



August 30th, 2024

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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 September 2024 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 the **Members' Suite** 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)

📎 *Disclosure of Interests form.pdf*

Not included

3.0 DEPUTATIONS

4.0 REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF LEISURE & COMMUNITY WELLBEING

4.1 Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council - Events Calendar

For Noting

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5.0 REPORT OF HEAD OF COMMUNITIES

5.1 Community Support Programme 2024-2025 (Update)

For Noting

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5.2 Draft Good Relations Action Plan 2024-2025

For Decision

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5.3 Draft Age Friendly Strategy & Action Plan 2024-2026

For Decision

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5.4 Consultation Response: NIHE Building Safer Communities Together: Community Safety Strategy 2025-2030

For Decision

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5.5 Community Bursary Scheme 2024-2025

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5.6 Going Places Programme

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6.0 REPORT OF HEAD OF PARKS & AMENITIES (ACTING)

6.1 Request for Use of Wallace Park

For Decision

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7.0 REPORT OF HEAD OF SPORTS SERVICES

7.1 Canal Boxing Academy - Fundraising Gala

For Decision

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8.0 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE & COMMUNITY WELLBEING

8.1 Hanging Baskets

For Decision

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

9.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Committee:	Communities and Wellbeing
Date:	3 rd September 2024
Report from:	Director Leisure and Community Wellbeing

Item for:	Noting
Subject:	Lisburn and Castlereagh City Councils' Events Calendar

1.0	<u>Background and Key Issues</u>	
1.1	Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council deliver an extensive events calendar year on year. The events range in scope and scale and are aimed at providing an engaging experience for people of all ages. Inclusion, accessibility and creativity are weaved throughout the programme, making the Council area an attractive place to visit.	
1.2	The events range from being open to the public, ticketed programmes and invite only events. Officers are collating all events, delivered and hosted by Council to realise an internal events calendar that can be managed effectively to avoid duplication and create efficiencies. This will include the likes of public events, workshops and civic events. The events calendar will be screened collectively and periodically updated and reviewed to ensure events are delivered safely and in line with event regulations.	
1.3	Previously Members have requested having a central repository for Council events, that are open to the public, for ease of signposting and profiling. Officers are working with the Councils Corporate Communications team to develop a dedicated web page for events, similar to what has been developed for the Christmas programme. The web page will include council events, coupled with some events we host through our theatre programmes and the likes.	
1.4	Officers have drafted a list of known events, and it is attached for Members information in appendix 1. This is a live document that will be reviewed and updated continuously. The events in appendix 1 detail largely customer facing events from September to December 2024. This list is not exhaustive.	
2.0	<u>Recommendation</u>	
	It is recommended that Members consider and note	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the contents of the report and; 2. that an events calendar, for the public, will be populated on the Council's website in due course 	
3.0	<u>Finance and Resource Implications</u>	
	The budgets associated with events are set within annual budgets, however in year there may be external funding secured to deliver some events.	
4.0	<u>Equality/Good Relations and Rural Needs Impact Assessments</u>	
4.1	Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out?	Yes
	You can view the documentation here .	
4.2	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out	

	<p>The equality screening has been screened out with mitigations, to include being a good neighbour, accessibility considerations, inclusion and communication.</p>	
4.3	<p>Has a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) been completed?</p> <p>You can view the documentation here.</p>	Yes
4.4	<p>Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions or rationale why the screening was not carried out.</p> <p>The RNIA has been screened out with mitigations to include holding events across the Council portfolio, linking with Rural Transport and having events close to transport provision.</p>	

Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Draft Events Calendar – Live Document (September 2024)
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Appendix 1: Draft Events Calendar – LIVE Document (September 2024)

Event	Event Description	Dates	Anticipated Numbers	Location of Event	TARGET AUDIENCE
Multiply Programme	4 Programmes to be launched for the Multiply Programme via Programmes Team. (Community Additional Needs Numeracy Bootcamp; Community Numeracy Bootcamp; MSOL Community Numeracy Bootcamp; Community Upskilling Numeracy Bootcamp) Programmes to develop numeracy skills	September – Various dates TBC		LVI	
Exhibition	Friends’s School, 250 th Anniversary display	September-TBC	9000	Ground Floor, Lisburn Museum	Open to all
Exhibition	Memorial Quilts	Sept - Oct	1000	Assembly Room, Lisburn Museum	Open to all
Education Programme	Ongoing tours and workshops from our education programme.	Sept - Dec	600 (not inc Dec as largely festive programme for schools)	Lisburn Museum	Ages range from nursery to university
Tours and workshops	Ongoing tours and workshops for groups New groups booking this season include a new local home-schooling network and Stepping stones adults	Sept – Dec	1800	Lisburn Museum & Castle Gardens	Open to all
Lisburn Museum Culture Club	Meeting 2 nd Wednesday in month, talks and activities programme	Sept - Dec	120	Lisburn Museum	Adults
Merchant Navy Day flag raising ceremony	Merchant Navy Day flag raising ceremony	03/09/24		LVI	Invited Guests.
Trans Atlantic Artists presents Beth Nielsen Chapman	Beth Nielsen Chapman is an American singer-songwriter, whose diverse body of work spans fifteen albums and seven number-one hits, including compositions that have been recorded by Elton John, Bonnie Raitt, Bette Midler, Willie Nelson, Neil Diamond, the Indigo Girls, and Keb Mo’. Her music has also been featured in film and TV. 2 shows.	04/09/24	400	LVI	Adults
Rising Promotions presents Adventures on Old MacDonalds Farm	Join us down on Old MacDonald’s Farm for fun, songs and excitement. Friendly Sammy Scarecrow is enjoying his first day on Old MacDonald’s Farm and loves meeting all of the colourful characters that live there. When a mystery unfolds on the farm, can you help Scarecrow find out what’s going on? With an original script and brand-new songs along with many singalong favourites, this show is a thrill for younger children. 2 shows.	07/09/24	400	LVI	Children/Families
Contemporary Art of Northern Ireland	In partnership with Gallery 545 we present our fifth annual showcase celebrating contemporary art created in Northern Ireland. Curated by Francesca Biondi, the exhibition features the work of over twenty accomplished artists and is a large and diverse selection of media, style and subject. Artworks include atmospheric landscapes, vibrant abstracts, unique works on paper, stunning sculptures, textile gems and exquisite glass pieces. Visitors will have the opportunity to discover and appreciate the wealth of talent in the region. All welcome to the opening on Sat 7 Sept, 2-4pm & exhibition tour with Francesca Biondi on Sat 21 Sept, 2pm.	07/09/24 – 05/10/24		IAC – Galleries 1 & 2	Open to all
Emergency Services Day flag raising ceremony	Emergency Services Day flag raising ceremony	09/09/24		LVI	Invited Guests
Silver Screen Socials	Roman Holiday 1953	09/09/24	30-100 per show	Studio Theatre/ IAC	Adults
Acrylic Painting	Painting classes	Mondays 09/09/24 – 30/09/24	12	IAC -workshop	Adults
Watercolour Painting	Painting classes	Mondays 09/09/24 - 30/09/24	12	IAC -workshop	Adults
ICFC	ISLAND COMMUNITY FILM CLUB 16+ Shorts, speaker, Feature Q&A.	09/09/24	Between 30-100	Studio Theatre IAC	16 + Adults

Fusion Theatre presents Amélie	Fusion is delighted to be back on the Island Hall stage. Be inspired by this imaginative dreamer who discovers her voice, uncovers the power of human connection and sees possibility around every corner. Times are hard for dreamers, but Amélie is someone to believe in. Amélie is a musical based on the 2001 romantic comedy film of the same name with music by Daniel Messé, lyrics by Messé and Nathan Tysen and a book by Craig Lucas.	11/09/24 – 14/09/24	400	LVI	
Bat Talk & Walk	Learning about bats and walking around the park with a bat detector to listen for different species.	11/09/24	30	Glenmore Parkland Trail	Open to all
Bat Talk & Walk	Learning about bats and walking around the park with a bat detector to listen for different species.	12/09/24	30	Moira Demesne	Open to all
Mosaic Making	Mosaic classes	TBC	12	IAC	Adults
Make a Basket	Basket making classes	13/09/24 & 14/09/24	12	IAC	Adults
National Malayan & Borneo Veteran's Association Pantridge Memorial event	National Malayan & Borneo Veteran's Association Pantridge Memorial event	14/09/24		LVI	Adults
Cyanotype	Photography classes	14/09/24	12	IAC -workshop	Adults
Pottery	Pottery classes	Tuesdays 17/09/24 – 22/10/24 & 05/11/24 – 10/11/24	12	IAC	Adults
Painting for Pleasure	Painting classes	Tuesdays 17/09/24 – 03/12/24	14	IAC	Adults
Landscape Studies	Painting classes	Tuesdays 17/09/24 – 03/12/24	14	IAC	Adults
Pottery	Pottery classes	Wednesdays 18/09/24 – 23/10/24 & 06/11/24 – 11/11/24	12	IAC	Adults
Guitar Beginners	Learning guitar classes	Wednesdays 18/09/24 – 23/10/24 30/10/24 – 04/12/24	6 Per class	IAC Rehearsal room	All Adults
Bat Talk & Walk	Learning about bats and walking around the park with a bat detector to listen for different species.	18/09/24	30	Moat Park	Open to all
Pottery	Pottery classes	Thursdays 19/09/24 – 24/10/24 & 07/11/24 – 12/11/24	12	IAC	Adults
Pottery	Pottery classes	Thursdays 19/09/24 – 24/10/24 & 07/11/24 – 12/11/24	12	IAC	Adults
Bat Talk & Walk	Learning about bats and walking around the park with a bat detector to listen for different species.	19/09/24	30	Lough Moss Leisure Centre	Open to all

Paddy Raff Gimme A Minute	Award winning comedy sensation Paddy Raff is back at the ISLAND! His new show Gimme A Minute has been selling out venues across the UK and Ireland, including six nights at the SSE arena. Come and see him at his best, and experience live his own special blend of storytelling, and observational and musical comedy	Autumn 2024	400	Island Hall	Adults
Painting Techniques	Painting classes	Thursdays 19/09/24 – 05/12/24	12	IAC	Adults
Triple Crown Bowling Tournament	Triple Crown Bowling Tournament in partnership with Vitality Membership. Times 9am-8pm entire bowling centre. 6 nations competing...Northern Ireland, Ireland, England, Wales, Scotland, and Gibraltar.	19/09/24 – 22/09/24	TBC	DIIB	TBC
TCB Productions presents The Elvis Spectacular	The Elvis Spectacular Show starring European Champion Ciaran Houlihan with his TCB Band and the Sweet Sensations returns to the Island Hall for what promises to be another sell out performance. Don't wait to long to book this one! These guys are amazing! 2024 marks their 28th year on the road paying homage to the undisputed KING of ROCK & ROLL	20/09/24	400	LVI	Adults
Good Relations Celebration Event	A celebration of the multi-cultural and diverse communities of Lisburn, celebrated through music, dance arts and food from local vendors. The evening will include music from the Lisburn Ukes, Indian Bollywood dancing, a cosy storytelling area, Polish paper cutting and an Arabic Henna stall that will showcase the beauty of the henna design and culture.	Autumn 2024	500	Wallace Park	Wider community from Lisburn and surrounding areas, young people, older people. Diverse event
Good Relations Carnival Event	this event will transform Ballyoran CC into a vibrant carnival, with a focus on interactive entertainment that encourages communities to come together and share experiences. It will include storytelling, circus performers, carnival games and Rio de Janeiro inspired Carnival mask making workshops, along with acoustic live music.	Autumn 2024	100	Ballyoran Community Centre Dundonald	The local community, families, children.
David Hull Promotions presents "More Our Jimmy" starring William Caulfield	The loved comedy characters created by James Young are brought to life by William Caulfield in 'More Our Jimmy' Join, the much-loved Derek, the outrageous Orange Lily, the affable drunk Willie Simpson, the money savvy man from Ballymena, William McFettridge, Emily Beattie, Lily O'Condriac, trade unionist Billy Hulk and others in a night of riotous laughter with some poignant moments in true James Young style. With special guests Kathryn Rutherford and Keith Lynch	21/09/24	400	LVI	Adults
ISLAND Youth Theatre workshops	Block 1 six weeks Minis (4-5 years) Juniors (6-9 years) Seniors (10-17 years)	21/09/24	80 per week per class x 6 weeks = 1440	Dance Studio IAC	Youth
Pots for Tots – Autumn Apple Dish	Younger children and their parents/carers go potty for our creative clay workshops. Enjoy getting stuck into wonderfully tactile clay and slap, tap and roll an autumn inspired apple dish for home. Creations will be fired, ready for collection the following week.	21/09/24	TBC	IAC	Ages: 1-4 (adult to accompany child)
Vintage Millinery	Vintage ladies hat making	21/09/24 & 28/09/24	8	IAC	Adults
International Day of Sign Languages	Come to ISLAND Arts Centre and enjoy a screening of Mr Tumble. Using Makaton to communicate, Mr Tumble connects with children with additional needs. Autism friendly screening SEN Key Stage 2 & 3 11 am & 1pm	23/09/24	TBC	IAC	Key Stage 1 & SEN Foundation SEN Key Stage 2 & 3
Learn to Play a Ukelele	Ukelele classes	Mondays 23/09/24 – 25/11/24	8	IAC	Adults
Pastel Painting	Painting classes	Tuesdays 24/09/24 – 26/11/24	12	IAC	Adults

Life Drawing	Life drawing classes	25/09/24	12	IAC	Adults
Slow Stitching	Stitching classes	Wednesdays 25/09/24 – 23/10/24	8	IAC	Adults
Mixed Media Drawing	Media drawing classes	Wednesdays 25/09/24 – 27/11/24	10	IAC	Adults
Rising Promotions presents A Night At The Opry	Enjoy a fantastic evening with 3 of Ireland's biggest and best Country stars, as they present some of the most well know hit songs of Country Music. Sing along with iconic hits from Don Williams, Johnny Cash, Tammy Wynette, John Denver, Hank Williams , Jim Reeves and many more. With a few stories and some fun moments, sit back and sing along to your favourite Country Music Hit songs, with Irelands brightest and best!	26/09/24	400	LVI	Adults
Chamber Babies Concerts Belfast Music Society	Walk, sway, crawl, roll, dance or just chill out to a carefully selected live programme of short classical pieces designed both to engage and enchant (or soothe to sleep!) the youngest listeners and their mums and dads. Started in 2014, Chamber Babies concerts are performed by professional classical musicians, designed to offer the best live classical music to the youngest listeners (and their mums and dads), and are very informal.	26/09/24	TBC	IAC	Babies up to 18 months
Chamber Cherubs Concerts Belfast Music Society	Based on the well-loved Chamber Babies format, these concerts will offer a fun, relaxed, and slightly more interactive live classical experience for your little listeners, babies are welcome too. Walk, sway, crawl, roll, dance or just chill out to a carefully selected programme of short classical pieces designed both to engage and enchant (or soothe to sleep!) the youngest listeners and their mums and dads.	26/09/24	TBC	IAC	1 – 3 year olds
Exhibition on Screen Frida Kahlo	This personal and intimate film offers privileged access to the works and life of a global icon. Who was the woman behind the bright colours, the big brows, and the floral crowns? Exhibition on Screen's trademark combination of interviews, commentary and a detailed exploration of Frida Kahlo's art delivers a treasure trove of colour and a feast of vibrancy.	26/09/24	100 (usually approx. 50)	Studio Theatre	Adults
Vinyl ISLAND The Rolling Stones - Sticky Fingers	Ralph McLean revisits The Rolling Stones - Sticky Fingers on vintage vinyl. Anthony Toner performs some of his favourite tracks and Steven Cockcroft shares thoughts on the album before a full album playback. Relax and enjoy a bespoke evening as Ralph invites you to fall back in love with your favourite music.	27/09/24	100 (sells out)	Studio Theatre	Adults
Roar Roar Dinosaur	Embark on a Jurassic adventure like no other! Join us for an exhilarating, interactive dinosaur show that will transport you back in time. Witness these magnificent creatures come to life before your eyes from incubation through to adulthood as our dinosaur's roar, stomp, dance and interact with the audience. Brace yourself for a thrilling journey filled with educational insights and heart-pounding excitement. Fun for the whole family.	28/09/24	400	LVI	Families
Royal Hillsborough Farmers Markets	The popular Royal Hillsborough Farmers Market returns to the historic village to celebrate mid-summer. Set against the tree lined "The Dark Walk" and Hillsborough Fort. It makes a lovely day out, especially when combined with a browse of the eclectic mix of independent shops and eateries in the village. The market features over 50 stalls of the finest local and seasonal farm-to-market produce and artisan food from across Northern Ireland for you to discover. Expect to find regeneratively farmed and outdoor reared heritage meats, fruit and vegetables, breads, cakes, Irish cheeses, jams, chutneys and pickles, olives, pesto's and tapenades, charcuterie, fresh fish, shellfish and smoked salmon, to locally grown plants and flowers, chocolates, coffee, street food and more besides!	28/09/24	4000	The Dark Walk Hillsborough Fort	Everyone
Art on the Rails	Join us outside of the Lisburn Museum, where you'll find a wide variety of paintings, drawings, and textiles from Lisburn's local artists. In partnership with Lisburn Creatives Hub (Live musical entertainment also on-site). Free/non-ticketed	28/09/24	Approx. 100 per day	Lisburn Museum- outdoor railings	Everyone
The Clay Club	Children love ISLAND's pottery studio. There's something about getting messy at the potter's wheel that really appeals! Clay is a really tactile medium and is perfect for exploring texture, shape and decoration. Learn about and try out hand, coil and slab building; using moulds, glazes, slips and mark making techniques.	28/09/24 – 26/10/24	TBC	IAC	Ages 6 - 13
Silversmithing - Ring	Ring making classes	28/09/24	8	IAC Workshop	Adult

Brush & Pen Calligraphy	A fun, creative activity to engage and inspire. Experience the magic of different brush pens and learn how to create beautiful lettering by applying and releasing pressure. Explore various lettering techniques and you will be able to make fabulous cards and artworks to put on the wall or gift to friends and family. You will have worksheets and cards to take home too. Please dress for mess.	28/09/24	TBC	IAC	Ages: 9+
Belfast Championship Dog Show	Dog show competition pre-cursor for Crufts	28/09/24 - 29/09/24	TBC	Eikon Exhibition Centre, Lisburn	TBC
White Orchid Promotions presents Here Come The Girls	Get ready to be blown away by the ultimate celebration of some of the most iconic female artists of all time! This multi-diva show is a feast for the senses, featuring the likes of Cher, Madonna, Lady Gaga, Shania Twain, Annie Lennox, Gloria Estefan, Blondie, Katy Perry, Adele, Abba and Bananarama!	29/09/24	400	LVI	Adults
Learn to Crochet	Crochet classes	Dates: Mondays 30/09/24 - 18/11/24 Dates: Thursdays 03/10/24 - 21/11/24	8	IAC workshop	Adults
Roller Skating Parties	Roller skating Parties TBC throughout October for the 25 th Anniversary	Autumn 2024		Lisburn Leisureplex	Families
Exhibition	Lisburn Museum 30 Years display	Autumn 2024	15,000	Ground Floor, Lisburn Museum	For all
The Big Draw	Author and Illustrator Kieron Black will present an illustration/ story telling workshop of 'The Goblin's Blue Blanket'. A story about why you shouldn't worry about the little things.	Autumn 2024		IAC	Key Stage 2
Positive Ageing Month	Gentle paced walking Tours- Historic Lisburn	Autumn 2024	50	Historic quarter Inclement weather- tour in Lisburn Museum	Older Adults
Winter Warmer Roadshows	By holding the Winter Warmer Road Shows the outcome is for people to attend the sessions, find out information around staying warm and well this winter and be able to learn and implement knowledge they have learned to apply to their daily lives	01/10/24 & 07/10/24	50 at each session	Moneyreagh Community Centre Moria Presbyterian Hurch Hall	Older Adults Older Adults
Positive Ageing Month	The Odd Couple 1968 – Monday 14 th October 2024 Running time 1 hr 45 mins.	Autumn 2024	50-100	Studio Theatre/ IAC	Older Adults
Green Shoot Productions presents The Man Who Swallowed A Dictionary	Following its sell-out run in 2023 – the return of the one-man show that chronicles the remarkable life of David Ervine. An important figure in Loyalism, Ervine was known for his grasp of the English language and capacity for using 'big words'. A great insight into not just the man, but the Protestant community in the most turbulent period of the Troubles. Contains strong/offensive language.	04/10/24		Island Hall	Adults
The Human Touch	The Human Touch are Ireland's original Bruce Springsteen Tribute band. Formed in 2009, the Human Touch are an authentic and talented band of Springsteen fans who are dedicated in creating the best live versions of Springsteen's top songs. With multi-instrumental players and high quality vocalists, the Human Touch guarantee an exciting and entertaining night that will leave any audience wanting more. 'The Human Touch' - the ultimate Springsteen tribute.	05/10/24	400	LVI	Adults

Street Dance Competition	Street Dance Competition	05/10/24 & 06/10/24	TBC	Lisburn Leisureplex	TBC
Watercolour Paint Making	Watercolour classes	Dates: 05/09/24 & 12/10/24	12	IAC workshop	Adults
JMG Music Group presents A Night with the Country Stars Show	Returning for another night of toe-tapping magic and a stellar line-up of Irelands top stars. The impressive bill will feature the gentle giant of Country Music Mick, the popular John McNicholl the wee man from Drumlish Declan Nerney, the pure low dulcet tones of Joe Moore and the Yodelling King Kenny Archer. One thing is for sure if its Country Music you like then this is the only show in town!	09/10/24	400	LVI	Adults
'The Light in the Trees' An Introduction to Nature Writing	Nature writing classes	10/10/24	10	IAC workshop	Adults
Micky Bartlett THICC!	After a phenomenal 2023, Micky Bartlett brings his new stand-up show THICC! to the ISLAND. The Lurgan comedy colossus has long been selling out venues, and now he has a sold out tour of Australia to add to the list. You've seen him on podcasts, you've seen him on telly now come see him LIVE!	10/10/24	400	Island Hall	Adults
Work is the Curse of the Drinking Classes	Paris, 1898, Oscar Wilde looks back on his extraordinarily colourful life and ruminates on love, fame, family and misfortune with his infamous wit and irreverence. This hilarious but ultimately tragic story draws on Wilde's letters, essays and anecdotes to bring this literary genius to life. It will appeal as much to those who know little about the man as it will to those who admire his work.	11/10/24	100	Studio Theatre	Adults
Katherine St Angelo Restoration	Mixed media artist, Katherine St Angelo shares her new body of work, which reflects on emotion and experience to ultimately encapsulate her own identity. Restoration is a series expressing various emotional states relating to both physical and mental healing, and the complexities of human interactions and relationships.	11/10/24 – 09/11/24	TBC	IAC – Gallery 1	Open to all
Susan Robinson Grey Matters	This exhibition explores the intricate 'fabric of life'. It challenges our perception of memory, the complexities of the human mind, and the blurred boundaries between reality, myth, and the narratives that shape our personal identities. By intertwining these themes, the work seeks to reinterpret and redefine our understanding of the world and our role within it.	11/10/24 – 09/11/24		IAC – Gallery 2	Open to all
Pâte de Verre	Decorative glass making classes	12/10/24 & 19/10/24	12	IAC workshop	Adults
David Hull Promotions presents Flash Harry	Flash Harry embrace the essence of Queen's live performances. The band deliver Queen hit after hit, Radio GaGa, We Are The Champions, Bohemian Rhapsody and so many more, with energy, enthusiasm, talent, passion and pure showmanship.	12/10/24	400	LVI	Adults
Dance Inspirations Express Yourself Live Tour - Belfast Regional Heat	Our Express Yourself Live Tour provides a whirlwind of opportunities to influence and inspire the next generation of dancers.	13/10/24	400	LVI	Adults
ICFC	ISLAND COMMUNITY FILM CLUB 16+ Shorts, speaker, Feature, Q&A.	14/10/24	Between 30-100	Studio Theatre IAC	16 + adults
Life Drawing	Life drawing classes	16/10/2024	12	IAC workshop	Adults
Classic Dim Sum Dumplings	Cooking classes	17/10/24	12	IAC workshop	Adults
Tim McGarry Ridiculous	Join Tim McGarry, star of Give My Head Peace and the Blame Game, as he examines life, politics and the modern world, and looks for the ludicrous, highlights the hilarious, and laughs out loud at the frankly ridiculous.	18/10/24	100	Studio Theatre	Adults

The Greatest 80's Show	Back by enormous public demand, this high-energy show features all of your favourite hits from the decade of neon and big hair, including songs from iconic artists like Duran Duran, a-ha and Spandau Ballet to name just a few.	18/10/24	400	LVI	All ages
5 a side Sports Event	5 aside football event	18/10/24	TBC	Lisburn Leisureplex	TBC
'Big Brain'	Work with artist Susan Robinson in the gallery alongside her exhibition 'Grey Matters' and leave your mark on the Big Brain artwork.	18/10/24		IAC	Families
PCSP Grand Choice	Community Marketplace Event	19/10/24	800	St Claire's Parish Church Hall, Glenavy	Adults
Soap Making	Soap making classes	19/10/24	10	IAC Workshops	Adults
Studio Symphony Orchestra Music from the Movies	A glittering evening of film classics for all the family. Music from the Movies will recapture the magic of the cinema with themes from Star Wars, Pirates of the Caribbean, James Bond, Lord of the Rings, Jurassic Park, Apollo 13 and many more. A fun evening for film fans and music lovers alike!	19/10/24	400	Island Hall	For all
Teens T Shirt Class	T shirt making classes	19/10/24		IAC	Ages: 13+
Superstar Wrestling	Back by popular demand, the Superstar Wrestling 2024 tour is back with a brand new show.	20/10/24	400	LVI	All ages
Halloween Outing to the Movie Theatre	'Room on the Broom' film screening (25 mins)	22/10/24		IAC	Nursery, Foundation, Key Stage 1
Twilight Night	Two evenings of enchantment at Wallace Park, with one evening being a relaxed evening.	23/10/24 Relaxed 24/10/24 with fireworks	Night 1 3K Night 2 6K	Wallace Park and city centre	All ages
Chamber Babies Concerts Belfast Music Society	Walk, sway, crawl, roll, dance or just chill out to a carefully selected live programme of short classical pieces designed both to engage and enchant (or soothe to sleep!) the youngest listeners and their mums and dads. Started in 2014, Chamber	24/10/24		IAC	Babies – 3year olds
Musicon Entertainment presents The Bjorn Identity	The Bjorn Identity have become one of the most sought-after ABBA tribute shows in Europe. Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Waterloo in a 2-hour show packed with all of ABBA's greatest hits and so much more.	25/10/24	400	LVI	All ages
Terrific Tots Halloween Disco	Terrific Tots Halloween Disco	25/10/24	TBC	DIIB	families
ASD Silent Disco	ASD Silent Disco	25/10/24	TBC	DIIB	families
Spooky Saturday	Face painting, characters etc..	26/10/24	TBC	DIIB	families
Purple Turnip Festival	Start your Halloween celebrations off right with Purple Turnip in Market Square!	26/10/24	Approx. 200	Market Square Outdoor Event Space	families
Halloween Pool Party	Halloween themed Pool Party TBC	TBC	TBC	Lisburn Leisureplex	Children
Ulster Masters Swim	Ulster Masters Swim – main/diving pools all day	26/10/24	TBC	Lisburn Leisureplex	
White Orchid Promotions presents "Let's Rock This Country" with Shania and Friends	A high energy, fast paced, fully live tribute to the Queen of country pop, SHANIA TWAIN, fronted by the fabulous Danielle Sharp performing hits such as: Man! I Feel Like a Woman, From This Moment, That Don't Impress Me Much and many more.	26/10/24	400	LVI	Adults

Silversmithing - Earrings	Earring making classes	26/10/24	8	IAC -workshop	Adults
Fabulous Felting	Enjoy a crafty morning learning how to make felt. Combining soap and water with friction, wool fibres turn into a unique, versatile fabric.	26/10/24		IAC	Ages: 7+
Halloween workshops (Bookable)	Seasonal Flaxie Halloween arts and crafts workshops for children	28/10/24 – 01/11/24	100	Lisburn Museum	Adults
Halloween drop in workshops	Drop in arts and crafts During Halloween Week for families to enjoy together	28/10/24 – 02/11/24	100	Lisburn Museum drop in activities space	Families
LMP Job Fair	Bi-annual Job Fair	31/10/24	TBC	Dundonald Ice Bowl	Adults
Business Engagement Visit	A business engagement visit to local businesses who have been flagged as potential growth company / recently opened / story to tell / new product launch / good news story.	October - TBC	TBC	Local Business Address	Adults
Launch of EU trade Programme	Launch of the EU trade programme 24/25. This programme will be focused on providing LCCC businesses the opportunity to trade into EU and provide support around this.	October - TBC	TBC	TBC	Adults
Launch of Entrepreneur Network Series 24/25 Event 1	Networking event for LCCC business with a guest speaker on a specific topic that benefits the businesses. This will be the first event of the series and will take place in Lagan Valley Island, Island Hall.	October - TBC	TBC	Island Hall, LVI	Adults
Entrepreneur Network Series 24/25 Event 2	Networking event for LCCC business with a guest speaker on a specific topic that benefits the businesses.	November - TBC	TBC	Island Hall, LVI	Adults
Museum Talks Programme	A series of museum talks	TBC	85	Lisburn Museum	Open to all
City Centre Christmas Events	Inclusive family friendly events to bring people to Lisburn City Centre	TBC	TBC	Various locations in City Centre	Open to all
Ulster Scots Week	Programming reflecting Ulster Scots week.	November	TBC	Lisburn Museum	Open to all
Banyan Theatre presents Nevermore	Prepare to be enthralled by a hauntingly beautiful production inspired by Edgar Allan Poe's 'The Raven'. Journey through the fractured mind of a grieving narrator, where the lines between reality and delusion blur.	01/11/24	TBC	Studio Theatre	Families
School's Out – Autumn Adventures in Clay	Children just love getting creative in our professionally equipped pottery studio. Have fun on the potter's wheel and explore hand building techniques as you create autumnal characters and curling leaf dishes.	01/11/24	TBC	IAC	Ages: 6-11
Banyan Theatre presents Don't Let the Bed Bugs Bite	A bedtime story like no other, join Karen, Zoe and the wee Granny on a playful and imaginative 'Sleepover'. The wonderful Banyan Puppet Theatre once again visits the ISLAND, and their new show is the perfect way to introduce your little ones to the magic of live theatre.	02/11/24	TBC	IAC – Studio Theatre	Families
Pottery Family Time – Fruits of the Season Bowl	Working as a family, design and make a unique family fruit bowl.	02/11/24		IAC	Families
Leather Satchel Making	Leather satchel making classes	02/11/24 & 09/11/24	12	IAC	Adults
Silver Screen Social	Robin and the 7 Hoods 1964	04/11/24	30-100	Studio Theatre	Adults
ICFC	ISLAND COMMUNITY FILM CLUB 16+ Shorts, speaker, Feature,Q&A.	04/11/24	Between 30-100	Studio Theatre/ IAC	Adults
Phil Coulter - Legacy	"I don't let the old man in", explains Phil Coulter, quoting his hero Clint Eastwood on how, at 82, he's keeping his pedal to the metal with a brand new Autumn tour. Special Guests George Hutton and Geraldine Branagan.	06/11/24	400	LVI	Adults

Teddy Bear Making	Teddy bear making classes	Wednesdays 06/11/24 – 04/12/24	8	IAC - workshop	Adults
Festival of Remembrance	Featuring 2 nd Battalion Pipes and Drums, Military Wives Choir, Sarah Graham Highland Dancers, Tonagh Primary School Choir, Wellington Silver Band and soloist Callum Lucas.	08/11/24	400	LVI	Adults
Anthony Toner in Concert	An intimate acoustic show of selected songs from Anthony's catalogue.	08/11/24	100	Studio Theatre	Adults
Silversmithing - Pendant	Pendant making classes	09/11/24	8	IAC	Adults
Emer Maguire Socially Awkward	Musical comedy star, Emer Maguire, is acclaimed for her powerful storytelling and devilish quick wit.	09/11/24	TBC	Studio Theatre	Adults
Family Irish Bread Making	Connect your kids (and yourself) to the seasons and to their bellies in this hands-on bread making workshop.	09/11/24	TBC	IAC	Ages: 4+
Remembrance Sunday Lisburn	Church Service	10/11/24	400	War Memorial Lisburn and Christ Church, Lisburn	
Remembrance Sunday Hillsborough	Event and Church Service	10/11/24	200	War Memorial Hillsborough and Hillsborough Presbyterian Church.	
Print Making Workshop	Come and join a professional artist to make screen prints.	11/11/24	TBC	IAC	Key Stage 3 & 4
Global Entrepreneurship Week	Event scheduled to celebrate Entrepreneurship across LCCC	11/11/24- 17/11/24	TBC	TBC	Adults
Potstickers & Gyoza Dumplings	Tutor: Erin Bunting	14/11/24		IAC	Adults
Four Sisters and Friends	Back in 2015 four sisters, all originally from Lisburn, came together for their first joint exhibition, it was held in ISLAND Arts Centre. Nine years later the sisters, Ethna Brogan, Clare Downing, Roisin Keag and Oonagh Kelly bring us their third joint show, and this time they have invited some artistic friends along too.	15/11/24 – 21/12/24		IAC – Galleries 1 & 2	Open to all
Ulster SC Championships	Ulster SC Championships – main/diving pools all day	15/11/24 – 17/11/24	TBC	LVLP	Invite only
Lisburn's Got Talent 2024	The Connected Minds Youth Committee presents the Lisburn's Got Talent show.	15/11/24	400	LVI	All ages
Vinyl Island Paul McCartney & Wings - Band On The Run	Real music, real records, real history. Ralph McLean revisits Paul McCartney and Wings - Band On The Run on vintage vinyl. Matt McGinn performs some of his favourite tracks and Steven Cockcroft shares thoughts on the album, before a full album playback.	15/11/24	TBC	Studio Theatre	Adults
Wirework Robin	Wireworking classes	16/11/24	TBC	IAC	Adults
Festive Glass Bauble	Glass bauble making classes	16/11/24	TBC	IAC	Adults
The Illegals with Niamh Kavanagh	Every year, the Illegals delve deeper into the Eagles and Fleetwood Mac back-catalogues to keep their dynamic live show fresh but familiar to packed venues throughout Ireland.	16/11/24	400	LVI	All ages
Celtic Soul	The award-winning tribute to Van Morrison, Celtic Soul continues to receive critical acclaim from devout Vanatics.	16/11/24		Studio Theatre	Adults
The Clay Club	Children love ISLAND's pottery studio. There's something about getting messy at the potter's wheel that really appeals!	16/11/24 – 14/12/24		IAC	Ages 6 - 13
Life Drawing	Life drawing classes	20/11/24	12	IAC	Adults
Christmas Enchanted walk	Walk with lanterns from switch on stage to Castle gardens	21/11/24	300 parade and 8K audience	Lisburn City Centre	Schools & community groups

Lisburn Light Festival	Lisburn's 2024 Christmas programme	Nov & Dec 2024	5000	Castle Gardens & Market Square	Open to all
Exhibition on Screen Van Gogh: Poets and Lovers	The National Gallery is hosting the UK's biggest ever Van Gogh exhibition. Here, the most exciting and dramatic period of his life is explored on the big screen. This film reexamines the unique creative process of this iconic artist.	21/11/24	100	Studio Theatre	Adults
David Lyttle & Jazz Juniors	Up-and-coming talent from David Lyttle's Jazz Juniors, a jazz improvisation scheme for under 18s.	22/11/24	100	Studio Theatre	Families
GBNI Dodgeball Event	GBNI dodgeball event, main hall, 4:30 – 11pm	22/11/24	TBC	Lisburn Leisureplex	Adults & families
Seasonal Needlefelt	Needlefelt classes	23/11/24	TBC	IAC	Adults
Pottery Throwing for Teens	Get clay creative in our fully equipped, professional pottery studio and learn the techniques of throwing on the potter's wheel.	23/11/24	TBC	IAC	Ages: 13+
Festive Communities	Festive arts workshops including wreath making	November 24	160	7 DEAs	Adults
Launch of EU trade Programme	Launch of the EU trade programme 24/25. This programme will be focused on providing LCCC businesses the opportunity to trade into EU and provide support around this.	TBC	TBC	TBC	Adults
Launch of Entrepreneur Network Series 24/25 (3 Events)	Networking event for LCCC business with a guest speaker on a specific topic that benefits the businesses. This will be the first event of the series and will take place in Lagan Valley Island, Island Hall.	TBC	TBC	Island Hall, LVI	Adults
Christmas Wreath Making	Wreath Making Workshop	26 & 27/11/24	20	Glenmore Activity Centre Ballyoran Community Centre	Only for LCCC Residents Adults
JMG Music Group presents A Christmas Country with the Stars	This hugely popular Christmas Show returns for another festive cracker and will feature no less than SIX of Irelands top stars all on one show.	27/11/24	400	LVI	Adults
Dundonald Christmas Market	Christmas Market with 35 plus traders Dundonald Christmas Market returns to Comber Road Square in the heart of Dundonald village for an evening of festive shopping and fun.	28/11/2024 (TBC)		Dundonald	Open to all
Festive Gin Making	Gin making classes	28/11/24	12	IAC	Adults
Celebrate the birthday of CS Lewis 29 Nov 1898	Brief introduction about the life of local author CS Lewis followed by The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe film screening	29/11/24		IAC	Key Stage 2 (Age 9-12)
Ulster Scots Week Finale – Cup O' Joe, Anne Harper & Guests	Join us for a night of Ulster Scots inspired music and storytelling with Reuben and Joe of folk group Cup O' Joe, harpist Anne Harper and other guests.	29/11/24	100	Studio Theatre	Adults
The Fine and Dandy Market at ISLAND Arts Centre Festive Fair	The one-stop spot for many of your Christmas shopping needs.	Friday Twilight, 29/11/24 4-9pm Saturday 30/11/24 11am-4pm	400	ISLAND Arts Centre	everyone
City Centre Christmas Events/Animation	Family Christmas Events and Installations	TBC	TBC	TBC	Everyone
Lisnagarvey Operatic Society presents Snow White The Pantomime	Mirror, mirror, on the wall – this year's Lisnagarvey Operatic and Dramatic Society pantomime is the famous 'Snow White', the fairest festive family entertainment of them all!	30/11/24 – 07/12/24 7pm nightly (not 01/12/24) plus 2pm matinees at weekends	400	LVI	families

Festive workshops	Bookable festive workshops for education groups – Festive theme arts and crafts with a visit from Santa	December	1000	Lisburn Museum	Children
Festive drop in workshops	Our drop in workshop space gets a festive feel in December with drop in arts and crafts with a visit from Santa	December	300	Lisburn Museum drop in activities space	Children
TBC Santa Dash	Charity Event for Mayoral Charity	TBC	200	Lough Moss	Families
Dundonald Christmas Market	Christmas Market with 35 plus traders	05/12/24 (TBC)	TBC	Dundonald	Open to all
Celebratory Canapes	Canape making classes	05/12/24	12	IAC	Adults
Supper with Santa	Santa booked 6.45pm - 8.15pm	06/12/24		DIIB	Families
How to Get the Menopause and Enjoy It	Anne Gildea's hilarious hit show continues to wow sell out audiences, come along and find out what all the fuss is about! What is it? Why does it happen? Is the moustache inevitable? And what superpowers come with this unavoidable phase of lady life? Anne answers all these questions and more, as she brings TMI to a whole new level!	06/12/24	100	Studio Theatre	Adults
Ronnie Greer Blues Band	Award winning blues guitarist Ronnie Greer is joined by Anthony Toner, John McCullough, Nick Scott, Peter McKinney and Ken Haddock.	07/12/24	100	Studio Theatre	Adults
Breakfast with Santa	Breakfast with Santa	07/12/24	TBC	DIIB	Families
Skate with Santa	Skate with Santa	07/12/24	TBC	DIIB	Families
Christmas Woodcarving	Woodcarving classes	07/12/24	8	IAC	Adults
Silversmithing - Bracelet	Bracelet making classes	07/12/24	8	IAC	Adults
Breakfast with Santa	Breakfast with Santa	08/12/24	TBC	DIIB	Families
Silver Screen Socials	White Christmas 1954	09/12/24	30-100 per show	Studio Theatre/ IAC	Adults
ICFC	ISLAND COMMUNITY FILM CLUB 16+ Shorts, speaker, Feature, Q&A.	09/12/24	Between 30-100	Studio Theatre/ IAC	Adults and youths 16+
GCSE film screening – Shakespeare	In line with GCSE syllabus.	09/12/24	TBC	IAC	Key Stage 3 & 4
Floral Festive Centrepiece	Floral classes	12/12/24		IAC	Adults
Royal Hillsborough Christmas Market	Christmas Market in Dark Walk	13/12/24	Approx 6000	Hillsborough	Open to all
EA Music Service Annual Christmas Concert	The South Ulster Youth Orchestra and Band are noted for their wide musical repertoire, encompassing everything from classical pieces to film themes, pop hits, show songs and Irish jigs!	13/12/24	400	LVI	Adults
Festive Botanical Prints	Print classes	14/12/24	12	IAC	Adults
Christmas Cracker Tea Dance	A chance to take a spin around the Island Hall and have some craic with music duo, Double Trouble	16/12/24	100	Island Hall, Lagan Valley Island	Adults
Carryduff Christmas Market	Annual Christmas Market	Mid-December (TBC with Lidl opening)	TBC	Carryduff	Open to all
Christmas Outing to the Movie Theatre	Enjoy a festive outing with book and movie: Hetty Feather's Christmas by Jacqueline Wilson.	18/12/24	TBC	IAC	Nursery, Foundation and Key Stage 1
TBC Mayor's Charity Christmas Movie Day	Charity Event for Mayoral Charity	18/12/2024	400	Island Hall, LVI	families

Chamber Babies Concerts Belfast Music Society	Walk, sway, crawl, roll, dance or just chill out to a carefully selected live programme of short classical pieces designed both to engage and enchant (or soothe to sleep!) the youngest listeners and their mums and dads.	19/12/24	TBC	IAC	Babies up to 3yrs old
Rudolph's Rockin' Christmas Disco	Rudolph's Rockin' Christmas Disco in Indiana Land	19/12/24	TBC	DIIB	Families
Skate with Santa	Skate with Santa	21/12/24	TBC	DIIB	Families
Breakfast with Santa	Breakfast with santa 10.30 am to 12pm	21/12/24 & 22/12/24	TBC	DIIB	Families
Christmas Eve PJ Bowling Party	Christmas Eve PJ Bowling Party	24/12/24	TBC	DIIB	Families



Committee:	Communities & Wellbeing
Date:	03 September 2024
Report from:	Head of Communities

Item for:	Noting
Subject:	Department for Communities (DfC): Extension of Letter of Offer for Community Support Programme 2024/25

1.0	<u>Background</u>
1.1	Each year the council receives a financial allocation from the Department for Communities (DfC) to support the delivery of its Community Support Programme. In accordance with the Letter of Offer, the amount received in 2023/24 was £413,423.89 (which included provision for Social Supermarket). This programme includes grant aid to local groups, support for staffing, advice services, and satellite centres. Members were previously advised when agreeing the Community Support Grant aid in April 2024 that the amount from the DfC allocation for this year was not confirmed and the grants were agreed 'at risk'.
1.2	<u>Key Issues</u>
1.3	Attached at Appendix 1 is a letter from DfC Minister Lyons, confirming that he has taken interim spending decisions that will protect the current baseline allocations to funded VCS organisations, whilst also proposing a modest in year uplift in funding to assist employers meet their statutory obligations as well as inflationary pressures in respect of running costs.
1.4	For this Council it will mean a proposed uplift to our Community Support Programme, which is non recurrent and will equate to around 5% of our opening baseline allocation from last year.
1.5	Whilst final confirmation of the budget allocations remains subject to the outcomes of the Minister's consultation on the equality impacts of his spending proposals, he confirmed that we should now plan for the remainder of the 2024/25 financial year based on council's opening baseline position from last year, plus 5%. Consultation on the Minister's proposals is ongoing until 3rd September and an overarching LCCC response is prepared to be considered at the September meeting of the Corporate Services Committee.
2.0	<u>Recommendation</u> It is recommended that Members note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the content of the report; and • the details contained in the letter received from the Department for Communities regarding the available financial support through the Community Support Programme for 2024/25 including a 5% uplift based on council's last year opening position.

3.0	<p><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>5% uplift on 2023/24 opening position of £413,423.89</p>	
4.0	<p><u>Equality/Good Relations and Rural Needs Impact Assessments</u></p>	
4.1	<p>Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out? A screening has taken place on the Community Support Programme. Please click here to access the document.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
4.2	<p>Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions or rationale why the screening was not carried out</p>	
4.3	<p>Has a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) been completed?</p>	<p>No</p>
4.4	<p>Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions or rationale why the screening was not carried out.</p> <p>Community Support Programme is open and accessible to all residents and groups through access to competitive funding, community centres, advice services and council staffing support.</p>	

<p>Appendices:</p>	<p>Appendix 1 [Com] - Letter from DfC regarding extension of funding into 2024-25</p>
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Dear Chief Executive

14 June 2024

EXTENSION OF LETTER OF OFFER INTO 2024/25

I write further to my letter of 5 June, to advise that Minister Lyons has taken interim spending decisions that will **protect the current baseline allocations to our funded VCS organisations**, whilst also proposing a modest in year uplift in funding to assist employers meet their statutory obligations as well as inflationary pressures in respect of running costs.

For Councils, this will mean a proposed uplift, which is non recurrent, which will equate to around **5% of your Community Support Programme (CSP) opening baseline allocation from last year.**

[Please note that James Elliott, Community Empowerment Division will be in contact with you regarding Social Supermarket funding.](#)

Whilst final confirmation of the budget allocations remains subject to the outcomes of the Minister's consultation on the equality impacts of his spending proposals, **I can confirm that you should now plan for the remainder of the 2024/25 financial year based on Council's opening baseline position from last year, plus 5%.**

Consultation on the Minister's proposals is ongoing until 3rd September and I strongly encourage Councils and their funded partners to respond.

If you have any queries about this letter or your Letter of Offer which will be issued before end June, please contact your Programme Manager at PDTApplications@communities-ni.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sharron Russell'.

Sharron Russell

Director, Voluntary & Community Division

Committee:	Communities & Wellbeing
Date:	03rd September 2024
Report from:	Head of Communities

Item for:	Decision
Subject:	Draft Good Relations Action Plan 2024-2025

1.0	<u>Background and Key Issues</u>
1.1	The District Council Good Relations Programme (DCGRP), is delivered as part of the Executive's wider 'Together: Building a United Community (T:BUC)' Strategy. The key aims of the programme are to improve relations between and within District Council areas and to support local solutions to local good relations issues.
1.2	Each council programme must be linked to at least one of the key themes of the T:BUC Strategy which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Children and Young People • Our Shared Community • Our Safe Community • Our Cultural Expression
1.3	The DCGRP is funded 75% by The Executive Office (TEO) and 25% by Council. In May 2023, Council was advised that funding for the financial year 2023/24 would be offered at a 47% reduction of the 2022-2023 funding award. The impact of the revised offer was detailed in a paper tabled at the June committee and an amended Good Relations Action Plan was agreed at the September meeting reflecting what was deliverable against the revised budget.
1.4	Regarding this year's budget, a Commissioning Letter was received in November 2023 from TEO inviting Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council to apply for funding for the financial year 2024/25. This was conditional on the submission of a Good Relations Action Plan which was approved by committee in December 2023 and submitted to TEO requesting a budget of £124,666.28 (this is marginally in excess of 100% of previous amounts awarded before the reduction in 2023/24) to secure delivery against the programme (TEO Contribution of £124,666.28 and LCCC Contribution of £41,550).
1.5	In July 2024, TEO advised Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council, funding for the financial year 2024/25 would be offered at a reduced rate of £77,174.33 with the requirement of LCCC to contribute its agreed 25%. While this offer falls 38% short of the amount applied for, it is an uplift from the previous year by 15%. Given the reduction in funding, an amended Good Relations Action Plan is required to be submitted to access the financial assistance available from TEO. Members should note that if agreed, the Councils contribution will be 35% of the overall programme, however this does not mean an uplift in Councils budget line as per agreed estimates.
1.6	At the time of writing this report, a Notice of Motion has been submitted to Council in the name of Cllr Nicola Parker, as amended and agreed requesting " that this is Council recognises the vital role of Good Relations programmes in supporting reconciliation

in a society recovering from conflict, bringing communities together, creating shared spaces, challenging sectarian, racism and other forms of prejudice, and promoting respect for all cultural identities; strongly condemns the recent violence and targeting of businesses; encourages greater support and investment for sporting and cultural events as a mechanism for uniting local communities; registers its disappointment that an enhanced and fully-funded regional Good Relations Strategy has not been prioritised since the restoration of the NI Assembly; further records its disappointment that the 47% reduction in good relations funding granted in 2023/24 to Councils by The Executive Office has not been reinstated to previous levels given the wider financial constraints faced by the Northern Ireland Executive; and requests a review from Officers of the progress and future opportunities available to enhance Good Relations programmes in Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council to be completed within 6 months..

1.7 While this paper pre-dates the hearing of this motion at council, the draft Good Relations Action Plan included in this report upholds the general principles of the motion as presented. A revised strategic review of community development generally and good relations as an integral part of this is due within the next months. The community services team will be undertaking this review and a further report will be tabled in early 2025 outlining our future priorities and opportunities identified as a result of public consultation.

1.8 **GR Action Plan 2024/25 – Progress to date**

To formulate the revised Action Plan for the forthcoming year, a review of the 2023/24 Action Plan was undertaken, as well as the plan agreed by committee in December. This took into consideration performance measures in addition to participant consultation. Reference and consideration was also given to the current Good Relations Strategy for 2022-2025.

1.9 The consultation and research highlighted the following needs from the community:

- to support young people to become leaders of civic life;
- delivery of diverse cultural celebrations;
- opportunities for new and existing communities to link together and build relationships;
- programmes to increase education and awareness of minority groups within communities.

1.10 Due to the reduction in funding being provided by TEO, the proposed revised Action Plan outlines a reduction in programming from 11 to 9 overall programmes in comparison to the original Action Plan approved through Committee in December 2023. The detail below outlines the rationale for these proposed changes which meet the revised financial restrictions on the programme.

PROGRAMME	PROJECT DETAIL	PROPOSED CHANGE	INITIAL BUDGET	REVISED BUDGET	RATIONALE
Youth Council Leadership & Development	Support for the delivery of the Lisburn & Castlereagh Youth Council programme	No change	£0.00	£0.00	No change - funding allocated through LCCC and other external sources.

Sporting Programme	Community Sports Programme	Reduction	£5,000.00	£2,500.00	Reduction to reflect overall budgetary constraints – programme delivery will be enhanced through collaboration between Good Relations, Sports Development and Community Development
Youth Leadership	Delivery of community-based youth engagement	No Change	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	No change - maximising the engagement and development of improved good relations between young people within the community.
ASB Programme	Delivery of diversionary programmes	Removal of Programme	£3,000.00	£0	Removal of programme – Engagement has commenced with PCSP colleagues to ensure ASB remains within PCSP. The GR officer will continue to liaise with local communities and increase awareness of diversionary programmes available.
Intergeneration Programme	Delivery of inter-generational community programmes	Reduction	£2,500.00	£2,000.00	Reduction in line with budgetary constraints – review of this programme content will enable delivery to continue whilst considering lower cost options.
Good Relations Grant	Community Small Grants Scheme	Reduction	£32,000.00	£20,000.00	This is the same amount as last year's grant scheme. Support will be available to all applicants to identify additional funding opportunities to enhance programme delivery.

DEA Programme	£2,000 Allocation to each DEA to deliver tailored GR Programmes.	Removal of Programme	£14,000.00	£0.00	Removal to reflect overall budgetary restrictions - Officers aim to build capacity through GR related activities at a local level and to work with groups to identify funding opportunities.
Hate Crime Programme	Programmes to promote community safety and inclusion	Removal of Programme	£1,000.00	£0.00	Removal to reflect overall budgetary restrictions - the delivery of programmes by Council under the TEO funded Asylum Full Dispersal Funding will directly address the priorities which were previously associated with this programme ensuring continuity of delivery can be maintained.
Cultural Celebrations	Cultural events programme including Holocaust Memorial Day, Good Relations Week, Ulster Scots & Irish Language	Reduction	£8,843.46	£5,166.08	Reduction to reflect overall budgetary restrictions - Ability to maximise beneficiaries and increase GR Awareness within the council area by building on the success of 2023/24 events.
Shared History	Collaborative programme with Good Relations and ILCLM	Reduction	£14,000.00	£3,000.00	Reduction to reflect overall budgetary restrictions - collaboration with existing council initiatives where possible.
Good Relations Steering Group	Good Relations engagement across Council	Reduction in Budget	£1,000	£0	Budgetary allocation removed – delivery can continue at no-cost. The GR Officer will continue to engage with all council programmes to ensure Good Relations is promoted throughout delivery.

1.11 Attached at **Appendix 2**, is the revised draft Action Plan for 2024-25 outlining the budget and priorities, as requested by TEO.

1.12 The revised draft Action Plan has been developed to ensure maximised engagement within the community to address issues such as isolation, building relationships, promotion of equality, delivery of cultural celebrations and the continuation of financial support for

1.13	<p>community-led programming through a small grants programme to ensure emerging issues can be supported.</p> <p>Taking into consideration the opportunities to work across departments within the Council, to include co-design with Community Planning, PEACEPLUS, PSCP, Community Arts and Irish Linen Centre & Lisburn Museum to ensure complementarity in the development and delivery of programme and activities, was a key priority when revising the proposed draft Action Plan.</p>										
2.0	<p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <p>It is recommended that the revised draft Good Relations Action Plan 2024/25 and associated budget is approved and submitted to The Executive Office.</p>										
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4.0	<p><u>Equality/Good Relations and Rural Needs Impact Assessments</u></p>										
4.1	<p>Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out?</p> <p>Documentation can be viewed here.</p>	<p>Yes</p>									
4.2	<p>Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions or rationale why the screening was not carried out</p> <p>The screening indicated, how across the programme a number of groups, communities and residents can be supported. Many of the events and programmes are open to all.</p>										
4.3	<p>Has a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) been completed?</p>	<p>Yes</p>									

	<p>Documentation can be viewed here.</p>	
<p>4.4</p>	<p>Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out.</p> <p>Screened out with mitigations in place such as engaging with rural transport, having programmes in rural areas and/or on a transport link.</p>	

<p>Appendices:</p>	<p>Appendix 2 – Revised Draft Good Relations Action Plan 2024-2025</p>
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District Council: LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Chief Executive Officer: MR DAVID BURNS

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1.1 Programme information

Number of programmes	9
Name/role/contact details of all staff responsible for programme management	<p>Victoria Jackson Community Development and Resources Manager (Acting) Bridge Community Centre, 50 Railway Street, Lisburn, BT28 1XP Victoria.Jackson@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk</p> <p>Lynsey Gray Good Relations Officer, Bridge Community Centre, 50 Railway Street Lisburn, BT28 1XP Lynsey.Gray@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk</p> <p>John Beattie Administrative Assistant Bridge Community Centre, 50 Railway Street Lisburn, BT28 1XP John.Beattie@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk</p>

1.2 Financial information

Name/contact details for staff responsible for financial management of programme	<p>Angela McCann Head of Communities Civic Headquarters, Lagan Valley Island Lisburn, BT27 4RL angela.mccann@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk</p> <p>Victoria Jackson Community Development and Resources Manager (Acting) Bridge Community Centre, 50 Railway Street, Lisburn, BT28 1XP Victoria.Jackson@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk</p>
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	100%	TEO Contribution
Total cost	£118,724.33	£77,174.33
Total programme costs	£34,666.08	£14,130.64
Total staff and administration costs	£84,058.25	£63,043.69

Claim deadlines

It is extremely important that all claims for expenditure are made promptly and that full expenditure is claimed for within six weeks of the end of the financial year. The claim deadlines for 2024/25 are as follows:

- Quarter 1 to be with TEO no later than
- Quarter 2 to be with TEO no later than
- Quarter 3 to be with TEO no later than
- Quarter 4 to be with TEO no later than

Section 2

Children and Young People

2.01 PROGRAMME NAME	2.02 CODE		
YOUTH COUNCIL LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT	LCCC1		
2.02 KEY WORDS	Youth / Engagement / Council		
2.03 Contact details for programme staff	Community Services Community.services@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk P: 028 9244 7713		
2.04 Total budgeted cost of programme (100%)	£0		
2.05 Total target no. of participants	Direct	50	Indirect 500

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2.06 Budgeted unit cost of programme	£0 Good Relations will support the delivery of this programme with GRO-led support and programme delivery at zero cost contributed from the DCGRAP. Funding will be supported through overall Council contribution.			
2.07 Targeted participant background analysis	60 PUL/30 CNR/10 OTHER			
2.08 Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	Lagan Valley Island	Postcode	BT27 4RL
2.1 Programme plan – what difference do we want to make?				
2.11 T:BUC Key Priority	1: OUR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE			
2.12 T:BUC Outcome	1.1 Positive attitudinal change towards people from different backgrounds. 1.2 Bringing communities together.			
2.13 Project Level Outcome – This should relate to the Survey Question on the TEO outcomes spreadsheet.	1.1 Increase in favourable feelings towards others from different religious and cultural backgrounds. 1.2 An increase in the extent to which young people socialise with and have friendships with others from a different religious or ethnic minority background.			
2.14 Additional Project level Outcomes (optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of a stronger more unified voice for young people in expressing needs, hopes and aspirations. • Increased cross community connectivity for young people across the council area. • Improved confidence, understanding and interest in cooperating with others. • Increased understanding and appreciation for diversity. 			
2.15 Link to good relations audit	1. Providing opportunities for YP to articulate their voices through the Youth Council and other fora and building the leadership skills of young people. 2. There is a need to create more shared opportunities for young people in L&C to engage with one another (Pages 5 & 28)			
2.16 Complementarity	Education Authority Youth Service, PSNI, Lisburn and Castlereagh Community Planning Partnership and Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council (Community Development, PCSP, PEACEPLUS and Good Relations) will:			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise the inclusive function of the Youth Council as a representative voice for young people and pro-actively engage and participate with young people on a regular basis. • Seek the opinions of young people on decisions that affect or have an impact on their lives and give them a meaningful voice. • Respond to young peoples’ emerging needs, issues and priorities. <p>Key Partnership - A Partnership agreement has been completed between the Education Authority and Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council.</p> <p>Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council will be providing a financial contribution towards the delivery of this programme. The Good Relations team will support the implementation of the programme through ongoing presence, support and promotion.</p>
<p>2.17 Programme summary information 2024/2025</p>	<p>The Youth Council will continue, with 24 members recruited to serve a two-year term with an identified action plan established on an annual basis as directed by the young people. There will be the addition of annual recruitment process to allow for increased participation and mitigate any potential drop-off.</p> <p>The continued development of the Youth Council will be undertaken in partnership with relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>As per the Youth Councils Terms of Reference, their functions will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To encourage and promote the participation of young people at local level, within the Youth Council; • To develop the skills, knowledge and confidence of Youth Council Members to engage with other young people and policy/decision makers particularly within Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council; • To engage with the wider local youth population to ascertain their views on identified youth issues; • To represent the views of the local youth population of the area to policy/decision makers particularly within Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council; • To ask policy/decision makers to be accountable for decisions which impact upon the lives of young people; • To influence a range of council events and programmes; • To participate in appropriate consultative events;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To keep the local youth population informed of developments on the identified youth issues; • To produce an annual action plan and evaluate the plan using Youth Council evaluation framework; • To produce an Annual Report. <p>The activities of the Youth Council will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular meetings of the appointed cross community youth council • Social action initiatives • Accredited and informal training to include civic leadership skills, Good Relations awareness and capacity building. • Engagement with key civic structures.
<p>2.18 Potential to progress programme in 2025/26</p>	<p>The Youth Council will progress for the duration of the three-year term of the Good Relations Strategy to enable effective relationship building between the members, the development of local networks with wider communities of young people and effective integration with civic and community structures.</p>

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2.01 PROGRAMME NAME		2.02 CODE	
EMBRACING DIVERSITY THROUGH SPORTS		LCCC2	
2.02 KEY WORDS	Sport, Arts, Good Relations, Best Practice, Integration		
2.03 Contact details for programme staff	Community Services Community.services@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk P: 028 9244 7713		
2.04 Total budgeted cost of programme (100%)	£2,500		
2.05 Total target no. of participants	Direct	100	Indirect 500
2.06 Budgeted unit cost of programme	£20.00		
2.07 Targeted participant background analysis	60 PUL/30 CNR/10 OTHER		
2.08 Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	Lagan Valley Island	Postcode BT27 4RL
2.1 Programme plan – what difference do we want to make?			
2.11 T:BUC Key Priority	2. Our Children and Young People		
2.12 T:BUC Outcome	1.1 Positive attitudinal change towards people from different backgrounds. 1.2 Bringing communities together 2.1 Increased use of shared spaces and services		
2.13 Project Level Outcome – This should relate to the Survey Question on the TEO outcomes spreadsheet.	Increase in the number of young people who have favourable feelings towards others of different religious / cultural backgrounds. Increase in the frequency of socialising / playing sports / undertaking activities with others of a different religious / ethnic background. An increase in the number of young people who have friends with others of a different religious / ethnic background. An increase in the percentage of people who consider the area they live as welcoming to all communities.		
2.14 Additional Project level Outcomes (optional)	An increase in the percentage of people who have a greater understanding of good relations issues deep within their local communities.		

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	<p>Increased community cohesion, trust and acceptance of other young people across the Council area including young people with additional needs.</p> <p>Enhanced sense of community and respect for diversity.</p> <p>Delivery and accessibility of diversionary activities for youth at risk thereby reducing the number of young people engaged in sectarian / anti-social behaviour.</p>
<p>2.15 Link to good relations audit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community consultation identified the need for young people to have opportunities to meet others from a different background through joint activity (p30) and (p42). • Community consultation identified the need to address the increasing challenge of mental health issues and community isolation (P30). This was also identified as a priority via the online survey (p42). • The benefits of sport-based activities in building good relations were highlighted by community consultees however, they identified a need to root these activities in community structures (P30). • The need for enhanced cross community youth activities was identified as a high priority via the on-line survey (p42).
<p>2.16 Complementarity</p>	<p>The proposal for a youth sports programme complements the Peace Plus Action Plan.</p> <p>The proposal also supports the implementation of the LCCC Community Plan ensuring that young people have access to programmes to take part in play, recreation and sport based on collaboration.</p> <p>This project has the potential to complement the work of the Council Leisure Services team who actively deliver health and wellbeing programmes for local youth.</p>
<p>2.17 Programme summary information 2024/2025</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exploring barriers to cross community group engagement e.g. between schools and ways to overcome these barriers, including increasing opportunities for young people with additional needs to access sports and arts activities and interact with their peers. 2. Development of a cross community aimed programme with a focus on integration at a community / voluntary level with a focus on sport, the arts, good relations, opportunities for dialogue and relationship building as well as positive mental health;

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	<p>3. Open call for community and sporting organisations to participate;</p> <p>4. Design and delivery of good relations focused workshops to compliment the sporting programmes;</p> <p>5. End of programme event offering wider cross community interaction via e.g. sports tournaments/ joint activities with the potential for future development.</p> <p>The aim of the project is to provide young people with the opportunity to participate in sports that they would not usually experience at their local settings and increase the opportunities to engage with young people from different community backgrounds.</p> <p>A range of sport activities will be offered to young people throughout the Council aiming to bring young people from different communities' together whilst providing the opportunity to participate in sporting activities that are seen as being traditional to individual communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x target areas (Lisburn & Castlereagh) • 2 x educational visits (cross community basis) • 1 x finale event
2.19 Potential to progress programme in 2025/26	<p>It is envisaged that participants and community organisations involved in this programme will be brought together to explore all types of sports that may be associated with one tradition or another with the aim of further deepening relationships and understanding of different backgrounds.</p>

2.01 PROGRAMME NAME		2.02 CODE	
YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME		LCCC3	
2.02 KEY WORDS	Youth, leadership, diversity, understanding.		
2.03 Contact details for programme staff	Community Services Community.services@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk P: 028 9244 7713		
2.04 Total budgeted cost of programme (100%)	£2,000		
2.05 Total target no. of participants	Direct	50	Indirect 500

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2.06 Budgeted unit cost of programme	£40		
2.07 Targeted participant background analysis	60 PUL/30 CNR/10 OTHER		
2.08 Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	Lagan Valley Island	Postcode BT27 4RL
2.1 Programme plan – what difference do we want to make?			
2.11 T:BUC Key Priority	2. Our children and Young People		
2.12 T:BUC Outcome	1.1 Positive attitudinal change towards people from different backgrounds. 1.2 Bringing communities together 2.1 Increased use of shared spaces and services		
2.13 Project Level Outcome – This should relate to the Survey Question on the TEO outcomes spreadsheet.	Increase in the number of young people who have favourable feelings towards others of different religious / cultural backgrounds. An increase in the number of young people who have friends with others of a different religious / ethnic background. An increase in the numbers of young people who are involved in peace building activities with young people from different backgrounds.		
2.14 Additional Project level Outcomes (optional)	Increase in the number of young people engaged in leadership roles within their communities. Increase in community and voluntary sector capacity for the development and implementation of community-based activities. Increased community cohesion, trust and acceptance of others in young people across the council area. Enhanced sense of community and respect for diversity.		
2.15 Link to good relations audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community consultation identified the need for young people to have opportunities to meet others from a different background through joint activity (p30) and (p43). The need for enhanced cross community youth activities was identified as a high priority via the on-line survey (p42). The need to build the capacity of community organisations and to broaden the age demographic of volunteer leaders was identified by consultees (p30). 		
2.16 Complementarity	The proposal for a youth leadership programme complements the Peace Plus Action Plan.		

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	The proposal also supports the implementation of the LCCC Community Plan ensuring that young people have access to activity-based programmes.
2.17 Programme summary information 2024/25	<p>Development of a youth leadership programme inclusive of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding your community • Leadership and team development skills • Advocacy training and negotiation skills • Presentation skills • Developing a campaign and media skills • Confidence building • Empowering change and taking action • Forging effective partnerships and networks <p>To engage the young people from local communities who may be at risk of engaging is Anti-social behaviour, negative attitudes or isolation.</p> <p>The programmes will aim to work with up to 50 young people who will be engaged through identifying needs in partnership with local community and voluntary organisations.</p>
2.19 Potential to progress programme in 2025/26	Based on the learning from this programme, this programme can be adapted to address issues facing young people in a range of environments including schools, youth groups and sporting organisations.

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2.01 PROGRAMME NAME	2.02 CODE		
INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMME	LCCC4		
2.02 KEY WORDS	Youth, older people, understanding, acceptance.		
2.03 Contact details for programme staff	Community Services Community.services@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk P: 028 9244 7713		
2.04 Total budgeted cost of programme (100%)	£2,000		
2.05 Total target no. of participants	Direct	100	Indirect 1000
2.06 Budgeted unit cost of programme	£20.00		

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2.07 Targeted participant background analysis	60 PUL/30 CNR/10 OTHER			
2.08 Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	Lagan Valley Island	Postcode	BT27 4RL
2.1 Programme plan – what difference do we want to make?				
2.11 T:BUC Key Priority	2. Our Shared Community			
2.12 T:BUC Outcome	<p>1.1 Positive attitudinal change towards people from different backgrounds.</p> <p>1.2 Bringing communities together</p> <p>3.1 Reduce the prevalence of hate crime and intimidation.</p> <p>3.2 a community where places and spaces are safe for all.</p>			
2.13 Project Level Outcome – This should relate to the Survey Question on the TEO outcomes spreadsheet.	<p>Increase in the number of people who have favourable feelings towards others of different religious / cultural backgrounds.</p> <p>An increase in the number of younger and older people who take part in shared groups/activities with young people of a different religious / ethnic background.</p> <p>An increase in the number of people who feel safe attending events, activities and facilities in areas associated with a different background / age bracket.</p>			
2.14 Additional Project level Outcomes (optional)	<p>Increased community cohesion, trust and acceptance of others in both younger and older people across the council area.</p> <p>Enhanced sense of community and respect for diversity.</p> <p>An increase in the number of people who think the culture and traditions of different ethnic backgrounds adds to the diversity and richness of Northern Ireland.</p>			
2.15 Link to good relations audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community consultation highlighted the increasing challenge of loneliness as a result of the pandemic and the need to reconnect people in community-based activities (p29). • Consultation also identified the need to tackle a perceived increase in anti-social behaviour and misperceptions of young people by older people within the community, thereby reducing feelings of fear and exclusion (p30) • Community consultation identified the need for young people to have opportunities to meet others from a different background through joint activity (p30) and (p43). 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need to build the capacity of community organisations and to broaden the age demographic of volunteer leaders was identified by consultees (p30). • Consultation also highlighted that older people may be excluded from virtual community activities due to a lack of knowledge in the use of e.g. video conferencing platforms (p29).
<p>2.16 Complementarity</p>	<p>The proposal for an intergenerational programme complements the PeacePLUS priorities by increasing understanding of those from different backgrounds, reconnecting communities on a cross community as well as an intergenerational basis.</p> <p>The proposal also supports the implementation of the LCCC Community Plan (including Age Friendly Programme) ensuring all residents live in safe harmonious and welcoming communities. In addition, this programme would also support the LCCC Community Plan objective to ensure all residents within the community live health and fulfilling lives with positive mental health.</p> <p>By connecting young people with older people, the opportunity will also be created for sharing of expertise on a multi-generational basis, relaying leadership skills to young people and thereby enhancing community capacity and leadership skills.</p>
<p>2.17 Programme summary information 2024/2025</p>	<p>Development of a cross community Intergenerational Activity Programme inclusive of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecting communities – companion interactions and social experiences • Storytelling – sharing of experiences and building understanding • Volunteering opportunities • Health and wellbeing activities • Sharing our skills – e.g. young people teaching digital skills, older people sharing DIY, Gardening, Cooking Skills etc.
<p>2.19 Potential to progress programme in 2025/2026</p>	<p>With the number of community organisations in the Council area, this programme has the potential for inclusion until the end of the Good Relations Strategy timeframe in 2025.</p>

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2.01 PROGRAMME NAME		2.02 CODE	
GOOD RELATIONS PROGRAMME SUPPORT FUND		LCCC5	
2.02 KEY WORDS	Grant Aid / Community / Funding		
2.03 Contact details for programme staff	Community Services Community.services@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk P: 028 9244 7713		
2.04 Total budgeted cost of programme (100%)	£20,000		
2.05 Total target no. of participants	Direct	300	Indirect 1000
2.06 Budgeted unit cost of programme	£66.60		
2.07 Targeted participant background analysis	60 PUL/30 CNR/10 OTHER		
2.08 Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	Lagan Valley Island	Postcode BT27 4RL
2.1 Programme plan – what difference do we want to make?			
2.11 T:BUC Key Priority	Our Shared Community		
2.12 T:BUC Outcome	1.2 Bringing communities together 2.1 Increased use of shared spaces and services 2.2 Shared space is accessible to all 3.2 A community where places and spaces are safe for all 4.1 Increased sense of community belonging 4.2 Cultural diversity is celebrated		
2.13 Project Level Outcome – This should relate to the Survey Question on the TEO outcomes spreadsheet.	An increase in the number of people who take part in shared activities / groups with others of a different religious / community background. An increase in the percentage of people who consider the area they live in as welcoming to all communities. An increase in the number of people who feel safe attending events / activities in areas associated with different backgrounds.		
2.14 Additional Project level Outcomes (optional)	An increase in the percentage of people who have a greater understanding of good relations issues deep within their local communities.		
2.15 Link to good relations audit	Community consultation highlighted the need for financial support to enable the community and voluntary sector to		

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	<p>deliver activities which facilitate community engagement and cohesion (p29 & p47).</p> <p>Funding is required to ensure the programme engages with new audiences and secures better participation through the active engagement of communities (p32).</p> <p>Funding should be structured to enable flexibility and the ability for communities to meet emerging needs and the ability to partner activities which stretch across Council / community boundaries (p33).</p> <p>1/3 of respondents to the online survey identified a lack of funding for community activities would present a barrier to good relations activity (p41)</p>
<p>2.16 Complementarity</p>	<p>This grant is supporting the capacity building of local community and voluntary sector groups in line with the Council’s Community Plan and priorities identified through the Community Support priorities.</p>
<p>2.17 Programme summary information 2024/2025</p>	<p>The Good Relations Programme Support Fund will support community relations and cultural diversity projects being delivered within local communities. It will be open for applications by local community groups and other organisations involved in reconciliation and cultural diversity. The aim of the fund is to promote good relations between people of different religious and political beliefs and different racial groups.</p> <p>Applications, up to a maximum of £2,000, will be welcomed under any or all of the four themes based on the Together: Building a United Community Strategy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our Children and Young People 2. Our Shared Community; 3. Our Safe Community; 4. Our Cultural Expression. <p>The programme aims to deliver financial assistance to successful organisations within Lisburn & Castlereagh thereby enhancing capacity for cross community dialogue and interaction. Applications will be required to demonstrate a contribution to one of more of the following objectives:</p>

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	<p>1.1: Improving attitudes of children from different backgrounds</p> <p>1.2: Young people engaging in bringing the community together</p> <p>2.1: Increased use of shared space and services (e.g. leisure centres, shopping centres, education, housing)</p> <p>2.2: Shared space is accessible to all</p> <p>3.1: Reduce the prevalence of hate crime and intimidation</p> <p>3.2: A community where spaces and places are safe for all</p> <p>4.1: Increase sense of community belonging (widens contribution beyond community background)</p> <p>4.2: Cultural diversity is celebrated</p> <p>The programme will consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promote the grant aid programme and answer any queries from groups - Deliver funding clinics and assistance with GR applications. - Develop a short GR introduction session that groups are invited to attend as part of the process to provide info on the grant scheme. - Monitor the OBA evaluation process for all grant aided projects - Undertake appropriate training for all those in receipt of grant aid such as OBA and GR policies. - Visit grant aided groups and monitor delivery of activities. - Ongoing promotion of funded programmes.
2.18 Potential to progress programme in 2025/2026	It is envisaged this grant will mirror how TEO fund the DCGRP and be awarded on a rolling basis upon the availability of funding. This will allow groups to embed good relations programmes within their communities.

2.01 PROGRAMME NAME	2.02 CODE
LCCC GOOD RELATIONS STEERING GROUP	LCCC6
2.02 KEY WORDS	Collaboration, services, mainstreaming
2.03 Contact details for programme staff	Community Services Community.services@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk

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	P: 028 9244 7713			
2.04 Total budgeted cost of programme (100%)	£0			
2.05 Total target no. of participants	Direct	20	Indirect	200
2.06 Budgeted unit cost of programme	£0			
2.07 Targeted participant background analysis	60 PUL/30 CNR/10 OTHER			
2.08 Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	Lagan Valley Island	Postcode	BT27 4RL
2.1 Programme plan – what difference do we want to make?				
2.11 T:BUC Key Priority	Our Shared Community			
2.12 T:BUC Outcome	1.2 Bringing Communities Together 2.2 Shared Space is accessible to all 3.2 A community where places and spaces are safe for all 4.1 An increased sense of community belonging.			
2.13 Project Level Outcome – This should relate to the Survey Question on the TEO outcomes spreadsheet.	An increase in the number of people taking part in shared groups/activities with others of a different background. An increase in the number of people who feel the area in which they live is welcoming to all. An increase in the number of people who prefer to live in a mixed religion neighbourhood. An increase in the number of people who feel safe attending events, activities and facilities in areas associated with different backgrounds. An increase in the number of people who feel a sense of belonging to their neighbourhood.			
2.14 Additional Project level Outcomes (optional)	Increase in understanding of good relations priorities by all staff within Council. An increase in the favourable feelings towards all members of the community regardless of background. Increase in opportunities for the whole community to come together and participate in joint activities through Council services and venues.			
2.15 Link to good relations audit	Consultation identified the need to engage people in civic and social life (p29) and for increased accessibility to shared community space (p29). Consultation also highlighted the need to raise the profile of the Good Relations programme within the area to build			

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	community confidence in the ability to create tangible outcomes (p30). The ability to further integrate Good Relations in civic services and facilities provision is therefore a priority.
2.16 Complementarity	Embedding Good Relations activities within Council structures, core services and facilities provision will aid community resilience and ensure the wider community is more empowered, harmonious and safe. The programme will thereby support the delivery of the LCCC Community Plan.
2.17 Programme summary information 2024/2025	<p>Development of a Good Relations Steering Group within Council which can advise on maximising good relations outcomes across all Council activities and services.</p> <p>Internal officers will be identified to form the Steering Group with the commitment of meeting on a regular basis to consider and advise on how good relations can be maximised through the delivery of all Council services and facilities.</p>
2.19 Potential to progress programme in 2025/2026	To be effective this programme / engagement structure needs to be embedded and become an integral part of Council activities in the planning and delivery of services on an ongoing basis.

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Our Safe Community

2.02 PROGRAMME NAME		2.02 CODE	
COMBATING HATE CRIME		LCCC7	
2.02 KEY WORDS	Racism, sectarianism, homophobia, analysis, reporting.		
2.03 Contact details for programme staff	Community Services Community.services@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk P: 028 9244 7713		
2.04 Total budgeted cost of programme (100%)	£0		
2.05 Total target no. of participants	Direct	50	Indirect 3000
2.06 Budgeted unit cost of programme	£0		
2.07 Targeted participant background analysis	60 PUL/30 CNR/10 OTHER		
2.08 Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	Lagan Valley Island	Postcode BT27 4RL
2.1 Programme plan – what difference do we want to make?			
2.11 T:BUC Key Priority	Our Safe Community		
2.12 T:BUC Outcome	3.1 Reduce the prevalence of hate crime and intimidation. 3.2 A community where places and spaces are safe for all. 4.1 Increased sense of community belonging.		
2.13 Project Level Outcome – This should relate to the Survey Question on the TEO outcomes spreadsheet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An increase in the number of people taking part in shared groups/activities with others of a different background. • An increase in the number of people who feel safe attending events, activities or facilities in areas associated with a different background. • An increase in the number of people who feel safe attending events/activities in an Orange Hall, GAA club or school of a different background. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An increase in the number of people who think town centres are safe and welcoming places for people from all walks of life.
<p>2.14 Additional Project level Outcomes (optional)</p>	<p>Reduction in hate crimes / crimes with a racist, sectarian, or homophobic motivation recorded within the Council area.</p> <p>Increased confidence and perception of inclusion and safety expressed by minority ethnic / LGTBQ / disabled residents.</p>
<p>2.15 Link to good relations audit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community consultation highlighted that some minority groups within the LCCC community are afraid to be open about their backgrounds for fear of rejection, intimidation and harassment. It was expressed that more needs to be done to ensure individuals are not subject to prejudice (p31). Consultees expressed there are remaining fears related to religious discrimination (p31). Racism was considered to be an issue within the wider community (p32). 38% of respondents to the on-line survey considered a hate crime reporting project to be a priority (p45).
<p>2.16 Complementarity</p>	<p>LCCC Community Plan aims to ensure the Council area is a place where everyone lives in empowered, harmonious, safe and welcoming communities. The priority actions identified include tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>The PCSP Action Plan highlighted the need to increase tolerance and understanding for people of different cultural and religious backgrounds.</p> <p>This programme has the potential to support both of these key priorities by engaging with those who are most vulnerable to exclusion and intimidation and by finding strategies / solutions to increase confidence and liaison with statutory agencies in identifying and dealing with the hidden areas of tension. The PCSP Action Plan identifies the need to address hate crime and promote inclusion.</p>
<p>2.17 Programme summary information 2024/2025</p>	<p>Development of a programme inclusive of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying at risk groups / areas of tension at local level Analysis of the actual extent of hate crime within the area (beyond official figures of reported crime)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and awareness campaign around the types of activities which constitute hate crime • Development of enhanced links with statutory stakeholders and community networks to combat causes and incidences of hate crime.
2.19 Potential to progress programme in 2025/2026	Needs analysis will identify the extent of the issue within LCCC and inform the key groups/locations where hate crime is active within the Council area. Based on this needs analysis the requirement for and orientation of future hate crime project activity will be evaluated for possible inclusion in future years action plan activities.

Our Cultural Expression

2.01 PROGRAMME NAME	2.02 CODE		
Cultural Celebrations Programme	LCCC8		
2.02 KEY WORDS	Culture, celebration, inclusion.		
2.03 Contact details for programme staff	Community Services Community.services@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk P: 028 9244 7713		
2.04 Total budgeted cost of programme (100%)	£5166.08		
2.05 Total target no. of participants	Direct	500	Indirect 1000
2.06 Budgeted unit cost of programme	£10.33		
2.07 Targeted participant background analysis	60 PUL/30 CNR/10 OTHER		
2.08 Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	Lagan Valley Island	Postcode BT27 4RL
2.1 Programme plan – what difference do we want to make?			
1.11 T:BUC Key Priority	4.OUR CULTURAL EXPRESSION		
2.12 T:BUC Outcome	4.1 Increase sense of community belonging. 4.2 Cultural diversity is celebrated.		
2.13 Project Level Outcome – This should relate to the Survey Question on the TEO outcomes spreadsheet.	An increase in the number of people who think that the culture and traditions of different religions and different ethnic backgrounds add to the richness and diversity of Northern Ireland.		

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	<p>An increase in the number of people who feel that they have a good understanding of different cultural traditions and backgrounds.</p> <p>An increase in the number of people who feel that their cultural identity is respected.</p> <p>An increase in the number of people who feel a sense of belonging to their neighbourhood.</p>
<p>2.14 Additional Project level Outcomes (optional)</p>	<p>Enhanced feelings of inclusion and acceptance of all community residents.</p>
<p>2.15 Link to good relations audit</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increasing awareness of different cultures and identities among the wider population and dispelling myths and misperceptions was raised as a priority by community consultees (p32). Consultees also expressed the need for positive cultural expression and increased understanding of culture and history, including the cultures of newcomer communities. 2. Consultees called for a wider expression of culture including a 12-month calendar mapping special events / holidays for other faiths/cultures and ensuring they are recognised in civic events and festivals (p32). 3. Recognising, understanding and celebrating all cultures in a positive and respectful manner through multi-cultural events and festivals was identified as the top priority related to cultural expression by 71% of respondents to the on-line survey. In addition, 59% considered education programmes for children to be a priority and 48% called for community exhibitions on culture and heritage (p46).
<p>2.16 Complementarity</p>	<p>The project complements the PeacePLUS Priorities in supporting positive cultural expression and reconciliation between communities.</p> <p>The project also supports the LCCC Community Plan in assisting to create a harmonious, safe and welcoming community where diversity is celebrated.</p>
<p>2.17 Programme summary information 2024/2025</p>	<p>Mapping of significant cultural/religious annual events for the cultures represented within the Council area and identification of opportunities to recognise/highlight these through civic activities.</p> <p>A Cultural Celebrations Programme – to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holocaust Memorial Day, • Ulster Scots Leid Week,

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irish Language Week and • others which may arise.
2.19 Potential to progress programme in 2025/2026	The programme should continue to evolve and grow in future annual action plan programmes with the potential to align with the wider events programme delivered within LCCC.

2.03 PROGRAMME NAME		2.02 CODE	
OUR PEOPLE, OUR SHARED HISTORY, OUR CURRENT EXPERIENCE		LCCC09	
2.02 KEY WORDS	Understanding, acceptance, history, culture, narratives		
2.03 Contact details for programme staff	Community Services Community.services@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk P: 028 9244 7713		
2.04 Total budgeted cost of programme (100%)	£3,000		
2.05 Total target no. of participants	Direct	500	Indirect 800
2.06 Budgeted unit cost of programme	£6.00		
2.07 Targeted participant background analysis	60 PUL/30 CNR/10 OTHER		
2.08 Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	Lagan Valley Island	Postcode BT27 4RL
2.1 Programme plan – what difference do we want to make?			
2.11 T:BUC Key Priority	Our Cultural Expression		
2.12 T:BUC Outcome	4.1 Increase sense of community belonging. 4.2 Cultural diversity is celebrated.		
2.13 Project Level Outcome – This should relate to the Survey Question on the TEO outcomes spreadsheet.	An increase in the number of people who think that the culture and traditions of different religions and different ethnic backgrounds add to the richness and diversity of Northern Ireland. An increase in the number of people who feel that they have a good understanding of different cultural traditions and backgrounds. An increase in the number of people who feel that their cultural identity is respected. An increase in the number of people who feel a sense of belonging to their neighbourhood.		

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2.14 Additional Project level Outcomes (optional)	Increased understanding of heritage and reduced segregation of communities on a religious / cultural basis.
2.15 Link to good relations audit	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increasing awareness of different cultures and identities among the wider population and dispelling myths and misperceptions was raised as a priority by community consultees (p32). Consultees also expressed the need for positive cultural expression and increased understanding of culture and history, including the cultures of newcomer communities. 2. 59% of respondents to the on-line community survey considered education programmes for children to be a priority and 48% called for community exhibitions on culture and heritage (p46).
2.16 Complementarity	<p>The project complements the Peace Plus Plan in supporting positive cultural expression and reconciliation between communities.</p> <p>The project also supports the LCCC Community Plan in assisting to create a harmonious, safe and welcoming community where diversity is celebrated.</p> <p>The programme also has the potential to complement the existing programmes of the Council Museum Service in raising awareness and educating communities on our shared heritage and history.</p>
2.17 Programme summary information 2024/25	Education programme for the community exploring our shared history, our cultures, and traditions and how those shape our community today.
2.19 Potential to progress programme in 2025/2026	This programme has the opportunity to showcase different elements of history, heritage and culture on an annual basis aligned to the cultural events programme, thereby offering participants the opportunity to increase learning and understanding.

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Action Plan Programme Outcome Summary Table 2024/25

Code (2.02)	Key Priority (2.11)	T:BUC Outcome (2.12)	Project Outcome difference between	Level –	No. direct participants (2.05)	Total Cost (2.04)	Post Code (2.09)
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			baseline and end of project(2.2)				
			Number	%			
LCCC1	C&YP	1.1 1.2			50	£0	BT27 4RL
LCCC2	C&YP	1.1 1.2 2.1			100	£2,000	BT16/BT27
LCCC3	C&YP	1.1 1.2 2.1			50	£2,500	BT27 4RL
LCCC4	ShC	1.1 1.2 3.1			100	£2,000	BT27/BT16
LCCC5	ShC	1.1 1.2 3.1 3.2			300	£20,000	BT67 / BT28/ BT16
LCCC6	ShC	1.2 2.1 2.2 3.2 4.1 4.2			20	£0	BT27/ BT67 / BT28/ BT16
LCCC7	SaC	2.1 3.1 4.1			50	£0	BT27/ BT67 / BT28/ BT16
LCCC8	CE	3.1 3.2 4.1			500	£5,166.08	BT27/ BT67 / BT28/ BT16
LCCC9	CE	4.1 4.2			500	£3,000	BT27/ BT67 /BT28/ BT16

Section 4

T:BUC Strategic Outcome

	C&YP	Shared community	Safe community	Cultural Expression	DCGRP Total
Total no. of programmes	3	3	1	2	9

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Total no. of direct participants	200	420	50	1000	1670
Unit cost of programme activity	£20 per person	£52.38 per person	£0	£8.166per person	£20.45 per person
Total cost of programmes	£4,000	£22,000	£0	£8166.08	£34,166.08

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

Item for:	Decision
Subject:	Lisburn & Castlereagh Age Friendly Strategy & Action Plan 2024-26

1.0	<u>Background</u>
1.1	Age Friendly is an integral part of LCCC Community Plan Action Plan under Theme 3: Health and Wellbeing. The supporting outcome for this theme is that 'older people age actively and more independently to stay well and connected' with an associated action for the council to secure World Health Organisation (WHO) Age-Friendly status.
1.2	In 2017 the Public Health Agency (PHA) awarded funding to this council to take the steps to support an application to the WHO to become part of its Age Friendly Global Network of Cities & Communities. On International Day of Older People in 2017 (1st October) the Chief Executive alongside the Mayor signed the declaration to the WHO declaring its commitment to establish the structures to become an Age Friendly City.
1.3	In March 2018, this council's application to be recognised as an Age Friendly City was accepted by the WHO and it became part of the Age Friendly Global Network of Cities and Communities. The steps taken in the process for a successful application were threefold:
1.4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish mechanisms to involve older people throughout the Age Friendly process; 2. Develop a baseline assessment of the age-friendliness of the area under eight WHO domains; and 3. Develop a 3-year council-wide Action Plan & identify measurements to monitor progress against this plan.
1.5	Through funding from the PHA, an Age Friendly Officer is employed by council with the main purpose (i) to work to an agreed set of objectives as specified by the PHA & (ii) drive the implementation of the WHO Age Friendly model strategically across LCCC and work with internal Council partners and external statutory and community / voluntary sector partners. This work is ongoing and funded by the PHA until December 2026.
1.6	<u>Key Issues</u>
1.7	In 2020 an Age Friendly Strategy & Action Plan was published which followed the steps outlined by the WHO as detailed above. The strategy and action plan were based on the 8 Age Friendly domains which WHO recommend as an area working towards becoming Age Friendly. The 8 domains are:

1. Outdoor Spaces and buildings
2. Transport
3. Housing
4. Social Participation
5. Social Inclusion
6. Civic Participation
7. Communication and information,
8. Community and Health service

1.8 LCCC area is recognised as having an ageing population with the demographic profile set to change significantly over the next 10-20 years (those aged 60+ is expected to rise to 52,320 by 2043). As a population we are growing older but this brings with it many challenges including a potential increase in isolation & loneliness, digital exclusion, and a diagnosis of health-related issues that can become barriers to living a healthy and fulfilling life in later years.

1.9 To re-affirm this council's commitment to improving the lives of older residents through membership of the WHO's Age Friendly Framework, council must ensure it is developing a revised Age Friendly Strategy & Action Plan every 3 years. By continuing the affiliation with the WHO, council is demonstrating it is leading from the front not only in addressing the challenges that an ageing population brings but also harnessing the opportunities that arise through community engagement opportunities, new community programmes and initiatives that will help improve the lives of LCCC residents.

1.10 **Age Friendly Strategy & Action Plan**

Attached at **Appendix 3** is a revised draft of an Age Friendly Strategy & Action Plan 2024-26 (please note that the Strategy and Action Plan is draft and will be subject to presentation and design alterations) which is based largely on the outcomes and findings of the Age Friendly Survey: Your Age, Your Community, Your Opinion. Carried out in 2022, this was the first survey of its kind in Lisburn & Castlereagh that asked people over the age of 50 what it is like to grow older in this area. Over 400 responses were received and the results have ensured a collaborative approach in developing the new actions and bringing new opportunities to residents to become more socially engaged with opportunities to help them age in their communities implementing an ethos of 'nothing about us without us.'

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1.12 Workshops were also held with the Age Friendly Forum, Age Friendly Alliance and Age Friendly Over 50's Forum to assist in prioritising the actions in the strategy and action plan.

1.13 Working on an inter-departmental basis alongside our voluntary and statutory partners, the Age Friendly Officer will oversee the implementation of the strategy and action plan to ensure all targets are met.

2.0 **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the committee note the content of this report and agree the adoption of the Age Friendly Strategy & Action Plan 2024-2026.

3.0	<p><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>Age Friendly Officer 100% funded by PHA (Public Health Agency) including minor programming costs.</p>	
4.0	<p><u>Equality/Good Relations and Rural Needs Impact Assessments</u></p>	
4.1	Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out?	No
4.2	<p>Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out.</p>	
4.3	Has a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) been completed?	No
4.4	<p>Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out.</p>	

Appendices:	Appendix 3 [Com] Draft Age Friendly Strategy & Action Plan
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Draft Age Friendly Strategy & Age Friendly Action Plan 2024-2026

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Foreword from Mayor



I welcome our second Age Friendly Strategy and Action Plan which outlines council's commitment to supporting our older people live active and engaged lives. They provide a valuable contribution to our communities as they age and this plan demonstrates Lisburn & Castlereagh's ambition as an Age Friendly place to live and grow older.

Lisburn and Castlereagh have an ageing population, illustrated by the 2021 census figures. This saw the 65+ year age band being the only age demographic to have increased since the 2011 census. The 65+ age band is 18% of the Lisburn and Castlereagh population. We anticipate population growth to be driven by the 65 to 84 (+66%) and 85+ (+153%) age cohorts by 2041. The implication of this is that by over the next 20 years, more than 25% of the population of Lisburn and Castlereagh is projected to be over the age of 65.

Over a five-year period, we agreed to deliver our Age Friendly initiative. This is 100% funded by the Public Health Agency (PHA) until December 2026. This initiative will meet objectives set by the PHA and strategically implement the World Health Organisation Age Friendly model within the Lisburn and Castlereagh area.

We are committed to improving citizen engagement methods and currently support an Age Friendly Over 50s Forum. We formed this to establish a way of communicating clearly with our ageing population regarding relevant organisational plans. The Over 50s Forum will:

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- interact with other organisations during a decision-making process
- provide a mechanism to engage, consult and listen to the concerns and experiences of residents in the area
- ensure adherence to the Age Friendly ethos of 'nothing about us without us'

Our Age Friendly Internal Working Group which consists of officers representing relevant areas of the council, ensures that departments are aware and taking action to ensure the needs of our ageing population are incorporated into departmental plans. With the correct internal Age Friendly approach, we can shape our city for older residents.

As an organisation we strive to improve the wellbeing of everyone in our communities. I look forward to the partner collaboration within Lisburn and Castlereagh that will make it an Age Friendly city to work, live and socialise.

Question & Answer with Age Friendly Champion (Cllr Gretta Thompson)



QQ1: What is an Age Friendly Champion?

A: An Age Friendly Champion ensures Older people are a priority in the Council's work and plans, while ensuring that people aged 50+ are at the heart of decision-making processes around the commissioning, planning and delivery of services for older people. The Age Friendly Champion will act as a 'voice' for the older people in the Council chamber while ensuring the diverse range of older people and the needs they have are understood and communicated. My role will be to work with Age Friendly Forum and Alliance within the existing Age Friendly structures and to support a joined-up approach to creating an age friendly Lisburn & Castlereagh.

Q2: How were you appointed as Age Friendly Champion?

I have recently been appointed as the Age Friendly Champion by Council.

Q3: Why should Lisburn and Castlereagh be an Age Friendly place to live?

A: Our ageing population is recognised. This means we need to address challenges and opportunities over the next 10-20 years. Failure to adapt to demographic change will result in high costs to our society both monetary and socially. In response to this, we are committed to improving Lisburn and Castlereagh through the World Health Organisation's Age Friendly Global Network Framework. This will positively impact our residents.

Q4: What is the aim of Age Friendly?

A: The Age Friendly initiative aims to encourage active and healthy ageing by optimising health, stimulating inclusion, and enabling wellbeing in older age. It encourages designing environments for older people. Interventions for delivering an Age Friendly community can help tackle some of the biggest challenges to healthy and active ageing, such as social isolation and loneliness, injuries and falls, inactivity, mental and physical ill health.

Q5: What is being done in Lisburn and Castlereagh to become Age Friendly?

A: Becoming Age Friendly is a several step process, set out by the World Health Organisation. The planning, implementation, evaluation and improvement aspects of Age Friendly is a continuous process. Planning for an Age Friendly Lisburn and Castlereagh has already seen the establishment of mechanisms to involve older people throughout the process. We have completed an Age Friendly survey directly engaging with people who are 50+. It had helped ascertain the age-friendliness of the council area and develop this three-year action plan endorsed by the Age Friendly Alliance.

The progress of the Age Friendly Action Plan is reported to the Lisburn & Castlereagh Strategic Community Planning Partnership as an integral action in the Community Plan Action Plan

Context

Age Friendly Cities & Communities

Age Friendly Cities & Communities are key to allowing all ages to actively participate in community activities.

Since 2017, we have been recognised as an Age Friendly City. This is a result of us setting out our intentions to the World Health Organisation to deliver a strategy and action plan in partnership with our older residents and likeminded local organisations..

Through our plans we aim to make Lisburn and Castlereagh a place:

- where everyone is treated with respect, regardless of their age
- that makes it easy to stay connected to those around you and those you love
- that helps people stay healthy and active, even at the oldest ages
- that helps those who can no longer look after themselves to live with dignity and enjoyment with their rights protected

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has established a global network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities that encourages active ageing by optimising opportunities for health, participation, and security.

An Age Friendly Community will:

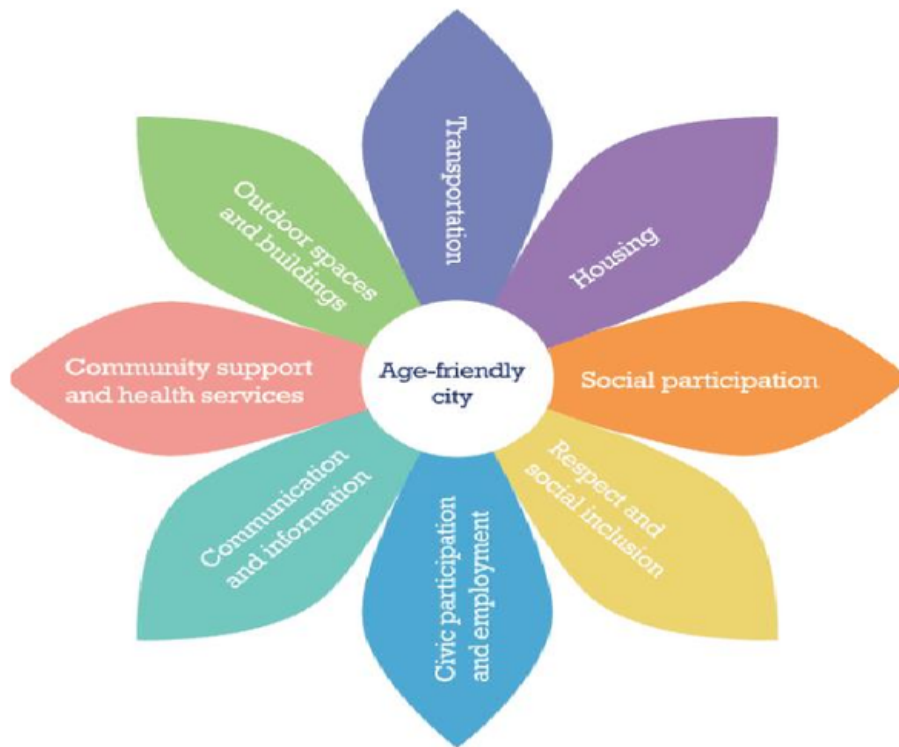
1. Establish mechanisms to involve older people throughout the Age Friendly process.
2. Develop a baseline assessment of the age-friendliness of the area under eight WHO domains.
3. Develop a 3-year council-wide action plan.
4. Identify measurements to monitor progress against this plan.

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council has undertaken the steps outlined and is now a member of the Global Age Friendly Cities and Communities.

There are eight Age Friendly domains which are designed to overlap and interact with one another. They overlap with the physical environment, social environment and public services.

The 8 Age Friendly Domains

1. Outdoor Spaces and buildings
2. Transport
3. Housing
4. Social Participation
5. Social Inclusion
6. Civic Participation
7. Communication and information
8. Community and Health service



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Figure 1: Age Friendly Cycle



Age On Stage at the bandstand in Wallace Park, Lisburn on a Friday morning for dance and exercise

Age Friendly locally & regionally

Since 2019, we have been part of the regional Age Friendly Northern Ireland Network; and are part of a 50 strong Network of Age Friendly Communities, facilitated by the UK Centre for Ageing Better.

This is our second Age Friendly Action Plan and covers the period 2024-26.

Strategic Community Planning Partnership

This group collectively works to deliver the actions of the Lisburn and Castlereagh Community Plan. This includes assessing the outcomes of the age friendly elements contained within it.

Age Friendly Alliance

Established in 2018, the Lisburn & Castlereagh Age Friendly Alliance brings together stakeholders responsible for supporting other people. These organisations include: PSNI, Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service, TADA (who represent and improve the wellbeing of rural communities) Belfast Health & Social Care Trust, South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust, Policing & Community Safety Partnership, Linking Generations, Lagan Valley Rural Transport, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Alzheimer's Society, Volunteer Now, Libraries NI, Translink and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive. **Age Friendly Internal Working Group**

To support the age friendly process, we have formed an Age Friendly internal working group. It focuses our directorates to work collaboratively on age friendly initiatives. This 'one council' approach has delivered such initiatives as Positive Ageing Month and appropriate service planning. An example of service planning is initiating an internal work plan to address the needs of our ageing population which will ensure service plans are followed and tracked through a Red, Amber, Green (RAG) approach.

Age Friendly Over 50s Forum

The Age Friendly Over 50s Forum is a consultative group to ensure people over the age of 50 are involved in the age friendly process. Members of the forum sit on the Age Friendly Alliance to ensure the voice of older people is represented.



Age Friendly Over 50s Forum met to discuss the Concessionary Fares Consultation at Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn.



Relevant Strategies

Public sector organisations, including councils, are working towards meeting strategies spearheaded by the Department for Communities (DfC).

These include:

- Active Ageing Strategy 2016-023
- Making Better Lives 2013 -23
- Translink: Better Connected
- NI Housing Executive: Older Peoples Housing Strategy 2021/22 to 2026/27
- DfC: Public realm/environmental improvement

The Active Ageing Strategy’s vision is to have Northern Ireland:

“being an age friendly region in which people, as they grow older, are valued, and supported to live actively to their fullest potential; with their rights respected and their dignity protected.”

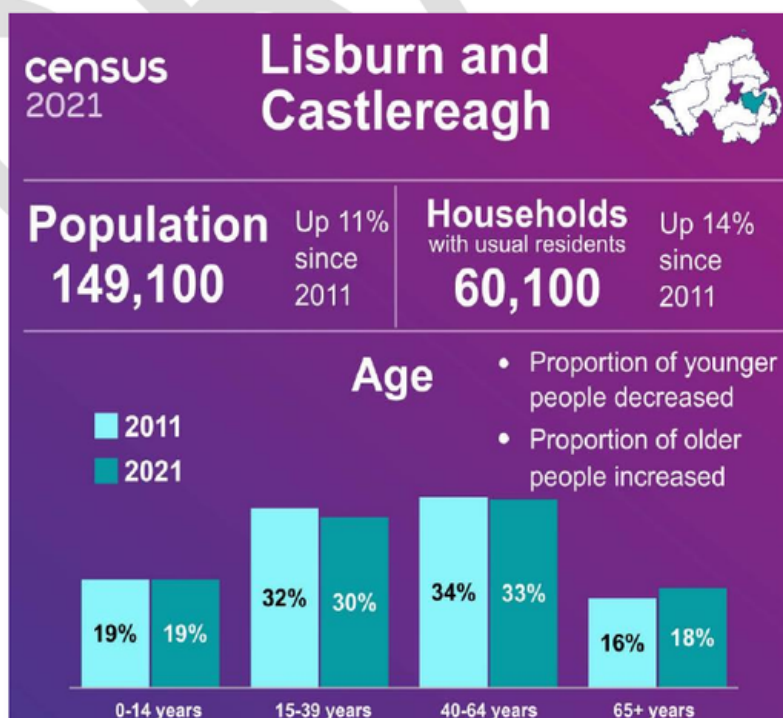
This is the basis of our Age Friendly Alliance.

We all want to encourage independence, participation, care and self-fulfilment amongst older people. Together we can achieve this over time.

Lisburn and Castlereagh Statistics

Population

Lisburn and Castlereagh has an ageing population. There has been a 2% increase between the 2011 and 2021 censuses.





As a city with an ageing population , we will work to help mirror the sentiment of the NI Housing Executive Older People’s Housing Strategy. Our Local Development Plan covers the need to plan for the future and ensure different housing options and models are available for older people. This will help support independent living.

Health

In the 2021 census, 53% of people aged 65+ stated their health was good/very good. This is a notable decline from the age band 40-65 year’s age band. This could be improved through offering support and self-management.

In Lisburn and Castlereagh through our programmes and funding opportunities we promote healthy eating and exercise to our older residents. Through promoting participation, we are enabling and empowering older people to participate actively in community life. These programmes deliver positive impacts on their health, wellbeing and happiness.

Loneliness

Loneliness can take different forms depending on chosen lifestyle. Some may:

- choose to be alone and live happily with limited contact with others
- have lots of social contact, be in a relationship or part of a family, and still feel lonely especially if you do not feel understood or cared for by the people around you

Engaging in social contact and relationships can have positive impacts on mental health and wellbeing.

The ‘Wellbeing in Northern Ireland Report 2021/22’ stated that **20.7%** of people in Lisburn and Castlereagh reported being lonely some of the time.

Crime

PCSPs (Policing and Community Safety Partnerships) are local bodies that work to make your community safer. They focus on the policing and community safety issues that matter most in the Lisburn & Castlereagh area. Statistics for 2022/23 regarding crime against older people 60+ can be seen in the table below.

Crime Against People 60+ Years	2021/22	2022/23
Violence against the person	225	178
Theft offences - Burglary	59	47
Theft offences (excluding Vehicle offences)	70	70
Criminal damage	109	93



Other offences	25	29
Total	488	417

We welcome the reduction in crime involving older people between 21/22 and 22/23. This can be positively linked to the work of the PSNI and PCSP delivering local solutions to local problems through interventions and awareness raising programmes.

Self-efficacy

The concept of self-efficacy is how capable a person feels they are to make decisions and influence events that affect their lives.

Statistics from 2021/22 health & Wellbeing report show that 21.4% of those aged 65+ within Lisburn and Castlereagh have low self-efficacy. We want to reduce this by encouraging these individuals to participate in programmes to increase their mental wellbeing, physical health such as training workshops, group activities etc. This is delivered locally through our Age Friendly Forum activities, awareness events and other programmes.

By improving confidence, we anticipate older people will feel more in control of decisions affecting them.

Dementia

Dementia is a progressive condition and can affect people of any age, but it is most common in older people. According to the Northern Health and Social Care Trust there are just over **20,000** people living with dementia in NI. This number is projected to **double by 2040**.

Due to the size of the older population in Northern Ireland, we will have the largest increase in the number of people living with dementia across the UK by 2040. Our Age Friendly Alliance will be lobbying for increased funding to implement a Regional Dementia Care Pathway. It will help individuals to obtain a diagnosis and get access to much-needed care and support.

Lisburn & Castlereagh Age Friendly Survey: Your Age, Your Community, Your Opinion

Community engagement is important to the council. We partnered with the Public Health Agency and two neighbouring councils in 2020 to get the views of our ageing population i.e. 50 years of age and over.

Over 1,270 people got involved in this first consultation of its kind to find out issues encountered locally by older residents. It was designed to address each of the eight Age Friendly Domains in turn, with supplemental questions posed on digital technology, finances and the impact of COVID-19.

We discussed the survey results with our Age Friendly Alliance and Age Friendly Over 50s Forum in sessions like this one pictured below.



Strategic Themes

Together we identified priorities for this action plan and agreed to device the 8 Age Friendly domains in 4 strategic themes which can be seen below. The following information is based around the 4 Age Friendly strategic themes.

- 1 **Community projects & services**
- 2 **Communication & information**
- 3 **Where we live & how we get around**
- 4 **Staying involved**

Theme 1: Community projects and services

Health and independence

To allow older people to remain healthy and independent in the community it is vital that projects and services are in place at a local level.

Services

We wanted to know if people were aware of available services to support them in their local area. The results were:

- 44% not aware
- 33% aware of some
- 23% aware of them

These figures indicated a need for us to action methods to address the sharing of knowledge on these services within this action plan.

Decision making is important for older people so in the survey we asked for feedback on how involved they felt they were in making informed decisions about services in their local community. The results were:

- 37% mostly yes
- 36% sometimes
- 28% mostly no

Given that a combined 73% felt they were mostly involved or sometime involved and 28% did not feel involved in making informed decisions about services in their local community, it highlighted a need for case studies and awareness raising activities. These actions should highlight the importance of getting involved in our community planning outreach sessions and our Over 50s Forum.

Health and exercise

According to the UK Chief Medical Officers' Guidelines, the recommended weekly exercise for older adults is at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise or 75 minutes of vigorous activity. This is alongside strengthening activities on two days per week.

To help shape our actions we asked the survey respondents how they felt their health was and how often they participated in physical activity.

It was positive to see a baseline figure of 44% considering their health and wellbeing to be good and 9% rating theirs as excellent. We hope our planned actions over the 2024/26 period will reduce the number that rated their health as fair/not so good from 44%.

In terms of frequency of physical exercise, the results stated:

Exercise frequency	Percentage of respondents
Daily	31%
A few times a week	40%
Once a week	9%
Once a month	2%
Rarely	15%
Never	3%

Alongside partner organisations we will work to provide programmes to encourage older residents to exercise. For those who may feel lonely, exercise-based activities can help them meet new people too.

Throughout Positive Ageing Month each October we host a variety of taster activities at our leisure facilities across the Lisburn and Castlereagh area. As a council we also offer concessionary prices for those over 60s on our Vitality Membership scheme which gives access to all our leisure facilities and classes.



Over 50s Fun & Fitness at Glenmore Activity Centre, Lisburn with Councillor Beckett, former Communities & Wellbeing Chairman



Theme 2: Communication and Information

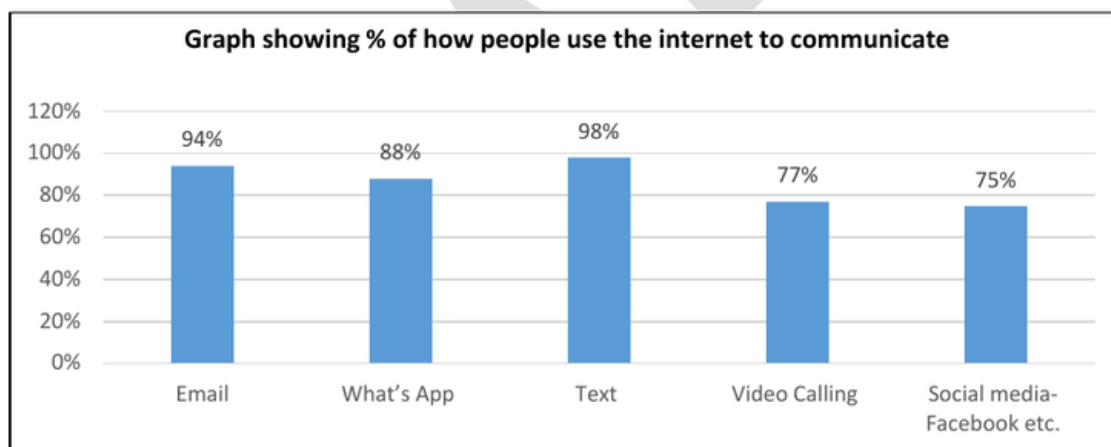
For active aging it is vital that people stay connected with what is happening in their area and get information in a timely manner. The provision of information also helps them to meet their life and personal needs.

Accessible information is important for age friendly communities to help them:

- stay connected
- engage in and contribute to their communities
- access support when needed

Many organisations across the public, private and third sector produce information that can help older people. Our survey aimed to find out how older people want to access information.

The results showed that online communication in various forms is popular with older residents as shown in the chart below.



When engaging with an older audience it is important to harness the information in the correct way. Our new user-friendly, accessible website launched in December 2023 has helped us achieve this for our services. The Over 50s Forum was one of the consultation groups during the testing stage.

It was reassuring to find that our research showed that 55% of the survey respondents liked to receive information by email. Such communication channels allow them to take their time to read the information and share it with others.

This statistic supports our recent move in 2023 to make our residents' magazine City Wide digital so it goes straight to the inbox of those who subscribe to it. We do however place a small number of hard copies in central community locations across Lisburn and Castlereagh.

Throughout 2023 and 2024 we hosted in person events to bring organisations together to provide information to our older residents and discuss any concerns they had with them. These events were popular as those who attended appreciated the availability of information and the chance to hear directly from experts in fall prevention, home safety, how to spot scams etc.

Theme 3: Where we live and how we get around

Earlier in this report we identified housing stock as being important for older individuals. Alongside the type of house, the following are essential to safety and wellbeing:

- access to community services to help us age safely and comfortably in our community
- ability to live independently
- feeling safe in home and not at risk of falling

To address these as a council we can:

- approve planning applications that meet the housing stock requirement of our Local Development Plan
- continue to deliver free home safety checks
- encourage other organisations to provide local services that help older residents keep living independently

Our survey showed that 82% of respondents placed extreme importance of living independently at home. Sadly, this is not always possible for reasons such as frailty, declining health or the loss of a spouse.

Above we have referenced the provision of local services and in the Lisburn and Castlereagh area there are many agencies and organisations that can help people remain in their homes as long as possible. Though 49% of respondents did not feel it was easy to get enough support at home as they age.

Once these services are no longer of benefit to older residents they may move into sheltered housing, residential or nursing homes depending on their personal needs.

Like all houses those of older people would require maintenance and home repairs at times. Our survey found that 57% of respondents did not feel it was easy to get home repairs as they age. The reasons behind this included trust in letting tradesmen into their home and the lack of subsidised schemes to keep hourly rate costs down.

Outdoor Spaces & Buildings

The outdoor environment, public buildings and outdoor spaces have a major impact on the mobility, independence and quality of life of our residents. Being able to access and enjoy public spaces helps us to 'age in place' and supports positive physical and mental wellbeing. As part of the Age Friendly survey certain opinions on the state of current provisions on parks and open spaces were noted. High among the satisfaction rates were the safety of public spaces and green spaces at 84% and 83% feel safe in outdoor spaces.

Through various research projects 'Green exercise' has been proven as a successful way to benefit mental and physical wellbeing when people can exercise outdoors.

Recreational walking has a greater effect and cognitive restorative effect for older people of poor mental health in green settings. In line with this evidence our Age Friendly Co-ordinator undertook a walking audit with our Over 50s Forum. This group walked around a few of our outdoor spaces including Glenmore Park Trail.

Those who took part in the audit had positive things to say about the council-owned green spaces within Lisburn and Castlereagh. The areas they were auditing on our behalf included accessibility, safety and cleanliness.

As a council we continue to undertake public realm works in Lisburn City Centre and our small settlements to provide improved lighting, road safety measures, wider footpaths and additional street furniture. These projects have been supported by central government departments.

Transport

Transportation, including accessibility and affordable public transport, is a key factor influencing active ageing. Being able to get to where we need to go is important to:

- stay connected with friends and family
- help to avoid feelings of loneliness
- promote wellbeing
- encourage civic engagement
- aid access to community and health services

The public transport network is improving but there is still plenty that can be done. Translink has outlined its plans within its 'Better Connected' strategy. It states:

"Our mission is to lead the transformation of transport in Northern Ireland: we will create the advanced public transport services and integrated networks which connect people and communities, enhance the economy, and improve health and the environment."

Translink's plans on 'Connecting Communities' was welcomed by the Commissioner for Older People Northern Ireland (COPNI).

As a council we are committed to working alongside Translink to enhance public transport in our area. Through the planning process we have approved plans to enhance the Park and Ride at Moira Train Station and the reopening of the Knockmore Train Halt.

In terms of public buses through the Infrastructure Pillar of Belfast Region City Deal there will be investment in a range of projects to connect people to opportunities and services through enhanced and sustainable infrastructure.

Subject to NI Executive approval, it is the ambition of the Belfast Region City Deal to bring forward the Belfast Rapid Transit Phase 2. If successful this expansion to the rapid transport network will provide a high-quality passenger experience north to Antrim and Newtownabbey and south to Lisburn and Castlereagh .

Within our area those who took part in our survey advised that:

- 85% drive themselves
- 19% walk
- 18% rely on family and friends
- 17% use the bus
- 9% take the train
- 6% take a taxi
- 4% cycle

- 1% use a moped/scooter

Such a high percentage of older residents driving is a positive as it enables them to participate in civic life. However, over time people may have to give up driving for health reasons. This is when public transport become even more important as it helps them stay connected and access support services. We do not want to see people become lonely and isolated when they can no longer drive safely.



Rapid Transport – The Glider network

Theme 4: Staying Involved

Staying involved is about participating in leisure, social, cultural, spiritual, and volunteering activities in the community. It allows older people to continue to exercise their independence and enjoy respect and esteem.

Age UK promotes an inclusive society where everyone, including all older people, are treated with dignity and respect. This will not only benefit older people but will also help to develop greater social cohesion, tolerance, stability and prosperity in the wider society.


As we age, people often experience conflicting types of behaviour towards them with many feeling they're respected yet others feel there is a lack of consideration for them and their needs. The World Health Organisation sees an Age friendly community as one that includes education about ageing, inter-generational activities, and respectful and inclusive services.

Our survey acknowledged that 69% of people felt they were treated with respect. A combined 32% felt they were sometimes or mostly not treated with respect, which could include groups of lonely or isolated residents.

Within our council we undertake intergenerational projects that bring together members of our Youth Council and older people. This helps them understand how together they can help shape our community and give a voice to their generations.

The survey also highlighted a need to ensure the needs of older people are met in their communities. Through community-based funding including hardship grants we encourage local groups to deliver projects to encourage engagement and address isolation.




 <h2>Community Projects & Services</h2>	<p>Ensuring there are appropriate projects and services in the community is vital to helping people stay connected, engaged, and enables people to contribute to their community and access support when they need it.</p>
<p>Supporting Outcomes</p>	<p>How might the Age Friendly Alliance achieve this...</p>
<p>a. An ageing population has the knowledge they need to make informed choices regarding their own health and wellbeing.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure activities and events across the Lisburn and Castlereagh area are being registered through social prescribing schemes, therefore ensuring people who are most vulnerable are connected into services. All Age Friendly Alliance partner’s activities are added to the Social Prescribing Scheme.
<p>b. An ageing population has access to the information and activities necessary to reach national guidelines for physical activity.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Showcase what services are available to people in local communities, to ensure residents have the information they need to make informed decisions that will make a difference to their lives. Identify gaps in service provision and target areas where services are underrepresented. Hold information roadshows across the council area to promote available community projects and services to residents, so they can make informed choices regarding their health and wellbeing.
<p>c. Programmes that support people to adopt more active, healthy, and social lifestyles resulting in better health outcomes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Expand activities that are aimed at older residents to ensure they are meeting the recommended physical activity levels set by the Chief Medical Officer of 150 minutes moderate activity or 75 minutes of vigorous activity per week and build strength on at least two days per week e.g. increase Active Ageing programmes across the Lisburn and Castlereagh area.



<p>d. People feel included in society where the stigma of ageing is reduced through a calendar of events during Positive Ageing month.</p>	<p>4. Celebrate the contribution of an ageing population by organising a festival of activities throughout Positive Ageing month in October each year. Positive Ageing month gives people the opportunity to sample activities, taster sessions and informative talks, advice that will help develop knowledge and promote a more socially engaged and active lifestyle.</p>
<p>e. Rural areas have same access to projects and services that are in urban areas and are supported</p>	<p>5. Age Friendly Alliance partners will provide Community Development Support to older people's community groups, advice and guidance to community groups on funding, policies, project management and activities and signposting. Provide a monthly newsheet with funding, training and socialising activities and good news stories.</p>

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 <h2>Communication & Information</h2>	<p>Staying connected with events and people and getting timely, practical information to manage life and meet personal needs is vital for ageing actively. Age Friendly communities have relevant information that is readily accessible for an ageing population with varying capacities and resources.</p>
<p>Supporting Outcomes</p>	<p>How might the Age Friendly Alliance achieve this...</p>
<p>a) An ageing population can access services through a care pathway approach to ensure they are accessing the projects and services that gives them the information they need to make informed decisions regarding their health and wellbeing.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create a pathway for server user engagement, to help alleviate isolation & loneliness by offering a tailored range of programmes and activities catered to our needs as we age. As we age, we have interests that are not a one size fits all approach. By creating a service pathway for ageing residents, we can curate a pathway into health and wellbeing through physical activity programmes from arts, history, green therapy, and outdoor activities e.g. horticulture programmes, walks, physical activity, community of interest groups.
<p>b) An ageing population can access digital IT training to ensure they are not left behind through digital exclusion.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Community initiatives that reach out to the community to upskill in digital technology ensuring we can use devices as we age to keep us connected and engaged. A focused effort on engaging an ageing population who have a fear of being left behind with technology e.g. digital devices roadshows to engage local communities to be aware of scams and also how to embrace being online through e-newspapers, how to take photos etc.
<p>c) People who are digitally excluded are able to access information through hard copies on services that are relevant to them.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Respect people’s right not to be online and make allowances for that, by ensuring there is printed copies and versions of information that is able to reach a wider audience of us not online. E.g. Age Friendly magazine of services that are available through local venues such as churches, leisure, and community facilities, which is updated annually.



<h2>Where We Live & How We Get Around</h2>	<p>As we age being able to access and enjoy public spaces is an important aspect of physical and mental wellbeing, which are attractive and free from anti-social behaviour. Transportation, including accessibility and affordable public transport, is a key factor influencing active ageing. Housing is essential to safety and wellbeing. There is a link between appropriate housing and access to community and social services in influencing the independence and quality of life of older people.</p>
	<p>How might the Age Friendly Alliance achieve this...</p>
<p>Supporting Outcomes</p>	<p>Outdoor Spaces</p>
<p>a) An ageing population have access to good quality outdoor spaces which they have helped to shape and design.</p> <p>b) There is a register of walk leaders and walking routes established across the council's parks & open spaces.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As we age our parks and community spaces are accessible to all ages. By continually assessing our parks and open spaces we can recommend improvements to local parks and community spaces, through an Age Friendly walking audit. This will ensure areas are accessible and are designed for people as they age. 2. Age Friendly will ensure there is a mapping exercise of walking groups/routes across the council area. The aim will be to promote and establish walking groups where residents can join and be enjoy outdoor spaces by residents. The Age Friendly Alliance will work to promote more walk leaders and increase more walking routes across the Lisburn and Castlereagh area.
<p>c) There is confidence in public transport that encourages more people to use public transport.</p>	<p>Transport</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Age Friendly will ensure representation on relevant body groups that represents the interests of older people e.g. the Transport Advisory Committee. It advises government on issues that affect the mobility of deaf people, disabled people, and older people. 4. Age Friendly will work with organisations such as Translink to improve service user experience through ongoing engagement to improve services online and offline.

<p>d) Older people benefit from support to find housing solutions through adaptations along with wraparound services which help people to stay living in their home as long as possible.</p>	<p>Housing</p> <p>5. The Age Friendly Alliance will ensure there is floating support to implement warmer homes, boiler replacement, adaptations and use assistive technology where appropriate, which will be tracked and implemented through the Older People Housing Strategy and reported progress through the Age Friendly Alliance and Age Friendly Forum.</p>
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 <p>Staying Involved</p>	<p>Staying involved is about participating in leisure, social, cultural, spiritual and volunteering activities in the community, which allows an ageing population to continue to exercise their independence and to enjoy respect and esteem.</p>
<p>Supporting Outcomes</p>	<p>How might the Age Friendly Alliance achieve this...</p>
<p>a) Over 50s have a voice and input into the decision-making process on issues which affect them.</p>	<p>1. Develop a proportional representative voice for people 50 years + and build capacity across the council District Electoral Areas (DEAs) to ensure the voice of older people is heard and ensure the ‘nothing about us without us ethos’.</p> <p>The Age Friendly Alliance can achieve this by supporting a robust consultative forum for people aged 50 + years of age who can be engaged and consulted with on issues that will directly affect an ageing population.</p>
<p>b) An ageing population can contribute through various volunteering roles to support and give back to their local communities.</p>	<p>2. Recognise the importance and impact of volunteering by develop volunteering opportunities for people 50 years + across the Lisburn and Castlereagh area, to ensure an ageing population is able to contribute to their communities and share their knowledge and experience in a meaningful way. Age Friendly will also work to develop new volunteering roles by creating community champions, as a welcome service for people who are becoming more engaged in civic life.</p>
<p>c) Lisburn and Castlereagh is a Dementia Friendly council area where people living with dementia are visible and stigma around dementia is reduced.</p>	<p>3. The Age Friendly Alliance will work to develop a Dementia Friendly Partnership across the Lisburn and Castlereagh area and will work towards ensuring local communities have the information on services and activities available through local community hubs located across the council area.</p>
<p>d) Support the growth of an Age Friendly society through connecting older and younger people.</p>	<p>4. Age Friendly Alliance will achieve this by connecting local youth centres and care homes together with the aim of breaking down barriers, developing positive attitudes towards an ageing population and break down the stigma of ageing.</p>
<p>e) Ensure residents feel safe in their homes and in their communities through practical and preventative measures.</p>	<p>5. Reflect priority policing and community safety issues across Lisburn & Castlereagh through ongoing engagement and consultation on policing and community safety. Deliver 4 tier security scheme to vulnerable groups, deliver sessions to raise awareness of scams in local communities and deliver crime prevention initiatives.</p>

<p>f) Create environments where it is seen as essential to value an ageing working population.</p> <p>g) Local business considers Age Friendly approaches to ensure an ageing population has appropriate measure in place while shopping.</p>	<p>6. Encourage employers to sign up to the Age Friendly Employers Pledge, which is a nationwide programme for employers that recognise the importance and the value of older workers in a multi-generational workplace. Age Friendly will also work with local businesses to adapt their services and to encourage and attract older people to shop.</p> <p>7. Encourage businesses to take Age Friendly approaches to ensure they are adapting services to an ageing population, where older people's needs are considered in the following areas: Customer Care – older people would like staff in stores to be friendly, polite and give them extra time when needed.</p> <p>8. Communication information: Services should be straightforward and easy to find. Accessibility and signage: older people should be able to move easily around premises with adequate seating and facilities.</p>
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Committee:	Communities and Wellbeing Committee
Date:	03rd September 2024
Report from:	Head of Communities

Item for:	Decision
Subject:	Consultation Response – Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) - Building Safer Communities Together: Community Safety Strategy 2025-2030

1.0	<u>Background</u>
1.1	<p>On 8 July 2024 the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) published its draft Community Safety Strategy 2025-2030. The consultation period will run for 12 weeks from 8 July 2024 until 30 September 2024. The document can be viewed using the following link:</p> <p>The Housing Executive - Consultations (nihe.gov.uk)</p>
1.2	<u>Key Issues</u>
1.3	<p>The NIHE is seeking views on its Community Safety Strategy, which adopts a comprehensive, multifaceted approach to address anti-social behaviour (ASB) through engaging with residents, fostering collaborative partnerships and utilising evidence-based interventions. The Housing Executive states it is committed to fostering a culture of mutual respect, responsibility and pride within its housing communities.</p>
1.4	The strategic priorities are:
1.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building community confidence – working to build community confidence to assist the organisation in tackling ASB. • Ensuring local solutions – ensuring efforts to tackle ASB are relevant to the needs of local communities. • Working together – working closely with other agencies to improve community safety in Housing Executive estates.
1.6	<p>A draft response from Council is attached at Appendix 4 for Members' consideration. In summary, we are agreeing with all the principles in the Strategy but have recommended the strengthening of the following:</p>
1.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with residents; • Communication about anti-social behaviour – how to report incidents and what to expect through the process; • Support for tenants with additional needs and those whose first language is not English; • Collaborative working with statutory, voluntary and community partners to identify local solutions to local issues.

2.0	<p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <p>It is recommended that Members approve the response attached at Appendix 4 for submission before the consultation period closes on 30 September 2024.</p>	
3.0	<p><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>	
4.0	<p><u>Equality/Good Relations and Rural Needs Impact Assessments</u></p>	
4.1	Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out?	N/A
4.2	<p>Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions or rationale why the screening was not carried out.</p> <p>EQIA screening of the proposed Community Safety Strategy 2025-2030 is the responsibility of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive.</p>	
4.3	Has a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) been completed?	N/A
4.4	<p>Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions or rationale why the screening was not carried out.</p> <p>It will be the responsibility of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive to complete the RNIA on its Community Safety Strategy 2025-2030.</p>	

Appendices:	Appendix 4 [Com] Consultation Response - NIHE Community Safety Strategy 2025-2030
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Community Safety Strategy 2025 - 2030

Consultation Response

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1	Do you agree with the vision of 'Building safer communities together'	YES
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Further Comments:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council welcomes NIHE's recognition that community safety is a shared responsibility amongst housing authorities, law enforcement, statutory agencies, voluntary and community sectors, tenants and communities themselves. A multi-agency approach will result in

safer, more resilient communities thereby improving the quality of life for everyone in local communities.

<p>2</p>	<p>Do you agree with Aim 1 and the relevant principles that will guide the delivery of the Strategy?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">YES</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%;"></div>
<p>Aim 1</p>	<p>Build Community Confidence</p>	<p>In order to build community confidence it is important that engagement with residents is strengthened. Regular communication about ASB, its underreporting and information about how to report incidents will help increase awareness and trust amongst Housing Executive tenants.</p> <p>The Housing Executive needs to support its communities by providing information outlining the process for reporting ASB. Tenants should be aware of how to report incidents, what to expect after a report has been made and how to access updates throughout the process. Improved communication is extremely important to empower communities to help reduce ASB in their neighbourhoods.</p> <p>Consideration should also be given to further support mechanisms for tenants with additional needs and language barriers for those whose first language is not English.</p> <p>Tenants need to feel supported and reassured that the NIHE will respond appropriately to ASB where it occurs in their estates.</p>
<p>1:1</p>	<p>Residents and Communities will report issues to us, confident that we will respond to ASB in their areas.</p>	<p>As stated above improved frequency and quality of communications with tenants will empower them to report ASB as it occurs.</p> <p>Tenants should be guided through the process and reassured that it is confidential to alleviate any concerns or fear of intimidation. They need assurances of the confidential nature of reporting and advised of any potential</p>

		<p>implications eg will the person know who has reported a complaint against them?</p> <p>To improve confidence in reporting ASB residents need to be fully informed of the process. They need to know how to report an incident, how they can access feedback and ideally have a point of contact regarding their complaint.</p> <p>The NIHE has a range of statutory and non-statutory interventions as its disposal to deal with ASB. Communities need to be reassured that it will respond appropriately by using these measures to tackle ASB issues.</p>
1:2	<p>Residents and Communities are engaged and informed about community safety issues and the action we have taken in their area.</p>	<p>Regular communication with tenants is vital to raise awareness of ASB. Anonymised case studies should be used to highlight action taken in local areas. Evidence of cases resolved will be key in building confidence and creating stronger communities.</p>

3	<p>Do you agree with Aim 2 and the relevant Principles that will guide the delivery of the Strategy?</p>	<p>YES</p>
Aim 2	<p>Ensuring local solutions to Local issues</p>	<p>Over the years the NIHE has worked collaboratively with communities in addressing local issues impacting community safety. It is important that the NIHE builds upon this localised approach when responding to the needs of communities to strengthen and build confidence in neighbourhoods.</p> <p>Addressing community safety concerns, engaging with residents and fostering collaborative partnerships will encourage communities in helping to tackle emerging local issues. Continued use of this methodology will ensure local solutions to local problems are identified thereby creating stronger and more resilient communities.</p>

2.1	Interventions / Resolutions are designed to respond to the needs of communities	<p>To deliver this aim within the Strategy, we encourage the NIHE to build upon its engagement with local communities. This will help develop its understanding of emerging issues and assist in the development of local solutions.</p> <p>Engagement with PCSPs, ASB Forums, community/voluntary sector, housing associations, local councils, PSNI and other statutory agencies will assist the NIHE in designing local interventions specific to the needs of communities.</p> <div data-bbox="507 573 1083 696" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 55px; width: 361px;"></div>
4	Do you agree with Aim 3 and the relevant Principles that will guide the delivery of the Strategy?	<p>YES</p>
Aim 3	Working Together	<p>Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council agrees with Aim 3 of the strategy. Working with partner organisations and communities to tackle ASB and hate crime will create safer places for tenants to live.</p>
3.1	Communities are assured we are working together with partners across Statutory, Voluntary and Community Sectors to achieve best outcomes for tenants and Communities.	<p>A partnership approach in identifying emerging needs and the development of innovative interventions is welcomed. No one organisation can solve ASB issues alone. Working with PCSPs, PSNI, Youth Justice, Social Services, Education, Councils and the voluntary/community sector will allow the NIHE to take a more joined up approach in tackling community safety concerns. Working together with partners will assist the NIHE in improving community resilience, support victims of ASB and challenge the behaviour of perpetrators.</p> <p>In addition to working with its statutory, voluntary and community partners there is also the need for central government to have a role in addressing community safety concerns to achieve the best possible outcomes for tenants and communities.</p>

5	What do you believe should be prioritised in the strategic Action Plan?
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Further Comments:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council believes that in order for Strategy to work successfully the strategic aim of building community confidence should be prioritised in the Action Plan. Engagement with residents, building community confidence and strengthening trust is key in delivering the outcomes of the strategy. Tenants need to feel supported and have confidence that the NIHE has the resources and capacity to respond and deal effectively with community safety issues.

6	Do you agree with the definitions of Community safety?	YES
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Further Comments:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council agrees with the NIHE definitions of community safety. The concept is about people being safe and feeling safe in their community. Everyone has the right to be and feel safe where they live, work and visit.

Tackling community safety issues and in particular anti-social behaviour, is recognised as a multifaceted responsibility and priority for statutory, voluntary and community based organisations. A shared approach to problem solving will ensure effective early intervention and prevention measures at a local level.

7	Is there anything you feel hasn't been included?	NO
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Further Comments:

No further comments.

Committee:	Communities & Wellbeing Committee
Date:	03rd September 2024
Report from:	Head of Communities

Item for:	Noting
Subject:	Community Bursary Scheme 2024/25 – Outcomes to Date

1.0	<u>Background and Key Issues</u>	
1.1	The DEA Local Investment Programme 2024/25 was recommended for approval and agreed at the March meeting of Council. It included a proposal for a Community Bursary Scheme which aims to support individuals with access to progression routes for sport, music, language and/or cultural activities.	
1.2	Members agreed the criteria for the Community Bursary Scheme in April 2024 alongside delegated authority to the Head of Communities, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Communities & Wellbeing Committee to approve applications received on an ongoing basis as they are received within the cycle of the fund. It was also agreed to provide an update to this committee through the Noting Schedule on all applications and outcomes of the assessments in the month in which the applications are assessed, or as soon as thereafter.	
1.3	The Scheme opened in May 2024 and currently 6 applications have been received and assessed. Details of these are outlined in the associated Appendix 5 .	
2.0	<u>Recommendation</u>	
	It is recommended that Members note the attached Community Bursary Scheme outcomes.	
3.0	<u>Finance and Resource Implications</u>	
	£4,650 awarded to date to the 6 applicants - as agreed through the DEA investment Programme 2024/25.	
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
	This is a programme update report only.	
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?	N/A
	This is a programme update report only.	
4.4	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions or rationale why the screening was not carried out.	

Appendices:

Appendix 5 - Community Bursary Scheme – Table of Outcomes

Community Bursary Scheme - Table of Outcomes

Individual or Organisation	Area of Application	Detail of course	Requested Amount	Outcome
Individual	Sport	Olympic Skeet shooting competing at Local, National and International level	£1,000	Approved
Organisation	Arts/Culture	Battlefield Tour to France - Historical group trip	£1,000	Approved
Individual	Sport	Competitive boxing to represent Ireland	£1,000	Approved
Individual	Arts/Culture	Gaeltacht	£300	Approved
Organisation	Community Development	DDP Training - trauma development training	£350	Approved
Individual	Volunteering	Volunteer placement in Argentina	£1,000	Approved

Committee:	Communities and Wellbeing
Date:	03rd September 2024
Report from:	Head of Communities

Item for:	Noting
Subject:	Irish Linen Centre & Lisburn Museum – (1) One of 23 UK arts and heritage organisations selected to participate in ART Fund Going Places Programme (2) Heritage Crafts Association Presidents Award for Endangered Crafts - Dying Trades Awards – Shortlisting

1.0	<u>Background and Key Issues</u>
1.1	The Irish Linen Centre & Lisburn Museum successfully applied to participate in the development phase of ART Fund’s Going Places Programme to collaborate with other UK heritage organisations to share collections and engage wider audiences.
1.2	The development phase of the Going Places Programme is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Lisburn Museum has partnered with Carmarthenshire Museum Service (Wales), the Highland Life Museum and Inverness Museum and Art Gallery (Scotland) to create the ‘Communities of Making’ Network.
1.3	In collaboration with our network partners, an activity plan with estimated costs is being prepared to support a further bid ‘Communities of Making’ by ART Fund to National Lottery Heritage fund to finance a delivery phase programme from 1 January 2025 to 29 December 2029.
1.4	If successful, Lisburn Museum will develop a textile related community engagement programme and co-curate, with network partners, two travelling exhibitions over the 5 year programme.
1.5	By engaging and sharing knowledge and skills with our partners and their audiences, Lisburn Museum could highlight the national and international importance of the museum’s textile collection and showcase damask handloom weaving on 19 th century looms.
1.6	Heritage Crafts Association Presidents Award for Endangered Crafts
1.7	Following the submission of an application on behalf of Donna Campbell, the Museums temporary handloom weaver, we have been advised that Donna has been selected as one of three finalists for the Heritage Crafts Association Presidents Award for Endangered Crafts.
1.8	The winner of the award will receive £3000 which if successful would be used to purchase a license and training for design software that would allow Donna, museum visitors and schools to design napkins for weaving on the Museum’s 19 th century Jacquard looms.

1.9	Donna is one of only 3 finalists from 21 applicants across the UK. The winner will be announced at a high profile Winners' Reception at Eltham Palace, London, on 26 November 2024.	
1.10	It is recommended that the cost of attendance at the ceremony for both Donna and the chairman or his representative is supported by Council.	
2.0	<p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <p>It is recommended that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the content of this report is noted in respect of an update on the Going Places Programme 2. the costs incurred for the attendance of the temporary handloom weaver, Donna Campbell, appropriate Officers and Chairperson of the committee or his representative, are covered to ensure attendance at the awards ceremony in London on 26 November 2024. 	
3.0	<p><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>It is anticipated the "Communities of Making" network funding bid will be approximately £425,000. This funding includes centralised costs and each museum service will receive approximately £80,000 to deliver a community engagement programme and two travelling exhibitions (co-curated by network partners) over the five year programme.</p>	
4.0	<p><u>Equality/Good Relations and Rural Needs Impact Assessments</u></p>	
4.1	Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out?	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?	N/A
4.4	<p>Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out.</p> <p>A screening exercise will form part of the overall programme.</p>	

Appendices:	N/A
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Committee:	Communities & Wellbeing
Date:	3rd September 2024
Report from:	Head of Parks & Amenities (Acting)

Item for:	Decision
Subject:	Use of Wallace Park – 31st May 2025 Use of Wallace Park & Queen Elizabeth II playing fields – 12 July 2025

1.0	<u>Background and Key Issues</u>
1.1	A request has been received from the Junior Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland seeking permission to use Wallace Park on Saturday 31st May 2025. This is for the purpose of hosting an event to mark the centenary of Junior Orangeism in Ireland. It is anticipated that the event will attract 4-5,000 participants and spectators. A copy of the correspondence is attached as Appendix 1.
1.2	A request has been received from the South Antrim Combine of Orange Districts to host the annual 12 th of July 2025 celebrations at Wallace Park and Queen Elizabeth II playing fields (The Brambles). Wallace Park will be used as the assembly field and Queen Elizabeth II playing fields as the demonstration field. Access to Wallace Park and Queen Elizabeth II playing fields will be required on the 11 July 2025 to allow for set up of the event. A copy of correspondence is attached as appendix 2.
1.3	The Committee has a long-standing practice of granting the use of its parks and open spaces for events. Over the summer period, authority was granted for the hosting of two successful events on Council property, i.e., the South Antrim Combine 12th July Demonstration at Killeaton Open Space, and the Lisburn Féile Fun Day on 26th July at Wallace Park.
1.4	Should the Committee approve the request, the following conditions would need to be met to the satisfaction of the Council's Safety Advisory Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That appropriate large-scale event management and risk assessment plans are in place; and 2. That all statutory health and safety requirements are met, and that adequate public liability insurance is in place. <p>In accordance with the Council's small-scale infrastructure support policy, it is anticipated that support would be provided to the organisers to ensure that health and safety requirements are met to enable the successful holding of the event.</p>
2.0	<u>Recommendation</u> <p>It is recommended that Members consider and approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the request from the Junior Grand Orange Lodge and South Antrim Combine of Orange Districts, subject to the conditions set out under 1.4 being met to the Council's satisfaction.

3.0	<p><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>It would be anticipated that small-scale costs would be incurred in the provision of staff support for the event as set out within the infrastructure support policy.</p>	
4.0	<p><u>Equality/Good Relations and Rural Needs Impact Assessments</u></p>	
	<p>Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out?</p> <p>The documentation can be viewed here.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
	<p>Summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out</p> <p>All Council open spaces are welcoming to those from a S.75 background</p>	<p>N/A</p>
	<p>Has a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) been completed?</p>	<p>No</p>
	<p>Summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out.</p> <p>Wallace Park is an open space which is accessible within Lisburn City.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

<p>Appendices:</p>	<p>Appendix 1 – Letter Request Appendix 2 – Request for Use of Wallace Park & Queen Elizabeth II playing fields</p>
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Junior Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland

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Junior Orange Association of Ireland / Approved by the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland
Schomberg House, 368 Cregagh Road, Belfast, BT6 9EY

Monday, 5th August 2024

To,

[REDACTED]

Lisburn Castlereagh Council

Dear [REDACTED];

I am writing on behalf of the Junior Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland to seek your assistance in securing permission to use Wallace Park in Lisburn on Saturday 31st May 2025. This will allow the Junior Grand Lodge to host a parade commemorating the centenary of organised Junior Orangeism in Ireland, established in 1925.

During our time in Wallace Park, we plan to entertain members, bands, and families, and would like to invite traders, caterers, and cultural and educational stalls to participate. Additionally, we wish to provide various activities for our members, including games and possibly funfair-style attractions.

We also request the use of the car park at Wallace Park for disabled and emergency services parking. We are committed to ensuring that as many members as possible can participate in this joyful event, which this would help facilitate.

Furthermore, we hope the council can assist by providing extra bins and any additional support to manage the increased use of the park on that day.

We look forward to a favourable response from you and your fellow councillors.

Yours sincerely and fraternally

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Grand Secretary





LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Leisure & Community Wellbeing

Parks & Amenities

Outdoor Events Booking Request Form

Booking details (Please complete in Block Capitals)

1. **Venue and Address** (please specify the location of the proposed event)

There are two venues involved with this event.

The Wallace Park will be required on the 11th July 2025 between the hours of 6-00pm to 9-00pm for set-up of crowd barriers to designate and segregate the areas where the outlying Districts will form up, and to sign post these areas. It will be required on the 12th July 2025 between the hours of 10-00am and 1-30pm for the District Lodges of the South Antrim Combine to assemble prior to the start of the 12th July Orange Order parade which will be scheduled to leave the Wallace Park at 12-30pm

The Bramble Playing Fields on the Knockmore Road to be used as the Demonstration Field. It would be required for this location to be "open" for the use of the District Lodges in the South Antrim Combine from 3pm to 9pm on the 11th July 2025 and from 9-00am to 5-30pm on 12th July 2025.

2. **Date and Time** (please specify the proposed date and time of the event)

11th July 2025 (at times stated in 1.above) for the Wallace Park

12th July 2025 (at times stated in 1.above) for the Brambles Playing Fields

3. **Describe the proposed Event in as much detail as possible** (please describe the event; anticipated numbers attending etc)

This event is the annual 12th July Celebration associated with the Orange Order and its members, bands and supporters which is well known to all in Northern Ireland by the 12th July parades that take part in many venues throughout the country.

The parades consist of Lodges from each District, flags and banners being carried and bands accompanying Lodges dispersed throughout the parade possession and cars within the parade that Senior brethren are transported. The parade has an assembly area (Wallace Park) the parade will proceed around Lisburn city and arrive at the "field" at The Brambles Playing fields. In the field a short religious service is held and Orange Brethern

partake of tea and sandwiches. The parade then forms up and leaves the field and the outlying Districts proceed to their transport and the Lisburn District returns to the Lisburn Orange Hall and disperses from there.

There will be 7 Orange Districts involved, Lisburn, Aghalee, Ballinderry, Magheragall, Glenavy, Derriaghy and Hillsborough. The number of members of the Orange Order on parade would be around 1,800 the number of bands would be around 20 and allowing 30 members / band that is 600. There will likely be around 400 supporters / family members of the Orange brethren on parade joining them in the "field" at The Brambles
There will be members of the public along the roadside as the parade moves through Lisburn but their numbers can only be estimated at this stage.

4. Purpose of proposed Event (Social, Recreational, Private Party, Fund Raising, Commercial etc)

Social and Cultural event.

Celebration of the 335th Anniversary of the Boyne with the traditional 12th July parade by members of the Orange Order accompanied by Bands.

5. Facilities Required (please specify what exactly you require eg is it a grassed area on which to hold an event; approx. how much space; or is it a function room for an internal event)

The use of the football playing pitches in the Wallace Park to allow the District Lodges of outlying Districts to assemble from 10-00am. The main "road" through the Wallace Park to be kept clear to allow for Lisburn District Lodge to enter by the Belfast Road gate and proceed through the park to exit by the Magheraleave Road gate and the outlying Districts to fall in behind them in order. The main road in the park to be used to park the vehicles associated with the outlying District lodges and to fall in behind their lodges as the parade proceeds through the park.

The playing pitches and car park area in the Bramble Playing fields to facilitate the Lodges, bands and supporters of the South Antrim combine plus the cars within the parade itself and their catering vehicles and equipment.

The use of crowd barriers to segregate areas of the field for each District, also the area where traders and vendors vehicles will park and around the platform area.

The need for portable toilet facilities in both venues would be requested.

6. **Your Details**

Organisation (Organisation/Club/Team etc. If it a private booking go directly to 'Applicant's Contact Details')

Organisation Name	SOUTH ANTRIM COMBINE OF ORANGE DISTRICTS.
Commercial / Profit Making	No
Charity	No (if Yes please provide NI Charity Commission Registration Number)
Community Group	Yes

Applicant's Contact Details

Name	██████████
Address	████████████████████
Email Address	██████████████████
Mobile Number	██████████

7. **Safety Advisory Group.** If your event booking is approved then it is a requirement of the Council that you notify S.A.G (Safety Advisory Group) of your event.

Please email SafetyAdvisoryGroup@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk for further information.

8. **Insurances and Risk Assessments.** If your event booking is approved then you may be required to provide Public and if relevant Employers Liability insurance to the Council Insurance Officer. You will also be asked to provide a Risk Assessment for the event.

9. **Contact.** Please email this form to event.request@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk once completed. Your request will be considered and you shall be contacted shortly to advise on availability and costs. No booking has been made until such times as this has been clarified and confirmed by the Council in email.

You are advised NOT to make any commitments re your event until such time as your request has been approved and confirmed.

10. **Privacy Notice.**

Your Personal Data:

What we need

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council is the 'Controller' of the personal data that you provide to us. We only collect basic personal data, this does not include any special types of information, it does however include name, address, email etc.

Why we need it

We need to know your basic personal data in order to proceed with your event booking. We will not collect any personal data from you we do not need in order to provide and oversee this service to you.

What we do with it

All personal data that we process is processed by our staff in the UK however for the purposes of IT hosting and maintenance this information is located on servers within the European Union. No 3rd parties have access to your personal data unless the law allows them to do so. We have a Data Protection regime in place to oversee the effective and secure processing of your personal data.

How long we keep it

We are required under UK law to keep your basic personal data (name, address, contact details) in line with Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Retention and Disposal Policy after which time it will be destroyed.

What are your rights?

If at any point you believe the information we process on you is incorrect you may request to see this information and even have it corrected or deleted. If you wish to raise a complaint on how we have handled your personal data, you can contact our Data Protection Officer who will investigate the matter. If you are not satisfied with our response or believe we are processing your personal data not in accordance with the law you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The Council Data Protection Officer can contact at data.protection@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk

Full details of can be found on the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council website:

www.lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk

Committee:	Communities & Wellbeing
Date:	3rd September 2024
Report from:	Head of Sports Services

Item for:	Decision
Subject:	Canal Boxing Academy – Fundraising Gala

1.0	<u>Background and Key Issues</u>	
1.1	Correspondence (attached as Appendix 1) has been received from Canal Boxing Academy requesting that the that Council sponsor a table for 10 persons at a charity boxing ball to take place in the Europa Hotel on Saturday 14th September, at a cost of £800.	
1.2	The purpose of the event is to raise funds towards the development of a sports hub at the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Fields. Council has been in support of this project through the Community Investment Fund and Peace Plus workstreams, along with approval a community asset transfer of the land. The project aims to bring people together through the medium of boxing and exercise. It is cross community in nature and works with people of all ages and abilities.	
1.3	At the February 2024 Communities and Wellbeing Committee, Members considered a similar request from Crewe United Football Club and agreed to sponsor £100 for an advertisement in their brochure and that the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson attend the event. It was also agreed that the Mayor and Chairperson host a joint reception to the value of £350.	
2.0	<u>Recommendation</u>	
	It is recommended that Members consider and agree to	
	1. Sponsor a table for 10 people for the charity event on the 14 th September 2024.	
3.0	<u>Finance and Resource Implications</u>	
	Provision for the expenditure, if approved, will be identified within current revenue budgets.	
4.0	<u>Equality/Good Relations and Rural Needs Impact Assessments</u>	
4.1	Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out? The documentation can be viewed here .	Yes
4.2	Summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions or rationale why the screening was not carried out	N/A
4.3	Has a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) been completed?	No
4.4	Summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions or rationale why the screening was not carried out. Not required – this is a one-off application for support from a sporting club within the Council's area.	

Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Canal Boxing Club Letter
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Canal Boxing Academy
20 Gregg Street
Lisburn
BT27 5AD
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Email: canalboxing@outlook.com

To whom it may concern,

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself, my name is Nicola Russell one of the founders of Canal Boxing Academy Lisburn County Antrim.

In February 2009 James Russell and Noel Reynolds long-time friends decided to get together and open their own club after many years in the boxing community. They both were competing themselves out of Lisburn and wanted to show their knowledge and experience at coaching.

Along with fellow boxers they found 20 Gregg Street which was a rundown old store. They got to work clearing and making it fit for purpose. Raised money to kit it out with what they needed to start.

Over the last fifteen years the club has gone from strength to strength. Starting with around 30 members now their doors are busting open with 200 members.

Canal has been very successful with winning medals at

- County Level
- National Level

We have also have Kurt Walker who fought in the Olympics and is now professional.

With all our success its not all about winning its for the community and were proud of all that comes through our door. We see each person grow in confidence. Its not all about boxing its about helping our younger generation grow with self-worth and help with mental health which effects our children a lot these days. It's a good place to let off steam and be able to have a chat with worries they are going through. They form great friendships in the club too.

With a child myself with ADHD and Autism I have found max has grown more in confidence while attending canal and have formed friendships. They help max grow.

Over the last ten years we have been working towards getting new premises as our building unfortunately is very run down and is just too small.

Were delighted to tell you we have been given ground to build our own club. As you can imagine it is very expensive, so we've kicked off our fundraising with a Black-Tie Gala Ball which is being held in the Europa hotel Belfast on 14TH September 2024.

We would really appreciate if you would consider attending. The price of the tickets is £80 per person, £800 per table, which includes three course meal, eight of our fighters fighting on the night, entertainment and fabulous prizes to win. It's our 4th black tie event which is always a sell-out.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Canal boxing academy
Registered charity
Charity commission ni
Charity no. 108323

