

Community Planning Update – Schedule of Meetings	17 May 2016
Corporate Policy and Resources Committee	For Information

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Establish key relationships with strategic partners to deliver our vision for this Council area
Lead Officer	Elizabeth Beattie
Cost: (If applicable)	

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 As previously indicated, the Community Plan will be a long term plan (for 10 to 15 years), based on sound, robust evidence with a focus on improving social, economic and environmental well-being and contributing to sustainable development.
- 1.2 The Community Plan will be a strategic planning tool and it will be the key over-arching framework for partnerships and initiatives in the Council area and at local and neighbourhood levels. It is not seen as an additional or parallel process to structures already in place.
- 1.3 Developing and implementing the Community Plan will be a major undertaking and will involve partnership working at many different levels in this area. The aim will be to try and integrate wide ranging streams of public life, weaving these together and producing a statement outlining the future direction for the new Council area and how it will be achieved.

2.0 Community Planning Strategic Partnership

- 2.1 A meeting of the Community Planning Strategic Partnership took place on 4th May 2016 at which the partners were reminded of the draft 'Partnership Terms of Reference' (which outlined the guiding principles for the Partnership and how the Partnership would be formally established) and reminded that each partner organisation had been asked to sign and return the document.
- 2.2 The Local Development Plan Manager gave a presentation at the meeting on the process for the development of the Local Development Plan for the

Causeway Coast and Glens Area with a focus on how this was closely linked to the Community Plan.

- 2.3 An options paper on possible approaches to the inclusion of “support partners” on the Strategic Partnership was presented and discussed. The resulting consensus decision among the Partnership was that further support partners would be best placed actively participating within the Thematic Working Groups.
- 2.4 Discussion also took place on the establishment of the Thematic Working Groups. It was envisaged that these working groups would be set up at the end of June/beginning of July. They would begin at this stage to formulate the evidence base for each theme, source any other relevant information and identify potential support partners to work up priorities or outcomes under each theme. The results from the community engagement process would then feed into each Working Group and they would formally begin work on developing an Action Plan in September 2016.
- 2.5 Members of the Strategic Partnership were asked to register their interest with the Community Planning Team in participating in or leading any of the Thematic Working Groups. At this stage it is envisaged these Thematic Working Groups will be based on the following emerging themes:
 - Infrastructure
 - The Economy
 - The Environment
 - Social Well-Being
 - Community Resilience.

3.0 Community Engagement Process

- 3.1 Please find attached a **revised schedule** of public events for the community planning engagement process. Please note that there have been a number of amendments to the schedule previously circulated as it was found that the original dates/times clashed with other Council meetings and events.

Community Planning - Schedule of Engagement Meetings – June 2016

DEA Area	Date	Time	Venue
Causeway	Mon 6th June 2016	(D) 2.00pm – 4.00pm	Portrush Town Hall 2 Kerr Street, Portrush, BT56 8DX
Ballymoney	Weds 8th June 2016	(D) 2.00pm – 4.00pm	Shiels Room Ballymoney Town Hall Townhead Street, Ballymoney, BT53 6BG
Coleraine	Fri 10th June 2016	(D) 2.00pm – 4.00pm	Large Committee Room Cloonavin, 66 Portstewart Road Coleraine, BT52 1EY
Limavady	Mon 13th June 2016	(D) 2.00pm – 4.00pm	Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre 24 Main Street, Limavady, BT40 0FJ
The Glens	Weds 15th June 2016	(E) 7.00pm – 9.00pm	Sheskburn House Mary Street, Ballycastle, BT54 6QH
Bann	Mon 20th June 2016	(E) 7.00pm – 9.00pm	GADDA Building Main Street Garvagh, BT51 5AB
Benbradagh	Thurs 23rd June 2016	(E) 7.00pm – 9.00pm	Dungiven Library 107 Main Street Dungiven, BT47 4LD