



August 26th, 2026

Chairperson: Councillor S Lowry

Vice-Chairperson: Councillor B Magee

Aldermen: H Legge, S Skillen, and J Tinsley

Councillors: T Beckett, R Carlin, J Craig, J Gallen, A Givan, C Kemp, G McCleave, T Mitchell, N Parker and G Thompson

Ex Officio:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor: Councillor B Higginson

Deputy Mayor: Alderman A McIntyre

Notice Of Meeting

A meeting of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee will be held on Tuesday, 1st September 2026 at 6:00 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 **Lighters Restaurant** from 5.15 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)

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7.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Communities and Wellbeing Committee

Terms of Reference

1. Statement of Purpose

The Communities and Wellbeing Committee is a key component of Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council's Corporate Governance Framework.

The purpose of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee is to set the strategic direction for the Council in enhancing the health and wellbeing of communities, by way of policies, initiatives and programmes and the effective use of Council resources.

These Terms of Reference summarise the core functions of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee.

2. Membership

The Communities and Wellbeing Committee is appointed from and reports to, full Council. It is comprised of 15 Elected Members, plus 2 ex-officio Members (Mayor and Deputy Mayor) appointed to the committee each year at the Annual Meeting of Council.

3. Meetings

The quorum for the Communities and Wellbeing Committee is set out in Section 29.3 of the Council's Standing Orders.

"Except where authorised by statute or order by the Council, business shall not be transacted at a meeting of any Committee (except Planning) unless at least one third of the whole number of the Committee is present."

The Communities and Wellbeing Committee will meet, typically, the first Tuesday of each month (except in July and August) and will normally be attended by the appropriate Director/s and other officers in line with the agenda of the meeting.

Other special meetings can be convened as deemed appropriate by the Chair in consultation with appropriate Director/s.

4. Responsibilities

The Communities and Wellbeing Committee has the following responsibilities:

Communities and Community Planning

- Agree the Council's functions in the development, implementation and review of the Community Plan and its associated Partnerships.
- Monitor the Council's community facilities and other designated amenities to develop and implement activities and initiatives to promote engagement and community wellbeing.
- Monitor the Community Support Plan including the provision of Advice Services.
- Agree and monitor policies, frameworks and partnerships that support community engagement and wellbeing initiatives.
- Agree and monitor the Council's events' calendar.
- Monitor the Council's Museum, Heritage and Arts services and initiatives.

Sports and Recreation Services

- Monitor the Council's leisure facilities and other designated amenities to develop and implement activities and initiatives to promote wellbeing and physical activity.
- Monitor sports development programmes and associated activities.
- Agree and monitor policies, frameworks and partnerships that support sport and wellbeing initiatives.

Parks and Amenities

- Agree and monitor policies, frameworks and partnerships related to parks, biodiversity, open spaces, sports pitches, golf course fairways and greens and countryside access.

Grant Aid and Financial Assistance

- Agree grant-aid awards frameworks and associated funds to promote community, sports and arts/cultural development.
- Agree and monitor major funding programmes, such as the Investment Programme, the Community Investment Fund and other external sources of funding.

Financial Oversight

- Approve the draft estimates of expenditure relevant for the Committee

Peace Programmes and Policing and Community Safety Partnership

- Agree and monitor strategies and action plans related to externally-funded programmes such as Good Relations, PCSP and Peace programmes.

Capital Programme

- Agree business cases and investment decisions in line with the capital governance process.
- Seek and agree third party funding related to capital projects.
- Monitor and evaluate outcomes of capital projects.

Procurement and Contract Management

- Note or agree procurement / tender outcomes and related contract management matters at Council level including all STAs in line with policy.
- Agree Evaluation Award Criteria for Regulated Tenders.
- Officers ability to appoint suppliers where certain conditions have been met (eg MAT criteria applied, lowest or only tender in addition to tender value falling within business case value) or where sufficient budget has been included in estimates for matters which do not require business case (NB no longer just lowest cost tender).

Budget Oversight

Approve and monitor annual service budgets of the Leisure and Community Wellbeing Directorate as part of the rates setting process.

Other

- Agree business cases for the Leisure and Community Wellbeing Directorate,
- Agree relevant Service Level Agreements/ Memoranda of Understanding.
- Agree responses to consultations where the following conditions apply:
 - Council has power or duties;
 - Council is not prevented from taking action by other legislation
 - Consultation directly affects the Local Government District or its residents
 - Consultation relates to an area for which the Council is legally competent

5. Internal Working Groups

There are currently no established internal working groups. The Committee may agree to establish Working Groups as required throughout the term.

6. External Representation

The Council is represented on a number of external bodies as set out below. Outcomes are reported through the Community Wellbeing Directorate as required. Other external representation may be agreed as necessary throughout the term.

External Group	Meeting	Representation Current Term	Term
Age Friendly Champion	June Council Meeting	1 position	4 years
Lagan Valley Regional Park	June Council Meeting	2 positions	4 years
Laurelhill Sports Zone	June Council Meeting	1 position	4 years
Lisburn & Castlereagh Housing Liaison Forum	June Council Meeting	9 positions	4 years
Sport Lisburn & Castlereagh	June Council Meeting	2 positions	4 years
Lisburn & Castlereagh Advice Services	June Council Meeting	2 positions (observers)	4 years
NILGA's NI Strategic Migration Partnership	June Council Meeting	1 position	4 years
Parenting Champions	June Council Meeting	3 positions	4 years
Peace Plus Partnership	June Council Meeting	13 positions	4 years
*Reserve Forces Cadets & Veterans' Champion	Annual Meeting of Council	1 position	4 years
Strategic Community Planning Partnership	June Council Meeting	4 positions	4 years
Ulster Grand Prix & Bike Week Steering Group	June Council Meeting	2 positions Mayor and Committee Chairperson	1 year – annual appointment

**These are two roles which fall under the remit of one appointment.*

The Committee will agree, at the beginning of each new Council term, Members' attendance at events, arising from the Council's membership of the above outside bodies, taking place in Northern Ireland. The Council will be responsible for the payment of Members' authorised expenses for the duration of the Council mandate

The functions and responsibilities detailed are not exhaustive and the Committee will deal with relevant matters as they arise.

Date agreed by Council – November 2025

Committee:	Communities & Wellbeing
Date:	01 September 2026
Report from:	Head of Communities

Item for:	Decision
Subject:	DIY & Technical Assistance Fund 2026-27 – Outcomes of Assessment

1.0	<u>Background and Key Issues</u>
1.1	The DIY & Technical Assistance Fund was agreed by Council in April 2026 as an integral part of the DEA Investment Programme for 2026/27 with an approved budget of £70,000.
1.2	The grant scheme seeks to support resilient communities where local people are engaged, empowered and connected by enabling local groups to: • Refresh, refurbish or make minor improvements to existing community facilities; and/or • Commission professional/technical assistance to explore the potential of expansion or upgrades to facilities or scope out the feasibility and sustainability of new projects. Applicants could apply for a maximum of £1,500 per application.
1.3	The fund opened on 9 June with a closing date for receipt of applications of 30 June 2026. Three information workshops were held in the Enler Community Centre, Ballymacash Community Centre and one online. In addition, a funding support session took place at Lough moss Leisure Centre. There were approximately 40 people in attendance across these sessions.
2.0	<u>Outcome of Assessments</u>
2.1	A total of 49 applications were received and assessed by a panel of Council Officers. The applications were assessed against 5 criteria – eligibility, feasibility, deliverability, affordability and sustainability. A minimum threshold score of 50% was required in order to be deemed successful.
2.2	Based on the criteria, 46 applications were deemed successful. In line with the weighted score, the amount requested totals £51,334 resulting in an underspend of £18,666. Under the terms and conditions of the scheme, 3 applications were deemed ineligible. A summary of the assessment outcomes, including the number of applications received, funding requested and scores achieved, is provided at Appendix 1 .
2.3	Successful applicants are subject to a robust due diligence process, and their letter of offer is conditional upon the organisation fulfilling this process, this is applied to all relevant grant funding streams. The unsuccessful applicants will receive tailored support from staff as required.

4.0	<u>Recommendation</u> It is recommended that Members agree to: 1. Award the successful applicants their weighted score, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions as part of the grant process.	
5.0	<u>Finance and Resource Implications</u> £51,334 from the DEA Investment Programme.	
6.0	<u>Equality/Good Relations and Rural Needs Impact Assessments</u>	
6.1	Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out?	N/A – Outcomes report
6.2	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out This scheme has been screened as part of the DEA Investment Programme.	
6.3	Has a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) been completed?	N/A – Outcomes report
6.4	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out. This scheme has been screened as part of the DEA Investment Programme.	

Appendices:	Appendix 1 - DIY& Technical Assistance Fund 2026-27 – Outcomes of Assessment
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DIY & Technical Assistance Fund

Table of Outcomes

Successful Applicants

No	Group	DEA	Detail of programme	Requested Amount	Score (%)	Option 1 Amount awarded based on weighted score
1	Deramore Community Group	Downshire West	Transform an unused area of the hall grounds into an attractive and welcoming outdoor space through landscaping improvements and the installation of community planters and plants.	£1,500	86%	£1,290
2	Fourscore LOL 340	Killultagh	Painting of hall to improve its overall appearance.	£1,500	86%	£1,290
3	Saintfield Road Presbyterian Church	Castlereagh South	Fixing leaking roof in kitchen, remove mould and any hazardous materials.	£1,500	85%	£1,275
4	Ballinderry War Memorial Hall Management Committee	Killultagh	Purchase a automatic water boiler and improve the catering facilities	£1,500	83%	£1,245
5	Ballybeen Improvement Group	Castlereagh East	Install a secure intercom entry system at community office to improve the safety, security and accessibility	£1,500	83%	£1,245
6	Lisburn Cricket Club	Lisburn North	Technical assistance to commission professional architectural and planning work required to develop a planning application for a proposed external balcony and viewing terrace	£1,500	83%	£1,245
7	Broomhedge Masonic Lodge Star of the North No 335	Downshire West	Professional technical services required to assess the installation of a platform lift.	£1,500	82%	£1,230
8	Crewe United Football Club	Killultagh	Replace damaged and aging ceiling tiles within the changing room facilities	£1,500	82%	£1,230
9	Christ Church Presbyterian	Castlereagh East	Interior minor repairs and upgrades to community room	£1,500	82%	£1,230
10	Atlas Womens Centre	Lisburn North	Replace the existing hard surfaced flooring in the creche with a softer, child friendly floor covering.	£1,500	81%	£1,215
11	Laganview Enterprise Centre	Lisburn South	Chemical wash and treatment of the building's exterior	£1,500	81%	£1,215
12	Stoneyford Temperance Loyal Orange Lodge 1253	Killultagh	Install new internal furnishings	£1,500	81%	£1,215
13	Rushyhill RBP 1003	Killultagh	Installation of new electric appliances including a water heater, fridge freezer, integrated dishwasher and free-standing cooker	£1,500	81%	£1,215
14	Crewe LOL 124	Killultagh	Commissioning the professional services required to assess improvements to accessibility	£1,500	80%	£1,200
15	Ballymacash Sports Academy	Lisburn South	Equip a new community space to ensure it is inclusive to include the provision of portable wheelchair access ramps	£1,500	79%	£1,185
16	Anahilt Scout Group	Downshire East	Replace the existing main entrance door at the Scout Hall	£1,500	79%	£1,185
17	Dromara Community Group	Downshire East	Upgrades to develop accessible community growing space	£1,350	79%	£1,067
18	Carryduff Play Care Centre	Castlereagh South	Signage and exterior works to building	£1,500	79%	£1,185
19	Lisburn Distillery Football Club	Lisburn North	Repaint both the interior and exterior	£1,500	79%	£1,185
20	Derriaghy Village Community Association	Lisburn North	Upgrades to community garden through painting, refelting and planters	£750	78%	£585
21	Ballymacash Regeneration Network	Lisburn South	Repainting communal areas, activity rooms, meeting spaces, corridors, and other high traffic areas where decoration has deteriorated.	£1,500	78%	£1,170
22	Lisburn Orange Hall Management Committee	Lisburn North	Architect fees to produce construction drawings for building control	£1,500	78%	£1,170
23	Maghaberry Community Association	Killultagh	Upgrade the kitchen facilities	£1,500	77%	£1,155
24	Annahilt Parish Church	Downshire East	Replacement of the existing external kitchen door of the premises with a PVC unit.	£1,500	77%	£1,155
25	Hillsborough Working Together	Downshire West	Essential remedial works to internal walls to treat damp, repair affected surfaces, improve ventilation where appropriate and redecorate the affected areas.	£1,500	76%	£1,140
26	Magheragall LOL 361	Killultagh	Technical support regarding building control for toilet enhancements	£1,500	76%	£1,140
27	Hillsborough Scout & Community Hall	Downshire West	Install a new pedestrian access gate within the existing front boundary fencing of the hall.	£1,500	76%	£1,140
28	Provincial Grand Lodge of Down Galwally House Trust	Castlereagh South	Repainting interior of building	£1,500	75%	£1,125
29	Ulster New Zealand Trust	Killultagh	Refurbish kitchen and toilets in community facility	£1,500	74%	£1,110
30	Boardmills LOL 1662	Downshire East	Installation of a new fence to secure and complete the improvements made to the access route at our community hall	£1,500	74%	£1,110
31	Moorcroft Rural Community Association	Castlereagh South	Upgrade the floor in the main hall	£1,480	74%	£1,095
32	Killultagh LOL 147	Killultagh	Interior seating upgrades	£1,500	74%	£1,110
33	Live Life Social Enterprises	Lisburn South	Automatic blinds installation	£1,500	74%	£1,110
34	Moirá Non Subscribing Presbyterian Church	Downshire West	Professional fees for building improvements.	£1,500	73%	£1,095
35	Derriaghy CC FC	Lisburn North	Installation of a new and enhanced CCTV system	£1,500	73%	£1,095
36	Dreamscheme NI	Castlereagh South	Air conditioning improvements and minor interior upgrades	£800	72%	£576
37	St Columba's Church of Ireland Derryvolgie Vestry	Lisburn North	Supply and installation of additional kitchen wall cupboards	£1,500	72%	£1,080
38	Anahilt Playgroup	Downshire West	Replacement and refurbishment of table and Chairs, Kitchen Refurbishment, Rewiring & Radiators, paint, roof repairs.	£1,500	71%	£1,065
39	SEN Space Care and Respite Services CIC	Lisburn North	Professional architect fees to extend current premises by introducing a new single-storey extension	£1,500	70%	£1,050
40	Knockbreda Football and Social Club	Castlereagh East	Upgrade toilet facilities	£1,500	68%	£1,020
41	Ballybeen Women's Centre	Castlereagh East	Upgrade training rooms through repainting and the replacement of existing desks used for education and training programmes.	£1,500	68%	£1,020
42	Resurgam Community Development Trust	Lisburn North	Minor upgrade for temporary outside shelter to support expansion of programmes	£1,500	68%	£1,020
43	Sew Ready CIC	Lisburn South	Replace existing worktables and creating a dedicated in-studio shop area.	£1,500	68%	£1,020
44	SkywatchNI	Downshire West	Professional fees associated with development of a comprehensive business plan covering premises development, sustainability and funding strategy	£1,500	66%	£990
45	Downshire YM FC	Downshire West	Interior upgrades to support commercialisation of food sales	£1,500	66%	£990
46	Damask Community Outreach	Lisburn North	Interior upgrades including storage for childrens group	£1,468	58%	£851
				£67,348	£51,334	

DEA	Number of Applicants
Castlereagh East	4
Castlereagh South	5
Downshire East	4
Downshire West	8
Killultagh	10
Lisburn North	10
Lisburn South	5
Total	46

DIY & Technical Assistance Fund	Table of Outcomes
Unsuccessful Applicants	

No	Group	DEA	Detail of programme	Requested Amount	Assessment Comments
1	L'Arche Belfast	Castlereagh South	Professional fees associated with evaluation of service delivery and programmes	£1,500	Ineligible - Proposed project does not meet scheme criteria
2	Parent Teacher Association Friends' School Lisburn	Lisburn North	Redecorate a new Strength & Conditioning suite within the existing fitness facility.	£1,500	Ineligible - Failed to meet scoring threshold on section 3 - feasibility
3	Rathlane Care Farm	Killulagh	Purchase a Scoop 'N' Tow manure scooper and a mobile panel chicken coop.	£1,500	Ineligible - Failed to meet scoring threshold on section 3 - feasibility

Committee:	Communities & Wellbeing
Date:	01 September 2026
Report from:	Head of Communities

Item for:	Noting
Subject:	Addressing Poverty & Social Exclusion Grant – Outcomes of Assessment

1.0	<u>Background and Key Issues</u>
1.1	The Addressing Poverty & Social Exclusion Grant Scheme forms part of the Councils DEA Investment Programme 2026/27, as approved by this Committee in April 2026, with an allocated budget of £80,000.
1.2	The fund is designed to support initiatives that respond to local need and strengthen the wellbeing, resilience and inclusion of residents. Its aims are to reduce the impact of cost-of-living pressures; provide practical assistance to address hardship and exclusion; promote inclusive resource sharing; and support innovative approaches that demonstrate creative and effective ways of meeting evidenced local need.
1.3	The criteria and details of the fund were approved by this Committee in May 2026. At that meeting, Members also agreed that delegated authority would be granted to the Chair and Vice-Chair, in consultation with the Head of Communities, to approve awards and enable prompt payment to successful applicants so that interventions could be delivered over the summer period.
2.0	<u>Outcome of application process</u>
2.1	The Addressing Poverty & Social Exclusion Fund opened for applications on 18 May 2026 and closed on Monday 8 June 2026. A total of 40 applications were received and assessed by a panel against the approved scheme criteria.
2.2	In line with the scheme criteria, 39 applications were deemed eligible for funding. The total value of eligible applications was £82,749, which exceeded the allocated budget of £80,000 by £2,749. To ensure the awards remained within the approved budget, a small reduction of 0.96% was applied. A list of applicant organisations, together with the outcome of assessment is attached at Appendix 1 for Members information.
3.0	<u>Recommendation</u>
	It is recommended that Members note
	1. the outcome of assessment in relation to the Addressing Poverty & Social Exclusion grant scheme.

4.0	<u>Finance and Resource Implications</u>	
	£79,439 from the LCCC DEA Local Investment Plan 2026/27.	
5.0	<u>Equality/Good Relations and Rural Needs Impact Assessments</u>	
5.1	Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out? Screened under the LCCC DEA Local Investment Plan 2026/27	N/A - Outcome report
54.2	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out	
5.3	Has a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) been completed? Screened under the LCCC DEA Local Investment Plan 2026/27	N/A - Outcome report
5.4	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out.	

Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Addressing Poverty & Social Exclusion - Table of Outcomes
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Addressing Poverty & Social Exclusion Table of Outcomes						
Successful Applicants						
Group	DEA	Detail of programme	Requested Amount	Score (%)	Weighted Score Amount	Amount Awarded
Hillhall Regeneration Group	Downshire East	Project to enhance summer provision with lunch club to provide healthy and nutritious meals to children and young people who may feel exclusion during summer holidays	£3,000.00	88%	£2,640	£2,534
Dromara Community Group	Downsire East	To develop a community gardening club for men and women to support social exclusion	£3,000.00	82%	£2,460	£2,362
Lisburn YMCA	Lisburn North	Building programme that aims to alleviate poverty and improve engagement into community life for young people	£3,000.00	82%	£2,460	£2,362
Resurgam Youth Initiative	Lisburn South	Developing Tomorrow's Leaders Programme for young people who may be at risk of poverty, social isolation and/or poor mental health	£3,000.00	82%	£2,460	£2,362
Ballybeen Women's Centre Ltd	Castlereagh East	Deliver a programme to support women to develop practical skills, personal development & increased resilience to address poverty & social exclusion .	£2,950.00	81%	£2,390	£2,294
Annahilt and Magheraconlucce Community Association	Downshire East	8 week Men's Shed garden and wellbeing programme aimed at reducing social isolation, improving mental health and wellbeing	£3,000.00	81%	£2,430	£2,333
Kids Together Belfast	Lisburn North	Deliver a six month community growth and connection programme for children, young people, adults, carers and families who are experiencing poverty, social isolation, disability, poor mental health, loneliness or barriers to participation	£3,000.00	80%	£2,400	£2,304
Irwins True Blues LOL 1924	Downshire East	A monthly community drop in programme designed to tackle social isolation, loneliness and financial hardship by providing a warm, welcoming and inclusive space	£3,000.00	80%	£2,400	£2,304
Home Start Lisburn/Colin	Lisburn South	Cook-It sessions for families who are facing poverty and social exclusion, and Big Family Brunch	£3,000.00	80%	£2,400	£2,304
Crewe United Football Club	Killultagh	Play Without Barriers Summer Programme - establish a community kit and boot bank for disadvantaged children	£2,910.00	78%	£2,270	£2,179
Resurgam Trust	Lisburn South	To enhance existing Community Fridge facilities with a social café provision to support isolated residents, particularly those in financial crisis	£3,000.00	77%	£2,310	£2,218
Ballymacash Sports Academy	Lisburn South	Project to encompass a number of community based activities to support and strengthen community structures while improving wellbeing, inclusion and social connection	£3,000.00	76%	£2,280	£2,189
Dundonald Football Team	Castlereagh East	Football For All programme for deprived families to support children and young people who may experience social exclusion, financial hardship or barriers to participating in sport	£3,000.00	76%	£2,280	£2,189
Annahilt Parish Church for Annahilt Wednesday Club	Downshire East	To establish a Wednesday Club for senior members of the community who have limited social support networks - increasing access to services and support networks	£3,000.00	76%	£2,280	£2,189
Ballybeen Improvement Group	Castlereagh East	Intergenerational Connections programme to bring together older women and P7 pupils from local school to support social inclusion and cohesion	£3,000.00	76%	£2,280	£2,189
Pride of Balybeen	Castlereagh East	Partnership with Brooklands Primary School for family support programme including budget cooking skills workshops	£3,000.00	76%	£2,280	£2,189
Friends of Ferguson Heritage	Downshire East	Men's Restoration Project to bring together men from rural communities who are experiencing loneliness, social isolation, bereavement or exclusion from community life	£3,000.00	76%	£2,280	£2,189
Sew Ready CIC	Lisburn South	The Sew and Grow Club programme to provide practical programming supporting the skills development of sewing and clothing repair skills for families	£3,000.00	76%	£2,280	£2,189
LaganView Enterprise Centre	Lisburn South	Feed and Connect Summer Lunch Programme to support individuals experiencing financial hardship and isolation	£3,000.00	76%	£2,280	£2,189
Lisburn Downtown Centre	Lisburn South	Programme directly addressing the social and emotional needs of those impacted by poverty and social exclusion through well being workshops,cookery sessions,clothes swapping, recycling initiatives.	£2,388.00	75%	£1,791	£1,719
Davarr Community Initiative	Castlereagh East	Back to School Community Support Event aimed at reducing financial pressures faced by local families	£3,000.00	74%	£2,220	£2,131
Orchardville	Lisburn North	Bi-weekly Inclusive Social Club Programme with Food Provision for socially excluded participants	£3,000.00	74%	£2,220	£2,131
Poundbridge and District Community Association	Downshire East	Programme to opportunities for increased engagement to bring together residents who may be experiencing social isolation, financial hardship or social exclusion	£3,000.00	73%	£2,190	£2,102
The Advantage Foundation	Castlereagh South	Horticulture workshops for young people - grow your own for poverty	£2,200.00	72%	£1,584	£1,521
L'Arche Belfast	Castlereagh South	L'Arche Village Day Opportunities to support garden and grow your own initiatives	£3,000.00	72%	£2,160	£2,074

DEA	Number of Applicants
Castlereagh East	8
Castlereagh South	5
Downshire East	8
Downshire West	5
Killultagh	1
Lisburn North	3
Lisburn South	9
Total	39

Addressing Poverty & Social Exclusion			Table of Outcomes		
Unsuccessful Applicants					
Group	DEA	Detail of programme	Requested Amount	Score (%)	Assessment comments
Sky Watch NI	Downshire West	Drone operation costs and associated fees to support people experiencing poverty	£3,000	Ineligible	Failed to meet the scoring threshold at Section 3 - Feasibility

Committee:	Communities & Wellbeing
Date:	01 September 2026
Report from:	Head of Communities

Item for:	Decision
Subject:	Community Facilities Fund 2026-27 – Outcomes of Assessment

1.0

Background and Key Issues

1.1

The 2026/27 DEA Local Investment Programme, agreed by Council in April 2026, included a further round of the Community Facilities Fund with an approved budget allocation of £450,000.

1.2

The Community Facilities Fund (CFF) is a grant scheme designed to support minor capital works, repairs and/or the implementation of digital solutions. The fund enables groups and organisations to improve income generation opportunities, adapt or enhance facility use, and make facilities more accessible and inclusive for the benefit of the local community. The maximum award per application is £15,000.

1.3

The Community Facilities Fund has been opened three previous rounds, as outlined in Table 1 below.

1.4

Table 1

Year of Funding	Scheme Budget	Applications Received	Amount Expended	Budgetary end position
Year: 2021/22	£280,000	33	£250,938	£29,062 Underspend
Year 2: 2024/25	£420,000	46	£379,895	£40,105 Underspend
Year 3: 2025/26	£540,000	35 for CFF	£607,010.51	£67,010.51 Overspend
Strand 1 – Capital Strand 2 – Event Infrastructure Strand 3 - Pitches		Capital – 31 Event Inf. – 16 Pitches - 17	Capital – £330,331.13 (Event Inf. - £84,752.38 – Pitches - £191,927)	

1.5

The budget approved through the DEA Investment Programme 2026/27 was informed by previous uptake, demand and outcomes from the Community Facilities Fund over the preceding three funding rounds.

1.6	The fund opened for applications on 9 June 2026 and closed on 30 June 2026. To support potential applicants, three information workshops were delivered at Enler Community Centre, Ballymacash Community Centre and online. A further funding support session was also held at Lough Moss Leisure Centre. In total, approximately 40 people attended these sessions.
2.0	<u>Outcomes of Assessment</u>
2.1	A total of 80 applications were received and assessed by a panel of Council Officers. Applications were assessed against five criteria: eligibility, feasibility, deliverability, affordability and sustainability as detailed in the guidance notes. A minimum threshold score of 50% was required for an application to be deemed successful.
2.2	Following assessment, 69 applications met the required threshold and were deemed successful. Successful applications were received from across all seven DEA areas. Appendix 1 provides the full assessment outcome, including applications received, funding requested and scores achieved.
2.3	The assessment outcomes demonstrate significant and unprecedented demand for the scheme, with applications increasing by 128% when compared with the previous year's capital strand applications; 35 applications received in 2025/26 compared with 80 applications in 2026/27. While the specific reasons for this increase are not definitively known, it is considered that the scheme's impact since its inception has demonstrated tangible benefits for community organisations, particularly in supporting improvements to community facilities. This may have encouraged further organisations to seek support to enhance, adapt or improve their facilities for wider community benefit.
2.4	As a result, the scheme has been substantially oversubscribed, with the value of successful applications exceeding the approved budget allocation by £234,578. This level of demand was not anticipated when the 2026/27 budget was set, which had been based on previous programme intelligence and historic uptake.
2.5	Successful applicants are subject to a robust due diligence process, and their letter of offer is conditional upon the organisation fulfilling this process, this is applied to all relevant grant funding streams. The unsuccessful applicants will receive tailored support from staff as required.
2.6	A wider review of Council grant aid is currently underway. This review will evaluate existing grant programmes and consider alternative models and ways of working, with a view to maximising the effectiveness of Council's financial support packages for the community and voluntary sector.
3.0	<u>Options</u>
3.1	The total value of funding deemed eligible, based on the weighted scores of successful applications, is £684,578. This exceeds the agreed budget allocation of £450,000 by £234,578.
3.2	Officers have explored the following options: a) Option 1 – approve awards to applicants deemed successful in line with the programme criteria, applying a 34% reduction to the funding amount calculated

through the weighted score. This option would require an additional allocation of £1,182.

- b) **Option 2** – approve awards to successful applicants in order of their weighted scores, on a rolling basis, until the available budget is fully allocated (42 applications would benefit, with the remaining 29 receiving zero financial assistance). This would include the £23,666 underspend from the DEA Investment Programme noted in item 3.1 under the DIY & Technical Fund.
- c) **Option 3** – approve financial awards for all 69 successful groups based on their weighted scores. This would be funded through the in-year reallocation of appropriate 2026/27 revenue and DEA programme budgets, with any remaining deficit earmarked from reserves. This option and its financial implications have been discussed with Finance colleagues, and it has been agreed that the matter will be reported to the Corporate Services Committee for any approvals regarding the reserves budget.

4.0 **Preferred Option – Option 3**

- 4.1 **Option 3** is the preferred option, whilst not anticipated to reallocate budgets in year, the number of successful applicants delivering impactful projects across our Council area is significant. Whilst the budget was built on the intelligence of previous financial allocations, this year has seen an unprecedented number of applicants rising from 35 last year to 80 this year, with 69 being successful.
- 4.2 Our Community Plan and Corporate Plan has a strong focus on supporting our communities and it is important we continue to work in partnership with local groups. The last 2 years has seen a growing appetite and greater connection with groups through these funds; therefore, it is recommended that this option is agreed.
- 4.3 **Option 1** renders a number of projects unfeasible as a 34% cut means the amount remaining for award would not cover the costs of the project. Given the time and effort groups have put into the application process, along with programming plans based on the facility enhancement could bring a degree of risk to their overall project.
- 4.4 **Option 2**, whilst remaining in budget, results in 29 groups across all DEA's losing out on receiving any funding. The type of projects losing out include kitchen upgrade, community garden, making facilities safe and sustainability initiatives. The impact of this is not only felt by the group, but the wider community.
- 4.5 If Members agree to option 3, governance of this workstream will be reported through the Corporate Services Committee, along with any approvals required regarding reserves.
- 4.6 As noted previously officers are currently reviewing all grant aid schemes and associated spend over the last 3 years to prepare accurate workstreams for 2028/29, as the last 2 years has seen some unprecedented demands. Options around administration and thresholds will be considered, along with budget allocations.

5.0	<u>Recommendation</u> It is recommended that Members agree to: 1. Proceed with Option 3 and allocate the full award, of the weighted score, to all 69 successful groups, subject to approval of reserves at Corporate Services Committee in September.	
6.0	<u>Finance and Resource Implications</u> 1. Option 1: £451,898 from DEA Investment Programme, 2. Option 2: £473,666 from DEA Investment Programme including in-year DEA reallocation of funds 3. Option 3: £234,578 from the in-year reallocation of appropriate 2026/27 revenue and DEA programme budgets, with any remaining deficit earmarked from reserves.	
7.0	<u>Equality/Good Relations and Rural Needs Impact Assessments</u>	
7.1	Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out? <i>This is an outcome report.</i>	N/A
7.2	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out This grant programme has been screened as part of the DEA Investment Programme 2026/27	
7.3	Has a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) been completed? <i>This is an outcome report.</i>	N/A
7.4	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out. This grant programme has been screened as part of the DEA Investment Programme 2026/27	

Appendices:	Appendix 1 – CFF 2026/27 Table of Outcomes
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Community Facilities Fund 2026/27			Table of Outcomes					
Successful Applicants								
No	Group	DEA	Detail of programme	Eligible Amount	Score (%)	Option 3 Allocation Weighted Score	Option 1 34% Reduction to weighted score	Option 2 Allocation on rolling basis
1	Fourscore LOL 340	Killultagh	Car park improvements to improve accessibility and upgrades to electrical system	£15,000	87%	£13,050	£8,613	£13,050
2	Ballinderry War Memorial Hall Management Committee	Killultagh	Refurbishment of toilet facilities to improve community use	£15,000	86%	£12,900	£8,514	£12,900
3	Sainfield Road Presbyterian Church	Castlereagh South	Improvements to hall including accessible parking and interior upgrades to facility	£15,000	86%	£12,900	£8,514	£12,900
4	Lisburn Cricket Club	Lisburn North	Refurbishment of toilets at pavillion	£15,000	82%	£12,300	£8,118	£12,300
5	Arthur Hill LOL	Downshire West	Installation of a new kitchen, replacement of outdated toilet facilities, removal of an ageing suspended ceiling, upgrading of electrical supply, and replacement floor	£15,000	81%	£12,150	£8,019	£12,150
6	Ballybeen Women's Centre	Castlereagh East	Accessibility improvements through installation of a chair lift & resurfacing of outdoor play areas	£15,000	81%	£12,150	£8,019	£12,150
7	Lanaway Rural Development and Cultural Society	Killultagh	Improve accessibility via installation of a new stair lift and improve efficiency through the installation of a solar panel system	£14,399	81%	£11,663	£7,698	£11,663
8	Live Life Social Enterprises	Lisburn South	Installation of ventilation to improve building condition in line with requirements by Building Control	£15,000	81%	£12,150	£8,019	£12,150
9	Atlas Womens Centre	Lisburn North	Upgrade to community facilities including CCTV installation, external ground works and plumbing repairs	£15,000	80%	£12,000	£7,920	£12,000
10	Broomhedge Masonic Lodge Star of the North No 335	Downshire West	Accessibility improvements including installation of a platform lift and external access ramp	£15,000	80%	£12,000	£7,920	£12,000
11	Deramore Community Group	Downshire West	Upgrade of security measures including access gates	£15,000	80%	£12,000	£7,920	£12,000
12	Flowerhill LOL 328	Downshire East	Upgrade and repair heating system, and replace external doors	£14,890	80%	£11,912	£7,862	£11,912
13	Hillsborough Working Together	Downshire West	Energy efficiency upgrades including heating system improvements	£15,000	80%	£12,000	£7,920	£12,000
14	Christ Church Presbyterian	Castlereagh East	Replacement of windows throughout building	£15,000	79%	£11,850	£7,821	£11,850
15	Lisburn Masonic Hall Management Committee	Lisburn North	Installation of accessibility ramp and new steps at main entrance	£15,000	79%	£11,850	£7,821	£11,850
16	Provincial Grand Lodge of Down Galwally House Trust	Castlereagh South	Accessibility improvements through installation of platform lift	£15,000	79%	£11,850	£7,821	£11,850
17	Rathlane Care Farm	Killultagh	Roof installation to increase use of facility year-round	£12,360	79%	£9,764	£6,445	£9,764
18	Granshaw Presbyterian Church	Castlereagh East	Transform an existing grassed area within graveyard into a fully accessible sensory reflection garden	£15,000	78%	£11,700	£7,722	£11,700
19	St Ignatius Parish Church, Carryduff	Castlereagh South	Essential upgrades including heating and flooring	£15,000	78%	£11,700	£7,722	£11,700
20	Ballymacash Sports Academy	Lisburn South	Exterior works including fencing and groundworks	£15,000	77%	£11,550	£7,623	£11,550
21	Poundbridge & District Community Association	Downshire East	Replacement of wooden doors, door frames, and all windows	£15,000	77%	£11,550	£7,623	£11,550
22	Ulster New Zealand Trust	Killultagh	Exterior works to improve use of community facility	£15,000	77%	£11,550	£7,623	£11,550
23	Annahilt Parish Church	Downshire East	Upgrade of toilets and replace windows	£13,500	76%	£10,260	£6,772	£10,260
24	Ferguson Memorial Museum	Downshire East	Upgrades to lighting, heating and doors to improve functionality of facility	£15,000	76%	£11,400	£7,524	£11,400
25	Hillhall Presbyterian Church	Downshire East	Upgrade the audio visual system to increase use of space	£10,380	76%	£7,889	£5,207	£7,889
26	Moorcroft Rural Community Association	Castlereagh South	Upgrade kitchen space to make fit for purpose	£15,000	76%	£11,400	£7,524	£11,400
27	SEN Space Care and Respite Services CIC	Lisburn North	Extension to facility to increase demand for community services	£15,000	76%	£11,400	£7,524	£11,400
28	St Patrick's GAC Lisburn	Lisburn North	Improvements to entrance and fencing to increase safety	£15,000	76%	£11,400	£7,524	£11,400
29	Stoneyford St John's Parish	Killultagh	Upgrade roofing of building to address damage	£15,000	76%	£11,400	£7,524	£11,400
30	Ballymacash Regeneration Network	Lisburn South	Refurbishment of external storage provision	£13,000	75%	£9,750	£6,435	£9,750
31	Crew LOL 124	Killultagh	Install an accessibility ramp and create a storage room	£15,000	75%	£11,250	£7,425	£11,250
32	Dundonald Elim Church	Castlereagh East	Roof repairs to building	£15,000	75%	£11,250	£7,425	£11,250
33	Lisburn Racquets Club	Lisburn North	Installation of lighting upgrades to improve efficiency and safety	£14,000	75%	£10,500	£6,930	£10,500
34	Lisnagarvey Hockey Club	Downshire West	Replace heating control panel and install internal automatic sliding doors	£14,000	75%	£10,500	£6,930	£10,500
35	St John's Parish Moira, LOGIC	Downshire West	Upgrades to security and lighting of facility	£15,000	75%	£11,250	£7,425	£11,250
36	Stoneyford Temperance Loyal Orange Lodge 1253	Killultagh	Exterior upgrades including car park, exterior walls and upgrade of toilet facilities	£15,000	75%	£11,250	£7,425	£11,250
37	Aghalee Village Hall	Killultagh	Capital works to exterior to develop community garden	£15,000	74%	£11,100	£7,326	£11,100
38	Killultagh LOL 147	Killultagh	Resurface and tar entrance to improve external space in addition to upgrading heating	£15,000	74%	£11,100	£7,326	£11,100
39	Lisburn Orange Hall Management Committee (LOHMC)	Lisburn North	Repairs to address damp - adjust gutters, and carry out sealing, pointing and concrete repairs to external areas	£15,000	74%	£11,100	£7,326	£11,100
40	Lambeg Temperance LOL 912	Lisburn North	Replace and refurbish the kitchen	£7,100	73%	£5,183	£3,421	£5,183
			Rolling Total to remain within budget			£451,921		
41	Resurgam Community Development Trust	Lisburn North	Purchase and install efficiency upgrades including solar panels	£15,000	73%	£10,950	£7,227	£10,950
42	St Marys Ballybeen	Castlereagh East	Refurbish the kitchen and main hall facilities	£15,000	73%	£10,950	£7,227	£10,950
43	Derriaghy CC FC	Lisburn North	Exterior works to improve accessibility for spectators	£15,000	72%	£10,800	£7,128	£473,821
44	Maze Masonic Hall	Downshire West	Upgrades to doors, heating and ventilation systems; and enhance fire alarm system	£15,000	72%	£10,800	£7,128	
45	Mencap	Castlereagh South	Repair the safety surface in outdoor play area	£7,130	72%	£5,134	£3,388	
46	St Columba's Church of Ireland Derryvolgie Vestry	Lisburn North	New toilet and baby changing facilities; Install ramp access	£15,000	72%	£10,800	£7,128	
47	Ballypitmave Community Development Limited	Killultagh	Exterior works to improve safety for accessing site	£13,500	71%	£9,585	£6,326	
48	Hillsborough Scout & Community Hall	Downshire West	Refurbish and improve the kitchen facilities	£15,000	71%	£10,650	£7,029	
49	St. Joseph's GAC, Glenavy	Killultagh	Additional LED floodlighting for main playing pitch and community walking track	£15,000	71%	£10,650	£7,029	
50	Glenclare Community Group	Killultagh	Upgrade kitchen space to make fit for purpose	£5,929	71%	£4,210	£2,778	
51	LaganView Enterprise Centre	Lisburn South	Upgrade of lighting for energy efficiency and digital upgrades to improve functionality of space	£15,000	70%	£10,500	£6,930	
52	Rusheyhill RBP 1003	Killultagh	Internal upgrades to increase functionality including painting, damp repairs an flooring upgrades	£15,000	70%	£10,500	£6,930	
53	Old Warren Community Association	Lisburn South	Update to garden to maximise space for programme delivery	£4,720	69%	£3,257	£2,149	
54	SENSABILITY NI	Lisburn North	Renovate inner courtyard area to develop community garden	£4,820	69%	£3,326	£2,195	
55	Crews United Football Club	Killultagh	Construction of accessible decking improvements for pedestrians	£12,000	68%	£8,160	£5,386	
56	Magheragall Parish Church	Killultagh	Improve interior lighting, replace doors, and refurbish wooden floors	£9,272	68%	£6,305	£4,161	
57	Carryduff Play Care Centre	Castlereagh South	Exterior upgrades to include enhanced storage	£11,220	67%	£7,517	£4,961	
58	Dungoyne Bowling	Castlereagh East	Replacement fire doors	£2,400	67%	£1,608	£1,061	
59	Meteor Water Ski Club	Downshire East	Replace windows, install shutters, kitchen and boiler upgrades	£13,986	67%	£9,371	£6,185	
60	Ballybeen Improvement Group	Castlereagh East	Capital upgrades to develop new wellness hub	£10,000	66%	£6,600	£4,356	
61	Knockbreda Football and Socal Club	Castlereagh East	Changing and welfare facility upgrades	£15,000	66%	£9,900	£6,534	
62	Crosspoint Church	Castlereagh East	Install external cladding and upgrade kitchen	£15,000	64%	£9,600	£6,336	
63	Ballymacward Pre-School Playgroup	Killultagh	Carry out essential external refurbishment works to community pre-school building	£15,000	63%	£9,450	£6,237	
64	Magheragall LOL 361	Killultagh	Refurbish and modernise existing toilet facilities	£15,000	63%	£9,450	£6,237	
65	Parent-Teacher Association Friends' School Lisburn	Lisburn South	Lecture theatre upgrades to enhance community use	£15,000	62%	£9,300	£6,138	
66	L'Arche Belfast	Castlereagh South	Interior works to extend facility	£15,000	62%	£9,300	£6,138	
67	Christ Church Parish Lisburn	Lisburn South	Upgrade kitchen space to make fit for purpose	£4,368	61%	£2,664	£1,759	
68	SkywatchNI	Downshire West	Essential upgrades to existing modular building to improve functionality of community emergency response facility	£15,000	60%	£9,000	£5,940	
69	Dreamscheme Northern Ireland	Castlereagh South	Minor repairs to interior of facility to improve appearance and security	£4,000	58%	£2,320	£1,531	
						£684,578	£451,821	

DEA	Number of Applicants
Castlereagh East	9
Castlereagh South	8
Downshire East	6
Downshire West	9
Killultagh	18
Lisburn North	12
Lisburn South	7
Total	69

	Community Facilities Fund 2026/27		Table of Outcomes		
	Unsuccessful Applicants				
No.	Group	DEA	Detail of programme	Requested Amount	Scoring Comments
1	Ballybeen Mens and Veterans Shed	Castlereagh East	Refurbish and improve two community units	£14,000.00	Ineligible - Failed to meet scoring threshold at Section 6 - Sustainability
2	Ballykeel LOL	Downshire East	Resurfacing and upgrade of the existing car park area	£15,000.00	Ineligible - incomplete application
3	Belfast City Mission Ballybeen	Castlereagh East	Refurbish the bathroom facilities and redecorate the main hall	£15,000.00	Ineligible - Failed to meet scoring threshold at Section 6 - Sustainability
4	Canal Boxing Academy	Lisburn South	Equipment purchase	£15,000.00	Ineligible - funding requested does not meet scheme criteria regarding eligible expenditure
5	Derriaghy Cricket Club	Lisburn North	Equipment purchase	£15,000.00	Ineligible - funding requested does not meet scheme criteria regarding eligible expenditure
6	Downshire YM FC	Downshire West	Equipment purchase	£15,000.00	Ineligible - funding requested does not meet scheme criteria regarding eligible expenditure
7	Dundonald Purple Vine LOL 1056	Castlereagh East	Carry out essential roof repairs	£15,000.00	Ineligible - Failed to meet scoring threshold at Section 6 - Sustainability
8	Helping Hands Autism Support Group	Castlereagh East	Equipment purchase	£12,000.00	Ineligible - funding requested does not meet scheme criteria regarding eligible expenditure
9	Lisburn Distillery Football Club	Lisburn North	Modernise and upgrade toilet facilities within the clubhouse	£15,000.00	Ineligible - project funded through alternative fund
10	Sew Ready CIC	Lisburn South	Transform facility into digital learning studio for textile and sewing education	£11,580.00	Ineligible - Failed to meet scoring threshold at Section 3 - Feasibility
11	Stepping Stones NI	Lisburn North	Upgrade catering kitchen, refurbish The Courtyard Coffee Shop, and repair and enhance outdoor courtyard area	£15,000.00	Ineligible - incomplete application

Committee:	Communities & Wellbeing
Date:	01 September 2026
Report from:	Head of Sport Services

Item for:	Noting
Subject:	Dundonald Touring Caravan Park – AA 4 Star Rating

1.0	<u>Background</u>
1.1	Dundonald touring caravan park is a well-established visitor accommodation facility located beside Dundonald International Ice Bowl. This Council owned site offers serviced pitches for touring caravans, motorhomes, tents and campervans. There is access to essential amenities including electric hook up, showers and toilets.
1.2	Over the past 12 months it has welcomed guests from 26 different countries including New Zealand, Australia and Brazil. The site is well booked throughout the year attracting overnight visitors into the Council area.
1.3	Each year the caravan park is inspected and rated by AA Hotel & Hospitality Services and is scored based on its services and facilities, safety, pitches, booking experience and general site condition.
1.4	The 2026 AA Hospitality inspection has concluded and the outcome awards Dundonald Touring Caravan Park a 4-star accommodation rating. There are presently no 5-star ratings for stand-alone touring caravan sites in Northern Ireland.
1.5	The assessor was particularly impressed with the site improvement which increased the customer experience, general cleanliness/aesthetics and the ability to accommodate tents. This significant accolade will be celebrated on Councils social media platforms.
2.0	<u>Recommendation</u> It is recommended that Members note 1. the 4-star award for Dundonald Caravan Park provided by the AA Hotel and Hospitality Services.
3.0	<u>Finance and Resource Implications</u> As per the 2026/27 estimates.

4.0	<u>Equality/Good Relations and Rural Needs Impact Assessments</u>	
4.1	Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out? <i>This is an outcome report.</i>	N/A
4.2	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out	
4.3	Has a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) been completed? <i>This is an outcome report.</i>	N/A
4.4	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out.	

Committee:	Communities & Wellbeing Committee
Date:	01 September 2026
Report from:	Head of Sport Services

Item for:	Decision
Subject:	Sports Club Enhancement Fund – DEA Sports Funding 26/27

1.0	<u>Background and Key Issues</u>														
1.1	As part of the DEA Investment Programme, approved by Members, a sports club support grant ‘The Sports Club Enhancement Fund’ (formally The Sports Accelerator Fund) was established. A budget of £100,000 was allocated to this fund.														
1.2	The grant fund aims to support local constituted Sports Clubs affiliated to Sport Lisburn and Castlereagh through a maximum allocation of £3,000. This can be used for sports equipment, new programmes, events, coach education and Club Development posts.														
1.3	The programme was launched in late April and closed in June resulting in 50 applications with 47 being successful as set out in Appendix 1.														
1.4	3 Applications were deemed ineligible, two did not meet criteria and one was lacking in appropriate detail, feedback has been provided to all unsuccessful applicants.														
1.5	As per the previous Sports Accelerator Funds a percentage cap has been applied based on the weighting of the application. This fund largely supports the purchase of equipment so reducing the funding request still permits the group to progress with purchases, albeit on a reduced basis.														
1.6	The percentage cap, as detailed in appendix 1, is detailed below in Table 1: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>85 or above</td><td>100.00%</td></tr> <tr> <td>80 – 85</td><td>90.00%</td></tr> <tr> <td>70 – 79</td><td>80.00%</td></tr> <tr> <td>60 – 69</td><td>70.00%</td></tr> <tr> <td>50 – 59</td><td>60.00%</td></tr> <tr> <td>40 – 49</td><td>50.00%</td></tr> <tr> <td>39 and below</td><td>Failed</td></tr> </table>	85 or above	100.00%	80 – 85	90.00%	70 – 79	80.00%	60 – 69	70.00%	50 – 59	60.00%	40 – 49	50.00%	39 and below	Failed
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1.7	With 47 successful applicants being awarded funding, this has resulted in a shortfall of £4810.05. This shortfall can be met via additional funds raised through the 2026 half marathon fundraising efforts.														
1.8	As per previous Sports Funding programmes, Letters of offer were released over the summer months to ensure groups could access equipment for summer schemes and seasonal activities. The Chair and Vice Chair were duly consulted.														

2.0	<u>Recommendation</u>	
	It is recommended that Members note:	
	1. the award of grant to all 47 successful applicants	
3.0	<u>Finance and Resource Implications</u>	
	The budget of £100,000 is included within the overall DEA Investment Programme 2026/27 budget, with the shortfall of £4810.05 coming from unanticipated income from Half Marathon Sponsorship	
4.0	<u>Equality/Good Relations and Rural Needs Impact Assessments</u>	
4.1	Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out?	N/A Outcome report
4.2	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out Application is open to all Clubs affiliated with Sports Lisburn and Castlereagh, there are none of the protected groups excluded from the application process.	
4.3	Has a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) been completed?	N/A Outcome report
4.4	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out. Not required as this is a council wide fund.	

Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Enhancement Fund Outcome Spreadsheet
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	Sports Club Enhancement Fund 2026/27		Table of Outcomes						
	Successful Applicants								
No	Sports Club	DEA	Award Category/Details	Requested Amount	Eligible Amount	Ineligible Request	Score (%)	Award (%)*	Award Awarded
1	Ardent Blues Cricket Club	Castlereagh South	Sports Event/Programme Budget Item Description Cost Indoor Facility Hire £960 Umpires £960 Scorers £400 Fundamental Equipment (cricket balls, stumps, bat, protective equipment) £500 First Aid £100 Promotional materials £100 Total £3,020 (Contribution of £2,700)	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	80%	90%	£2,700.00
2	Ballymacash Rangers Football Club	Lisburn South	Sports Event/Programme 12 weeks of gym use at £100 per week £1,200 Mental health Facilitator @ £300 Nutritionist Facilitator @ £300 Total £1,800	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	55%	60%	£1,800.00
3	Belfast Superkings Cricket Club	Castlereagh South	Club Development Officer Junior Cricket Development Programme Club Development Officer Costs 200 coaching hours x £15 per hour = £3,000 Total £3,000 (Contribution of £2,100)	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	67%	70%	£2,100.00
4	Broomhedge Maghaberry FC	Downshire West	Sports Equipment Pitch Maintenance Project: Pitch line marker £427.64 Grass sweeper attachment £335.00 Aerator roller £329.95 Total £1,092.59	£1,092.59	£1,092.59	n/a	85%	100%	£1,092.59
5	Canal Boxing Club	Lisburn North	Sports Equipment Rogue Ergu Bikes £814 x 2 = £1,628 1 BlkBox Half Series Rack £905 100 kg Weight Set £305 Total £2,838	£2,838.00	£2,838.00	n/a	86%	100%	£2,838.00
6	Carryduff Colts	Castlereagh South	Sports Equipment Fundamental Equipment (footballs) £500 Total £500 (Contribution of £450)	£500.00	£500.00	n/a	80%	90%	£450.00
7	Carryduff GAC	Castlereagh South	Sports Equipment Fundamental Equipment (footballs) £500 Gym & Strength & Conditioning Equipment Cable machine – £1,300 Soft plyometric boxes (x2 sets) – £600 Resistance band sets (x2) – £160 Wall balls – £120 Ab rollers (x2) – £20 Lighter mixed-weight dumbbells – £300 Total £3,000	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	93%	100%	£3,000.00
8	Carryduff Taekwondo	Castlereagh East	Sports Event/Programme Venue hire 7 off hours @ £30/hour £210 Martial Arts Breaking Board Holder 1 off £168 100 Pcs Taekwondo Breaking Boards £160 Total £538 (Contribution of £483.30)	£2,015.60	£966.60	£1,049 (Medals)	40%	50%	£483.30
9	City of Lisburn Athletic Club	Lisburn South	Club Development Officer Total coaching Hours 72 hours @ £20 = £1,440 Full UKA Coach 100 hours @ £15 = £1,500 Assistant/LIRF Coach Total £2,940 (Contribution of £1,764)	£2,940.00	£2,940.00	n/a	56%	60%	£1,764.00
10	City of Lisburn Salto Gymnastics	Castlereagh South	Sports Equipment New parallel bars £6,883.32 (inclusive of VAT) New rails for existing parallel bars £1,445.52 (inclusive of VAT) Total £8,328.84 (Contribution of £3,000)	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	85%	100%	£3,000.00
11	Crewe United FC	Killultagh	Club Development Officer 6 hours/week x 28 weeks x £18/hr = £3,024 Total £3,024 (Contribution of £3,000)	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	89%	100%	£3,000.00
12	Derriaghy CC Football Club	Lisburn North	Sports Equipment Veo Performance Analysis Package £1,113.60 Laptop for Coaching Analysis £589 Goalkeeping Training Equipment £392 Total £2,094.60	£2,593.60	£2,094.60	£499 (PA system)	85%	100%	£2,094.60
13	Derriaghy Cricket Club	Lisburn North	Club Development Officer 150 hours x £20/hr = £3,000 Total £3,000	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	88%	100%	£3,000.00
14	Downshire Rifle Club	Lisburn South	Sports Equipment Meyton ESTA Mobile Target System (10m) £2,604.17 Stand for 10M System £162.50 SUBTOTAL : £2766.67 plus VAT £553.33 Total £3,320 (Contribution of £2,400)	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	74%	80%	£2,400.00
15	Downshire YM FC	Downshire West	Sports Equipment Fundamental Equipment (cones, bibs, goal nets, first aid kits, period packs) £500 LED Portable Pitch Lights £2,200 Total £2,700	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	82%	90%	£2,700.00
16	Dromara Village Football Club	Downshire East	Coach Education Coach Education Courses 10 Irish FA Introduction to Grassroots Football Award: 10 x £20 = £200 10 Irish FA National Coaching Certificate 10 x £220 = £2,200 1 UEFA C Diploma £650 Total £3,050 (Contribution of £3,000)	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	89%	100%	£3,000.00
17	Dundonald FC	Castlereagh East	Sports Equipment 11 x StatSports Vests x £220 = £2,420 Fundamental Equipment (Balls) £490 Total £2,910	£2,910.00	£2,910.00	n/a	90%	100%	£2,910.00
18	Glenavy Football Club	Killultagh	Coach Education 8 people taking the Irish FA National Coaching Certificate course £220 x 8 people = £1,760 2 Designated Safeguarding Children's Officer £15 x 2 = £30 Total £1,790 (Contribution of £895)	£1,886.00	£1,790.00	£96 (6 Access NI Checks)	42%	50%	£895.00
19	Hillsborough Boys Junior Football Club	Lisburn South	Coach Education NCC Course IFA £220 per person 10 coaches = £2,200.00 Total £2,200 (Contribution of £1,995)	£2,850.00	£2,850.00	n/a	61%	70%	£1,995.00
20	Ignite Athletics Club	Castlereagh South	Sports Equipment Laser timer for speed training £360 Scissor hurdle for Hurdle training £200 Mats for jump training £80 Springboard for jump training £160 Weight sled and weights for speed and strength training £200 Total = £1,000	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	n/a	88%	100%	£1,000.00
21	Junior Belfast Giants Ice Hockey Club	Castlereagh East	Club Development Officer Post Coaching costs 150 hours X £20 per hour = £3,000 Total £3,000 (Contribution of £1,800)	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	54%	60%	£1,800.00

Sports Club Enhancement Fund 2026/27			Table of Outcomes						
Successful Applicants									
No	Sports Club	DEA	Award Category/Details	Requested Amount	Eligible Amount	Ineligible Request	Score (%)	Award (%)*	Award Awarded
22	Knockbreda Football Club	Castlereagh East	Sports Equipment Veo Cam 3 £1,199 Veo carbon tripod (5.2 m) £229 U21 Fundamental Type Equipment (Training Footballs Bag of 24 Ball, Cones, Training bibs, Mini goals Pop up, Slalom poles with bases, Wheeled Kit Bag) £428.40 Total £1,856.40	£2,697.00	£2,652.00	£45 (requested £545 for fundamentals)	60%	70%	£1,856.40
23	Lagan Valley Orienteers	Downshire East	Club Development Officer 208 hours x £20/hr = £4,160 Total £4,160 (Contribution of £3,000)	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	92%	100%	£3,000.00
24	Lisburn BMX Club	Lisburn North	Sports Event/Programme Volunteer Safeguarding & First Aid Training£500 Intro2BMX Community Outreach Delivery £700 Lisburn Open BMX Festival £450 Equipment & Bike Support £500 Marketing & Community Engagement £100 Coach Education & Development £750 Total £3,000	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	91%	100%	£3,000.00
25	Lisburn City Archery Club	Lisburn South	Sports Equipment Chronotir MC cost including delivery €2570 ≈ £2300 Stadium Max Aerosol Line Marking Machine £103.99 Total = £2,403.99	£2,403.99	£2,403.99	n/a	96%	100%	£2,403.99
26	Lisburn City Swimming Club	Lisburn South	Sports Equipment Performance Analysis Equipment iPad Pro = £2,000 Stand & Accessories for Recording = £150 Total £2,150 (Contribution of £2,100)	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	67%	70%	£2,100.00
27	Lisburn Cricket Club	Lisburn North	Sports Event/Programme Winter Programme Spin Bowling £1,200 Batting against Spin £1,200 Fast Bowling £1,200 Total £3,600 (Contribution of £3,000)	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	88%	100%	£3,000.00
28	Lisburn Distillery Football and Athletic Club	Lisburn South	Sports Equipment 15 x StatSports Vests x £200 = £3,000 Total £3,000	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	88%	100%	£3,000.00
29	Lisburn Ladies Football Club	Lisburn North	Club Development Officer 120 hours x £20/hr = £2,400 Coaching Equipment & Materials £330 Coach Development Workshops £270 Total £3,000	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	86%	100%	£3,000.00
30	Lisburn Racquets Club	Lisburn North	Sports Event/Programme Equipment 20 boxes of shuttles @ £25 = £500 Sports Event (Open Tournament, Juvenile Tournament, Women's Only Ladder League) £400 Coaching Courses Shuttle Time x 3 coaches @ £50 = £150 Level 1 x 3 coaches @ £150 = £450 Total £1,500	£3,000.00	£2,500.00	£500 (Prizes/Trophies)	57%	60%	£1,500.00
31	Lisburn Rangers Football Club	Lisburn South	Club Development Officer 200 hours Coaching Delivery £3,000 Total £3,000	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	97%	100%	£3,000.00
32	Lisburn Rovers Football Club	Lisburn North	Sports Equipment Fundamental Type Equipment (Bibs, Slalom Poles, Carry Bag, Sandbag, Footballs, Kit Bag, First Aid Kit) Total = £447.27	£496.97	£496.97	n/a	80%	90%	£447.27
33	Lisburn Rugby Football Club	Downshire West	Sports Equipment 5 x Roller Tackle Bags £1125 4 x Cylinder Tackle Pads £870 8 x Hit Shields £640 10 x Match Balls £489 Total £3,124 (Contribution of £3,000)	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	96%	100%	£3,000.00
34	Lisburn Social Hurlers	Lisburn North	Sports Equipment Hurling Balls x 24 = £100 Boundary Nets1.5m x 15m x 3 =£920 Total = £1,020 (Contribution of £988)	£1,976.00	£1,976.00	n/a	41%	50%	£988.00
35	Lisburn Softball Club	Lisburn North	Sports Event/Programme Next Level Softball Clinics £1,452 Contribution towards "Coaching the Coaches" session and hitting clinic £100 24 indoor training softballs to support delivery of fielding, throwing and hitting clinics £207 1 agility and movement training kit £155 Total £1,914	£1,914.00	£1,914.00	n/a	92%	100%	£1,914.00
36	Lisburn Sub Aqua Club	Lisburn North	Sports Equipment Nitrox Blending Panel Installation for Lisburn Sub Aqua Club Problender Nitrox 1000 (1860 m3/hr) £2,590.00 EUR 2,943.50 @ 1.1361 Electrical installation £300.00 Gas installation £400.00 Total = £3,290 (Contribution of £3,000)	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	88%	100%	£3,000.00
37	Lisburn Taekwondo Club	Lisburn South	Sports Equipment Kyorugi sparring gear to include x8 pairs of electronic foots socks, x8 pieces of electronic body armour of different sizes, x8 pieces of electronic head gear to include assorted sizes, wireless point connectors, computer and software to run point scoring. Total £8,000 (Contribution of £3,000)	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	88%	100%	£3,000.00
38	Lisburn Tennis Club	Lisburn North	Sports Event/Programme Coaching Costs Summer camp Assistant Coach £1,260 Junior Club Night £630 Fundamental Equipment (balls) £444.96 Total £2,334.96	£3,000 (Original Total Request £4,788.96)	£2,334.96	£2,454 (TNT programmes etc. funded in a previous year)	85%	100%	£2,334.96
39	Lisnagarvey Hockey Club	Downshire West	Sports Equipment 2 x hockey goalposts £7752.89 (€8982.61) 2 x hockey goalpost nets £272.83 (€316.11) Total = £8,025.72 (Contribution of £3,000)	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	91%	100%	£3,000.00
40	Lower Maze FC	Downshire West	Sports Equipment Veo Camera and Membership £2,100 Fundamental equipment (Balls) £400 Total £2,500	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	n/a	93%	100%	£2,500.00
41	Moirá FC	Downshire West	Coach Education Irish FA NCC £220 x 13 = £2,860 Total £2,860 (Contribution of £1,430)	£2,860.00	£2,860.00	n/a	42%	50%	£1,430.00

	Sports Club Enhancement Fund 2026/27		Table of Outcomes						
	Successful Applicants								
No	Sports Club	DEA	Award Category/Details	Requested Amount	Eligible Amount	Ineligible Request	Score (%)	Award (%)*	Award Awarded
42	Phoenix Basketball Club	Lisburn North	Club Development Officer 200 hours x £20/hr = £4,000 Total £4,000 (Contribution of £3,000)	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	87%	100%	£3,000.00
43	South Antrim Ladies Hockey Club	Lisburn North	Sports Event/Programme Coaching costs 10 hrs x £20 per hour £200 Umpiring costs 10 hrs x £20 per hour £200 Equipment (balls, bibs, rebounders/deflection aids) £500 Venue hire £185 Total = £1,085	£1,605.00	£1,550.00	£55 (Megaphone)	66%	70%	£1,085.00
44	St Patrick's GAC Lisburn	Killultagh	Sports Equipment Panasonic HCX1600 Professional 4K Camcorder £1,314.00 Grassline Titan Spray Marker £1,013.94 Fundamental Equipment (balls) £500 Total £2,827.94	£2,985.54	£2,827.94	£157.60 (requested £657.60 for footballs)	94%	100%	£2,827.94
45	St. Joesph's GAC	Lisburn North	Sports Equipment 14 First Aid Kits £800 Fundamental Equipment (Bibs, Cones, Balls) £500 Total £1,300	£3,000.00	£1,300.00	£1,700 (requested £2,200 for fundamentals)	90%	100%	£1,300.00
46	The Gymnastic and Trampoline Network CIC	Castlereagh South	Sports Equipment Pit Pillow from Tumbl Trak UK Item £429.76 AirTrack Connector from Cannons UK £74.99 Air Roller from Cannons UK Item £79.99 Airtrack 15x2mx20cm £2500 plus postage £200 Total £3,284.74 (Contribution of £2,700)	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	n/a	82%	90%	£2,700.00
47	Ulster Baseball and Softball Club	Castlereagh South	Sports Equipment 2 Pocket radars and mounting kits £1000 2 Mobile backstops £600 2 pair Media specs £200 Training Boards £150 Fundamental equipment (Baseballs and Softballs) £450 Total = £2,400	£2,400.00	£2,400.00	n/a	91%	100%	£2,400.00
	£104,810.05								

DEA	Number of Applicants *
Castlereagh East	4
Castlereagh South	8
Downshire East	2
Downshire West	7
Killultagh	3
Lisburn North	15
Lisburn South	11
Total	50

Total Score	Award %*
85 or above	100.00%
80 – 85	90.00%
70 – 79	80.00%
60 – 69	70.00%
50 – 59	60.00%
40 – 49	50.00%
39 and below	Failed

	Sports Club Enhancement Fund 2026/27		Table of Outcomes		
Unsuccessful Applicants					
No	Sports Club	DEA	Award Category/Details	Requested Amount	Scoring Comments
1	Hillsborough Walking Football	Lisburn South	Sports Equipment Expenditure on advertising £50 Hire of venue for festival £100 First Aid cover for festival £300 Equipment £100 Total £550 (Contribution of £0)	£550.00	Ineligible - failed to meet minimum scoring threshold of 40% to be awarded funding
2	Lisburn Golf Club	Downshire West	Sports Event/Programme We estimate that the work involved will be 640 man hours (at £18ph) based over the next few months. Total £11.5k (Contribution of £0)	£3,000.00	Ineligible - failed to meet minimum scoring threshold of 40% to be awarded funding
3	Taekwondo NI	Lisburn South	Sports Equipment Total: 64 mats £22.99 x 64 = £1,471.36 Estimated Shipping £50 Total £1,521.36 (Contribution of £0)	£1,521.36	Ineligible -Not a Sport Lisburn & Castlereagh Affiliated Sports Club, hence, did not proceed to Stage 2 Assessment

Committee:	Communities & Wellbeing
Date:	01 September 2026
Report from:	Head of Parks and Amenities (Acting)

Item for:	Noting
Subject:	Delegated Authority - Decisions Taken Over the Summer Months (Parks and Amenities)

1.0	<u>Background</u>
1.1	In line with the Council's agreed position regarding the delegated authority arrangements over the summer months, two decisions were taken in relation to events supported through the Leisure & Community Wellbeing Service.
1.2	The decisions related to: • Infrastructure Support for Ploughing Championships. • Infrastructure Support for the Tattoo Event.
2.0	<u>Ploughing Championships</u>
2.1	Under the delegated authority arrangements, approval was granted by the Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee, to progress Council support and participation in the Ploughing Championships.
2.2	The event, to be held on 25 th and 26 th September 2026, provides an opportunity to promote the Council area, engage with residents and visitors, showcase local tourism, community and economic opportunities, and strengthen relationships with external stakeholders.
2.3	A copy of the delegated authority record and supporting documentation is appended to this report for noting.
3.0	<u>Tattoo Event</u>
3.1	Under the delegated authority arrangements, approval was granted by the Director of Leisure & Community Wellbeing, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee, to progress arrangements associated with the Tattoo Event.
3.2	The event, to be held on 26 th September 2026, contributes to the Council's programme of cultural and community engagement activities, attracts significant visitor numbers and provides opportunities to celebrate heritage, community participation and civic pride.
3.3	In order to progress these event requests agreement was required in August.
3.4	A copy of the delegated authority record and supporting documentation is appended to this report for noting.

2.0	<u>Recommendation</u>	
	It is recommended that Members note	
	1. the two decisions that were taken under the delegated authority arrangements over the summer months.	
3.0	<u>Finance and Resource Implications</u>	
	Infrastructure Support from the existing agreed budget stream.	
4.0	<u>Equality/Good Relations and Rural Needs Impact Assessments</u>	
4.1	Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out?	N/A
	<i>This is an outcome report.</i>	
4.2	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions or rationale why the screening was not carried out	
4.3	Has a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) been completed?	
4.4	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions or rationale why the screening was not carried out.	

Appendices:	Appendix 1 - Delegated Authority Record for Council Meeting 28 Aug 2026
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Delegated Authority

COMMITTEE	TITLE	FURTHER DETAIL
Community Wellbeing	Infrastructure Support for Resurgam	Resurgam Community Development Trust has asked for infrastructure support from council for their Tattoo event to be held at the Irish Linen Museum on Saturday 26th September. They require 4 toilets, 20 barriers, 3 gazebos and 30 chairs to be delivered to the Linen Museum on Saturday 26th September and collected thereafter. Under delegated authority, the decision was agreed by the Director, Chair of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee & Cllr Claire Kemp (in the absence of the Vice-Chair) on 18/08/26.
Community Wellbeing	Infrastructure Support for Ploughing event	Ploughing Championships event organisers have asked for infrastructure support from council for their event to be held on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th September. They require 100 barriers to be delivered to the event site in Hillsborough on Thursday 24th September and collected after the event ends. Under delegated authority, the decision was agreed by the Director, Chair of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee & Cllr Claire Kemp (in the absence of the Vice-Chair) on 18/08/26.