

Agenda

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7.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Committee:	Communities and Wellbeing Committee
Date:	6 February 2024
Report from:	Director of Communities and Wellbeing

Item for:	Decision
Subject:	Crewe United Football Club - 60th Anniversary Celebrations

1.0	<p><u>Background and Key Issues</u></p> <p>Notification has been received from Crewe United Football Club in respect of the club's 60th anniversary. The club has requested that the Council consider placing an advertisement in a charity brochure to be published to mark the anniversary and to consider hosting a table at a formal dinner to take place on 17th February in the Maldron Hotel at Belfast International Airport. In previous years, the Committee has considered requests from sports clubs to attend dinners and events and it has been agreed that the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson (or their nominees) would represent the Committee. The cost per ticket for the event is £45 per person.</p> <p>Given that the club is celebrating a significant anniversary - and in recognition of the contribution it has provided to the district over the past sixty years - it would be appropriate for the Council to take out advertisement in the club's charity brochure. The cost for the advertisement is £100.</p> <p>It is anticipated also that a joint formal reception will be hosted by Right Worshipful the Mayor and the Chairperson to mark the club's anniversary at a civic level. The cost is estimated to be approx. £350, 50% will be met from within departmental budgets.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to consider also delegating authority to the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to represent the Committee at similar-type events in future.</p>	
2.0	<p><u>Recommendations</u></p> <p>That the Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agrees that the Council place an advertisement in the charity brochure; 2. Authorises the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson to attend club's dinner; and 3. Agrees that the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson (or their nominees) be authorised to represent the Committee at similar-type events in the future. 	
3.0	<p><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>Provision for the expenditure has been identified within current revenue budgets.</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?	Yes
	Crewe United Equality Screening	
4.2	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out	N/A
4.3	Has a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) been completed?	No
4.4	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out.	

	Not required – this is a one-off application for support from a sporting club within the Council's area.	
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Appendices:	None
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Committee:	Communities & Wellbeing
Date:	6 February 2024
Report from:	Head of Communities

Item for:	Decision
Subject:	Community Support Grant – Outcome of Assessments 2024/25

1.0	<p><u>Background and Key Issues</u></p> <p>The Community Support Grant scheme aims to provide financial assistance to local groups to assist with both core and programming costs. It forms part of the Councils overall Community Support Programme which receives financial assistance from the Department for Communities (DfC). To date, DfC has not issued a Letter of Offer to any council for the financial period 2024/2025. Similar to previous years, this element of funding (£49,465) is being taken at risk given the unknown financial position of the department. The total amount of grant aid available will be £265K for this scheme – an increase of £100k from Council on previous years, agreed as part of the estimate setting process.</p> <p>Following the launch of the scheme, three information sessions were held at the Bridge Community Centre, Moneyreagh Community Centre and online to provide advice and support to potential applicants. Approximately 55 representatives from local groups attended these sessions.</p> <p><u>Outcome of application process</u></p> <p>The Scheme opened on 20 November and closed on 15 December for receipt of applications. 81 applications were received and assessed by a panel against the agreed criteria. Of the 81 applications received, 74 were deemed successful. Under the terms and conditions of the scheme, 6 applications were deemed unsuccessful and 1 application was withdrawn (the unsuccessful applicants will receive feedback and support from staff as required). A copy of the applicant organisations list and outcome of assessment is attached at Appendix 1 for Members information. Ineligible applications are appended as Appendix 1a.</p> <p><u>Proposal for award of funding</u></p> <p>The total amount deemed eligible for funding based on the weighted score of the successful applications is £278,893. By applying a 5% reduction to the allocated amount of each successful applicant based on weighted score, the amount deemed eligible for award will be £265,034.</p>
4.0	<p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the Committee agrees to fund the successful applicants (as outlined in appendix 1, option 1, to the value of £265,034); and 2. To note that DfC has yet to confirm its contribution to the Scheme for 24/25, i.e., £49,465.
3.0	<p><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>£215,569 from LCCC revenue budgets £49,465 from DfC Community Support Programme (to be confirmed). (This is £34 of an overspend to be sourced from departmental budgets).</p>

4.0	<u>Equality/Good Relations and Rural Needs Impact Assessments</u>	
4.1	Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out? CSG Equality and Good Relations	Yes
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?	Yes / No
4.4	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out.	

Appendices:	Appendix 1 and 1a Tables of Outcomes
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Group	DEA	Eligible Amount	Score (%)	Funding amount Based on Weighted Score	Option 1 - 5% reduction to bring within budget	Detail of programme
Drumlough Community Association	Downshire West	£4,250	98%	£4,165	£3,957	Running costs / Annual programme of activities including trips, classes and workshops
Newtownbreda Women's Institute	Castlereagh South	£2,500	98%	£2,450	£2,328	Annual programme of activities including speakers, outings and training
Ballybeen Womens Centre Ltd	Castlereagh East	£4,250	97%	£4,123	£3,916	Overheads / Education & Training Courses
Ravarnet Community Network	Downshire East	£2,500	97%	£2,425	£2,304	Running Costs / Annual programme of activities including gardening, community events and outings
Stoneyford Community and Youth Association	Killultagh	£4,250	97%	£4,123	£3,916	Running Costs / Programming costs for training and community activities
PoundBridge & District Community Association	Downshire East	£5,500	97%	£5,335	£5,068	Overheads / Running Costs / Training / Maintenance
The Ulster New Zealand Trust LTD	Killultagh	£5,500	97%	£5,335	£5,068	Running Costs / Overheads / Programming costs
Carryduff Regeneration Forum	Castlereagh South	£2,500	97%	£2,425	£2,304	Running costs / gardening project / training
Home Start Lisburn/Colin	Lisburn North	£5,500	97%	£5,335	£5,068	Running costs / training / programming
Drumbo and District Community Association	Downshire East	£4,250	96%	£4,080	£3,876	Overheads / programming
Dundonald Women's Institute	Castlereagh East	£2,500	95%	£2,375	£2,256	Insurance / Annual programme of activities including facilitators, programming costs

Ballinderry War Memorial Management Committee	Killultagh	£5,500	95%	£5,225	£4,964	Running costs / overheads / volunteer development / community programming
Moira Friendship Group	Downshire West	£5,500	94%	£5,170	£4,912	Rent / Tutor costs for older people's classes
Atlas Women's Centre	Lisburn North	£5,500	94%	£5,170	£4,912	Running Costs / Programming costs for personal development programme
Lisburn YMCA	Lisburn North	£5,500	94%	£5,170	£4,912	Overheads / Running costs
Larchfield Community Development Association	Downshire East	£5,500	94%	£5,170	£4,912	Overheads / Training / Gardening programmes
Mazetown Rural Action Collective	Downshire West	£5,500	94%	£5,170	£4,912	Running costs/ annual programming costs / training
Dreamscheme NI	Castlereagh South	£5,500	94%	£5,170	£4,912	Running costs / creative programming / community engagement
Lisburn Feile	Lisburn North	£3,500	94%	£3,290	£3,126	Running costs / venue hire / training
Lisburn Downtown	Lisburn North	£5,500	94%	£5,170	£4,912	Running costs / overheads / community wellbeing programme
Annahilt and Magheraconluce Community Association	Downshire East	£4,250	93%	£3,953	£3,755	Running costs / training / Community events
Maghaberry Community Association	Killultagh	£5,500	92%	£5,060	£4,807	Overheads
The Antrim Down and Armagh (TADA) Rural Support Network	Lisburn South	£2,500	91%	£2,275	£2,161	Running costs / Overheads / Facilitator costs for development programme
Lisburn Recreation and Community Hub	Lisburn South	£5,500	91%	£5,005	£4,755	Running costs / venue hire / overheads
Beechland Community Group	Lisburn South	£4,250	91%	£3,868	£3,674	Running costs / venue hire / volunteer recognition / community programming
LCC Community Trust	Lisburn North	£5,500	90%	£4,950	£4,703	Running Costs / Overheads

Halftown Residents Association	Downshire West	£5,500	90%	£4,950	£4,703	Running costs/ overheads/ wellbeing programmes
Resurgam Youth Initiative	Lisburn South	£5,500	90%	£4,950	£4,703	Running costs / training
Hilden Community Association	Lisburn North	£4,250	89%	£3,783	£3,593	Running Costs / Training / Community history project
Laganview Enterprise Centre	Lisburn South	£5,500	89%	£4,895	£4,650	Running costs / overheads / training
Ballybeen Improvement Group	Castlereagh East	£3,900	89%	£3,471	£3,297	Running costs / overheads / digital community programme
Lurganville and District Community Association	Downshire West	£2,500	89%	£2,225	£2,114	Running costs / venue hire / outings / community programming
Brookmount Cultural and Education Society	Killultagh	£5,400	88%	£4,752	£4,514	Venue costs / running costs / weekly activities
Old Warren Community Association	Lisburn South	£4,250	88%	£3,740	£3,553	Running costs / Training / Environmental programmes
Deramore Community Association	Downshire West	£3,900	88%	£3,432	£3,260	Running costs
Seymour Hill and Conway Residents Association	Lisburn North	£5,500	88%	£4,840	£4,598	Running costs / overheads / community programming
Drumbeg Women's Institute	Downshire East	£2,500	88%	£2,200	£2,090	Running costs / programming - crafts/outings/facilitators
Saturday Night Senior's Citizens	Lisburn South	£2,500	88%	£2,200	£2,090	Venue hire / running costs / outings
Sarah Crothers Centre	Lisburn South	£5,500	87%	£4,785	£4,546	Running Costs / Overheads & older people's classes
Lower Broomhedge Community Association	Downshire West	£5,500	87%	£4,785	£4,546	Overheads / community programming
Dromara Connect	Downshire East	£5,500	87%	£4,785	£4,546	Running costs / overheads

Killynure Community Association	Castlereagh South	£5,500	87%	£4,785	£4,546	Overheads / Running costs
Lisburn Outlook	Lisburn South	£2,500	87%	£2,175	£2,066	Venue hire / running costs / community programming / training
Aghalee Village Hall	Killultagh	£5,500	86%	£4,730	£4,494	Insurance / advertising
Helping Hands	Castlereagh East	£5,500	86%	£4,730	£4,494	Overheads
Dromara Community Group	Downshire East	£5,500	86%	£4,730	£4,494	Venue hire / facilitator costs / general running costs
Hillsborough Community Centre Limited	Downshire West	£5,500	86%	£4,730	£4,494	Running costs / overheads
Hillhall Regeneration Group	Downshire East	£5,500	85%	£4,675	£4,441	Running costs / training
Hillsborough Working Together	Downshire West	£2,500	85%	£2,125	£2,019	Running costs / overheads / youth programme
Resurgam Community Development Trust	Lisburn South	£5,500	85%	£4,675	£4,441	Running costs / training
Glenclare Community Group	Killultagh	£5,500	84%	£4,620	£4,389	Overheads / Running costs
Carryduff Retirement Group	Castlereagh South	£1,500	83%	£1,245	£1,183	Venue Hire / Overheads / outings / speakers
Derriaghy Village Community Association	Lisburn North	£4,500	82%	£3,690	£3,506	Overheads / Training / Gardening programmes
Lisburn PSP	Lisburn North	£4,250	82%	£3,485	£3,311	Venue hire / overheads / running costs
Lisburn U3A	Lisburn South	£4,250	81%	£3,443	£3,270	Running Costs / Overheads / Programming costs
Ballymacash Regeneration Network	Lisburn South	£5,500	80%	£4,400	£4,180	Running Costs / Overheads
Lisburn Temperance Junior	Downshire East	£3,025	79%	£2,390	£2,270	Programme of activities for community / sport

The Welcome Project	Lisburn North	£4,250	78%	£3,315	£3,149	Running costs / overheads/ training
Ballyoran Community and Arts Group	Castlereagh East	£4,250	78%	£3,315	£3,149	Running costs / programming
Hillsborough and District Committee	Downshire West	£2,500	77%	£1,925	£1,829	Running costs / Community programming costs - gardening, community lunch
Rathlane Care Farm	Killultagh	£5,500	77%	£4,235	£4,023	Overheads
ASCERT	Lisburn North	£5,100	76%	£3,876	£3,682	Running costs / wellbeing programme
Ballybeen Men's Motivational Group	Castlereagh East	£5,500	72%	£3,960	£3,762	Running Costs / Overheads / Men's & Hens Shed programming
Tonagh Neighbourhood Initiative	Lisburn South	£4,250	72%	£3,060	£2,907	Running costs / overheads / training / programming for youth and older people
Manor Park Residents Association	Lisburn South	£4,250	71%	£3,018	£2,867	Running costs / overheads / community programming
Hilltop Friends	Killultagh	£1,750	70%	£1,225	£1,164	Programme costs for older people's classes
Hillsborough Women Institute	Downshire West	£2,500	70%	£1,750	£1,663	Admin costs / venue hire / community outings
Glenavy Youth Project	Killultagh	£5,500	70%	£3,850	£3,658	Running costs / community programming for youth and older people
Dundonald Townswomen's Guild	Castlereagh East	£2,445	69%	£1,687	£1,603	Annual programme of activities including craft sessions, site visits
Drumbeg Community Association	Downshire East	£2,500	69%	£1,725	£1,639	Running costs / training / programme for older people / community events
Live Life Social Enterprises	Lisburn South	£4,250	66%	£2,805	£2,665	Running costs / maintenance

Knockmore Community Association	Lisburn South	£4,250	65%	£2,763	£2,624	Overheads / Training/ programming for Men's Shed & Pensioners Club
Hillstreet Residents Group	Lisburn North	£4,500	61%	£2,745	£2,608	Running costs / programming for older people / community events
Ballymacash Neighbourhood Community Craft Group	Lisburn South	£2,500	53%	£1,325	£1,259	Overheads / Facilitator costs for arts & development programmes
Total		£324,020		£278,983	£265,034	

DEA	Total
Castlereagh East	7
Castlereagh South	5
Downshire East	11
Downshire West	11
Killultagh	10
Lisburn North	13
Lisburn South	17
Total	74

Community Support Grant 24/25 - Ineligible

No.	Group	DEA	Score	Requested Amount	Comments
1	Lisburn Cathedral	Lisburn North	Ineligible	£3,850.00	Primary Focus not Community Development
2	Galwally and Community Heritage Preservation Trust Limited	Castlereagh South	Ineligible	£5,500.00	Primary Focus not Community Development
3	Emerge Counselling Services	Downshire East	Ineligible	£5,500.00	Primary Focus not Community Development
4	The Hygiene Bank	Downshire West	Ineligible	£2,500.00	Primary Focus not Community Development
5	Kilwarlin Moravian Church	Downshire West	Ineligible	£5,000.00	Primary Focus not Community Development
6	Northern Ireland Prison Service Central Benevolent Fund	Downshire West	Ineligible	£5,500.00	Primary Focus not Community Development

Committee:	Communities & Wellbeing
Date:	6 February 2024
Report from:	Head of Communities

Item for:	Decision
Subject:	Community Festivals Funding 2024/2025

1.0 **Background and Key Issues**

The Community Festivals Fund is jointly funded by Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and the Department for Communities (DfC) to recognise the role that festivals can play in increasing social cohesion, economic regeneration and strengthening community relations. This grant scheme therefore aims to assist constituted groups working within the council area to organise their own locally based festivals. To date, DfC have not issued a Letter of Offer to any council for the financial period 2024/2025 and have confirmed this is because its budget allocations have yet to be agreed. The indicative budget for the Community Festivals Fund is £57,000 funded on a 50/50 basis by the Council and the Department. Like previous years, the department's 50% contribution is therefore being taken at risk given its unknown financial position.

Based on the position whereby the scheme is dependent on a match funding allocation from DfC, the scheme opened for applications on 20 November and closed on Friday 15 December 2023. Following the launch of the scheme, three information sessions were held by Officers in person at the Bridge Community Centre and Moneyreagh Community Centre and online via zoom to provide advice and support to potential applicants. Approximately 55 representatives from local groups attended these sessions.

Outcome of application process

A total of 40 applications were received, of which 9 were deemed ineligible under the Terms and Conditions of the scheme as they did not meet either the eligibility criteria or the required threshold score. The indicative budget for the Community Festivals Fund for the purposes of award is estimated at £57,000. A copy of the applicant organisation list and outcome of assessment is attached at **Appendix 2** and ineligible applications are appended as **Appendix 2a** (the unsuccessful applicants will receive feedback and support as required).

Proposal for award of funding

The total amount deemed eligible for funding based on weighted score of the successful applications is £64,873.18. By applying a 12.1% reduction to the allocated amount of each successful applicant based on weighted score, this will bring the scheme within budget.

2.0 **Recommendation**

1. That the Committee agrees to fund the successful applicants (as outlined in appendix 2) with 12.1% reduction applied based on the weighted score bringing the scheme within the budget; and
2. To note that DfC has yet to confirm its contribution to the Fund for 24/25 (to the value of £28,000).

3.0	<p><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>£28,500 funding from LCCC £28,000 funding from DfC yet to be confirmed</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? Equality & Good Relations Screening Report</p>	<p><u>Yes / No</u></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>Yes / <u>No</u></p>
4.4	<p>Summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions or rationale why the screening was not carried out.</p>	

<p>Appendices:</p>	<p>Appendix 2 and Appendix 2a CFF Table of Outcomes 2024.2025</p>
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LCCC Community Festivals Fund 2024-25 Table of Outcomes - Eligible

No	Ref	Group	DEA	Score	Eligible Requested Amount(£)	Eligible Amount Requested Based On Weighted Score (£)	Option 1 Eligible Amount Based On Weighted Score less 12.1363% (£)	Dates of Festival
1	CFF/2024/1	PTA, Friends' School Lisburn	Lisburn North	88	£3,500	£3,080.00	£2,706.20	Friends' School Lisburn Christmas Festival, 9 Dec 2024
2	CFF/2024/2	Lisburn Feile	Lisburn North	83	£3,500	£2,905.00	£2,552.44	Lisburn Feile, 26 July - 4 Aug 2024
3	CFF/2024/3	Annahilt & Magheraconluce Community Association	Downshire East	77	£3,500	£2,695.00	£2,367.93	Annahilt Together Festival, 10 August and 6 September 2024
4	CFF/2024/4	Ballinderry War Memorial Hall Management Committee	Killultagh	77	£3,500	£2,695.00	£2,367.93	100th Anniversary of Ballinderry War Memorial Hall being a living memorial, 6 - 7 Sept 24
5	CFF/2024/5	Atlas Women's Centre	Lisburn North	75	£3,500	£2,625.00	£2,306.42	Art Fest & Feast, July 2024
6	CFF/2024/6	Lisburn Downtown Centre	Lisburn North/Downshire West	72	£2,500	£1,800.00	£1,581.55	World Mental Health Day - recognizing the dedication of staff and volunteers working in the sector, Fri Sept & Thurs 10 Oct 2024
7	CFF/2024/7	Ballymacash Regeneration Network	Lisburn South	71	£3,500	£2,485.00	£2,183.41	Innovation Ignited, 1 - 13 July 2024
8	CFF/2024/8	Derriaghy Village Community Association	Lisburn North	70	£2,300	£1,610.00	£1,414.61	Derriaghy Village Community Association Festival, August 2024
9	CFF/2024/9	Deramore Community Group	Downshire West	69	£1,750	£1,207.50	£1,060.95	Cultural Outreach & Awareness Festival, 11 & 12 July 2024
10	CFF/2024/10	Poundbridge & District Community Association	Downshire East	68	£3,500	£2,380.00	£2,091.16	The Poundbridge Yuletide Festival, 28 Nov - 21 Dec 2024
11	CFF/2024/11	Ballybeen Improvement Group	Castlereagh East	68	£3,500	£2,380.00	£2,091.16	11th July Cultural Festival 11 July 2024
12	CFF/2024/12	DAK Community Group	Downshire West	68	£3,350	£2,278.00	£2,001.54	DAK Christmas Festival, Dec 24
13	CFF/2024/13	Healthy Kidz CIC	Downshire East	67	£3,000	£2,010.00	£1,766.06	Healthy Kidz Olympic Event, 22 - 26 July 2024
14	CFF/2024/14	Mazetown Rural Action Collective	Downshire West	67	£2,700	£1,809.00	£1,589.45	Community Togetherness in Mazetown, 11 - 14 July 2024
15	CFF/2024/15	Glenavy Youth Project	Killultagh	66	£3,500	£2,310.00	£2,029.65	Glenavy Community Festival, 19 - 27 July 2024
16	CFF/2024/16	Old Warren Community Association	Lisburn South	65	£3,500	£2,275.00	£1,998.90	Naturally Together, 4 - 11 July 2024
17	CFF/2024/17	Larchfield Community & Development Association	Downshire East	65	£3,500	£2,275.00	£1,998.90	Family Fun Day and Vintage Rally, Sat 14 Sept 2024
18	CFF/2024/18	Stoneyford Community & Youth Association	Killultagh	64	£2,100	£1,344.00	£1,180.89	Stoneyford Summer Olympics, 1 - 28 Aug 2024
19	CFF/2024/19	Halfdown Residents Association	Downshire West	64	£3,500	£2,240.00	£1,968.15	People's Museum - UWC & Sunningdale, 12 - 17 August 2024
20	CFF/2024/20	Hillhall Regeneration Group	Downshire East	63	£3,500	£2,205.00	£1,937.39	Building Community Cohesion, 8 - 11 July 2024
21	CFF/2024/21	Dungoyne Boys Football Club	Castlereagh East	60	£2,640	£1,584.00	£1,391.76	Dungoyne FC's B.I.G. Community Celebration, 8 - 9 June 24
22	CFF/2024/22	Moneyreagh & District Community Association	Castlereagh East	60	£3,500	£2,100.00	£1,845.14	Moneyreagh Community Festival, July 2024
23	CFF/2024/23	Seymour Hill & Conway Residents Association	Lisburn North	59	£3,500	£2,065.00	£1,814.39	July Festival, 11 July 2024

24	CFF/2024/24	The Welcome Project	Lisburn South	58	£3,500	£2,030.00	£1,783.63	Foods of the World , 15 - 20 January 2025
25	CFF/2024/25	Helping Hands Autism Support Group	Castlereagh East	57	£3,300	£1,881.00	£1,652.72	Community Christmas Celebrations, 2 - 13 Dec 2024
26	CFF/2024/26	Hilden Community Association	Lisburn North	57	£3,500	£1,995.00	£1,752.88	Hilden Festival of Inclusion, 19 Aug - 1 Sept 2024
27	CFF/2024/27	Lisburn PSP	Lisburn North	57	£3,500	£1,995.00	£1,752.88	Lisburn Tattoo, 28 Sept 24
28	CFF/2024/28	LCC Community Trust	Lisburn North	56	£3,500	£1,960.00	£1,722.13	Holiday Meals Festival, 22 July - 7 August 2024
29	CFF/2024/29	Hillstreet Residents Group	Lisburn North	54	£2,600	£1,404.00	£1,233.61	Hillstreet Inclusion Weekend, 17 -18 Aug 2024
30	CFF/2024/30	Dromara Community Group	Downshire East	53	£3,500	£1,855.00	£1,629.87	Fireworks Display, 25 October 2024
31	CFF/2024/31	Maghberry Community Association	Killultagh	52	£2,684	£1,395.68	£1,226.30	Tracey Crothers, 5 - 9 August 2024
TOTAL BUDGET (50% DFC, 50% LCCC)					£57,000			
				TOTALS	£98,924	£64,873.18	£56,999.98	
DEFICIT					£41,924	£7,873.18	-£0.02	

1	Castlereagh East	4
2	Castlereagh South	0
3	Downshire East	6
4	Downshire West	4
5	Killultagh	4
6	Lisburn North	9
7	Lisburn South	3
	Lisburn North / Downshire West	1
Total		31

LCCC Community Festivals Fund 2024-25 Table of Outcomes - Ineligible

No	Ref	Group	DEA	Score	Eligible Requested Amount(£)	Dates of Festival	Reason for ineligibility
32	CFF/2024/	Hillsborough Working Together	Downshire West	0	£3,500	Hillsborough Working Together - Summer Celebration, 11 - 29 June 2024	Ineligible - did not meet the threshold score
33	CFF/2024/	Ballinderry District Orange Lodge	Killultagh	0	£2,000	Cultural Outreach Initiative, 3 - 31 May 2024	Ineligible - did not meet the threshold score
34	CFF/2024/	Knockmore Community Association	Lisburn South	0	£4,600	Fun Day, August 2024	Ineligible - did not meet the threshold score
35	CFF/2024/	Tonagh Neighbourhood Initiatives	Lisburn South	0	£3,500	Community Fun Day, 3 Aug 2024	Ineligible - did not meet the threshold score
36	CFF/2024/	Derriaghy District LOL No. 11	Lisburn North	0	£3,350	Derriaghy Ulster Scots Orange Festival, Sat 15 June & Fri 12 July 24	Ineligible - did not meet the threshold score
37	CFF/2024/	Royal Scottish Country Dance Society	Balmoral - Belfast City Council - Ineligible	0	£1,500	Weekend School, 10 - 11 May 2024	Ineligible - outside the Council area
38	CFF/2024/	Killynure Community Association	Castlereagh South	0	£3,500	July Fun Days, 11 & 12 July 2024	Ineligible - did not meet the threshold score
39	CFF/2024/	Lagan Valley Apprentice Boys	Lisburn North	0	£3,000	November Fest, 15 - 29 Nov 24	Ineligible - did not meet the threshold score
40	CFF/2024/	Lisburn Cricket Club	Lisburn North	0	£3,000	Jonathan Waite, 1 - 4 July 2024	Ineligible - did not meet the threshold score

1	Castlereagh East	0
2	Castlereagh South	1
3	Downshire East	0
4	Downshire West	1
5	Killultagh	1
6	Lisburn North	3
7	Lisburn South	2
	Balmoral BCC ineligible	1
Total		9



Committee:	Communities and Wellbeing Committee
Date:	6 February 2024
Report from:	Head of Communities

Item for:	Decision
Subject:	Consultation Response – Proposals to amend legislation to help tackle Anti-Social Behaviour

1.0	<p><u>Background and Key Issues</u></p> <p>On 28 November 2023 the Department of Justice, together with the Department for Communities published a consultation document on proposals to amend the legislation to help tackle Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). The consultation period will run until 4 March 2024.</p> <p>The consultation is seeking views on four pieces of legislation, policy responsibility for which falls across both departments, with a view to ensuring relevant authorities have effective and proportional powers to help address ASB and its effects within our communities. The proposals relate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs); • Drinking in Public; • Injunctions Against Anti-Social Behaviour; and • Absolute Grounds for Possession <p>The purpose of the consultation is to seek the views of stakeholders on the proposed amendments to ensure that powers available to relevant authorities (Councils, Police and Social Housing providers) are proportionate, effective and will have an appropriate impact on addressing ASB and its effects within our communities.</p> <p>Responses to the consultation are requested in a survey format. Attached at Appendix 1 for Members' consideration is the proposed consultation response from Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council. The response has been collated by the PCSP Manager who has sought input from the relevant units responsible for bye-laws and anti social behaviour orders, namely Parks & Amenities and Environmental Health.</p>		
2.0	<p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <p>It is recommended that Members approve the response attached at Appendix 1 for submission before the consultation period closes on 4 March 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	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out?</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">No</td> </tr> </table>	Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out?	No
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>		

	<p>The proposed amendments to the legislation have been screened by the relevant departments prior to the consultation. The screening document can be viewed using the following link:</p> <p>Screening flowchart and template (justice-ni.gov.uk)</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 or rationale why the screening was not carried out.</p> <p>The relevant departments have completed a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) on the proposed changes to the legislation. The RNIA can be viewed using the following link:</p> <p>rural needs impact assessment - asb consultation.pdf (justice-ni.gov.uk)</p>	

Appendices:	Appendix 3+ Consultation Response - Proposals to amend legislation to help tackle Anti-Social Behaviour
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Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Department of Justice and Department for Communities on the consultation document on the proposed amendments to legislation to help tackle Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB).

Drinking in Public in Northern Ireland

1. When considering the regulation of drinking in public places, should it be confined to: (please tick one)

- Any area within a Council district that the Council may designate.
- Areas where Councils are satisfied nuisance, annoyance to the public or disorder associated with consumption of alcohol has taken place.
- Any area open to the air and to which the public have access.
- Other (please provide details in the box below).

N/A

2. When considering the regulation of drinking in designated public places, should it regulate: (please tick one)

- All consumption of alcohol in public places.
- Target those engaged in nuisance, annoyance or other ASB / offending behaviour associated with consumption of alcohol.
- Other (please provide details in the box below).

N/A

3. Should the legislation include a power of seizure and disposal of alcohol if an individual refuses to surrender?

- Yes
- No

4. If yes, should this power be (please tick one):

- Limited to individuals engaged in behaviour that has caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm, or distress to one or more persons within designated zones and refusing to surrender alcohol.
- ✓ A general power available within designated zones if an individual refused to surrender alcohol.
- Available in any public area (no designated zones), regardless of behaviour.
- Available in any public area (no designated zones), but limited to individuals engaged in offensive conduct, or using or engaging in threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour with intent to provoke a breach of the peace.
- Other (please provide details below).

N/A

5. If you selected "no" to the question 3, please provide some details as to the reason why you would not support this amendment.

N/A

6. In the circumstances where an individual drinking alcohol in a public place and refuses to comply with a request from a Constable to stop, should officers have the power to: (please tick one)

- ✓ Seize all containers of alcohol on an individual's person (open and closed).
- Seize only open containers on an individual's person.
- Other (please provide details below).

N/A

Please provide an explanation for your preferred selection:

All containers of alcohol on an individual's person (open and closed) should be seized in order to prevent the individual from further consuming alcohol in a public place.

7. Who should be enforcing the powers relating to drinking in public places?

- ✓ The PSNI should be solely responsible.
- Local councils should be solely responsible.
- The PSNI and local councils should be jointly responsible.
- Other Agencies.

8. When considering the current solutions to address drinking in designated public places, should we:

- Do nothing – maintain the status quo keeping the current bye-laws and legislation that prohibit drinking/being drunk in designated public places in Northern Ireland.
- Commence Articles 68 – 72 of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 as is, with its recognised operational difficulties (within 3 years this will replace the current bye-laws).
- Amend the current bye-laws prohibiting drinking in designated public places in Northern Ireland to make them more effective.
- ✓ Replace the current bye-law system and replace them with amended or new legislation that is fit for purpose, applying across Northern Ireland.

9. Please explain the reason for your selection at question 8:

- The current bye-laws are rigid and out of date.
- They do not include necessary enforcement powers.
- There is no provision to enable councils or police to react quickly to urgent or emerging situations.

- Articles 68 – 72 of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 have not been commenced due to challenges around the practical implementation of the provisions.
- Consideration should be given to address the issues identified in relation to enforcement of drinking in public. Provision should be made to give police powers to resolve the issue of drinking in designated public places and associated anti-social behaviour.

10. Please use the space below to provide any additional comments or suggestions you have in relation to the drinking of alcohol in public places:

No further comments.

Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) in Northern Ireland (NI)

11. The current proposals suggest amending and expanding the definition of anti-social behaviour. Do you think that the definition of anti-social behaviour should be expanded to include provisions around housing as suggested?

- ✓ Yes
- No

12. Do you think the 'not of the same household' qualifier should be amended to 'any person' as suggested?

- ✓ Yes
- No

13. Do you think the minimum age for imposition of an ASBO should be re-considered?

- ✓ Yes

- No

14. If yes, should it be amended to allow an ASBO for:

- Those over 18 only.
- Those under 18 but with suitable mitigations.

15. Do you think the threshold for obtaining an ASBO should be lowered from 'necessary to protect people' to 'helpful in preventing behaviour'?

- Yes
- No

16. If yes, should it be lowered for:

- Orders on Application.
- Orders on Conviction.
- Both

17. Do you think the standard of proof threshold should be lowered from "beyond reasonable doubt" (the criminal standard) to "the balance of probabilities (the civil standard)?"

- Yes
- No

18. Do you think that housing associations should be added to the list of "Relevant Authorities" who have the power to make an ASBO application?

- Yes
- No

19. Do you think that positive requirements should be introduced as an option when making an ASBO application?

- Yes

- No

20. The introduction of positive requirements, as suggested by these proposals, is intended to address the underlying conditions that cause the anti-social behaviour. With this in mind, if positive requirements are introduced, how do you think a breach of these conditions should be addressed?

- Dealt with in the same way as the current legislation defines (i.e. through criminal court with the same terms for imprisonment and fines);
- Dealt with in the same way, (i.e. through criminal court), but duration of imprisonment and maximum fines are reduced;
- ✓ Dealt with in the civil court, removing criminalisation of the individual (however civil sanction i.e. contempt of court and imprisonment a possibility); or
- No action taken for breach of a positive requirements.

21. If positive requirements are introduced, who should be responsible for ensuring the conditions of the order are complied with?

- ✓ The Applicant (e.g. if the NIHE apply for an ASBO with positive requirements then NIHE would be responsible).
- The Service Provider (e.g. the organisation providing the alcohol awareness course)
- Other – please specify.

22. Who do you think should be responsible for funding of services that are not free of charge?

- The Applicant (e.g. if the PSNI apply, the PSNI, if NIHE apply, then NIHE would be responsible).
- The body responsible for delivery of the service (e.g. Health & Social Care Trusts would be responsible for addiction services).
- ✓ The Department of Justice.
- Other – please specify.

23. Article 5 of the 2004 Order places a statutory obligation on the Relevant Authority making an ASBO application to consult with the other Relevant Authorities in advance of doing so. Do you think this legislative requirement should be extended to include managing, monitoring and reporting on ASBOs?

- Yes
- No

24. Please provide any additional feedback in relation to the proposals in the box below.

No further comments.

Injunctions Against Anti-Social Behaviour in Northern Ireland

25. We are proposing that Article 26 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 should be amended to allow the courts in Northern Ireland to grant an injunction against adults engaging in anti-social behaviour on the same basis that courts in England and Wales can grant an anti-social behaviour injunction to housing providers and local authorities i.e., subject to the tests set out above. Would you support the proposed amendment?

- Yes
- No

26. If no, please provide some details as to the reason why you would not support this amendment.

N/A

27. We are proposing that Article 26 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 should be amended to allow the courts in Northern Ireland to attach a power of arrest (including a power of entry) to injunctions against anti-social behaviour if the court thinks that the anti-social behaviour consists of or includes the use or threatened use of violence against other persons, or there is a significant risk of harm to other persons. This would enable the PSNI to arrest persons suspected with reasonable cause of breaching injunctions, so that the matter can be dealt with by the court without unnecessary delay, thereby minimising the risk of harm to the public. Would you support the proposed amendment?

- Yes
- No

28. If no, please provide some details as to the reason why you would not support this amendment.

N/A

29. We are proposing that Article 26 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 should be amended to allow the courts in Northern Ireland to attach a power of exclusion to injunctions against anti-social behaviour if the court thinks that the anti-social behaviour in which the individual has engaged in, or threatens to engage in, consists of or includes the use or threatened use of violence against other persons, or there is a significant risk of harm to other persons from the individual. Would you support the proposed amendment?

- Yes
- No

30. If no, please provide some details as to the reason why you would not support this amendment.

N/A

31. We are proposing that Article 26 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 should be amended to allow the courts in Northern Ireland to include positive requirements in injunctions against anti-social behaviour, subject to the conditions set out above. Would you support the proposed amendment?

- Yes
- No

32. If no, please provide some details as to the reason why you would not support this amendment.

N/A

33. We are proposing that an absolute ground for possession along the lines of the absolute ground provided for in section 84A in the Housing Act 1985 and described above should be inserted in Part I of Schedule 3 to the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1983. Would you support the proposed amendment?

- Yes
- No

34. If no, please provide some details as to the reason why you would not support this amendment.

N/A



Committee:	Communities & Wellbeing
Date:	6 February 2024
Report from:	Head of Communities

Item for:	Decision
Subject:	Consultation Response – Department for Communities: Voluntary and Community Sector Infrastructure and Support Policy Framework

1.0	<u>Background and Key Issues</u>
1.1	On 15th November, The Department for Communities (DfC) published draft proposals to support a thriving Voluntary and Community Sector in Northern Ireland through a commitment of continued government investment in sector infrastructure and to improving the way that government works with and for the sector.
1.2	The draft Framework includes the headline outcomes for sectoral investment and focus including ensuring there is strong and effective advocacy within the sector to enable community engagement to thrive; supporting volunteering to maximise benefits for all; sustaining and further developing the core capacity and resilience of organisations and improving effective collaboration to enhance the impact of the sector’s work.
1.3	The proposals set out within the paper detail five key areas for how the Department will work with the sector and relevant partners to deliver against the vision and outcomes which are geared towards the achievement of a clear ambition for what joined up government support can help achieve in the sector, underpinned by shared values and practices which aim to support the relationship between government and the sector.
1.4	The key areas for delivery within the draft framework are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creating effective partnerships to deliver the outcomes. 2. Sustained investment in sector infrastructure 3. Delivering reforms to Charity regulation 4. Applying and championing improved funding practices 5. Improving understanding about the work and impact of the sector through data.
1.5	The draft response to the consultation agrees with the outcomes and areas for delivery whilst noting that a collaborative approach should include local government and stakeholders is essential to ensuring maximised support to the Voluntary and Community Sector.
1.6	The consultation also raises a number of issues that would require clarification for the council. The proposals for the Framework suggest a hierarchy of community infrastructure with representation from regional and local community groups and organisations but has given little indication on how this is to be developed. There is no indication of whether the responsibility will fall to the council to implement both the council wide and local infrastructure. There is very little information on how it will be resourced, and whether additional funding for council will be available.
1.7	The proposed Framework outlines the ambition for a more formalised structure to aid the delivery of community development and services, with no reference to Community Planning,

1.8	<p>People and Place or the Integrated Care System, all of which require a formal community infrastructure. Clarification on these issues has been requested through the draft response.</p> <p>The Department for Communities is inviting responses to the draft proposals by 9th February 2024.</p>	
2.0	<p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <p>It is recommended that Members approve the response to the Voluntary and Community Sector Infrastructure and Support Policy Framework Consultation</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	<p>Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out? DfC has conducted an Equality Screening of the draft framework</p>	<p>Yes</p>
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	<p>Has a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) been completed? DfC has conducted an Equality Screening of the draft framework</p>	<p>Yes</p>
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 4 [Com] Draft Consultation response
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The Department for Communities has put forward draft proposals to support a thriving Voluntary and Community Sector in Northern Ireland through a commitment to continued government investment in sector infrastructure and to improving the way that government works with and for the sector.

The proposals are geared towards the achievement of a clear ambition for what joined up government support can help achieve in the sector, underpinned by shared values and practices which aim to support the relationship between government and the sector.

The Department is seeking views on these draft proposals through this questionnaire. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, we would ask that only one person from each organisation submits a response.

You can also share your views by attending one of our scheduled events or by sending a submission to: vcsinfrastructure@communities-ni.gov.uk

You can find out more information about our events, including how to register on our [website](#).

1. Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

If answer is individual then skip to Section 2 and Question 6

Organisation

2. What is the name of your organisation?

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

3. Does your organisation operate more in urban or rural areas?

- a. More urban
- b. More rural
- c. Evenly split

4. Which of the following best describes your organisation?

- a. Voluntary and Community Sector organisation

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b. Public Sector organisation

- c. Private Sector organisation
- d. Funder

If answer is b,c or d then skip to Section 2 and Question 6

5. If you are answering on behalf of a voluntary and community organisation, which of the following best describes it?
- a. Voluntary organisation
 - b. Community organisation
 - c. Social Enterprise
 - d. Other

If Other, please specify:

Section 2: Supporting the Sector's relationship with Government

Section 2 of the consultation was developed collaboratively by the Joint Forum between Government and the Voluntary and Community Sector (the "Joint Forum"). For further information on the Joint Forum and full list of current members please visit www.NICVA.org

In September 2022 former Communities Minister Deirdre Hargey identified the need for a renewal and recommitment of the 2011 "Concordat" agreement between government and Voluntary and Community Sector and invited the Joint Forum to take forward this work, in anticipation of aligning this with a future Programme for Government.

As a foundation for a future Concordat agreement, the Joint Forum has articulated the following set of core values and practices which should guide and support the relationship between all of government and the wider sector.

Value 1: Accountability

A shared commitment to act with high standards of integrity and professionalism. This includes being open, honest, and transparent in the interests of a shared and common agenda and demonstrating mutual respect, and accountability for our actions and in our decision making.

Ways of Working which will deliver for this value:

1. Timely, open and honest communication with stakeholders about progress, challenges, and decision-making.
2. Accountability across both sectors for actions and decisions, promoting a culture of responsibility.
3. Adherence to established guidelines on ethical behaviour and decision-making.
4. Commissioning, grant & procurement processes are transparent and consistent.
5. Clear arrangements for managing change to policy, programmes, and services.

Value 2: Active Participation

A shared commitment to the active participation of all stakeholders in Northern Ireland, which seeks to address inequalities of power and ensures genuine opportunities for participation, involvement, and influence. This is rooted in the shared belief that

communities and people have the right, and should be empowered to, identify their own needs and interests and the outcomes required to meet these.

Ways of Working which will deliver for this value:

1. Participatory approaches to formulating public policy underpinned by strategic commitment and investment.
2. Capacity building and resources to empower stakeholders to effectively participate in decision making and discussions.
3. Informed and deliberative approaches and processes valuing relevant expertise and lived experience.
4. Inclusive mechanisms that ensure diverse voices are taken into account in decision-making processes.
5. Participation methods are regularly monitored and reviewed to identify and address any power imbalances.

Value 3: Social Justice

A shared commitment to human rights, equality, and anti-discrimination. This involves promoting, advancing, and protecting human rights and equality in our society while recognising the intersectional impacts of inequality and discrimination experienced by individuals, groups, and communities.

Ways of Working which will deliver for this value:

1. Uphold and promote international human rights standards.
2. Act with due regard to statutory Section 75 and Rural Need commitments
3. Advocate for policies that support marginalised individuals and communities.
4. Pursue and prioritise work that will help to address inequalities.
5. Ensure work to tackle inequalities is informed by lived experiences.

Value 4: Independence

A shared understanding of the need for an independent, resilient, and sustainable voluntary and community sector sector to meet shared societal outcomes; recognising and supporting the sectors legal rights to give voice to civic society, to participate in, shape, comment and challenge public policy and decision making and to determine and manage its own affairs.

Ways of Working which will deliver for this value:

1. Maintain organisational autonomy while seeking ways to collaborate and engage with government.
2. Articulate and communicate the sector's rights and responsibilities to engage in policy discussions
3. Support the sector's capacity to challenge, innovate and add value to public policy and decision-making.
4. Sustain investment and resourcing of the work of the sector.

Value 5: Collaboration

A shared commitment to promoting and sustaining opportunities for relationship building, collaboration and partnership working between our sectors, and to broadening shared experience and understanding, for the benefit of the communities and people we serve.

Ways of Working which will deliver for this value:

1. A culture of collaboration and cooperation across the sectors is fostered.
2. Platforms for regular interaction and knowledge-sharing between the sectors are available.
3. Participatory and collaborative approaches to formulating public policy and programmes are championed and resourced.
4. A mutually agreed set of values and principles for collaboration and 'partnership-working' is agreed and adopted.
5. Improved inter-sector engagement in planning and co-design of programmes and public services.

Value 6: Sustainability

A shared commitment to climate justice and sustainable development, including promoting cultural, environmental, economic, and socially sustainable policies and practices.

Ways of Working which will deliver for this value:

1. Promotion and investment in working practices that are environmentally and socially just and sustainable.
2. Sustainability considerations are integrated into decision-making processes.

3. Advocate for climate justice and the importance of sustainable practices among stakeholders.

6. The Joint Forum has proposed a draft framework of values and practices as a foundation for a future Concordat. To what extent do you agree with these values and practices as a way of supporting the relationship between Government and the Voluntary and Community Sector?

Value 1: Accountability

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

Value 2: Active Participation

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

Value 3: Social Justice

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

Value 4: Independence

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

Value 5: Collaboration

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

Value 6: Sustainability

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

Please share anything you would like to add specific to the individual values:

- a. Accountability (free text)

It is essential that accountability is a two-way process, so that appropriate support is given to VCS to ensure they are able to deliver, while government remains accountable to groups and organisations through engagement and collaboration.

- b. Active Participation (free text)

Participation is not enough. VCS needs to be an equal partner in the process, with full support to become empowered to have control over

certain areas of delivery of which they are aware of the needs of their services.

- c. Social Justice (free text)

All community development approaches should have a commitment to social justice. Support should be available to increase resilience within VCS to ensure they have the capacity to address inequality challenges.

- d. Independence (free text)

Many groups and organisations in the VCS are capable of operating independently and must be given the support to do so. However, many others do not have the capacity or may not want the responsibility to be independent. Flexibility within the new Framework should be considered to provide appropriate and tailored support to those who need it.

- e. Collaboration (free text)

The suggested operating model is akin to community planning processes, where more is achieved by working through meaningful collaboration. This may also mean sharing resources and to ensure efficiencies.

- f. Sustainability (free text)

Sustainability within the VCS is critical. Further investment and support to ensure organisations have the capacity to identify sustainable models is vital.

7. Please let us know if you think there are gaps in the proposed framework of values and practices or anything additional that you would like to see included: (free text)

Collaboration across central & local government, VCS and statutory partners will be vital to delivering the values outlined within the framework.

8. The Joint Forum has been considering options to ensure that a future Concordat/Agreement leads to meaningful change and an improved relationship between the sectors.

To what extent do you agree that a future Concordat/Agreement would be strengthened if a legal duty were created to require NI Executive Ministers to act in

compliance with the concordat values and practices when making decisions and carrying out ministerial responsibilities?

(Strongly Agree, **Agree**, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

9. The Joint Forum is keen to hear views on what the ambition and scope of a new Concordat/Agreement should be between Government and Voluntary and Community Sector.

Please share any thoughts, ideas or challenges below. (free text)

It is timely to introduce a concordat between Government and the VCS. Many organisations are struggling with the challenges of unsustainable funding cycles and the cost of living rises. Services delivered by the VCS frequently support the services delivered by public agencies, particularly in the areas of physical and mental health, and social services. Without the contribution of VCS these public services would be under increased pressure to provide essential support to communities and individuals. The challenge will be to support the VCS with appropriate resources, both funding and people, in a sustainable manner. Due diligence is required to ensure that the representation from the VCS is reflective of the entire sector.

10. The 2011 Concordat was framed as an agreement between Government and the voluntary and community sector. The Joint Forum believes that a future Concordat should apply to a wider range of “civil society” organisations: a very broad definition that includes everything outside the state (public sector) and the market (private sector). This is also sometimes called the “third sector” or the “social sector”. There is some debate around the term we should use when we speak about this broader sector. Which would be your preferred term?

Third sector/ Social sector/ Civil Society/Other/ **No preference**.

If Other, please specify (free text)

Section 3: Vision and Headline Outcomes (for infrastructure support)

Section 3 describes the vision and the range of outcomes which government investment in sector infrastructure can achieve.

Vision

“A confident, independent and collaborative sector which empowers and sustains local action and volunteering; a sector that represents the diversity of our communities and supports the delivery of inclusive and accessible services and programme for government outcomes through partnership, innovation and challenge”.

11. The draft framework proposes a vision for infrastructure support. To what extent do you agree with this vision?

(Strongly Agree, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

If you would like to expand on your answer please do so below. (free text)

The Vision covers all the important issues for the concordat. However, the mention of the Programme for Government implies an importance of government outcomes (which relate to all sectors) rather on agreed outcomes for the VCS. It should read:

“A confident, independent and collaborative sector which empowers and sustains local action and volunteering; a sector that represents the diversity of our communities and supports the delivery of inclusive and accessible services and agreed outcomes through partnership, innovation and challenge”.

The Department has developed 4 headline outcomes to articulate what success looks like against this vision.

Leadership and Advocacy headline outcome

Strong leadership and effective advocacy within the sector promotes the interests of our diverse communities and enables community connection and engagement

Supporting Outcomes:

- Sector leaders have skills and confidence to support their organisations and communities.

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- Sector leaders work together around shared issues.
- Sector leadership is diverse and representative of the sector and communities.
- Data and evidence from the sector is effectively collated, analysed and communicated
- Public policy and decision making (central and local government) is informed by evidence from the sector (including the lived experience of people in our communities)

12. To what extent do you agree with this Leadership and Advocacy headline outcome?
(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

13. To what extent do you agree with the supporting outcomes?

a. Sector leaders have skills and confidence to support their organisations and communities

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

b. Sector leaders work together around shared issues

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

c. Sector leadership is diverse and representative of the sector and communities

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

d. Data and evidence from the sector is effectively collated, analysed and communicated

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

e. Public policy and decision making (central and local government) is informed by evidence from the sector

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

14. If you would like to expand on your answers, please do so below. (free text)

It is imperative to have strong and effective leadership within government and within the VCS. Sharing good practice as well as data and evidence is vital to

a healthy and vibrant VCS. Collection, analysis and review of data and evidence from the sector should be unified, where possible, to reduce duplicity and poor use of resources within VCS.

Volunteering headline outcome

Volunteering activity is enabled and supported to maximise benefits for individuals, organisations and communities.

Supporting Outcomes:

- People volunteering with organisations are well supported and valued.
- Voluntary management committees can access the support they need.
- The value and impact of volunteering is understood and communicated.
- Organisations in the sector are supported to recruit and manage volunteers.
- Volunteer management skills are developed within organisations.
- Volunteer opportunities are accessible.
- People volunteering are representative of our diverse communities

15. To what extent do you agree with this Volunteering headline outcome?

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

16. To what extent do you agree with the supporting outcomes?

a. People volunteering with organisations are well supported and valued.

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

b. Voluntary management committees can access the support they need.

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

c. The value and impact of volunteering is understood and communicated.

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

d. Organisations in the sector are supported to recruit and manage volunteers.

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

e. Volunteer management skills are developed within organisations.
(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

f. Volunteer opportunities are accessible.
(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

g. People volunteering are representative of our diverse communities.
(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

17. If you would like to expand on your answer please do so below. (free text)

Volunteers are essential to maintain the VCS. They need to be supported, resourced and celebrated. The number of volunteers reduced significantly following the Pandemic, and while numbers are growing steadily, more needs to be done before the VCS sector can be seen as sustainable. Scoping should be undertaken to identify the needs of volunteers and organisations and tailor support to directly meet the needs of the sector.

Core Capacity and Resilience headline outcome

Core capacity and resilience of organisations within the sector is sustained and further developed to enable people and communities to thrive.

Supporting Outcomes:

- Voluntary and community organisations can access a range of support which meets diverse needs.
- Organisations are supported to work effectively within a changing funding and regulatory framework.
- Organisations are supported to demonstrate the impact of their work.
- Organisations are supported to access funding and diversify income.
- Organisations are supported to acquire, develop and sustain assets.

18. To what extent do you agree with this Core Capacity and Resilience headline outcome?

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

19. To what extent do you agree with the supporting outcomes?

a. Voluntary and community organisations can access a range of support which meets diverse needs.

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

b. Organisations are supported to work effectively within a changing funding and regulatory framework.

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

c. Organisations are supported to demonstrate the impact of their work.

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

d. Organisations are supported to access funding and diversify income.

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

e. Organisations are supported to acquire, develop and sustain assets.

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

20. If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so below. (free text)

The Council fully supports this headline outcome and supporting outcomes.

Collaboration and Partnership headline outcome

Effective collaboration and partnership enhance the impact of the sector's work

Supporting Outcomes:

- Sector infrastructure convenes diverse and representative partnerships and networks
- Sector-led partnerships support effective engagement with government

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- Sector-led partnerships support local resilience and civil contingencies arrangements
- Collaboration and partnership enable peer support and sharing of knowledge, skills and competence
- Collaboration and partnerships support organisations to sustain services and improve their impact

21. To what extent do you agree with this Collaboration and Partnership headline outcome?

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

22. To what extent do you agree with the supporting outcomes?

- a. Sector infrastructure convenes diverse and representative partnerships and networks.

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

- b. Sector-led partnerships support effective engagement with government.

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

- c. Sector-led partnerships support local resilience and civil contingencies arrangements.

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

- d. Collaboration and partnership enable peer support and sharing of knowledge, skills and competence.

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

- e. Collaboration and partnerships support organisations to sustain services and improve their impact.

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

23. If you would like to expand on your answer please do so below. (free text)

The Council agrees with the headline outcome and the supporting outcomes.

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24. Are there any key elements or themes missing from either the vision or headline outcomes?

Yes/ **No**

If yes, please provide further information. (free text)

Section 4: Delivering the Ambition

Section 4 sets out proposals for how the Department will work with the sector and other partners to deliver against the ambition of the vision and outcomes described in Section 3.

Our recent engagement and discussion with stakeholders points to five key areas where the Department for Communities can lead and deliver in support of sector outcomes:

1. **Creating effective partnerships:** working with sector partners, with government and independent funders
2. **Sustained investment in sector infrastructure:** commissioning an integrated framework of support geared towards a common outcomes framework
3. **Creating a more enabling regulatory and policy environment:** delivering the agreed reforms to charity regulation and strategic policy
4. **Applying and championing improved funding practices:** exploring, developing, applying and sharing good practice
5. **Improving understanding about the work and impact of the sector:** collating, interpreting and sharing data and evidence

25. The Department has suggested five key areas for delivery against the proposed outcomes. To what extent do you agree that focusing on these delivery areas will support the outcomes framework?
(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

If you would like to expand on your answer please do so below. Note that additional sections of this survey will allow space for more comments on the detail of these delivery areas. (free text)

The Council agrees with these key areas for delivery, however recognizes that the measurement of outcomes and achievement for each of these areas should be communicated.

1. Creating effective partnerships:

This section focuses on the Department's direct relationship with sector infrastructure organisations and local government.

Proposals for Sectoral Infrastructure Partnerships

We will work in partnership with **sector infrastructure organisations** to ensure effective delivery against the agreed vision and outcomes.

The Department will seek to work with a **regional infrastructure delivery partnership** covering the whole of NI, capable of designing and delivering appropriate training and support and with the resources to convene and support sector leaders at a regional level (including supporting a network of community infrastructure partners) and deliver an integrated programme of research and data development for the sector.

The Department will seek to work with a network of **Community infrastructure partners** which supports the diversity of community and voluntary action across council areas. Community infrastructure partners will provide a baseline of community development and volunteering infrastructure support and will be expected to operate as a collaborative network. Community Infrastructure Partners will work closely with Regional Delivery Partners where appropriate to identify and meet sectoral support needs and the role will include delivery of direct training and advisory programmes, peer support and mentoring work, local convening and stakeholder engagement, survey and data collection.

The Department has identified the need for three types of **Community infrastructure partners**:

Community Infrastructure Organisations (sub-regional): Infrastructure organisations which meet the general infrastructure support needs of VCS organisations in a defined

geographical area, providing inclusive, accessible services to any organisation operating in a locality.

Community Infrastructure Organisations (sub-sectoral): Infrastructure organisations which support a significant sub-sector of organisations working on behalf of a vulnerable demographic and where those organisations have distinct infrastructure support needs arising from the nature of their work, that aren't met through general infrastructure support.

Volunteer Centres: Infrastructure organisations that provide support and expertise within the local community to potential volunteers, existing volunteers and organisations that involve volunteers. The Department will invest in the core work of a network of volunteer centres to support the identified volunteering outcomes.

26. To what extent do you agree with the proposed approach to delivering regional infrastructure support?

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

27. To what extent do you agree with the need for 3 types of local infrastructure support:

a. community infrastructure organisations (sub regional),

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

b. community infrastructure organisations (sub sectoral),

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

c. Volunteer Centres

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

In Summary, this delivery area commits to:

- Create new range of partnerships with sector infrastructure organisations to support delivery against the outcomes framework
- Redesign the Community Support Programme in partnership with local government.

28. To what extent do you agree with these commitments?

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

If you would like to expand on your answer please do so below.

The Department should consider the range of sector specialties and capacity within the VCS. It is not completely clear from the information provided what the distinctions and allocation of funding will be to each level of operation. Neither is there any indication of whether councils will be expected to set up and support the community infrastructure partners involved in the sub-regional and sub-sectoral community infrastructure organisations and the volunteer centres. Council would welcome more clarification before supporting or committing to the Framework.

2. **Sustained investment in sector infrastructure**: commissioning an integrated framework of support geared towards a common outcomes framework

As part of this key area for delivery, the framework looks at each of the 4 headline outcomes and outlines a number of indicative priorities for investment. The following questions will be about each of these headline outcomes and the priorities under each of these.

Headline outcome: Strong leadership and effective advocacy within the sector promotes the interests of our diverse communities and enables community connection and engagement.

Indicative Priorities for Investment:

- Leadership development (developing leadership capacity within VCS organisations at different levels, including a focus on staff retention, succession planning, driving change and growth, peer mentoring)
- Support for advocacy and effective representation (developing the skills and knowledge within organisations)
- Development and sharing of good practice on inclusive engagement methods.
- Knowledge exchange mechanisms (both virtual and in-person; formal and informal; networks, seminars, conferences etc)

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- Digital communication resources (to maximise reach and impact and enable effective sharing and dissemination of information)
- Research creating meaningful data and supporting a greater understanding of the health and impact of the voluntary and community sector.
- Building skills and confidence on participatory methods and practices throughout the sector.

29. To what extent do you agree with these priorities for investment under the leadership and advocacy headline outcome?

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

30. Can you suggest other priorities?

No further suggestions.

Headline outcome: Volunteering activity is enabled and supported to maximise benefits for individuals, organisations and communities.

Indicative Priorities for Investment:

- Supporting the core work of volunteer centres (Infrastructure organisations that provide support and expertise within the local community to potential volunteers, existing volunteers and organisations that involve volunteers. The Department will invest in the core work of a network of volunteer centres to support the identified volunteering outcomes)
- Supporting the work of volunteers in management positions (developing skills and knowledge of, for example, volunteers on management boards and also support to encourage increased levels of volunteering in this area).
- Digital resources to support volunteering: accessible, user-friendly resources, to promote advice, guidance, volunteer-matching.
- Research to improve available data and increase understanding on issues affecting volunteering, the impact of volunteering and the future of volunteering.
- Outreach and communication to promote awareness and volunteer recruitment.
- Recognition and reward initiatives for volunteers

31. To what extent do you agree with these priorities for investment under the volunteering headline outcome?

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

32. Can you suggest other priorities?

Government must ensure provision of sufficient financial resources to support these priorities and that no additional burden falls to local government or CVS.

Headline outcome: Core capacity and resilience of organisations within the sector is sustained and developed.

Indicative Priorities for Investment:

- Online resources (maintaining key data relevant to the sector including funding sources and regulation)
- Directory of local infrastructure support, better signposting to increase awareness of support available.
- Training programmes and resources (digital and in-person delivery with a flexibility to meet diverse needs), including post training consolidation and support/peer mentoring, with a focus on:
 - Income diversification (including accessing funding sources; income generation; tender writing and fundraising)
 - Business planning and Innovation
 - Governance
 - Monitoring, impact measurement, and reporting
 - Acquiring, developing and managing assets (acquisition and development of land and buildings; support to manage and maximise assets including marketing, increasing accessibility and sign-posting to properly utilise and level up existing facilities)
 - HR, staff recruitment and development, succession planning
 - Building resilience; being responsive and flexible to meet changing/emerging needs.
 - Ad hoc support and advice in response to changing needs.

33. To what extent do you agree with these priorities for investment under the core capacity and resilience headline outcome?

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

34. Can you suggest other priorities?

No further suggestions.

Headline outcome: Effective collaboration and partnership enhance the impact of the sector's work.

Indicative Priorities for Investment:

- Development and facilitation of a strategic stakeholder Forum for VCS and government (currently the Joint Forum between government and the VCS)
- Development and facilitation of regional networks of infrastructure organisations, increasing connectivity and supporting relationship building (to include all DfC supported infrastructure partners)
- Development and coordination of peer learning/peer exchange programme (learning from Community Academy model and Collaboration NI)
- Development and facilitation of a VCS Civil Contingencies/Resilience Partnership

35. To what extent do you agree with these priorities for investment under the collaboration and partnership headline outcome?

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

36. Can you suggest other priorities?

No further suggestions.

In Summary, this delivery area commits to:

- Renew investment in sector infrastructure supports.

37. To what extent do you agree with this commitment?

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

If you would like to expand on your answer please do so below. (free text)

The council fully supports the renewed investment in the VCS. The sector was invaluable during the Pandemic and deserves to have the support and resources it needs to develop and grow.

3. **Creating a more enabling regulatory and policy environment**: delivering the agreed reforms to charity regulation and strategic policy.

The Department for Communities is committed to creating a more enabling regulatory environment for the Voluntary and Community Sector through the implementation of the recommendations arising from the Independent Review of Charity Regulation in NI.

In Summary, this delivery area commits to:

- Improve the regulation of charities.

38. To what extent do you agree that improving charity regulation will support positive outcomes for the sector?

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

If you would like to expand on your answer please do so below.

Fewer restrictive regulations will ultimately benefit the VCS. Regulations should be relevant to the size and remit of the sector. Having a 'one size fits all' approach is not sustainable or appropriate.

4. **Applying and championing improved funding practices**: exploring, developing, applying and sharing good practice

The Department recognises that our funding practices are a key factor in our ability to create and sustain effective partnerships with sector infrastructure organisations, and more widely to meet the challenge of “fair funding” and proportionate bureaucracy in the funding relationship between government and the sector.

In Summary, this delivery area commits to:

- Support strategic relationships with government and non-government funders.
- Apply and champion fair and improved funding practices.

39. To what extent do you agree with these commitments?

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so below. (free text)

It is essential to ensure clear pathways to sustainability are promoted.

Identifying clear communication with all the sector regarding funding and improved funding practices will improve the equitable access and knowledge of potential financial support.

5. Improving understanding about the work and impact of the sector: collating, interpreting and sharing data and evidence

The Department recognises that we need to make improvements to how we commission, collate, consider and communicate data if we want to understand what the sector needs and how best to support those needs. This will require a focus on both qualitative and quantitative information.

In Summary, this delivery area commits to:

- Boost data on the VCS
- Improve understanding of the VCS

40. To what extent do you agree with these commitments?

(**Strongly Agree**, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree).

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so below. (free text)

Monitoring impact is a very challenging exercise but is vital to understanding the sector and the impact of the Framework. The Council would urge the government to invest appropriately in monitoring and assessing the qualitative

and quantitative information. Having various reporting requirements in a range of methods is unnecessary and resource intensive for the sector.

Annex 3: Statutory Assessments

Equality screening of the policy framework has identified no adverse impacts. On this basis, the decision is that the policy framework should not be subject to a full equality impact assessment.

41. Do you agree with the conclusions of the Equality Screening exercise?

Yes/No/ Don't know.

If no, please provide your reasons. (free text)

42. A Rural Needs Impact Assessment has been completed in line with the Department's duty under the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016. The needs of people in rural areas have been identified and taken into consideration with the aim of providing balanced infrastructure support provision across all geographies. Do you think the proposed draft framework presents any other issues for rural communities?

Yes/No/Don't know.

If you wish to expand on your answer, you may provide further comments: (free text)

No.

Committee:	Communities & Wellbeing
Date:	6 February 2024
Report from:	Head of Communities

Item for:	Decision
Subject:	Delegated Authority

1.0:	<p><u>Background and Key Issues</u></p> <p>Members were updated at the November 2023 meeting of this committee regarding current status of the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council PEACEPLUS Action Plan under Thematic Area 1.1 Co-designed Local PEACE Action Plans. At that time the Partnership was working towards submission of the Action Plan by the 14 December 2023 deadline set by SEUPB. Delegated authority was agreed by Council to the Communities & Wellbeing Committee to facilitate submission by the December deadline. The committee was advised that this may be subject to change.</p>
1.1	<p>An email was circulated to the committee members on 29 November 2023 to advise that SEUPB had confirmed that the Council was required to name its partners in respect of Theme 1 'Community Regeneration and Transformation', at the time of submission and on that basis extended the deadline to 28 March 2024.</p>
1.2	<p>Expression of Interest – Theme 1 'Community Regeneration and Transformation'</p> <p>An Expression of Interest framework under Theme 1 of the PEACEPLUS Action Plan was incepted on 4 January 2024 with a closing date set for 2 February 2024. The purpose of the framework is to facilitate submissions of Expressions of Interest which would be assessed and scored by a panel based on published criteria and guidelines. Of the overall amount of approx. £3.8m available for PEACEPLUS in the LCCC area, there is a total of £1.2m available for this thematic area.</p>
1.3	<p>Expressions of Interest were invited from groups within the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council area for projects that will empower local people to transform their communities on a cross community basis. This can include developing capital projects and / or spaces, redeveloping existing community facilities for shared usage and functionality to accommodate increased cross community services and interaction. Projects can include both capital investment and activity programmes (to animate the space once complete). The following is a list of potential co-designed actions / projects which could be supported (not exhaustive):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transformation and re-imagining of individual or collective areas within a community including: existing buildings, open spaces, streetscapes etc in a manner which challenges initial perceptions and increases the level of shared engagement and pride in an area; • Development of new or enhanced facilities within existing buildings, which will enable increased levels of cross community interaction and service provision. The focus of these new or enhanced shared spaces will vary and include areas

<p>1.4</p> <p>1.5</p> <p>1.6</p>	<p>such as social enterprise, community development, tourism, education, sport, culture etc;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of new shared outdoor spaces which enable increased levels of cross community interaction and where possible capitalise upon natural assets; • Development of new community navigation projects and schemes, which facilitate increased levels of cross community mobility within target areas; and • Development of co-designed cross community place making plans. <p>Officers facilitated 5 information workshops which took place w/c 8 January to allow prospective applicants to find out more about the opportunity to express an interest and offer guidance on the process to be followed. Approximately 75 people were in attendance across the 5 locations (including online).</p> <p>A panel will meet after the closing date in early February to assess the applications received with an outcomes paper to be presented to the PEACEPLUS Partnership later that month to agree on which projects should be named as partners in our Action Plan.</p> <p>Delegated Authority</p> <p>It is anticipated that final sign off on the completed LCCC Action Plan by the PEACEPLUS Partnership will be at its February meeting. In order to accommodate council approval in advance of the submission date of 28 March 2024, it is requested that delegated authority is granted by the council to the March meeting of this committee to approve the decisions of the PEACEPLUS Partnership in respect of the Local Action Plan. All Members of Council will be invited to attend this meeting.</p>				
<p>2.0</p>	<p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <p>Members are asked to note the content of this report and to approve the delegated authority requested in respect of the approval and submission of the Local PEACEPLUS Action Plan by the requisite deadline of 28 March 2024.</p>				
<p>3.0</p>	<p><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>£3.8m from SEUPB Theme 1: £1.2m</p>				
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<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? The RNIA will be completed as part of the Local Action Plan for LCCC	No
4.4	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out.	

Appendices:



Committee:	Communities & Wellbeing
Date:	6 February 2024
Report from:	Acting Head of Parks & Amenities

Item for:	Decision
Subject:	Easter Service in Moira Demesne

1.0	<p><u>Background and Key Issues</u></p> <p>A request has been received on behalf of Moira Presbyterian Church to hold a multi denominational religious service in Moira Demesne on Sunday 31st March 2024 from 0700-0730 hrs to celebrate Easter.</p> <p>The event if approved will require Council temporarily setting aside the Byelaws which prohibit the following activities to preach, lecture or take part in any meeting for political, religious or any purpose or take part in any public show, performance or demonstration, except with the prior consent of the Council and in such part of the facility as may be set aside for that purpose.</p> <p>If minded to support this request then with Council's approval, this Byelaw can be set aside for the duration of the event. The organisers will then be required to engage with the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) and comply with all usual booking requirements such as providing adequate insurance details and necessary Risk Assessments.</p>	
2.0	<p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <p>It is recommended that Members approve the request to hold a multi-denominational religious service in Moira Demesne on a Sunday 31st March 2024 to celebrate Easter; and that the Council approve the setting aside of the Byelaws to enable this request to progress.</p>	
3.0	<p><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>	
4.0	<p><u>Equality/Good Relations and Rural Needs Impact Assessments</u></p>	
	Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out?	Yes
	<p>Summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out</p> <p>An equality screening has been carried out has been screened out with mitigations to be in place. The mitigating factors involve ensuring consideration is given to vehicular access, being a responsible neighbour and ensuring there is communication and engagement. Officers will engage with the event organisers regarding the mitigations</p> <p>Equality and Good Relations Assessment</p>	

	Has a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) been completed?	No
	Summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out. Rural impact is considered as part of the overall P&A portfolio to include access to sites and location	

Appendix	1. Application request
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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)

MOIRA DEMENSE

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

SUNDAY 31 March 2024 0700-0730

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

MOIRA COMMUNITY MULTI-DENOMINATIONAL EASTER SUNDAY DAWN SERVICE.

THE SERVICE WILL CONSIST OF SINGING 3 SONGS, A BIBLE READING AND A SHORT REFLECTION FOCUSING ON THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST.

THERE ARE NO PLANS TO USE A PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT APPROXIMATELY 80 WILL ATTEND BASED ON NUMBERS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS.

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

RELIGIOUS MEETING TO CELEBRATE EASTER.

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 SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN VICINITY OF THE PLAYING FIELDS AWAY FROM RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

REQUEST MAIN GATES OPEN FROM 0630 TO FACILTATE CAR PARKING AND ACCESS TO TOILET FACILITIES.

6. **Your Details**

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

Organisation Name	
Commercial / Profit Making	
Charity	Yes / No (if Yes please provide NI Charity Commission Registration Number)
Community Group	

Applicant's Contact Details

Name	INFORMATION REDACTED
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. The link below provides you access to the necessary forms:

<https://www.lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk/business/health-safety-at-work/event-safety>

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:

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Committee:	Communities & Wellbeing
Date:	6 February 2024
Report from:	Acting Head of Parks & Amenities

Item for:	Decision
Subject:	Request to set aside Byelaws for a religious service at Easter in Wallace Park

1.0	<p><u>Background and Key Issues</u></p> <p>A request has been received on behalf of Lisburn Baptist Church to hold a religious service in Wallace Park on Sunday 31st March 2024 from 08:30 – 09:30 hrs to celebrate Easter.</p> <p>The event if approved will require Council temporarily setting aside the Byelaws which prohibit the following activities to preach, lecture or take part in any meeting for political, religious or any purpose or take part in any public show, performance or demonstration, except with the prior consent of the Council and in such part of the facility as may be set aside for that purpose.</p> <p>If minded to support this request then with Council’s approval, this Byelaw can be set aside for the duration of the event. The organisers will then be required to engage with the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) and comply with all usual booking requirements such as providing adequate insurance and necessary Risk Assessments.</p>											
2.0	<p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <p>It is recommended that Members approve the request to hold a multi-denominational religious service in Wallace Park on a Sunday 31st March 2024 to celebrate Easter; and that the Council approve the setting aside of the Byelaws to enable this request to progress.</p>											
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Appendix	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application request 2. Screening document
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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)

Wallace Park for a Easter morning church service.

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

31st March at 8:30AM

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

We are looking to have a morning service lasting 30-45 minutes to celebrate Easter morning and the resurrection of Jesus with our church family. There will be singing and a short message from the Bible. There will be approximately 40 people attended.

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

Church Easter celebration.

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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)

We will hold it at the band stand.

6. **Your Details**

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

Organisation Name	Lisburn Baptist Church
Commercial / Profit Making	No
Charity	Waiting to be called by the Charities Commission
Community Group	No

Applicant's Contact Details

Name	INFORMATION REDACTED
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. The link below provides you access to the necessary forms:

<https://www.lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk/business/health-safety-at-work/event-safety>

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.**

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Committee:	Leisure & Community Wellbeing
Date:	6 th February 2023
Report from:	Director of Communities and Wellbeing

Item for:	Decision
Subject:	Lisburn Half Marathon, 10k & Fun Run 2024

1.0	<u>Background</u>	
1.1	At its meeting on 3rd October, the Committee approved several changes to the routes for the above-mentioned events. Subsequently, at the Council meeting on 24th October, concerns were raised on the proposed revised routes, specifically the width of the path at the Blaris Greenway, traffic management at Blaris Road and the ability of emergency vehicles accessing that area. In addition, an issue was raised regarding the barriers at Sprucefield Park and Ride. Accordingly, the Council agreed that the minute be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.	
2.0	<u>Current Position</u>	
	Officers have been consulting with all stakeholders in relation to safe access and egress to and from the Blaris Greenway. In addition, officers are engaging on an ongoing basis with the relevant bodies, and whilst having made progress in dealing with potential issues, the removal of static barriers at the Blaris Road end of the Greenway remains an ongoing challenge.	
	As a result, it is recommended that there be no change to the route in 2024 and it remains the same as in previous years. Officers will engage with the PSNI and relevant organisations to seek additional resources at specific 'pinch' points. Additional trained marshals will also be deployed to mitigate the risk to runners taking part.	
3.0	<u>Recommendation</u>	
	That the Committee amends its decision of 3rd October and agrees that there be no changes to the routes for the 2024 Lisburn Half Marathon, 10k & Fun Run.	
4.0	<u>Finance and Resource Implications</u>	
	Additional costs will be incurred depending upon the number of trained marshals required.	
5.0	<u>Equality/Good Relations and Rural Needs Impact Assessments</u>	
5.1	Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out?	Yes
	The route has been developed with accessibility in mind as the three races attract representatives with a range of different abilities.	
5.2	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out	

5.3	Has a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) been completed? Lisburn Half Marathon and Fun Run considers health and safety regarding access, egress, site lines and infrastructure to include parking. There is transport available through train and bus to access the site. The wider events programme allows for key events to occur across the council area both rural and urban	Yes/ No
5.4	Brief summary of the key issues identified and proposed mitigating actions <u>or</u> rationale why the screening was not carried out.	
Appendices:		None