

Title of Report:	Binevenagh & Coastal Lowlands Landscape Partnership Scheme
Committee Report Submitted To:	Leisure and Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	20th October 2020
For Decision or For Information	For Information

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	Protecting and enhancing our environment and assets Promote our tourist offer locally and internationally Prosperity, Health & Wellbeing & Cohesive Community
Outcome	
Lead Officer	Head of Service – Tourism & Recreation Coast & Countryside Manager

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£273,560 over 5-year period 2020-2025
Included in Current Year Estimates	Yes
Capital/Revenue	Capital
Code	
Staffing Costs	Staff representation on LPS Board and assistance with project delivery.

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	No	Date:

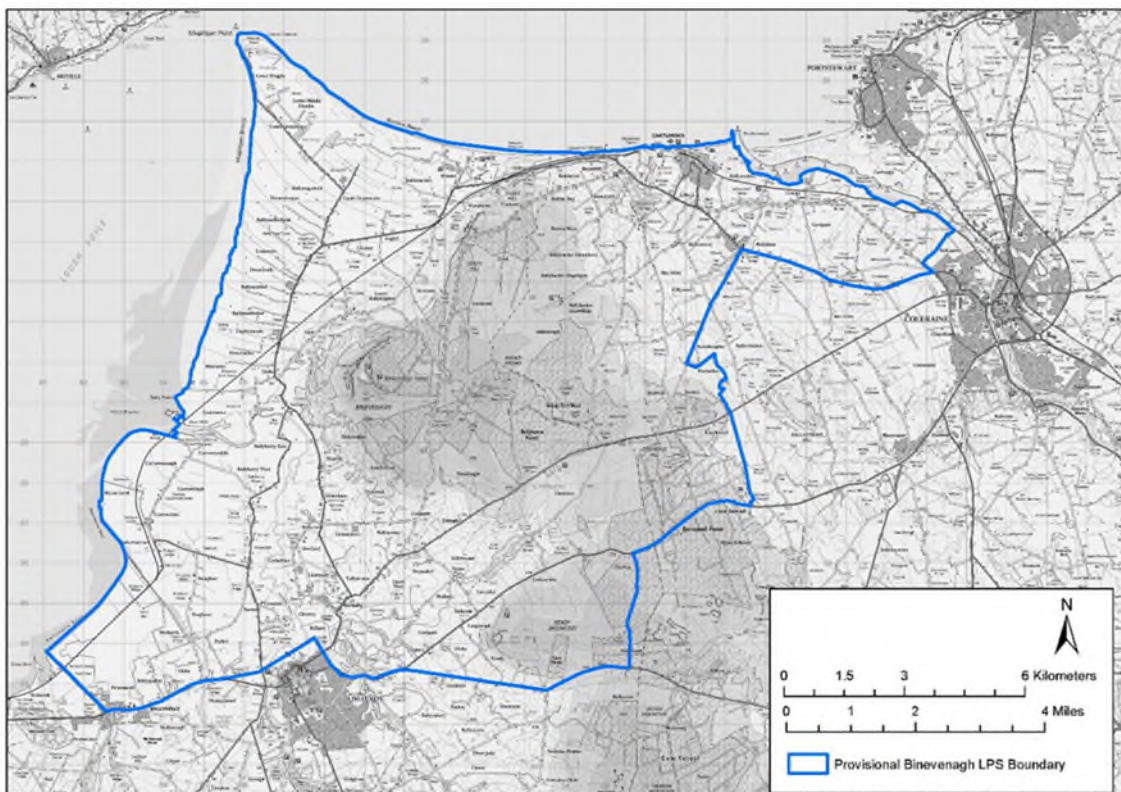
1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to present an update to Members on the Binevenagh & Coastal Lowlands Landscape Partnership Scheme (LPS).

2.0 Project Update

The National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) notified the Binevenagh and Coastal Lowlands LPS that its application for support of up to £3.4m had been successful on 24 March 2020. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was not possible to commence work on the scheme at this time. With NLHF's support the project commencement was delayed by 6 months, receiving permission to start on 14 September 2020.

Map - Project Area



Permission to start was granted based on an updated risk assessment and COVID resilient activity plan which was submitted to NLHF in August 2020. This has enabled the LPS Board to begin undertaking a recruitment exercise for four new Delivery Phase roles (Outdoor Recreation Officer, Natural Heritage Officer, Built Heritage and Conservation Officer and Finance and Administration Assistant).

Year One match funding has been confirmed by all relevant partners, including CCGHT, Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, Woodland Trust and Loughs Agency. The LPS team commenced delivery of Year One activities in September 2020.

The following table provides an outline of the payment schedule for all Year 1 match funders.

Source	Total Income
HLF	£519,423.08
CCGBC	£66,800.00
CCGHT	£30,000.00
Woodland Trust	£8,500.00
Loughs Agency	£10,000.00
Outdoor Recreation Course Participants	£1,200.00
MOD	£20,000.00
QUB	£3,000.00
Castlerock Golf Club	£210.00
Volunteer Time	£9,480.00
Total Income	£668,613.08

Council supported activities in Year1 includes:

- The Moors of Castlerock Conservation Grazing and Access Scheme.
- Invasive Species Action.
- Delivery of activities outlined in the Binevenagh and Ballycarton Outdoor Recreation Masterplan.
- Delivery of local community training and trails.

In Year 1 Council will provide match funding of £66,800 in support of these activities (21% of activity costs), with the remainder granted by NLHF.

The match funding contributions from Council over the five-year duration of the project remains as detailed in the table below.

	Contributions from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council				
	2020/21	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025
	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five
Moors of Castlerock	£ 20,000.00				
Invasives Species	£ 10,000.00				
Downhill Demesne			£ 38,460.00		
Binevenagh and Ballycarton	£ 16,800.00	£ 16,800.00	£ 16,800.00	£ 33,600.00	
Castlerock Trails and Tales		£ 18,000.00			
Community Training and Trails	£ 20,000.00				
Built Heritage Conservation and Access Enhancement		£ 10,000.00	£ 20,000.00	£ 10,000.00	£ 20,000.00
Community Heritage Initiatives				£ 23,100.00	
Totals	£ 66,800.00	£ 44,800.00	£ 75,260.00	£ 66,700.00	£ 20,000.00

The Binevenagh and Coastal Lowlands LPS Manager would welcome an opportunity to update members on progress in early 2021.