for consideration are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancement of Tier 4 of the 4 Tier Home Security Scheme; • Women’s Wellbeing Event in March 2025; • Additionality to the provision of support work assistance for women who have been subjected to violence; • Provision of training on what domestic/sexual abuse is and capacity building for community and voluntary organisations in this space; • Using the medium of arts to deliver key messages about support services available for victims of violence against women. 		
2.6	Council officers met with TEO officers on 19 November to further explore this opportunity and consider what may be viable in the short time frame available under the ‘momentum support’ in particular. They were content with the direction of travel and specifically requested the emphasis of the funding is used to deliver against the prevention outcomes contained in the Strategic Framework.		
3.0	It is recommended to agree: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the content of the paper in respect of partnership requested by TEO to deliver the ‘Change Fund’ 2025/26; 2. to progress delivery of programme of prevention using the c£50k ‘Momentum Support’ 2024/25; 3. delivery of both programmes to be progressed through the PCSP and a broader community planning based approach with reporting of outcomes to Communities & Wellbeing committee. 		
4.0	<p><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>2024/25 Momentum Support - £50k 2025/26 Change Fund - £110k 100% from TEO</p>		
5.0	<u>Equality/Good Relations and Rural Needs Impact Assessments</u>		
5.1	<table> <tr> <td>Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out?</td> <td>No</td> </tr> </table>	Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out?	No
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5.2	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out To be progressed when programme detail is agreed.	
5.3	Has a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) been completed?	
5.4	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out. To be progressed when programme detail is agreed.	No

Appendices:	
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