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Causeway Coast and Glens LAG Submits Interim Rural Development Strategy to DARD

Causeway Coast and Glens Local Action Group (LAG) has submitted their Interim Strategy for the Local Rural Development Strategy to DARD on 7th December 2015. Once the Interim Strategy is approved, DARD will be in a position to enter into a contract in 2016 with the Causeway Coast and Glens LAG for the implementation of Priority 6.

In developing the strategy, the LAG used the LEADER approach, i.e., a bottom-up approach, to ensure an area-based local strategy influenced and developed by local people and that includes the priorities as identified by the rural community in our area. Consultation events were held with various stakeholder groups from the Borough and this feedback was incorporated in the Strategy. A copy of the Strategy is available upon request once DARD has issued a formal approval.

“The Interim Strategy has been developed in consultation and partnership with the local rural community to address the needs of the rural community. This new Programme is a wonderful opportunity for private businesses and community organisations in our new Borough Council area to benefit from the substantial funds available. The other members of the LAG and I look forward to working with the rural community and to the successful delivery of the programme over the next 6 years”

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Causeway Coast and Glens LAG intends to formally launch their Interim Rural Development Strategy in Early 2016. It is anticipated that once the Strategy is formally approved by DARD the LAG will enter into a contract to deliver the new Programme.

In developing the Interim Strategy the LAG considered when they would intend to open for applications under the various funding Schemes. It is envisaged that the LAG will open its first call for applications in April 2016 (subject to award of contract). The first call for applications will be under the Rural Business Investment Scheme.

Staff will be holding information sessions throughout January to March 2016. These sessions will provide information on the Programme and the various Schemes of support. The sessions will also help potential applicants to prepare in terms of what information will be needed in order to submit an application to the Programme. These sessions will be open to anyone interested in the Programme.

For more information on when theCauseway Coast and Glens LAG will be open for applications and information session dates contact Programme Staff on 028 7034 7034 or 028 7776 0306. Alternatively visit www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/work/rural-development.

Funding Workshops to be held in Early Spring 2016

Funding workshops are a NEW feature of the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020. Attendance at the funding workshops is MANDATORY for anyone interested in applying to the Programme. The workshops will differ to the information sessions in that they will cover how to submit an application, what to include in an application and describe the assessment process.

Funding workshops will be held for each of the Schemes prior to opening a call for applications. These sessions are only for those interested in applying to a specific Scheme. The first funding workshops will be held in April 2016 prior to opening for applications under the Rural Business Investment Scheme.

For more information on registering for a funding workshop contact Programme Staff on 028 7034 7034 or 028 7776 0306. Alternatively visit www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/work/rural-development.

“I have also been involved with Rural Development for some years. We are in a lucky position that we have a great mixture of members on our new Local Action Group, all of whom are keen that the rural communities in our Borough benefit from the funding available. We have a wide variety of views with new and fresh ideas for the area and I am very much looking forward to working with everyone to get the best for our rural community over the next few years”

ALDERMAN WILLIAM KING MBE, INTERIM VICE CHAIR
CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS LOCAL ACTION GROUP

To keep up to date with what’s happening with the Rural Development Programme in the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough check out www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/work/rural-development