

Title of Report:	Council Community Centre Perception Study & Strategy
Committee Report Submitted To:	The Leisure and Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	17th November 2020
For Decision or For Information	For Information

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Healthy & Engaged Communities
Outcome	Council will work to develop and promote stable and cohesive communities across the Borough
Lead Officer	Head of Community & Culture Community Development Manager Community Facilities Development Officer

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£0
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	n/a

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:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with information about a consultation that is currently underway in relation to Councils Community Centres which will help inform a Community Centres Strategy for Causeway Coast and Glens.

2.0 Background

The vision for Council's community centres as highlighted in Council's Strategic Framework for Community Centre Provision (Oct 2016) is;

"To have shared, welcoming, accessible, fit for purpose community centres which provide a range of activities and services to address the needs of all sections of the community"

The development of a Community Centres Strategy is one of the key actions of Councils Community Development Strategy and also forms part of the Shared Spaces and Services programmes in the Peace IV Action Plan in relation to perceptions of shared spaces in the Borough.

As part of the Peace IV Shared Spaces and Services priority area, funded through SEUPB, Council has secured the services of Lorraine McCourt Consulting and MRNI Research Ltd to undertake a study in relation to perceptions of Councils Community Centres and an analysis of operating models for future community centres provision that will increase the accessibility and use of community centres, and ensure a coherent approach to community centre provision that meets the current and future needs of the whole community.

Currently Council has a total of 17 Community Centres, 12 of which are managed directly by Council and 5 of which are operated by community groups through a Shared Management Agreement. In addition, Council offers grant aid to support community owned facilities through its Community Development Support Grant.

3.0 Consultation

A Residents Survey is currently live to invite views of residents of their perceptions of Council's community centres. The survey can be accessed at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CausewayCoastandGlensCommunityCentres>

MRNI Research Ltd will also use a sampling method to draw a representative and relevant sample of 500 adults across the Causeway Coast and Glens Council area through a mix of on-line and telephone contact.

Other consultation activities will take place via Zoom and include focus groups with representatives of the PUL and CNR communities and other Section 75 groups as well as with representatives of the 5 community groups operating Council centres through the Shared Management Agreement.

An area focused consultation event will take place for each of the 12 Council owned and operated centres to seek the views of centre users and community stakeholders in that area. These meetings will also take place via Zoom and have been promoted through Councils social media platforms as well as a press release to local papers and e-invite distribution to Councils community and voluntary group database. The dates of these events are as follows:

Community Centre	Date and Time
Ballysally Community Centre	Monday, 9 th November 10.30am
Millburn Community Centre	Monday, 9 th November 2.00pm
Harpurs Hill Community Centre	Tuesday 10 th November 10.30am

Windyhall Community Centre	Tuesday 10 th November 2.00pm
Peter Thompson Hall, Castlerock	Tuesday 10 th November 7.00pm
Coleraine West Community Centre	Wednesday 11 th November 10.30 am
Portballintrae Village Hall	Wednesday 11 th November 2.00pm
Bushmills Community Centre	Thursday 12 th November 11am
Sheskburn Community Centre, Ballycastle	Thursday 12 th November 2pm
Mosside Community Centre	Thursday 12 th November 7pm
Dervock Community Centre	Friday 13 th November 11am
Balnamore Community Centre	Friday 13 th November 12.30pm

The consultation period will run during November and early December with a draft report expected mid-December. A workshop for Elected Members will be held via MS Teams on Thursday 19 November 2020 at 8.00pm.