

Community Planning Update	15 March 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 2nd March 2016.
- 2.3 At this meeting members of the Partnership considered the feedback from the workshops with Councillors and with the Partnership.
- 2.4 They discussed what the draft vision for the Community Plan could look like and it was agreed that the Community Planning team would take the ideas

expressed and craft them into a suggested vision for consideration at the next Partnership meeting.

2.5 The Partnership also considered the emerging themes for the Community Plan and these were identified in broad terms as:

- Infrastructure
- The Economy
- Social Well-Being/Quality of Life
- A Strong, Vibrant Community
- The Environment

2.6 The draft vision and the emerging themes would be used as the basis for the community engagement exercise and a workshop took place during the meeting on who to engage with and how. A project plan for community engagement will now be developed and brought back to the Partnership for consideration at its next meeting.

2.7 Council has agreed that it will be represented on the Partnership by ten elected members based on a d'Hondt run as follows:

3 DUP
3 UU
2 SF
1 SDLP
1 TUV

2.8 The names of nominees are currently being sought and it is intended to invite nominees to the next meeting of the Partnership which will take place on Wednesday 6th April at 10.30 am (location yet to be confirmed).

2.9 The Partnership had agreed that meetings would initially take place on a monthly basis at 10.30 am on the first Wednesday of each month.

3.0 Other Community Planning Issues

3.1 The "Partners Order" was laid in the Assembly in draft form again in February. It was then going to be presented to the Environment Committee again for consideration. If agreed by the Committee the Order would go for debate to the Assembly on 14th March. If confirmed by the Assembly, the Order would become 'live' the following day, ie 15th March 2016.

3.2 The proposed statutory partners in this new draft Order are the same as the list of those invited to participate on the Causeway Coast and Glens Strategic Partnership, ie:

Police Service for NI
Tourism NI
NI Housing Executive

Education Authority for NI
Northern Health and Social Care Trust
Western Health and Social Care Trust
Health and Social Care Board
Public Health Agency
Fire and Rescue Service
Invest NI
Sport NI
Libraries NI
Council for Catholic Maintained Schools (CCMS)

- 3.2 The Community Plan will have, at the very least, to be screened for a possible Strategic Environmental Assessment. It will also have to be screened for S75 Equality and Good Relations and a Rural Proofing exercise will have to be carried out on the Plan.