

January 10th, 2025

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

You are requested to attend a meeting of the

Mid and East Antrim Neighbourhoods and Communities Committee

to be held on **Tuesday, 14th January 2025 at 6:30 pm** in **Council Chamber, The Braid, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena** and via remote access.

Yours sincerely



Valerie Watts  
Interim Chief Executive, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

# Agenda

## 1 NOTICE OF MEETING

## 2 APOLOGIES

## 3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members and Officers are invited to declare any pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests, including gifts and hospitality, they may have in respect of items on this Agenda.

## 4 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION / DECISION

### 4.1 Presentation from Department of Education; RAISE Programme - to follow

### 4.2 Health Sub Committee Minutes, Presentation and TOR - circulated

- [Health Sub Committee.pdf](#) Page 1
- [Appendix 1 - MEA Sub Committee Membership.pdf](#) Page 3
- [Appendix 2 - Draft - 24 11 27 Health Sub-Committee Action Notes.pdf](#) Page 8
- [Appendix 3 - Presentation from Hugh Nelson NHSCT.pdf](#) Page 13
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- [Appendix 5 - Draft Health Sub Group TOR October 2024 - v2.pdf](#) Page 31

### 4.3 Registration of Skin Piercing Businesses - report circulated

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### 4.4 Consultation on Repeal of the Vagrancy Acts - report circulated

- [Consultation on Repeal of Vagrancy Acts.pdf](#) Page 35
- [Appendix 1 Consultation response on behalf of MEABC.pdf](#) Page 38

### 4.5 MEAqua Academy Development Plan 2024-2027 - report circulated

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## 4.6 Temporary Closure Order for Herdman's Lane PRow - report circulated

## 4.7 Donations to Museums - report circulated

## 5 ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

## 6 TABLED QUESTIONS

*Closed Committee - In accordance with Council policy, representatives of the Press will not be in attendance for this section of the Meeting.*

## 7 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION / DECISION – CLOSED COMMITTEE

### 7.1 Business Case Spa at Amphitheatre - report circulated

Appendix 14 Business Case - Spa Refurbishment Amphitheatre Carrickfergus.pdf

Not included

Appendix 1 Business Case for Spa Refurbishment at Amphitheatre Carrickfergus.pdf

Not included

### 7.2 Proposed Outsourcing of Bentra Golf Facility - to follow

### 7.3 Strategic Tourism Product Development Activity Update - report circulated

Strategic Tourism Development Activity Update.pdf

Not included

Appendix 1 Ancestral Cottages Animation programme update.pdf

Not included

Appendix 2 - Tourism Development Action Plan 2024-2025 Progress Tracker.pdf

Not included

## 8 ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL – CLOSED COMMITTEE

*Open Committee*

## 9 FORWARD PLAN FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - circulated

NC Committee - Forward Plan Template v25.pdf

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<b>Council/Committee:</b>	<b>Neighbourhood and Communities</b>
<b>Date:</b>	14 January 2025
<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>Health Sub-Committee</b>
<b>Publication Status:</b>	Open
<b>Author:</b>	Philip Thompson, Director of Community
<b>Approver:</b>	Valerie Watts, Interim Chief Executive

## 1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to update Elected Members on the recently held Health Sub-Committee, to share the key presentations concerning health inequalities within the borough, and to seek input and approval on the draft terms of reference.

## 2. Background

- 2.1. In September Council agreed that the Health Subcommittee would continue to operate and the committee would report to the Neighbourhoods and Communities (N&C) Committee per **Appendix 1**.
- 2.2. The membership was confirmed as the Mayor Ald Adger, Cllr Morrow, Ald Mulvenna, Ald Mc Caughey, Ald Reid, Cllr Hadden and Cllr Lyness.
- 2.3. The first meeting of the Health Subcommittee took place on 27 November 2024 and a copy of the draft minutes (**Appendix 2**) and presentations from Hugh Nelson Northern Health and Social Care Trust and Maurice Meehan Public Health Agency are attached in **Appendix 3 and 4**.

## 3. Key Issues for Consideration

- 3.1. Ald Morrow, Reid and McCaughey raised significant issues of concern regarding health matters within the Borough and good direction and response was given by both Hugh Nelson and Maurice Meehan.
- 3.2. The draft minutes/action note are presented to Committee for noting.
- 3.3. The presentation from Maurice Meehan highlighted some of the serious health issues and health inequalities which exist within our Borough, particularly within Ballymena and Carrick Castle and the overall discrepancy between male and female life expectancy.



- 3.4. The terms of reference have been widened to include engagement with statutory, community and voluntary organisations engaged in health related issues.

#### 4. General Considerations / Implications

- 4.1. Corporate Governance – It is important that the proper structures and mechanisms are put in place to ensure information is shared on a wider basis to fully understand the health status of individuals within the Borough and the actions that can be taken to prioritise resources, programs and activities to secure funding and ensure health issues are tackled and improvements are made.
- 4.2. Alignment with Corporate Priorities and Link to Corporate Plan—The health of our citizens is the central theme of our Community Plan and should be a key driver for prioritising Council resources, activities, programs, and projects to ensure the support and improvement of the economy and community.

#### 5. Recommendation or Decision

Elected Members are asked to:

- (i) Note the first Health Sub Committee action notes and presentations given by High Nelson and Maurice Meehan.
- (ii) Note the significant health-related issues within our Borough at Ballymena and Carrick Castle
- (iii) Consider and approve the draft terms of reference for the operation of this sub-committee (**Appendix 5**).

#### 6. Appendices / Links

- Appendix 1 - Report on Sub Committees as agreed by Council in September
- Appendix 2 - Draft Action Notes
- Appendix 3 - Presentation from Hugh Nelson
- Appendix 4 - Presentation from Maurice Meehan
- Appendix 5 - Draft Terms of Reference

**MEMBERSHIP OF MEA SUB-COMMITTEES****SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTING TO FULL COUNCIL****DISABILITY LIVED EXPERIENCE SUB-COMMITTEE****- 5 Members - 2 DUP, 1 UUP, 1 AP & 1 TUV**

Members: Cllr M Armstrong  
 Cllr B Ferris  
 Cllr G McKeen  
 Cllr L Philpott  
 Cllr A Skinner

**ENERGY SUB-COMMITTEE****- 5 Members - 2 DUP, 1 UUP, 1 AP & 1 TUV**

Members: Ald T Gordon  
 Ald R Logan  
 Cllr R Beggs  
 Cllr P Johnston  
 Cllr M Warwick

**INCLUSION AND EQUALITY SUB-COMMITTEE****- 6 Members - 2 DUP, 1 UUP, 1 AP, 1 TUV & 1 SF**

Members: Ald Mrs B Adger, MBE  
 Cllr M Armstrong  
 Cllr M Donnelly  
 Cllr B Ferris  
 Cllr T Hoey  
 Cllr A Rae

**MEMORIAL SUB-COMMITTEE****- 12 Members - 4 DUP, 3 UUP, 2 AP, 1 TUV, 1 SF & 1 IND**

Members: Cllr A Barr  
 Cllr M Donnelly  
 Cllr B Ferris  
 Cllr L Gray  
 Cllr T Hoey  
 Cllr P Johnston  
 Cllr G McKeen  
 Cllr J Minford  
 Cllr L Philpott  
 Cllr R Quigley  
 Cllr A Rae  
 Cllr M Warwick

**SISTER CITIES SUB-COMMITTEE****- 6 Members - 2 DUP, 2 UUP, 1 AP & 1 SF**

**Members:** Ald Mrs B Adger, MBE  
 Ald B Ashe, MBE  
 Ald Ms G Mulvenna  
 Cllr A Barr  
 Cllr J McKeown  
 Cllr R Stewart

**UNION CONNECTIVITY SUB-COMMITTEE****- 6 Members - 2 DUP, 1 UUP, 1 AP, 1 TUV & 1 IND**

**Members:** Ald B Ashe, MBE  
 Ald R Logan  
 Cllr R Beggs  
 Cllr M Collins  
 Cllr R Quigley  
 Cllr M Warwick

**SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTING TO CORPORATE RESOURCES,  
POLICY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE****COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT CHARTER SUB-COMMITTEE****- 7 Members & Mayor Ex-officio - 3 DUP, 1 UUP, 1 AP, 1 TUV & 1 SF**

**Members:** Ald S McDonald  
 Ald P Reid  
 Cllr A Barr  
 Cllr J Gibson  
 Cllr R Glover  
 Cllr J McKeown  
 Cllr L Philpott  
 Ald Mrs B Adger, MBE (Mayor) (Ex-officio)

**EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE (Friends Goodwill to amalgamate with  
this Sub-Committee - 10 Members - 4 DUP, 2 UUP, 2 AP, 1 SF & 1  
TUV**

**Members:** Ald Mrs M Morrow  
 Ald Ms G Mulvenna  
 Ald P Reid  
 Cllr R Beggs  
 Cllr L Gray  
 Cllr G McKeen  
 Cllr J McKeown  
 Cllr L Philpott



Cllr Mrs A Smyth  
Cllr M Warwick

### **STANDING ORDERS SUB-COMMITTEE**

**- 7 Members - 3 DUP, 1 UUP, 1 AP, 1 TUV & 1 SF**

Members: Ald B Ashe, MBE  
Ald W McCaughey  
Cllr M Armstrong  
Cllr R Beggs  
Cllr G McKeen  
Cllr A Skinner  
Cllr A Rae

### **SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTING TO ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY COMMITTEE**

#### **CITY DEAL SUB-COMMITTEE**

**- 7 Members - 3 DUP, 1 UUP, 1 AP, 1 TUV & 1SF**

Members: Ald B Ashe, MBE  
Ald R Logan  
Ald W McCaughey  
Cllr B Lyness  
Cllr G McKeen  
Cllr R Stewart  
Cllr M Warwick

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE**

**- 12 Members - 4 DUP, 4 UUP, 3 AP & 1 SF**

Members: Ald R Logan  
Ald W McCaughey  
Ald A Wilson (Vice Chair)  
Cllr R Beggs  
Cllr M Collins  
Cllr M Donnelly  
Cllr B Ferris  
Cllr B Lyness  
Cllr R Glover  
Cllr G McKeen (Chair)  
Cllr A Skinner  
Cllr B Thompson

**GLENARM REGENERATION PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE****- 7 Members - 4 DUP, 1 UUP, 1 AP & 1 SF**

Members: Ald Mrs B Adger, MBE (Vice Chair)  
 Ald Mrs M Morrow  
 Ald Ms G Mulvenna (Chair)  
 Cllr A Clarke  
 Cllr G McKeen  
 Cllr J McKeown  
 Cllr Mrs A Smyth

**WASTE HARMONISATION SUB-COMMITTEE****- 5 Members – 2 DUP, 1 UUP, 1 AP, 1 TUV (plus - arc21 reps)**

Members: Ald T Gordon  
 Ald A Wilson  
 Cllr G McKeen (Chair) (also arc21 rep)  
 Cllr A Skinner  
 Cllr M Warwick (Vice Chair)  
 (Plus arc21 reps Ald Mrs M Morrow & Cllr R Quigley)

**SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTING TO NEIGHBOURHOODS & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE****CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE****- 5 Members - 2 DUP, 1 UUP, 1 AP & 1 TUV**

Members: Cllr M Collins  
 Cllr R Glover  
 Cllr L Gray  
 Cllr C Jamieson  
 Cllr B Thompson

**HEALTH SUB-COMMITTEE****- 7 Members – 3 DUP, 1 UUP, 1 AP, 1 SF, 1 IND**

Members: Ald Mrs B Adger, MBE  
 Ald Mrs M Morrow  
 Ald Ms G Mulvenna  
 Ald W McCaughey  
 Ald P Reid  
 Cllr B Hadden  
 Cllr B Lyness

**THE GOBBINS SUB-COMMITTEE****- 12 Members - 5 DUP, 3 UUP, 2 AP, 1 SF & 1 TUV**

Members:

- Ald Mrs B Adger, MBE
- Ald R Logan
- Ald Mrs M Morrow
- Ald Ms G Mulvenna
- Ald P Reid
- Cllr R Beggs
- Cllr R Glover
- Cllr G McKeen
- Cllr J McKeown
- Cllr J Minford
- Cllr Mrs A Smyth
- Cllr M Warwick

## Health Sub-Committee Meeting - Wednesday 27 November 2024 at 3pm via Teams

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**Nominated Elected Members:** Ald Mrs B Adger, MBE, Ald Mrs M Morrow, Ald Ms G Mulvenna, Ald W McCaughey, Ald P Reid, Cllr B Hadden, Cllr B Lyness

**Attendees:**

**Officers:** Philip Thompson, Catherine Black, Patricia Allen

**Notes:** Elsa Doyle

**Elected Members:** Ald M Morrow, Ald P Reid, Ald W McCaughey, Ald G Mulvenna (3.20pm),

**External Presenters:** Hugh Nelson NHSCT, Maurice Meehan PHA

**Apologies:** Cllr B Hadden, Kevin Bailey PHA

No	Action	By
1.	<p><b>WELCOME &amp; APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>PT welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.</p>	
2.	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>None</p>	
3.	<p><b>PRESENTATIONS</b></p> <p><b>3.1 Presentation from Hugh Nelson, Head of Community Wellbeing, NHSCT- circulated</b></p> <p>Questions arising-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PT; the newly established population health committee, is this an internal Committee for the Trust? HN advised that this Committee meets quarterly and the TOR primarily around the Trust looking at better ways to understand population health and the data to measure activity. Maurice from PHA, 3 reps from service users/carers and 3 reps from community / voluntary sectors in the area who all sit on this Committee. Only one meeting has taken place to date and membership / Council involvement is something that will be discussed at future meetings.</li> <li>2. PT; community navigation, what does this entail? HN is how the Trust can help people / public find the services that are available to them. The population+ database allows people to search locally by using their postcode to find services local to them, people can also contact the Connect North Team via phone if they need a more detailed or</li> </ol>	

comprehensive service, or if a more complex analysis is required the team can also carry out home visits and offer a social prescription and action plan. Currently the Northern Area helps around 1000 people a year get access to their services and around 4000 people per year can access the database. CB advised that the Community Planning Team work very closely with the Connect North Project to ensure that organisations that have services available are uploading their details onto the database. There is also a member of staff within Council who is trained to use this system and upload information.

3. Ald P Reid; the RAISE project within EA. Is there a reason why Larne is not included? HN advised that EA could provide an answer to that however HN highlighted that the EA would have worked through a process to identify areas and a limited number that they could afford to work through regionally. HN acknowledged it was welcomed in Ballymena and Carrickfergus, it would also be good to see it introduced to Larne however this was down to the EA and rationale to select priority areas. HN also acknowledged that this would work as a good pilot to see what activities could be introduced to schools in Larne.
4. Ald P Reid; take 5 accredited schools, are any of the accredited schools in Larne? HN advised he can check the list of schools, there is good coverage around the Northern Area with around half of secondary schools and a quarter of primary schools being accredited.
5. Ald W McCaughey; as chair of Mid Antrim Age Well Partnership one of the main issues they have encountered is finding out who to contact / report issues to. Is there going to be a clear reporting structure for charities and social enterprises? HN emphasised the commitment they have and linking in with Community and Voluntary groups on a regular basis. Ald McCaughey asked if HN could ensure these charities are given a clear communication line? It was acknowledged that there has been a huge movement of staff within the Trust. HN advised he is the lead partner, and he can be contacted in order to help make the connection into the Trust. Ald McCaughey emphasised the need to have Council Representatives in their Committees.
6. Ald W McCaughey; could more information be provided in terms of the work being done with Causeway Coast and Glens on Leisure Centres. HN they offer specific areas of training to Council staff who work in the Leisure Centre. For example, a group session arranged where the public can come and see a wide range of organisations and groups. Overall objective is to move away from a Leisure Centre that has a narrow range of users to a wide range of users of all types and abilities.

Actions arising –

1. RAISE initiative will be presenting to N&C in January
2. HN to circulate full list of schools for Take 5 Initiative – COMPLETE
3. HN to send the MOU between CCG Council and the Trust – COMPLETE
4. Point of contact for Health and Social Care Group for MEAAP was identified as Tracey McCaig as the newly appointed Chief Executive of the SPPG, contact details to be circulated – COMPLETE

3.2

**Presentation from Maurice Meehan, Head of Health Improvement, PHA- circulated**

Questions arising-

1. Ald P Reid; is there a rationale behind being able to live longer depending on a particular area? MM it is complex but could be explained by persistent patterns of poverty within certain areas.
2. Ald P Reid; smoking levels of pregnant woman are particularly high. MM also a complex issue but again poverty, employment status and training are important factors.
3. Ald Morrow; are there any specific programmes planned to tackle drugs and alcohol addiction? MM, the Minister has just launched a substance abuse limitation plan, which has backing from SPPG and PHA. This takes all the current investment within the Trusts to reinvest services to make them fit for purpose against growing trends for drugs and alcohol. The implementation plan launched on 26 November and there is £11 million annual investment planned to expand current schemes. Ald Morrow highlighted a local group in Larne called Extern who try to tackle drug issues and prevent young people from getting involved with drugs. MM advised that they spend around £2 million a year with Extern and work with them along with youth engagement services in Ballymena and Carrickfergus.
4. Ald Morrow; does Larne fall under Ballymena / Carrickfergus? MM will work within his team to build description of investment on services including Larne.
5. Ald McCaughey; reference made to a system used called mapping to identify problematic areas. Advised it would be useful to target specific areas within Ballymena that are reliant on drugs and alcohol. Ald McCaughey also raised concerns around diet especially within young people. MM confirmed that trends are identified in young people from the first year of their life and it should be tackled using a whole system approach. MM referred to the Henry Programme that targets early childhood obesity.
6. Ald McCaughey; at the last LCG meeting it was noted that the ICS is trying to do things differently, Ald McCaughey referred to the MEAAP model and there is funding mechanism called Social Finance now available and this could be used to roll MEAAP out throughout NI if the money could be made available.
7. PT; inequality in male and female life expectancy, who is campaigning for male life expectancy and male health?
8. PT; could Council work together with PHA and NHSC to look at how to build up programmes to use funding from sources already available.
9. PT; how can we establish links from the newly established board that Ald Morrow will sit on so that information can be fed back into Council.

Actions arising-

1. MM send information on current drugs and alcohol infrastructure and investments including the reference to the implementation plan.
2. PT; Council should at this data for our investment and use this when Council look at budgets to ensure they are being allocated in the correct areas.

**4. ELECTED MEMBER QUESTIONS**

**Ald McCaughey submitted the following Questions:-**

**4.1**



	<p><i>What assistance will the third sector and health driver charities be given to help better combat health inequalities through prevention across young and older sectors?</i></p> <p>HN acknowledged how important these sectors are with the work they do. They have been involved in setting up the loneliness networks within MEA, Mental Health Peer Support Network and that allows representatives to come together from those areas and be supported by the Trust and Council. Things such as training and development. MM updated that he has around £11 million of budget per year and this is used to deliver on departmental strategy, and half of this is used on the community and voluntary sector within the community. Ald McCaughey elaborated on this question and asked how does the PHA or NHSCT determine the criteria of which the charities or organisations get support, MM is restrained by any new investment to be tendered under the new NI Tendering Portal. Small grants are available to smaller charities who don't have access to tender reports.</p>	
4.2	<p><i>SPPG – Recurrent funding for MEAAP and other charities to partner with Trust and Council to deliver for our community older peoples recently launched strategy.</i></p> <p>Contact identified as Tracey McCaig, PT proposed to invite Tracey to our next Health Sub Committee Meeting.</p>	ED
4.3	<p><i>Use of social finance as a funding stream to deliver services through charities and social enterprises.</i></p> <p>HN identified a meeting taking place on 29 November, PT asked for an update on this once complete.</p> <p><b>Ald Morrow submitted the following Questions:-</b></p>	HN
4.4	<p><i>The replacement/urgent repairs to Larne Health Centre. The building is no longer fit for purpose and needs either replaced or a complete renovation to ensure a safe facility for doctors, staff and patients. Are there any plans in the system to address this matter?</i></p> <p>HN updated that the Capital Development Team have advised that Dept of Health priorities are Whiteabbey and Magherafelt. Once these are complete it would be Newtownabbey. Therefore, SPPG would need to be linked in with to identify Larne to their Capital Development Team. HN also updated on conversations that are currently happening with Dept for Communities to utilise the old Dunnes Building in Larne with the possibility of locating the Larne Adult Centre to that site and the GP association may also consider this site also.</p>	
4.5	<p><i>The need to liaise with SPPG in regard to confirmation of continued funding for MEAAP to deliver the IMPACTAgewell project to allow this very beneficial service to continue after 31 March 2025 in MEA. This service is vital to the delivery of the MEA Age Friendly Strategy and Action Plan 2021 to 2027.</i></p> <p>Revisit once contact has been made with SPPG.</p>	ED
4.6	<p><i>How the Trust see Social Finance being further used to provide support to vulnerable residents of MEA by trusted delivery agents within the Borough. How can Council support this initiative?</i></p> <p>Revisit once contact has been made with SPPG.</p>	ED

4.7	<p><i>Northern Trust - Provision of dental services in Larne.</i></p> <p>It was agreed that NHS dental services in Larne are limited. There may only be one NHS dentist, and they are currently not taking on any new patients. MM highlighted that the SPPG commissioning lead for dentistry is based with him in County Hall and MM will forward on his contact details.</p>	MM
5.	<p><b>Integrated Care System NI- verbal update from Council Nominated rep Ald W McCaughey</b></p>	
	<p>Ald McCaughey advised he only sits on the local commissioning group and is unaware of the ICS Board. MM clarified that the remaining boards are being stepped down while the new ICS is being set up.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Review of Terms of Reference</b></p>	
	<p>Deferred to next meeting.</p>	
7.	<p><b>AOB</b></p>	
	<p>None</p>	
8.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>TBC</p>	

Meeting terminated at 17:00



# NHSCT Health & Wellbeing Structures

- Mental Health, Disability and Community Wellbeing Division led by Dr Petra Corr
- Hugh Nelson, Head of Community Wellbeing
- 4 Locality Leads, 1 aligned to Mid & East Antrim
- 24 Thematic areas across the Northern Area
- NHSCT Population Health Committee led by Trust Chair, Anne O'Reilly

# Population Health Thematic Areas

Arts & Wellbeing

Health Coaching

Place Based Services

Children

Healthy Lifestyles Partnership

Poverty

CYSP Locality Planning

Health Literacy

Rurality

Community Development

Inclusion

Social Prescribing

Community Planning

Loneliness

Sexual Health

Compassionate Communities

Mental Wellbeing

Staff Health & Wellbeing

Diabetic Prevention

Older People

Tobacco Control

Farm Families Health Checks

Physical Activity

Volunteering





# Involvement in Community Planning

- Active participating member of Steering Group
- Chair of Good Health and Wellbeing Thematic from early drafting of Community Plan to present including implementation and reviews
- 3 Other Community Planning partnerships – shared learning, joint initiatives on Take 5, Loneliness Networks, Agewells etc

# Key Issues for MEA

- Community Plan & reflecting local consultation.
- Mental wellbeing, physical wellbeing, autism, dementia & age friendly, ageing well, community navigation, poverty etc
- How we work together: enhanced collaboration through Community Planning, Healthy Lifestyles Partnership, Autism Forum, Family Support Programme etc



# Further working together

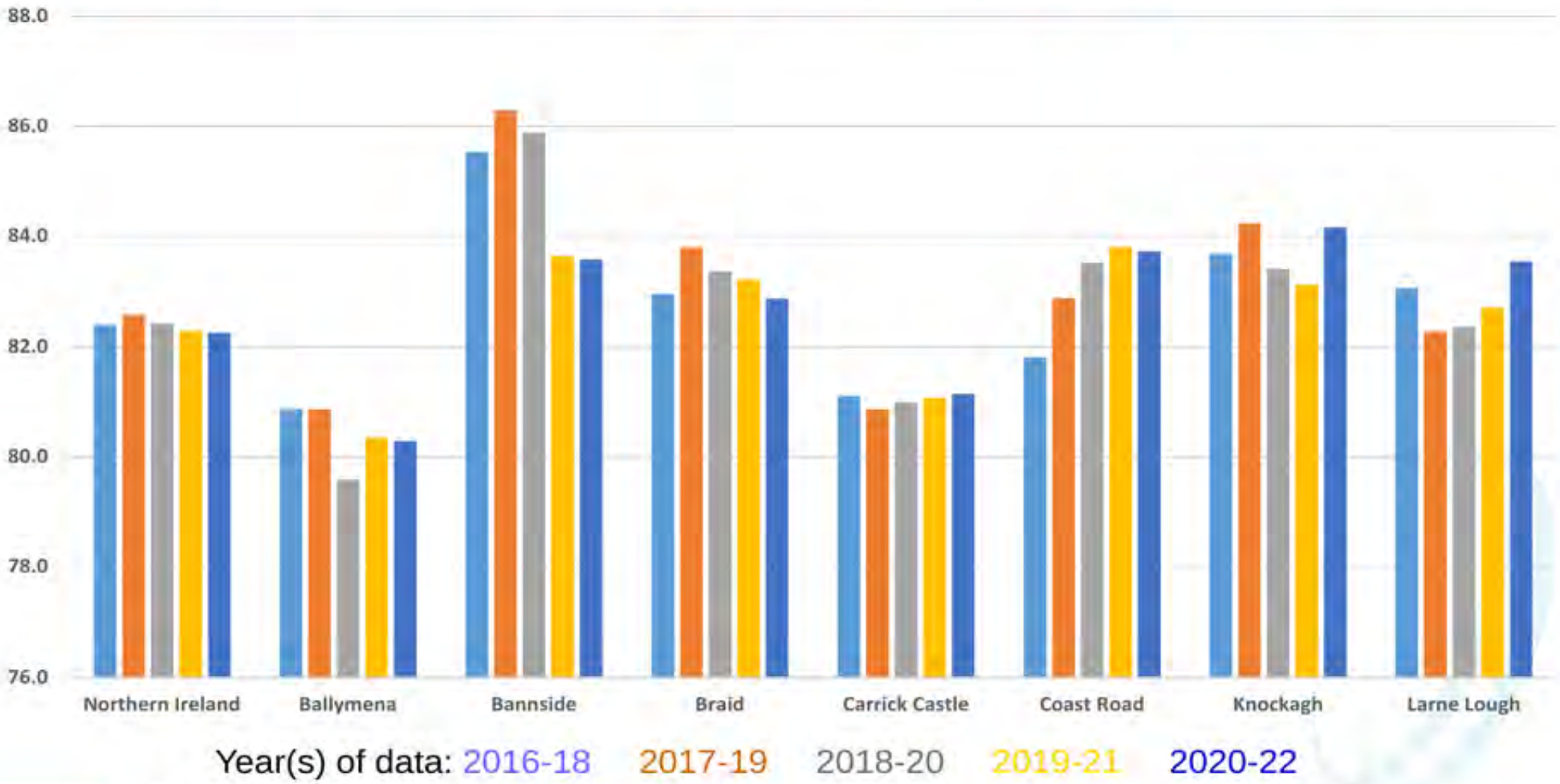
- Family Support Programme: consolidation and development of wrap around supports
- Social Prescribing/Navigation/Self-serve: Connect North and [Population Plus](#)
- Mental Health: Future of MH Peer Support Network, Take 5 Ambassadors & Take 5 Accredited Schools & Businesses.
- RAISE in Ballymena & Carrick
- Health and Leisure Centres

# Health Inequalities Report 2024

## Mid and East Antrim Council

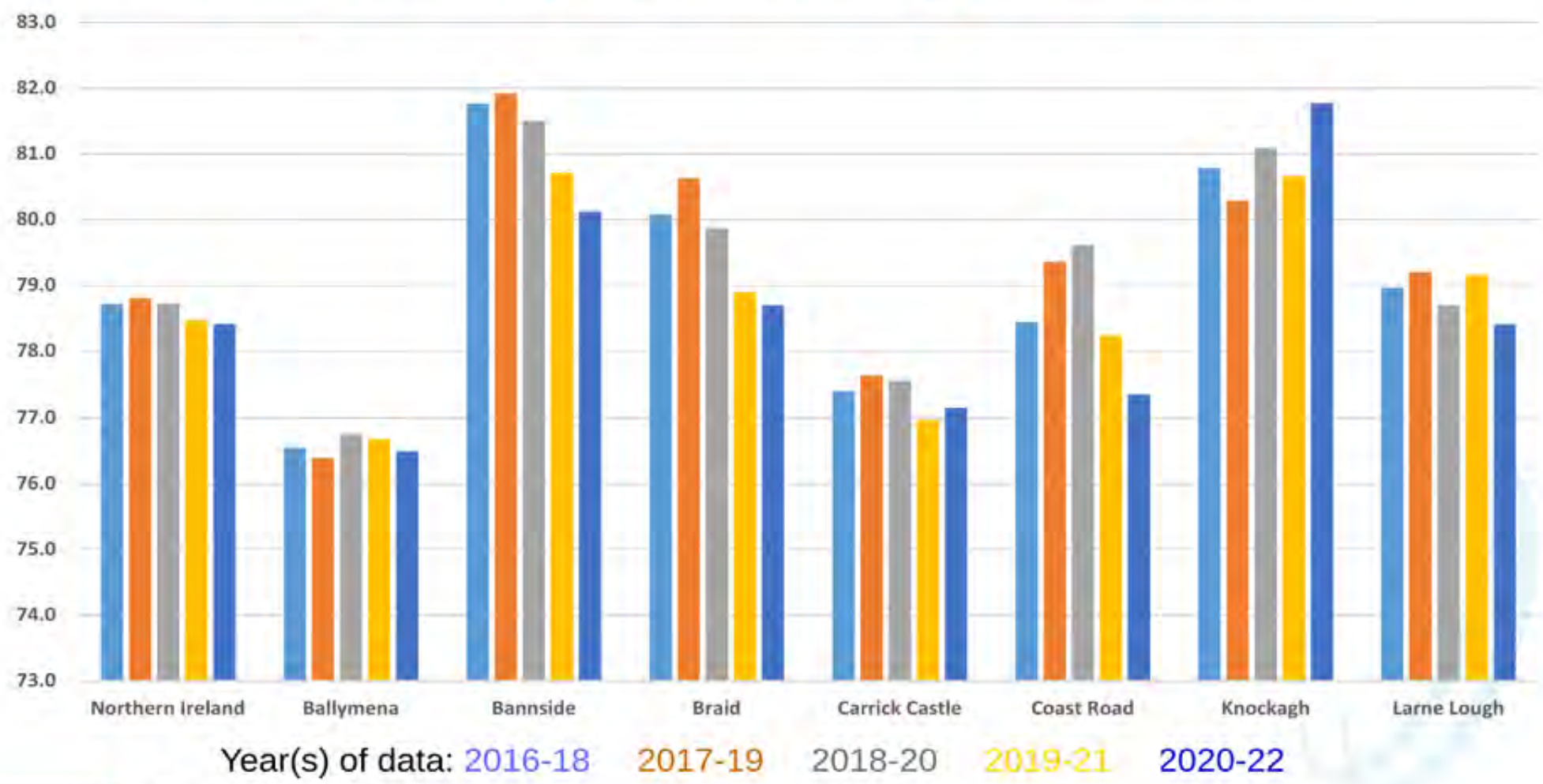
Maurice Meehan- Public Health Agency -  
Head of Health and Social Wellbeing

# Female life expectancy at birth



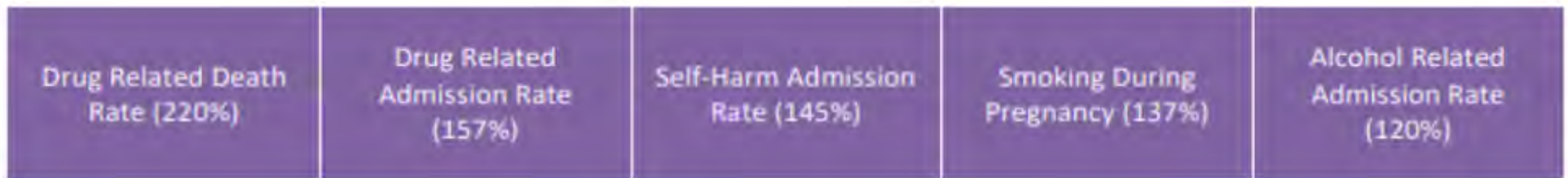


# Male life expectancy at birth

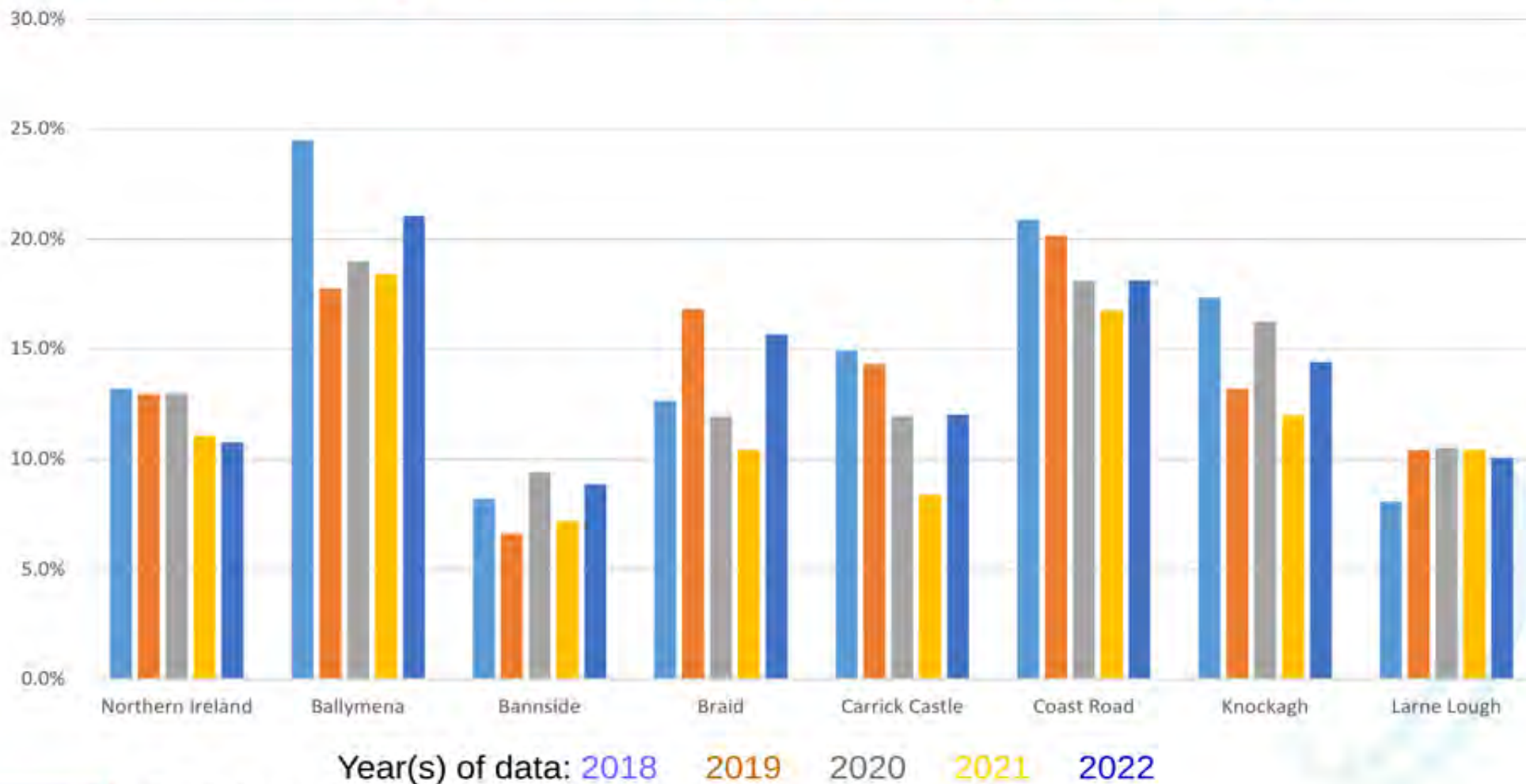




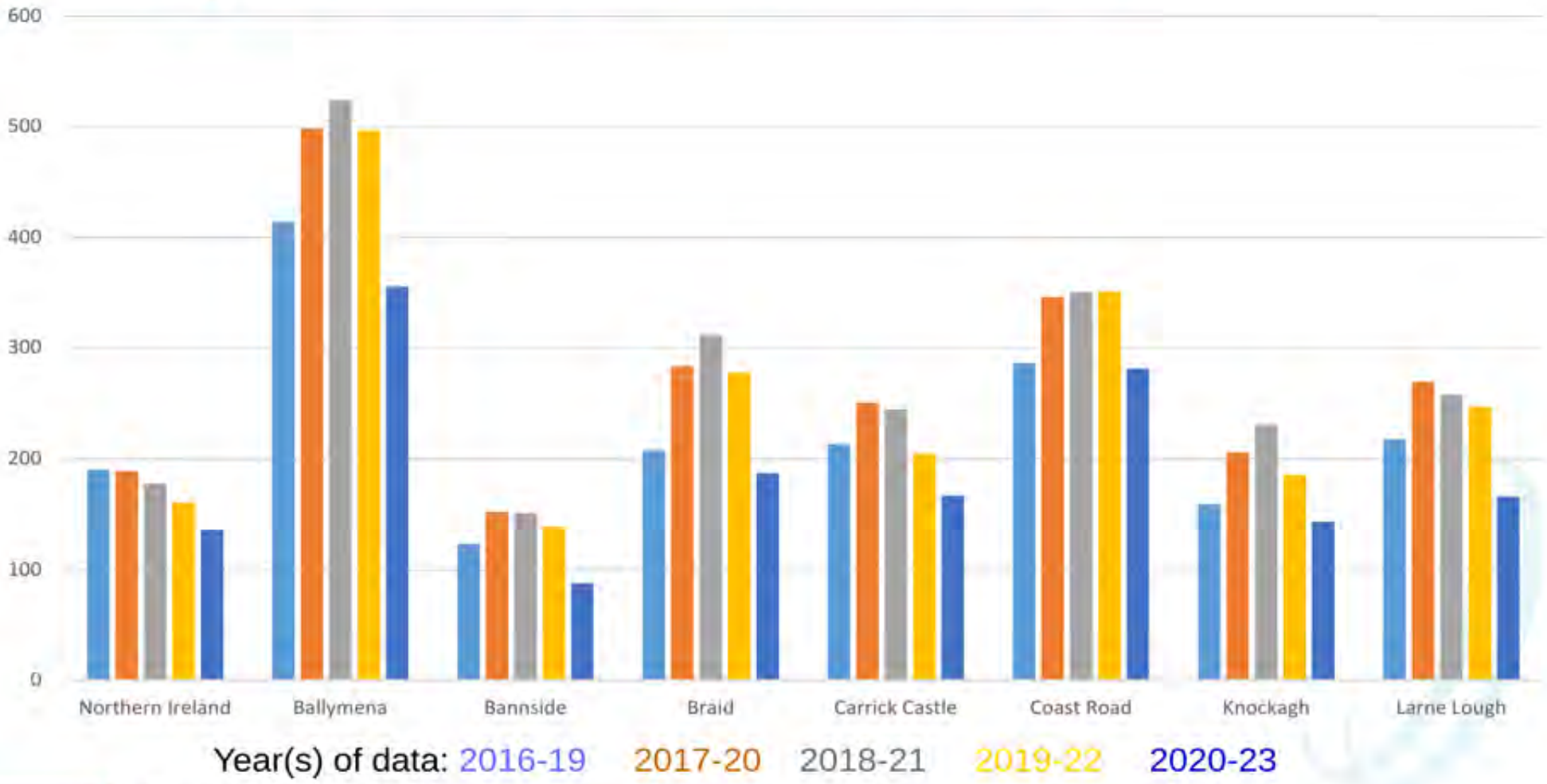
# The largest inequality gaps in the latest year:



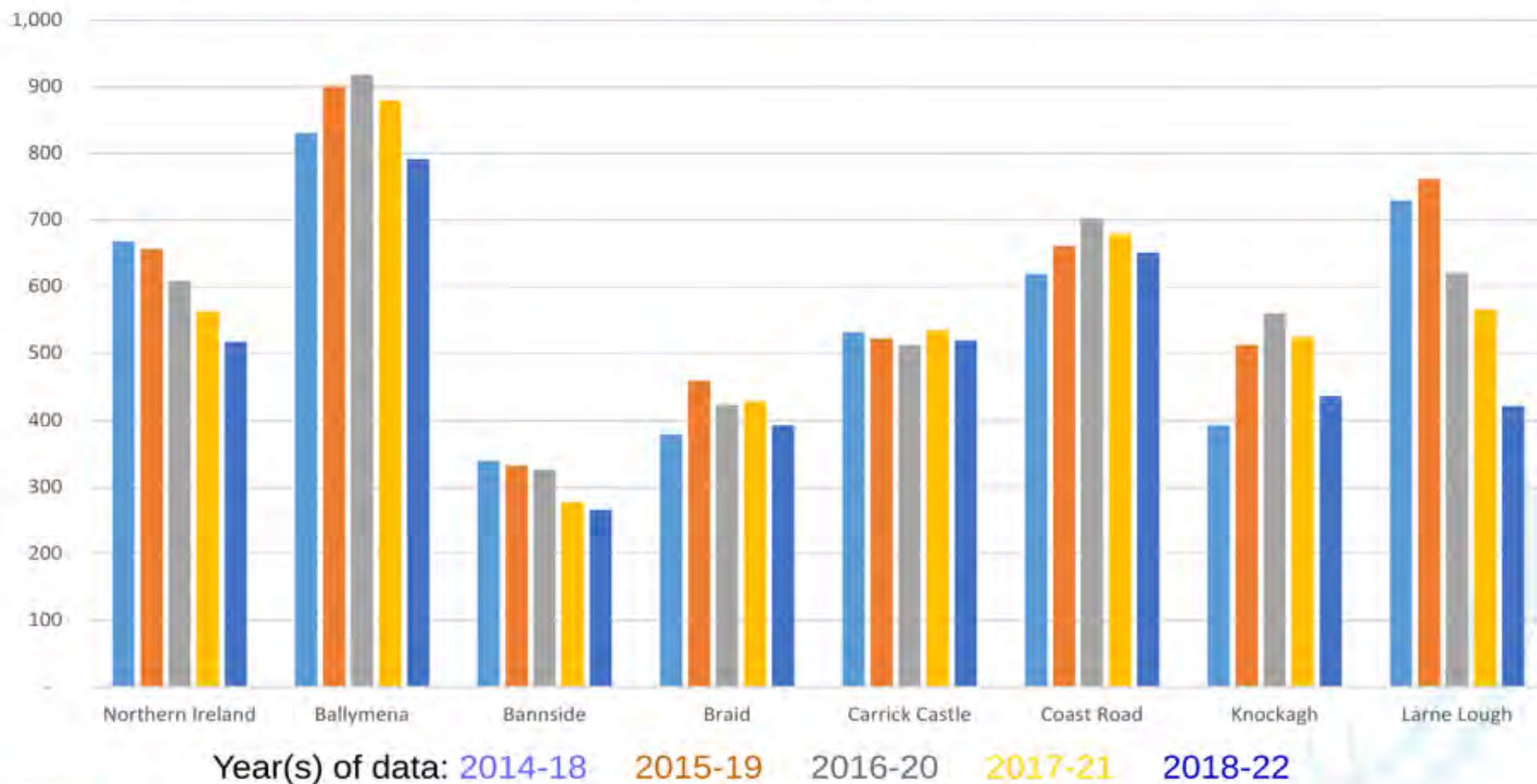
# Smoking during pregnancy



# Drug related admissions



# Alcohol related admissions





## 2. Obesity, diet and physical activity

Obesity 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest risk factor for range of diseases contributing most to the inequality in life expectancy between the most & least deprived areas in NI.

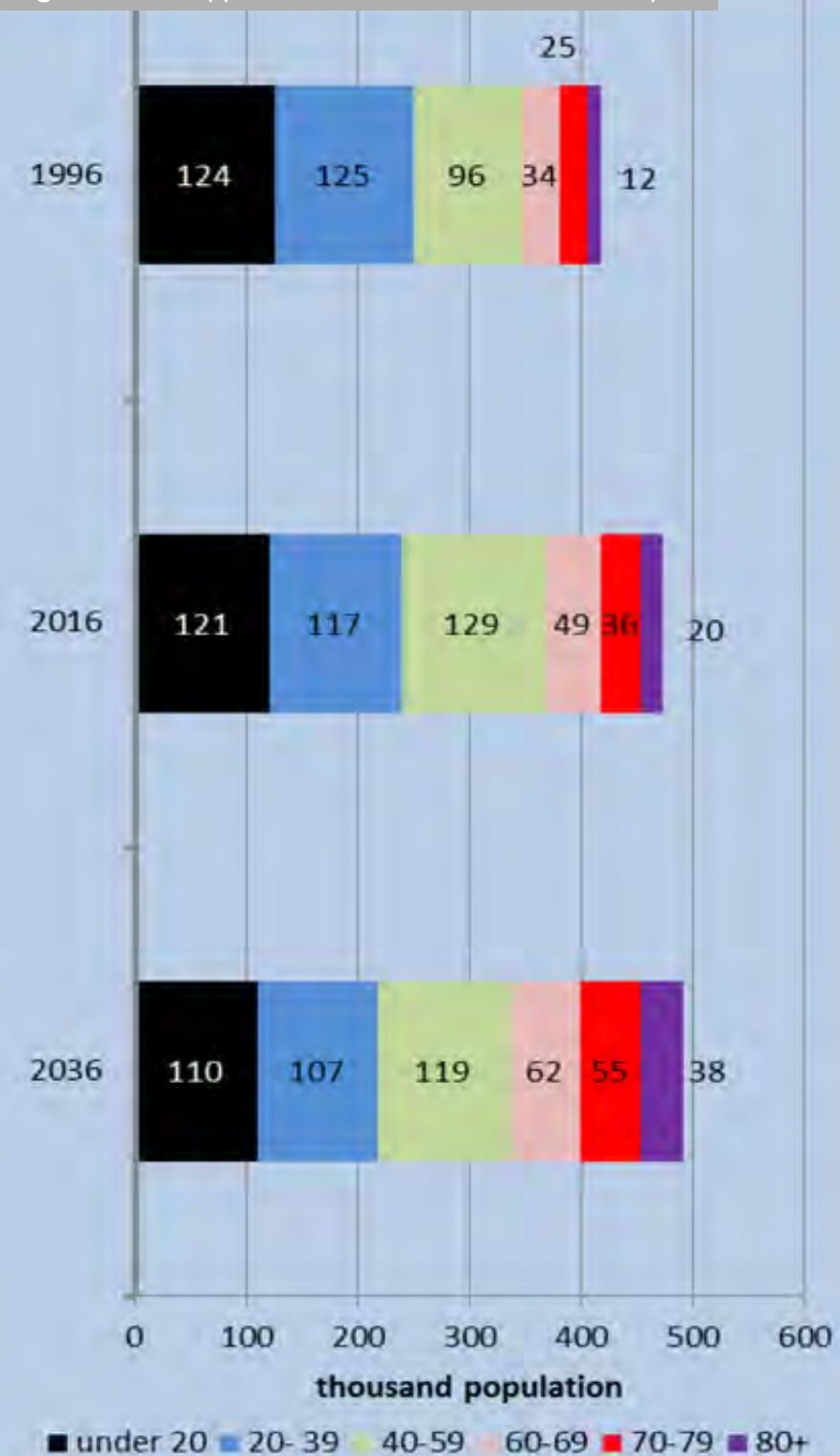
The risk of heart disease, cancer, stroke and multiple other conditions - increased by obesity, poor diet and low physical activity.

Diabetes increasing. Not only a direct contributor to the causes of inequalities in life expectancy, but diabetes, and complications, is a major cause of ill health in our communities.

The cost of treating and managing diabetes and its complications is significant, costing around 10% of the health service budget.

**Type two diabetes is considered a preventable condition.** Preventing obesity, a good diet and increasing physical activity in the population will prevent many of cases of type two diabetes.

# Northern area an ageing population



	Total population	75yrs+	85yrs+
2016	473,076	35,377	9,631
2026	486,626	48,476	13,244
2036	490,887	62,212	19,936
% change to 2026	2.90%	37.00%	37.50%
% change to 2036	3.80%	<b>75.90%</b>	<b>107%</b>

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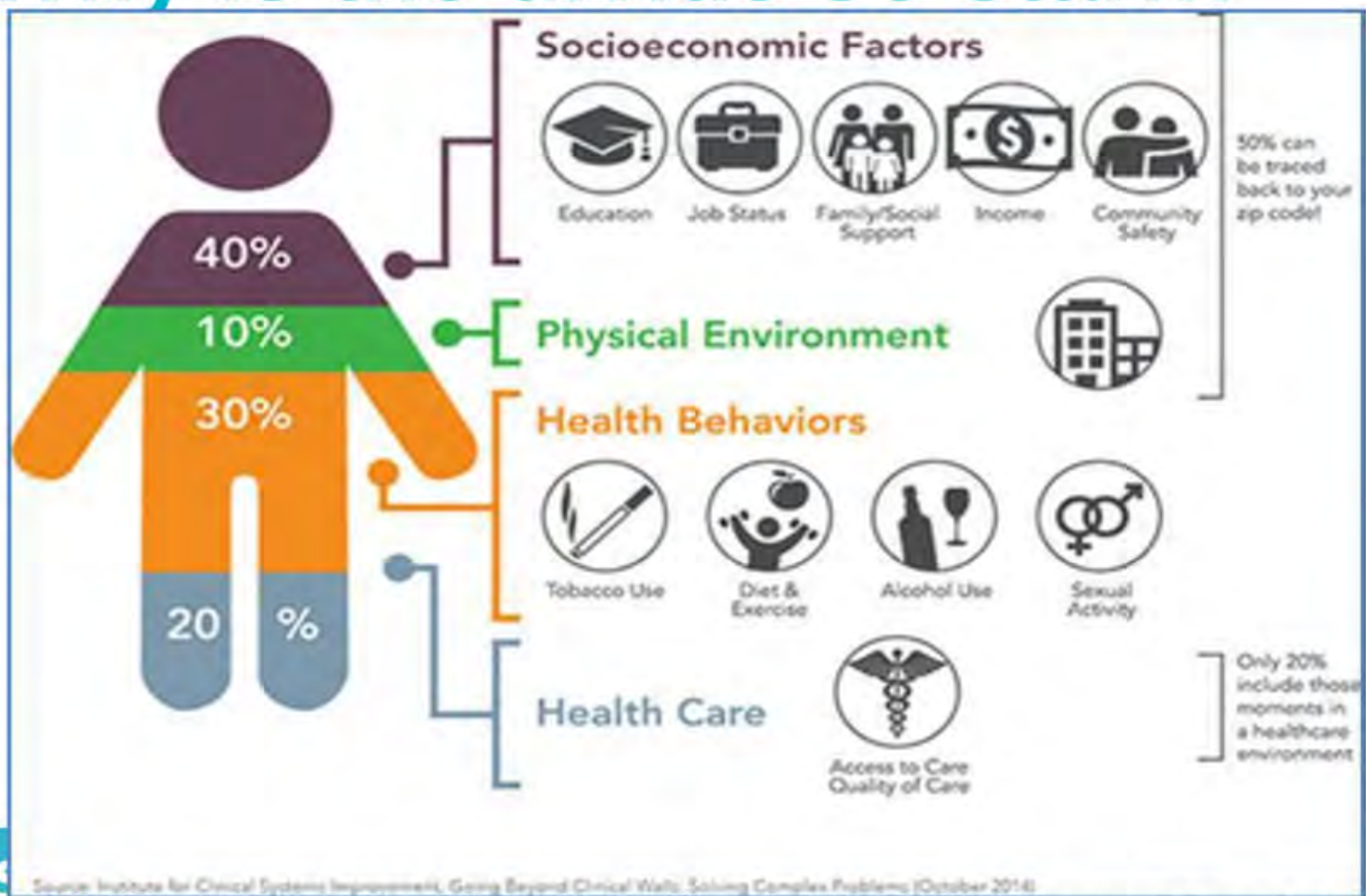
# Things to take away 27

- Pockets of **deprivation** and **rurality masked** by the 'average'
- Many different **communities** – **the importance of 'place'**
- Many different **settings / stakeholders**
- **Ageing** population
- The **twenty years of ill-health** with chronic conditions, eg diabetes, stroke, musculo-skeletal, frailty

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# Why is the divide so stark?



Source: Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement, Going Beyond Clinical Walls: Solving Complex Problems (October 2014)



# Northern Area Population Health Integrated Care approach

**Maurice Meehan**

PHA Head of Health  
and Social Wellbeing  
Improvement



**Work  
in  
Progress**

*Improving Your Health and Wellbeing*

# What does an ICS look like locally?

Much wider than PHA...

Prevention and Health Improvement

Population health care and health services

Community role and wider determinants





## HEALTH SUB-COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Health Sub-Committee is to provide a mechanism to engage with key statutory (NHSCT, PHA, SPPG), community and voluntary organisations to ensure the protection, promotion and improvement of health and wellbeing of the residents of Mid and East Antrim.

### 2. OBJECTIVES

- (i) To raise concerns and seek solutions in relation to health provision within Mid and East Antrim borough.
- (ii) To understand the health priorities and health inequalities which exist within the borough and work to develop solutions and lobby for the necessary resources to deliver change.
- (iii) To use the knowledge gained in relation to health status and health inequalities to assist in the prioritisation of resources and projects within Mid and East Antrim Council and the Borough.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

#### Elected Members

- Ald Mrs B Adger, MBE
- Ald Mrs M Morrow
- Ald Ms G Mulvenna
- Ald W McCaughey
- Ald P Reid
- Cllr B Hadden
- Cllr B Lyness

#### Council Officers

- Director of Community
- Head of Public Protection, Health and Wellbeing
- Head of Community Planning

### 4. MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

The Health Sub-Committee will meet 3 times per year and may organise one-off special meetings as the need arises.



## 5. REPORTING STRUCTURE

The Working Group will report to the **Council/Neighbourhoods & Community Committee** following all meetings of the Sub-Committee.

Reviewed December 2024



<b>Council/Committee:</b>	<b>Neighbourhoods &amp; Communities</b>
<b>Date:</b>	14 January 2025
<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>Registration of Skin Piercing Businesses</b>
<b>Publication Status:</b>	Open
<b>Author:</b>	Patricia Allen, Head of Public Protection, Health & Wellbeing
<b>Approver:</b>	Philip Thompson, Director of Community

## 1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to seek Elected Members approval for the registration of two businesses under the Council's Skin Piercing Bye Laws.

## 2. Background

### 2.1. Legal Background

Under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1985, the Council is responsible for registering and regulating businesses which carry out skin piercing. This can include ear piercing, cosmetic piercing, semi-permanent skin colouring, tattooing, acupuncture and electrolysis.

### 2.2. Skin Piercing Byelaws

Mid and East Antrim Borough Council in pursuance of section 90 (c) of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 and Article 14(7) of the 1985 Order set byelaws for the purposes of securing the cleanliness of premises registered under Article 14 of Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985. These byelaws set out the requirements regarding fittings in those premises and of registered persons and persons assisting them and the cleansing and so far as appropriate sterilisation of instruments, materials and equipment used in connection with the businesses of skin piercing activities.

## 3. Key Issues for Consideration

### 3.1. Applications Received

An application for registration has been received from the following premises to be registered under the byelaws for a skin piercing practice:

- Zoe Henderson, Pierced by Zoe, 58 Albert Road, Carrickfergus, BT38 8AE for cosmetic piercing;

- Colin Robinson, Body Piercing by Catboy, 58a Main Street, Larne, BT40 1SP for cosmetic piercing.

3.2 Inspection of the premises has found that the fittings and facilities were satisfactory. There were also suitable arrangements for ensuring sterilisation of any instruments, materials and equipment used in skin piercing activities. The requirements of Mid and East Antrim Borough Council Skin Piercing Bye Laws 2015 were found to have been fulfilled.

#### **4. General Considerations / Implications**

- 4.1 The premises will be inspected routinely to ensure compliance with Council Skin Piercing Bye Laws.

#### **5. Proposed Way Forward**

- 4.2 Officers are satisfied that registration can proceed on the basis that all requirements under the appropriate bye laws in relation to both the applications listed within this report have been met.

#### **6. Recommendation or Decision**

- 6.1. Elected Members are asked to grant approval to register the following business under the Council's Skin Piercing Byelaws:
- (i) Zoe Henderson, Pierced by Zoe, 58 Albert Road, Carrickfergus, BT38 8AE - for the business of cosmetic piercing; and
  - (ii) Colin Robinson, Body Piercing by Catboy, 58a Main Street, Larne, BT40 1SP - for the business of cosmetic piercing.



<b>Council/Committee:</b>	<b>Neighbourhoods &amp; Communities</b>
<b>Date:</b>	14 January 2025
<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>Consultation on the Repeal of the Vagrancy Acts</b>
<b>Publication Status:</b>	Open
<b>Author:</b>	Patricia Allen, Head of Public Protection, Health & Wellbeing
<b>Approver:</b>	Philip Thompson, Director of Community

## 1. Purpose

- 1.1. This report is to seek Elected Member approval for the submission of a consultation response on behalf of Mid and East Antrim Borough Council to the consultation on the repeal of The Vagrancy Act 1824 and The Vagrancy (Ireland) Act 1847 as issued by the Department of Justice on 20 November 2024.

## 2. Background

- 2.1. The Minister of Justice has committed to repeal the provisions of the Vagrancy Act 1824 and the Vagrancy (Ireland) Act 1847 as they apply to Northern Ireland relating to rough sleeping and begging. This is in recognition of the fact that begging and rough sleeping are often linked to underlying complex issues and personal circumstances which require a multi-agency response to support people rather than criminalise them.
- 2.2. As the Minister does not intend to introduce replacement legislation consultation to seek the views of key stakeholders on the impact of the repeals is being undertaken.
- 2.3. The consultation deadline is 21 January 2025.

## 3. Key Issues for Consideration

- 3.1. The consultation consists of two questions only.
  - Question 1 seeks views on the plans to decriminalise rough sleeping and begging.
  - Question 2 asks what gaps the repeals would leave in the criminal law, taking into account the range of other offences available to deal with public order, disorderly behaviour and harassment in public places.

- 3.2. The issue of rough sleeping and begging as indicated within the consultation document is particularly relevant to city centres. Rough sleeping has not been a significant issue within the Borough to date and the existing Support Hub is well placed to consider individual cases. Incidents of begging in town centres are more common but in general this is not reported as aggressive or causing persistent annoyance to members of the public or businesses. The PSNI will adopt a “engage and explain” approach for isolated cases of simple begging and ultimately ask the person to move away from the area in which they are begging. PSNI advise that arrest is a last resort.
- 3.3. The underlying issues linked to begging and rough sleeping include homelessness, poverty, alcohol and drug addiction, poor mental health, sexual and domestic abuse and family breakdown. The consultation document acknowledges that street drinking is common and that the existing council bye law system relating to drinking in public places and associated anti-social behaviour needs changed. The Department is currently reviewing relevant legislation in regard to this.
- 3.4. The draft consultation response is provided in **Appendix 1** and highlights the following:
- Support for decriminalizing rough sleeping and simple begging in respect of behaviours that would not otherwise attract criminal sanction.
  - The need to ensure a comprehensive multi-agency approach to tackle the underlying causes /issues that lead to rough sleeping and begging is agreed and properly resourced
  - The need for adequate legal sanctions and resources to deal with those aspects of public safety, disorderly behavior and harassment in public places where rough sleeping and begging take place, and
  - The need to ensure the new provisions (above) are in place and working before the vagrancy legislation is repealed, so as to prevent any gaps.

#### **4. General Considerations / Implications**

- 4.1. Financial Implications - no direct financial consequences for Council. If as suggested Councils are given any new powers to resolve the issue of drinking in public places, and associated anti-social behaviour, there may be financial implications.
- 4.3 Alignment with Corporate Priorities and Link to Corporate Plan- having a multi-agency support response in place for dealing with these issues will assist Mid and East Antrim support and deliver opportunities for vulnerable citizens to improve their physical, mental, and emotional health. Tackling rough sleeping and begging more effectively will also help make town centres feel safer which will positively impact footfall and the local





economy;

## **5. Proposed Way Forward**

- 5.1. If approved, officers will finalise and submit the proposed consultation response before the deadline of 21 January 2025.

## **6. Recommendation or Decision**

- 6.1. Elected Members are asked to approve the submission of the Mid and East Antrim Borough Council consultation response (**Appendix 1**) on the repeal of The Vagrancy Act 1824 and The Vagrancy (Ireland) Act 1847 as issued by the Department of Justice on 20 November 2024.

## **7. Appendices / Links**

Appendix 1 Consultation response on behalf of MEABC

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**CONSULTATION ON THE REPEAL OF THE  
VAGRANCY ACT 1824 AND THE VAGRANCY  
(IRELAND) ACT 1847**

**Response Form**

NOVEMBER 2024

## RESPONDING TO THE CONSULTATION

The Department of Justice (DOJ) is seeking views on its plans to decriminalise rough sleeping and begging by repealing the relevant provisions of the Vagrancy Act 1824 and the Vagrancy (Ireland) Act 1847 and whether respondents consider that repeal will leave significant gaps in the criminal law, taking into account the range of other offences available to deal with public order, disorderly behaviour and harassment in public places.

Please use this form to provide your response, and once completed send by **email** to: [CPB@justice-ni.gov.uk](mailto:CPB@justice-ni.gov.uk) or by **post** to:

Department of Justice  
Criminal Policy Unit  
Massey House  
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BT4 3SX

Additional pages may be submitted if required.

Responses should be submitted by **midnight on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025**.

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A member of the public (please indicate if you are content for your name to be shared)

On behalf of an organisation

Other.....*(Please specify)*

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**Question 1:**

**What are your views on the Department's plans to decriminalise rough sleeping and begging by repealing the relevant provisions in the Vagrancy Act 1824 and the Vagrancy (Ireland) Act 1847?**

Mid & East Antrim Borough Council (the "Council") agrees with the Minister's view that it is inappropriate to criminalise people who are simply begging or sleeping rough but who are not otherwise behaving in a manner that would attract criminal sanction.

Council does not therefore challenge the plans to repeal the relevant legislative provisions, but would wish to be assured that there is a commitment to ensure

- (a) Adequate strategic planning and resourcing to properly roll out and maintain a comprehensive multi-agency approach to tackle the underlying complex issues involved in rough sleeping and begging, and
- (b) Steps are taken to put in place or strengthen existing legal powers/sanctions that will deal with those aspects of public safety, disorderly behaviour and harassment in public places where begging and rough sleeping take place.

**Question 2:**

**What, if any, gaps do you consider this would leave in the criminal law, taking into account the range of other offences available to deal with public order, disorderly behaviour and harassment in public places?**

Council is not aware of any gaps, others than those already highlighted, that would be left in the criminal law if the repeal goes ahead.

Where Council has been consulted previously on proposals for drinking in public, anti-social behaviour etc. it will have provided relevant comment.

Council would hope that any concerns and recommendations raised previously or as part of this consultation by those with or intended to be given enforcement responsibilities and powers, are fully taken into account. This is critical to ensure effective responses can be taken to address negative behaviours without undue delay and any new approaches will act a proper deterrent.





<b>Council/Committee:</b>	<b>Neighbourhoods and Communities</b>
<b>Date:</b>	14 January 2025
<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>MEAqua Academy Development Plan 2024 - 2027</b>
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<b>Author:</b>	Patricia Allen, Head of Public Protection, Health & Wellbeing
<b>Approver:</b>	Philip Thompson, Director of Community

## 1. Purpose

- 1.1. This report is to provide Elected Members with the details of the first MEAqua Academy Development Plan for the period 2024 to 2027.

## 2. Background

- 2.1. Within Leisure Services and as part of the ongoing Leisure Transformation process the management, operation and programming of the leisure centre swimming pools are a key feature for the delivery of physical activity, wellbeing and sporting opportunities to citizens.
- 2.2. In addition, they are a significant contributor to income generation. To meet its ambition of giving every child in the borough the opportunity to learn to swim, Council launched its MEAqua Academy in September 2022. This permitted all centres working together to drive forward a strong and vibrant swimming programme with its own branding, staff team and lead officer. Since then, when 600 swimmers were enrolled on the existing Learn to Swim programme, the numbers have risen steadily, reaching 2000 early in 2024.
- 2.3. The MEAqua Academy seeks to maximise pool usage for the benefit of all, so it is critical to ensure the swim and other aquatic activity programmes on offer continue to innovate and expand, taking account of customer demands. Having successfully embedded an expanded swim programme over the previous three years, this development plan will allow a renewed focus on a number of key and interlinked aims to attract and retain both existing and new participants, including forging new partnerships to do so. It has growth, development and high standards at its core - courses, facilities, partnerships, clubs and staff.
- 2.4. The plan (see **Appendix 1**) covers the period 2024 until 2027, during which it aims to deliver improvements in current offers within the existing three centres alongside inputting into the proposals for the new health & wellbeing



centre aquatic facilities as part of the St Patrick's Barracks Regeneration site.

### 3. Key Issues for Consideration

- 3.1. There are four aims:
- Growth & Retention** – increasing opportunities to swim and learn how to swim, plus boosting overall attendance for engaging in aquatic activities whether as individuals, families or groups. Key performance indicators are proposed for this element of the plan.
  - Programme Development** – providing opportunities and pathways across the entire age profile, not only for swimming but also for general water confidence/safety that will permit uptake of aquatic sports/activities and related careers.
  - Raising Standards** – having effective partnerships with a wide range of bodies that can help us shape and inform standards and offers. Informing capital investment planning and budget decisions to ensure facilities are safe, accessible and welcoming environments for all citizens.
  - Workforce Development** – recruiting and retaining the best qualified and motivated and committed instructors etc. to support delivery and continued development of the MEAqua Academy.
- 3.2. The estimated increase in income from these proposals is in the region of 4% annually and depending upon on uptake of courses/lessons may be higher. In 2025/6 this would represent circa £476k and in 2026/27 circa £495k.
- 3.3. Given the age of the three leisure centres, over the lifetime of this plan there are a number of major infrastructure elements that will need to be addressed to ensure the aquatic facilities (pools, plant and changing facilities) remain capable of operating reliably with projected additional bather loads, are as energy efficient as possible given high energy costs and present as high quality, attractive customer environments. Major new investment and re-investment each year to keep abreast of preventative maintenance and critical refurbishment will be required to ensure the pool income projections deliverable as this development plans is implemented can be achieved.

### 4. General Considerations / Implications

- 4.1. Financial. The plan includes expansion and new proposals for programmes that will have associated costs for staff training, affiliation fees, equipment and resources, however this will be carefully controlled to ensure it is, as far as possible, cost neutral to Council. Where work is required for facility improvement or refurbishment all necessary business cases will be prepared for inclusion and discussion during the annual estimates process and any subsequent re-profiling.



- 4.2. All relevant screening of the development plan has been completed with no significant issues being highlighted.
- 4.3 The development plan contributes to Council's vision and strategic corporate objectives by making provision for continuous improvement in leisure services and in particular taking a co-creation and collaboration approach to improving the skills and the health and wellbeing of citizens of all ages.

## **5. Proposed Way Forward**

- 5.1. Officers will implement the plan with regular leisure management reviews. Six monthly updates will be reported to Elected Members.

## **6. Recommendation or Decision**

- 6.1. Elected Members are asked to note the details of the MEAqua Academy Development Plan 2024-2027.

## **7. Appendices / Links**

Appendix 1 MEAqua Academy Development Plan 2024 - 2027

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### MEAqua Academy Development Plan 2024 - 2027

#### Introduction

*Our Vision: Mid and East Antrim will be a strong, vibrant, safe, and inclusive community, where people work together to improve the quality of life for all.*

The Public Protection, Health, and Wellbeing Department contributes to councils' vision through the management and operation of Mid and East Antrim (MEA) leisure centres and the MEActive Team. This incorporates the management, operation and programming of our leisure centre swimming pools and the delivery/management of the MEAqua Academy Swim Programme.

As part of Mid and East Antrim Internal Leisure Transformation, officers were tasked with aligning all arrangements for the delivery of swimming lessons across Mid and East Antrim leisure centres to meet the following key aspirations:

1. Every child in our borough will have the opportunity to learn to swim.
2. Our citizens (as individuals & families) will sustain a lifelong interest in physical activity and personal wellbeing.
3. We will use physical activity and sport to change young lives for the better
4. Our centres will organize to maximize occupancy, flexibility and accessibility.
5. Co-creation and collaboration with users, our staff, trade union colleagues and others, will help us to deliver a sustainable leisure financial model.

Council launched the MEAqua Academy in September 2021 with its own branding and staff team, including a dedicated Lead Officer. This was in the post Covid period when government restriction on the numbers permitted in group sessions were still in place. At this time the 600 swimmers enrolled within the existing Learn to Swim programme were migrated across to the MEAqua online registration and support portal and automatically enrolled in the new MEAqua Academy. By early 2024 the number in the MEAqua Academy swim programme had reached 2,000.





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### Current and future aquatic facilities

MEA operates three leisure centers, with aquatic facilities available as follows:

- ***Amphitheatre Carrickfergus: Built in 1979 and refurbished between 2007 and 2009.***

1 x 6 lane 25-metre traditional pool and a smaller teaching/learning pool.

- ***Seven Towers Ballymena: Built in 1970 with most recent refurbishment in 2001.***

1 x 6 lane 25-metre traditional pool, 1 x 20metre teaching/learner pool and 1 x leisure pool with associated flumes.

- ***Larne Leisure Centre: Built in 1968 and refurbished in 2011.***

1 x 6 lane 25-metre traditional pool and 1 x 20metre teaching/learner pool.

Council has given approval in principle to replace Seven Towers Leisure Centre with a Health and Wellbeing Centre as part of the Regeneration of the St Patrick's Barracks site. In 2023/24 it was approved within councils' Capital Plan to develop the design of the Ballymena Heath & Wellbeing Centre through to planning stage, with a proposed planning submission date of late Summer 2024.

The aquatic facilities for this replacement leisure centre will include:

1 x 8 lane 25-metre traditional pool with a moveable floor

1 x 20-meter teaching/learner pool with a movable floor, and

1 x Splash Pad with play features for babies and toddlers

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### SCOPE

The MEAqua Academy Development Plan will cover the following elements:

a. MEAqua Academy Swim Programme

- MEAqua Tots and Toddlers 3 - 12 Months & 13 - 35 Months
- MEAqua Pre School 3 Years +
- MEAqua Learn to Swim Levels 1 - 10 (starting age 4)
- MEAqua Little Stars (Disability)
- MEAqua Rookie Lifeguard (Bronze, Silver & Gold)
- MEAqua School Programme
- MEAqua Adult Lessons

b. Targeting Specific Groups

- Bespoke programmes for target groups e.g. Quiet sessions, anti-natal etc.
- Health & Well-being Programmes e.g. Physical Activity Referrals, aqua aerobics etc.

c. Public Swimming

- Lane Swimming
- Recreational Swimming/open sessions
- Fun & Family Sessions

d. Performance Groups

- MEA Swimming Clubs
- MEA Triathlon/Elite Swimming Clubs



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### e. Water Safety Skills

- Float to Live/Drowning Prevention
- Open Water Swimming

### AIMS

The aims of the MEAqua Academy Development Plan are:

1. **Growth and Retention:** to maximise pool usage and to increase the number of people who can and who want to swim and the overall numbers regularly attending our facilities to engage in aquatic activities whether as individuals, families, or as part of a group.
2. **Programme Development:** to ensure our programmes provide opportunities and clear pathways for all swimmers (new/returning, competitive/performance or leisure/recreational) across the entire age profile. This will also improve general water safety and confidence skills in order to support uptake of other aquatic based sports/activities and related career opportunities.
3. **Raising Standards:** to build and maintain effective partnerships and contribute to future capital investment planning in order to enhance the provision of accessible, safe, welcoming, high-quality aquatic facilities for all citizens within the borough. This will also support programme development and delivery to attract more users, visitors and new aquatic activity groups.
4. **Workforce Development:** to recruit, develop and retain a suitably qualified, committed and diverse pool of coaches, swimming teachers, lifeguards, and volunteers to support the MEAqua Academy programme across all centres.

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### MEAQUATIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN: KEY DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

<b>Growth and Retention</b>				
To maximise pool usage and increase the number of people who can and who want to swim, and the overall numbers regularly attending our facilities to engage in aquatic activities whether as individuals, families, or as part of a group.				
Development Priorities	Action	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Ensure best programming of all swimming facilities across the borough to get the most efficient and effective pool usage and balance of offer at each centre.	Conduct a stakeholder survey to understand current participation (and any barriers) verify programme capacity, promote plans and quantify unmet demand. Use findings to further develop and validate actions within the 3-year plan.	Complete survey design by March 2025	Conduct survey and collate responses by end July 2025. Refresh plan by end December 2025.	On going review with follow up survey conducted by end March 2027.
Work with existing disability groups and colleagues within the Council to develop further inclusive opportunities.	Expand current successful MEAqua Little Stars programme across all centres and Quiet Sessions.	Introduce Little Stars class in Ballymena by February 2025	Expand current Little Stars classes in Carrick and Larne in line with demand.	Review uptake and expansion opportunities for both Little Stars and Quiet Sessions in all centres.
Ensure there are sessions within the MEAqua programme dedicated to adult learn to swim in all centres and aim to increase the current numbers catered for in adult learn to swim classes.	Ensure that classes in Carrick and Ballymena are sustainable and introduce an adult learn to swim class in Larne	Review marketing and promotion activity to improve uptake.	Introduce Larne adult class in by Summer 2025. Explore interest in Adult 1-2-1	On going review with additional sessions programmed by end 2026.

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<p>Junior Learn to Swim – extend Tots and Toddlers (Pre – School swimming) in all pools and build on best practice across each centre.</p> <p>Look at expanding new disciplines and opportunities into all centres and maintaining current club usage.</p>	<p>Develop Tots and Toddler sessions across the 3 leisure centre MEAqua programmes.</p> <p>(a) Develop Water Polo as part of the Schools Swimming Programme by introducing taster sessions.</p> <p>(b) Ensure space within the programme for elite swimming sessions e.g. triathlon clubs.</p> <p>(c) Develop the aquatic group exercise programme to include Water Aerobic classes in all centres, including bespoke sessions as appropriate.</p>	<p>Continue to facilitate these classes via existing coaches.</p> <p>Staff training to take place by December 2024</p> <p>Continue to support 2 swim clubs and one triathlon club.</p> <p>Identify suitable training/job description to build number of coaches available to conduct sessions.</p>	<p>lessons in all centres.</p> <p>Research &amp; report on how to deliver best practice in-house and increase capacity.</p> <p>Introduce Water Polo taster sessions in 2025 and 2026</p> <p>Secure time in programme. Consider all new requests.</p> <p>Introduce more sessions covering all centres as number of available</p>	<p>Introduce a new extended Tots &amp; Toddlers programme across all centres by end March 2027.</p> <p>Explore viability of dedicated sessions within weekly MEAqua programme</p> <p>Secure time in programme. Consider all new requests.</p> <p>Review programme content and scheduling and adjust as necessary.</p>
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<p>Enhance open family and fun Sessions</p>	<p>Research and procure family friendly equipment for each centre including a pool inflatable in at least one centre,</p>	<p>Centre Managers review by end March 2025 to determine capacity for more family friendly sessions within programmes.</p>	<p>trained coaches increase. Research conducted on suitable equipment, including feedback from other leisure operators and cost analysis. Report prepared in time for estimates process 26/27,</p>	<p>Introduce (funding permitting) an inflatable by end December 2026 in one centre.</p>
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<b>Programme Development</b> To ensure our programmes provide opportunities and clear pathways for all swimmers (new/returning, competitive/performance or leisure/recreational) across the entire age profile. This will not only ensure higher standards but improve general water safety and confidence skills in order to support uptake of other aquatic based sports/activities and related career opportunities.				
Development Priorities	Action	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
<p>Ensure a consistent approach for delivery of all elements of the MEAqua Academy Swim Programme. This will include teaching plans, use of technology, staffing levels, qualifications and other resources.</p>	<p>Update and develop teaching plans/schemes of work for all swimming lessons taking account relevant good practise and recognised accreditations.</p> <p>Ensure all MEAqua swim teachers are aware of schemes of work and have a clear understanding of the standards expected and the related assessment process that will apply.</p>	<p>Prepare a generic template and assessment timetable plans/schemes by end March 2025.</p>	<p>Implement revised plans/schemes alongside staff induction sessions.</p> <p>Quarterly staff review sessions with MEAqua Lead.</p>	<p>Annual review of all plans/schemes.</p> <p>Staff consultation on proposals for assessment process.</p>
<p>Establish pathways within the MEAqua Action Plan from non-participant swimmers to competition level swimmers. Pathways should show clear link between the MEAqua Academy and local swimming clubs in Ballymena and Larne.</p>	<p>Provide clear information to all swimmers of the options available once their MEAqua Academy journey has been completed - advanced lessons leading to Rookie Lifesaving or competitive club swimming.</p>	<p>Continue to facilitate discussion and determine interest.</p>	<p>Consult with local swimming clubs on an effective transfer pathway and implement arrangement by end March 2026.</p>	<p>Continue to implement and review.</p>

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<p>Learn to swim outreach - identify underrepresented groups within the learn to swim programme and then develop suitable partnership working arrangements to be able to improve the inclusion of such groups in future programmes.</p> <p>Explore opportunities within the programme for groups and individuals to experience new activities in a safe and controlled manor where the emphasis is on confidence to participate in the aquatic environment.</p>	<p>Explore and establish links with relevant bodies/community organisations/other council departments who represent or work with underrepresented groups.</p> <p>Collaborate with internal &amp; external partners to develop plans for taster sessions that will allow new swim opportunities to be piloted as part of the MEAqua Swim Programme.</p> <p>(a) Liaise with relevant bodies on the feasibility of introducing into the programme courses for Float to Live (schools and family sessions), Open Water swimming activities and drowning prevention.</p>		<p>Hold discussion workshop with council colleagues by end September 2025. Develop draft proposals by end March 2026.</p> <p>Conduct discussions with relevant bodies. Determine which options are viable - course delivery and/or signposting or awareness raising. Draft proposals for each centre.</p>	<p>Where possible introduce taster sessions into swim programme - aim to have a minimum of 2.</p> <p>Develop proposals further for introduction as taster sessions.</p>
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	<p>(b) Identify opportunities for people to transfer from land based to water-based activities and the related training and equipment needs. Examples include courses for Aquaphobia and water-based movement classes as part of physical activity referral schemes.</p>		<p>Explore ideas during stakeholder workshops and staff discussions.</p>	<p>Develop proposals and associated costs for further discussion.</p>
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<b>Raising Standards</b> To build and maintain effective partnerships and contribute to future capital investment planning in order to enhance the provision of accessible, safe, welcoming, high-quality aquatic facilities for all citizens within the borough. This will also support programme development and delivery to attract more users, visitors and new aquatic activity groups				
Development Priorities	Action	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Larne Leisure Centre</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Refurbishment group wet changing rooms.</li> <li>○ Repairs to scum channel coating in the main pool.</li> <li>○ Consider application to Access and Inclusion funding for a Pool Pod.</li> <li>○ Installation of control barriers at reception entrance to ensure all access is controlled and key participation numbers are reported accurately.</li> <li>○ Refurbishment of Health Suite Area</li> </ul>	Capital Plan 2024/2025  Minor Works  Leisure Services Manager to complete Access and Inclusion funding application if scheme becomes available.  Apply for slippage as funds become available.  Apply through Capital Plan for funding to complete refurbishment works.	Completion pre-April 2025 Complete by end Summer 2024	Ensure uptake of all opportunities.  Produce and share with Facilities Maintenance and Capital Works Team an annual costed list of outstanding and/or prioritised repair and refurbishment projects.	



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<p><b>Amphitheatre Carrickfergus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Replace air handling for main pool swimming hall,</li> <li>○ Consider application to Access and Inclusion funding for a Pool Pod.</li> <li>○ Installation of control barriers at reception entrance to ensure all access is controlled and key participation numbers are reported accurately.</li> <li>○ Refurbishment/relocation of "Thermal Spa" area.</li> <li>○ Purchase Pool Inflatable</li> </ul>	<p>Promote the urgent need for this work to be undertaken/funded.</p> <p>Leisure Services Manager to complete Access and Inclusion funding application if scheme becomes available.</p> <p>Apply for slippage as funds become available.</p> <p>Apply through Capital Plan for funding to complete refurbishment works.</p> <p>Include this purchase in estimates for 2026/27. If budget permits, consider additional inflatables for Larne and Seven Towers.</p>		<p>Consultant report and necessary works completed in 2025/26.</p> <p>Ensure uptake of all opportunities.</p> <p>Produce and share with Facilities Maintenance and Capital Works Team an annual costed list of outstanding and/or prioritised repair and refurbishment projects.</p>
<p><b>Seven Towers, Ballymena</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Replace existing Steam Room and Jacuzzi</li> </ul>	<p>Apply for slippage as funds become available.</p>		<p>Produce and share with Facilities Maintenance and Capital Works Team an annual costed list of outstanding and/or prioritised repair and refurbishment projects.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Secure Elected Member support for financial investment for the replacement Health &amp; Wellbeing Centre as part of the St Patrick's Regeneration programme.</li> <li>✓ Continue to research the facilities and equipment that will       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. create the best customer experience in the new centre, and</li> <li>2. take advantage of new technology in terms of operational efficiency and environmental standards.</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p>Establish links with the Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS) to develop a MEAqua Rookies Lifeguard programme.</p>	<p>Elected Members committed to the development of the Seven Towers replacement design as part of 2024/2025 Capital Plan.</p> <p>Take forward all development work to ensure once permissions and finance in place that next stages can proceed with minimal delays in decision making.</p> <p>Investigate the process and cost of gaining affiliation to RLSS to deliver their Rookie Lifeguard qualification.</p>	<p>Planning application submitted Summer 2024</p> <p>Continue to deliver MEAqua programme.</p>	<p>Provide further design development input support.</p> <p>Continue to learn from similar new build projects in other local authorities.</p> <p>Make contact with RLSS and research where they have partnered with other local authorities. Consider and if appropriate implement agreements to be able to commence RLSS programme by end 2026.</p>
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<p>Establish regular stakeholder meetings that gives opportunity to share good practice and offer suggestions aimed at raising standards across the MEAqua programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• local clubs, school representatives, the Health &amp; Social Care Trust and other partners</li> <li>• regional &amp; national swim and water safety organisations</li> <li>• SportNI and other funding bodies</li> </ul> <p>Establish a workforce consultation mechanism for management to communicate progress against the development plan actions internally, seek the ideas, views and feedback of staff and plan for adoption of good practice/improvements/new sessions or activities.</p>	<p>Introduce a MEAqua meetings diary that will allow the MEActive Team Leader, MEAqua Lead and Leisure Centre Management to schedule 1-2-1 discussions or group workshops with key stakeholders.</p> <p>Develop a meeting format that will deliver effective consultation for optimal action planning and programme delivery in order to build staff commitment to improving and maintaining standards.</p>		<p>Organise meetings between May and November each year.</p> <p>Organise for at least one consultation workshop each year, to assist with the review of this, and preparation of any new, plan.</p>
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<b>Workforce Development</b> To recruit and develop a suitably qualified and diverse pool of coaches, swimming teachers, lifeguards, volunteers to support the MEAqua Swim Academy across all centres.				
Development Priorities	Action	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
<p>As part of wider Leisure Transformation establish core hours to deliver the Swim Academy programme and consider the feasibility of all employment scenarios in terms of flexibility, finance, programme delivery/growth and workforce development.</p> <p>Link with external bodies to improve the standard and consistency of staff training, gaining better access to a variety of training courses and ultimately help with future internal and external recruitment.</p>	<p>With HR and legal advice consider what employment model will secure the best operating model for the Swim Academy programme in the future.</p> <p>(a) Explore partnership working with an external training programme provider such as Swim Ulster/Swim Ireland with a view to establishing at least one (and potentially all) centres as Swimming Teacher Training venues and delivering at least one Level1/Level2 Swimming Teachers course per year.</p>	<p>Establish core hour requirement for programme by end March 2025.</p> <p>MEAqua Lead to make initial contacts and report on partnership options.</p>	<p>Complete options appraisal &amp; obtain approval for preferred model. Introduce new operating structure by end March 2026.</p> <p>If successful, deliver L1 and L2 teaching courses to MEAqua Staff and interested MEABC Leisure Staff. Consider establishing a MEAqua Learning Hub for new swimming teachers.</p>	<p>Conduct operational review at end of first 6 months.</p> <p>Deliver L1 and L2 teaching course to external candidates through Learning Hub Initiative</p> <p>Explore the potential for vocational courses with the Education Authority.</p>



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<p>Develop a programme, accessible to all swimming teachers and coaches, to ensure the training and development needs for delivery of the current and future MEAqua Swim Academy programmes are addressed.</p> <p>Develop a staff assessment process to run in tandem with the T&amp;D programme that will track competency and ensure consistent delivery of standards within the workforce.</p>	<p>(b) Work in partnership with RLSS to develop a pathway from the Rookie Lifeguard Qualification through to the recognised lifeguard industry National Pool Lifeguard Qualification (NLPQ).</p> <p>Develop a staff training &amp; development (T&amp;D) programme for 2026/27 - all coaches/instructors must hold the relative qualifications and skills for the lessons/activities they are instructing.</p> <p>Research any existing competency frameworks and assessment processes. Produce a system that aligns to the scheme of work and T&amp;D programme.</p>		<p>For estimates process conduct training needs analysis to establish skills, interests, programme deficits and associated costs.</p>	<p>Finalise T&amp;D programme and implement (funding dependant).</p> <p>Produce draft proposals and consult staff. Review and determine the best model for future introduction.</p>
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### Key Performance Indicators for MEAqua Academy Swim Programme

Key Performance Indicators	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
• Number of MEAqua lessons delivered/Annum	12000	13500	15000
• Number of participants in the MEAqua Swim Academy/Annum	2100	2250	2400
• Number of MEAqua Tots and Toddlers Lessons/Annum	50	60	70
• Number of participants attending MEAqua Tots and Toddler/Annum	50	60	70
• Number of Disability Swimming Lessons/Annum	120	180	240
• Number of participants attending MEAqua Little Stars Disability Swimming Lessons/Annum	25	40	50
• Number of MEAqua Rookies lessons delivered/Annum	500	600	700
• Number attending MEAqua Rookies lessons/Annum	90	110	130
• Number of children attending school swimming/Annum	7500	8000	8500
• Number of schools attending MEAqua Schools programme Learn to Swim/Annum	100	105	110
• Number of participants attending adults attending MEAqua Lessons/Annum	30	40	50
• Number of participants attending MEAqua Summer Intensive Lessons/Annum	1500	1600	1700



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<b>Council/Committee:</b>	<b>Neighbourhoods and Communities</b>
<b>Date:</b>	14 January 2025
<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>Temporary Closure Order for Herdman's Lane Public Right of Way</b>
<b>Publication Status:</b>	Open
<b>Author:</b>	Lisa Kirkwood, Outdoor Recreation Officer
<b>Approver:</b>	Philip Thompson, Director of Community

## 1. Purpose

- 1.1. This report is to update Elected Members on the temporary closure of Public Right of Way (PROW) known as Herdman's Lane. The PROW runs from Farm Lodge Park to Upper Road, Greenisland (**Appendix 1**).

## 2. Background

- 2.1. Under the Access to the Countryside (NI) Order 1983, all Councils in Northern Ireland have a duty to "assert, protect, keep open and free from obstruction any public right of way". On 2 December 2024 officers were notified of a closure of the route between Farm Lodge Park and Upper Road Greenisland.
- 2.2. Upon investigation Officers ascertained that planning permission was granted for the development of 20 properties on a site adjacent to the lane, LA20/2022/0687/RM, with outline planning issued for in September 2019, LA02/2018/0810/0. The Planning Decision granted on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022 contains Informatives, which state "*This permission does not alter or extinguish or otherwise affect any existing or valid right of way crossing, impinging or otherwise pertaining to these lands.*" (Appendix 2)
- 2.3. Condition 6 of the Planning Approval States *The Private Streets (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 as amended by the Private Streets (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1992. No other development hereby permitted shall be occupied until the works necessary for the improvement of a public road have been completed in accordance with the details outlined blue on Drawing number 30/3 date published 31 JAN 2023. The Department hereby attaches to the determination a requirement under Article 3(4A) of the above Order that such works shall be carried out in accordance with an agreement under Article 3 (4C).* In order for the construction to commence the lane in question has had to be closed to accommodate the road construction in accordance with this condition.

## 3. Key Issues for Consideration





- 3.1. Article 19 of the Access to the Countryside (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 permits District Councils to temporarily close a public path for a period up to three months. Temporary closure or diversion:

*19.—(1) If, on the application of the occupier of land over which there is a public path or any other person, the district council is satisfied that it is expedient in the interests of good farming or forestry or otherwise temporarily to close or divert the path, the district council may order the closure or diversion of the path for such period, not exceeding three months, as may be specified in the order.*

*(2) In deciding whether to make an order under paragraph (1) the district council shall take into account the interests of users of the path.*

*(3) Before refusing to make an order under paragraph (1) the district council shall consult the Department.*

*(4) On the making of an order under paragraph (1) the district council shall forthwith cause a copy of the order to be placed in a prominent position at the ends of the path close or diverted and maintained there throughout the period of closure or diversion.*

However, given that this is a construction project that could take up to 18 months, Officers will continue to liaise with the contractor/developer.

- 3.2. As the works have already commenced the Health & Safety of the general public must be considered. Health and Safety is covered in the Order under Article 42 (2) For the purpose of avoiding danger to the public or to any persons employed on any land, the district council may vary any access agreement or order so as to exclude any land.

- 3.3. Under The Order, Article 19, as referred to above, temporary closures are for a maximum of 3 months. As the works are anticipated to last for approximately 18 months, updates will be presented every 3 months. Unfortunately, due to the nature of construction these dates may change depending on weather conditions and existing construction constraints.

#### **4. General Considerations / Implications**

- 4.1. Financial implications – production of signage for the temporary closure notice and diversion. Cost to Council is estimated to be less than £150.
- 4.2. Human Resources – there are two internal officers responsible for PROWs, who work in conjunction with Council's legal officers.
- 4.3. Equality Screening – this will not impact one specific group but could negatively impact the residents who use the PROW for access to Upper Road or Farm Lodge Park/Road.



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- 4.4. Rural Proofing and Environmental Impact – all environmental impacts will have been assessed during the planning process.

## **5. Proposed Way Forward**

- 5.1. Mid and East Antrim Borough Council continues to work with the contractor during the works.

## **6. Recommendation or Decision**

- 6.1. Elected Members are asked to note this update.

## **7. Appendices / Links**

- Appendix 1 Map of right of way
- Appendix 2 Planning Decision.
- Appendix 3 Notice of closure for signature.
- Appendix 4 Diversion Map







## APPROVAL OF RESERVED MATTERS

### Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

Application No: **LA02/2022/0687/IRM**

Date of Application: **9 September 2022**

Site of Proposed Development: **Site to the west of Greenisland War Memorial Sports Club  
63 Upper Road, Greenisland and east of Farm Lodge Road**

Description of Proposal: **Residential development comprising 20 no. detached dwellings, associated garages; landscaping and all other associated site and access works**

Applicant: Rosemount Homes Limited  
Address: Rosemount House  
21-23 Sydenham Road  
Belfast  
BT3 9HA

Agent: TSA Planning  
Address: 20 May Street  
Belfast  
BT1 4NL

Outline Reference: LA02/2018/0810/O; Date Issued: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Drawing Ref: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24/1, 27/1, 30/3, 31, 32

Document No. 03/1

With respect to the above proposal for development, being matters reserved in the outline planning permission specified above. The Council in pursuance of its powers under the above-mentioned Act and in accordance with your application

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the said reserved matters subject to compliance with the following conditions which are imposed for the reasons stated:



1. The development to which this approval relates must be begun by whichever is the later of the following dates:-
  - i. The expiration of a period of 5 years from the grant of outline planning permission; or
  - ii. The expiration of a period of 2 years from the date hereof.

Reason: As required by Section 62 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

2. All soft and hard landscaping shall be completed as indicated on drawing No. 27/1, date published 01 February 2023, in accordance with the appropriate British Standard or other recognised Codes of Practice in the first available planting season following commencement of the development or before occupation of the first residential unit in the development, whichever is the later.

Reason: To ensure the provision of a high standard of landscape and adequate amenity space, consistent with Planning Policy Statement 7 'Quality Residential Environments'.

3. If within a period of 5 years from the date of the planting of any tree, shrub or hedge, that tree, shrub or hedge is removed, uprooted or destroyed or dies, or becomes, in the opinion of the Council, seriously damaged or defective, another tree, shrub or hedge of the same species and size as that originally planted shall be planted at the same place, unless the Council gives its written consent to any variation.

Reason: To ensure the provision, establishment and maintenance of a high standard of landscape.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Planning (General Development) Order (NI) 1993, or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order, no buildings, walls, gate pillars, fences or other structures shall be erected within the curtilage of any dwelling house forward of any wall of that dwelling house which fronts onto a road other than those indicated on stamped approved Drawing No. 03 date stamp received 9th September 2022.

Reason: To preserve the open plan nature of the estate.

5. The Private Streets (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 as amended by the Private Streets (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1992. The Department hereby determines that the width, position and arrangement of the streets, and the land to be regarded as being comprised in the streets, shall be as indicated on Drawing

number 30/3 date published 31 JAN 2023.

Reason: To ensure there is a safe and convenient road system within the development and to comply with the provisions of the Private Streets (Northern Ireland) Order 1980

6. The Private Streets (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 as amended by the Private Streets (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1992. No other development hereby permitted shall be occupied until the works necessary for the improvement of a public road have been completed in accordance with the details outlined blue on Drawing number 30/3 date published 31 JAN 2023. The Department hereby attaches to the determination a requirement under Article 3(4A) of the above Order that such works shall be carried out in accordance with an agreement under Article 3 (4C).

Reason: To ensure there is a safe and convenient road system within the development and to comply with the provisions of the Private Streets (Northern Ireland) Order 1980.



7. Once a contractor has been appointed, a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) should be submitted to NIEA Water Management Unit, at least 4 weeks prior to the commencement of construction to ensure effective avoidance and mitigation methodologies have been planned for the protection of the water environment.

Reason: To ensure effective avoidance and mitigation measures have been planned for the protection of the water environment.

8. The development hereby approved shall be developed and operated in accordance with the plans and documents referenced at the beginning of this decision notice.

Reason: To ensure that the development is developed/operated in accordance with the approved plans and documents.



### Informatives

1. This permission does not confer title. It is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that he controls all the lands necessary to carry out the proposed development.
2. This permission does not alter or extinguish or otherwise affect any existing or valid right of way crossing, impinging or otherwise pertaining to these lands.
3. The development hereby permitted should not be occupied until any highway structure/retaining wall/culvert, requiring Technical Approval, as specified in the Roads (NI) Order 1993, has been approved and constructed in accordance with BD2 Technical Approval of Highways Structures : Volume 1: Design Manual for Roads and Bridges.
4. Provision should be made to the satisfaction of DFI, to accommodate the existing roadside drainage and to ensure that surface water does not flow from the public road onto the site.
5. No dwellings should be occupied until that part of the service road which provides access to it has been constructed to base course; the final wearing course shall be applied on the completion of the development.
6. The Private Streets (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 and The Private Streets (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1992.

Under the above Orders the applicant is advised that before any work shall be undertaken for the purpose of erecting a building the person having an estate in the land on which the building is to be erected is legally bound to enter into a bond and an agreement under seal for himself and his successors in title with the Department to make the roads (including road drainage) in accordance with The Private Streets (Construction) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994 and The Private Streets (Construction) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001. Sewers require a separate bond from Northern Ireland Water to cover foul and storm sewers.

7. Under the terms of The Private Streets (Construction) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001, design for any Street Lighting schemes will require approval from DFI Street Lighting Consultancy, County Hall, Ballymena. The Applicant is advised to contact DFI Street Lighting Section at an early stage. The Applicant/Developer is also responsible for the cost of supervision of all street works determined under the Private Streets Order (Northern Ireland) 1980.

8. It is a DfI requirement that all structures which fall within the scope of the current version of BD 2 Technical Approval of Highways Structures: Volume 1: Design Manual for Roads and Bridges shall require Technical Approval. Details shall be submitted to the Technical Approval Authority through the relevant Division.
9. The applicant is advised that under Article 11 of the Roads Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1993, the Department for Infrastructure is empowered to take measures to recover any reasonably incurred expenses in consequence of any damage caused to the public road as a result of extraordinary traffic generated by the proposed development.
10. Precautions shall be taken to prevent the deposit of mud and other debris on the adjacent road by vehicles travelling to and from the construction site. Any mud, refuse, etc. deposited on the road as a result of the development, must be removed immediately by the operator/contractor.
11. Notwithstanding the terms and conditions of the Council's approval set out above, you are required under Articles 71-83 inclusive of the Roads (NI) Order 1993 to be in possession of the Department for Infrastructures consent before any work is commenced which involves making or altering any opening to any boundary adjacent to the public road, verge, or footway or any part of said road, verge, or footway bounding the site. The consent is available on personal application to the DFI Section Engineer whose address is: Ballykeel Depot 190 Larne Road Link Ballymena BT423HA. A monetary deposit will be required to cover works on the public road.
12. All construction plant and materials shall be stored within the curtilage of the site
13. It is the responsibility of the Developer to ensure that water does not flow from the site onto the public road (including verge or footway) and that existing road side drainage is preserved and does not allow water from the road to enter the site.
14. The developer/applicant are advised that there is other advice/informatives attached to the consultation responses. Please ensure to check all the consultation responses and adhere to all the relevant advice/informatives.



- 15. Developers should acquaint themselves of their statutory obligations in respect of watercourses as prescribed in the Drainage (Northern Ireland) Order 1973, and consult the Rivers Agency accordingly on any related matters.

Dated: 27/06/2023

Authorised Officer:



**RIGHT OF WAY TEMPORARY CLOSURE ORDER****Access to the Countryside (Northern Ireland) Order 1983****Mid & East Antrim Borough Council****Public Path Temporary Closure Order 2024****Herdman's Lane, Greenisland**

Whereas it appears to Mid & East Antrim Borough Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 19 of the Order and of every other power enabling it in that behalf that it is expedient that the public path to which this order relates should be temporarily closed at request of the landowner under the conditions of a right of way.

Therefore Mid & East Antrim Borough Council hereby makes the following order: -

1. The permissive path leading from Farm Lodge Park to Upper Road, Greenisland shall be temporarily closed from 22<sup>nd</sup> December until 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025
2. This order may be cited as Mid & East Antrim Borough Council Herdman's Lane Temporary Closure Order 2024.

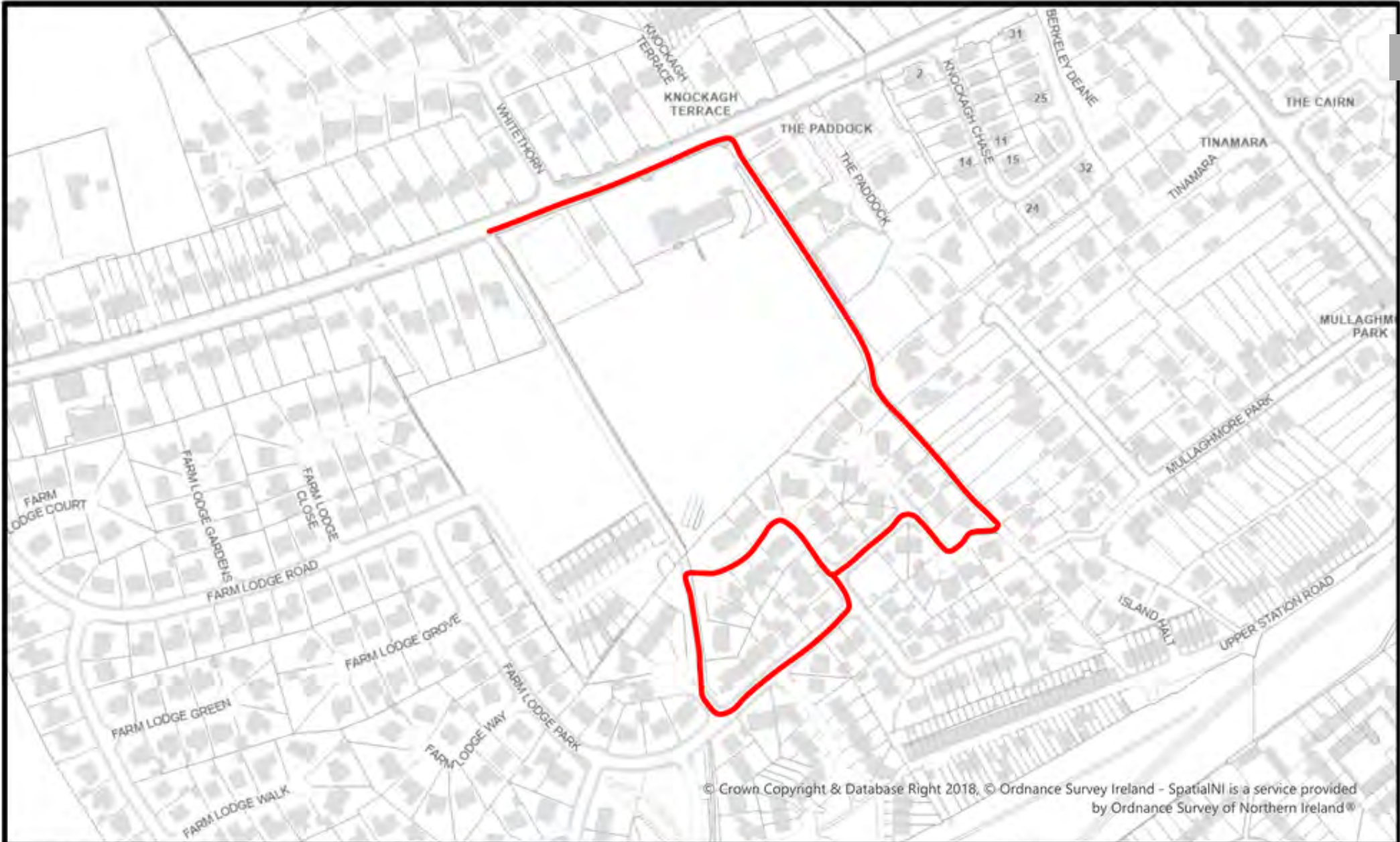
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Town Clerk & Chief Executive





**Mid & East Antrim Borough Council**  
**Farm Lodge Diversion**  
**Diversion from Upper Road**



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**Council/Committee:** Neighbourhoods and Communities  
**Date:** 14 January 2025

**Report Title:** Donations to Museums  
**Publication Status:** Open

**Author:** Laura Cowan, Strategic Regeneration and Tourism Manager  
**Approver:** Jonathan McGrandle, Acting Director of Development

**1. Purpose**

1.1. The purpose of this report is for Elected Members to consider offers of items by donation to Larne Museum, Carrickfergus Museum, and Mid-Antrim Museum.

**2. Background**

2.1. The mission of Mid and East Antrim Museum and Heritage Service is to collect, preserve and interpret with our local communities the heritage of the Mid and East Antrim Borough, and to provide an accessible and enjoyable service relevant to diverse needs and interests.

Council museum collections develop through acquisition or acceptance of items on offer to the museums. The decision to accept or decline items on offer to a Council Museum is made by Elected Members, after due consideration of museum staff recommendations, as per the approved Collections Management Policy (2021).

**3. Key Issues for Consideration**

3.1. The following items have been offered to Council's Museum Collection as donations.

3.2 Larne Museum

Offer 1 (Appendix 1)

<b>Date of Offer</b>	7 September 2024
<b>Offered to</b>	Larne Museum
<b>Items</b>	Hardbacked biography, "Nellie, An Irish Immigrant", by Samuel Evan Smith, published in 1983, telling the story of Nellie McIlhatton Smith who was born in Larne in 1894 and emigrated to Iowa, America in 1912; 14 family photos; 2012





	Transportation Map of Iowa; photocopies of other supporting documentation.
<b>Provenance</b>	These items are being offered directly by the family of Nellie.
<b>Collection Implications</b>	No storage implications.
<b>Recommendation</b>	To accept this donation.
<b>Rationale for accepting donation (how will the museum team use the donated item(s)?)</b>	These items can be used for research on Larne at the end of the 19 <sup>th</sup> century and family history research.

#### Offer 2 (Appendix 2)

<b>Date of Offer</b>	18 September 2024
<b>Offered to</b>	Larne Museum
<b>Items</b>	1st Islandmagee Signature Quilt 1913
<b>Provenance</b>	This item belonged to the family of the donor.
<b>Collection Implications</b>	No storage implications. Larne Museum's collection only holds 2 signature quilts of this era.
<b>Recommendation</b>	To accept this donation.
<b>Rationale for accepting donation (how will the museum team use the donated item(s)?)</b>	This would greatly enhance the collection and is of interest for family history research. It can be included in a planned quilt exhibition across the council museums.

#### Offer 3 (Appendix 3)

<b>Date of Offer</b>	22 October 2024
<b>Offered to</b>	Larne Museum
<b>Items</b>	Various photos relating to Larne Harbour and the narrow-gauge railway
<b>Provenance</b>	These items belonged to the donor or her family.
<b>Collection Implications</b>	No storage implications. These items would enhance our photographic archive in relation to local transport systems.
<b>Recommendation</b>	To accept this donation.



<b>Rationale for accepting donation (how will the museum team use the donated item(s)?)</b>	The museum does not have these photographs in the collection, and they will enhance knowledge of the industrial heritage of Larne.
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#### Offer 4 (Appendix 4)

<b>Date of Offer</b>	31 October 2024
<b>Offered to</b>	Larne Museum
<b>Items</b>	Five quilts, all from the same family, made in the late 1800s. There are no examples of similar quilts in Larne's collection and there is a strong local link as they were made by a relative/s of Dan Campbell, who opened a store under the name of Campbell Co & Drapers in 1875. The business moved to new premises on the corner of Dunluce Street and Bridge Street in 1904. The business closed in 1988. The pieces include a log cabin quilt, a one-piece quilt, a double Irish chain quilt plus sample flour bags from Morton's, and 2 tweed quilts one with purple backing and the other with red embroidered edging made with samples of gents' tweed from Dan Campbell's shop.
<b>Provenance</b>	These items belonged to the donor or her family.
<b>Collection Implications</b>	No storage implications. There is sufficient space in the museum store and the donation enhances knowledge of local businesses and social history of the area.
<b>Recommendation</b>	To accept this donation.
<b>Rationale for accepting donation (how will the museum team use the donated item(s)?)</b>	These can be included in a planned quilt exhibition across the council museums. They relate to a well-known local family and business in the town and create a strong link with the town's social history.

### 3.3 Carrickfergus Museum

#### Offer 5 (Appendix 5)

<b>Date of Offer</b>	4 October 2024
<b>Offered to</b>	Carrickfergus Museum
<b>Items</b>	Laying Out bed sheet



<b>Provenance</b>	Donor lives in Greenisland, and the sheet has been in her family for generations. She has a family tree and history for use with interpretation.
<b>Collection Implications</b>	No storage implications. The sheet can be used in the <i>Rites of Passage</i> exhibition.
<b>Recommendation</b>	To accept this donation.
<b>Rationale for accepting donation (how will the museum team use the donated item(s)?)</b>	This will be used in the <i>Rites of Passage</i> exhibition which is to be exhibited across the council area.

#### Offer 6 (Appendix 6)

<b>Date of Offer</b>	2 August 2024
<b>Offered to</b>	Carrickfergus Museum
<b>Items</b>	Book. 1 <sup>st</sup> edition copy of possessed by the <i>Devil: the real history of the Islandmagee Witches and Ireland's only mass witchcraft trial</i> . Personal copy of the author and includes handwritten notes.
<b>Provenance</b>	Book is donated by the author.
<b>Collection Implications</b>	No storage implications.
<b>Recommendation</b>	To accept this donation.
<b>Rationale for accepting donation (how will the museum team use the donated item(s)?)</b>	This is the research on which the exhibition <i>Reimagining the Islandmagee Witches</i> was based. It will be a useful resource for future research enquiries.

#### Offer 7 (Appendix 7)

<b>Date of Offer</b>	19 September 2024
<b>Offered to</b>	Carrickfergus Museum
<b>Items</b>	Two brochures: Carrickfergus Official Guide, and Carrickfergus Town brochure, 1962, signed by Mayor.
<b>Provenance</b>	Donated by owner.
<b>Collection Implications</b>	No storage implications. The museum does not currently have examples of these brochures.
<b>Recommendation</b>	To accept this donation.



<b>Rationale for accepting donation (how will the museum team use the donated item(s)?)</b>	This adds to the items available for research use in the Community Archive and helps to enhance the collection of town leaflets produced by local council at the time.
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#### Offer 8 (Appendix 8)

<b>Date of Offer</b>	1 October 2024
<b>Offered to</b>	Carrickfergus Museum
<b>Items</b>	Book. <i>The Northern Leaders of '98 "Remember Orr"</i> . Published 1906.
<b>Provenance</b>	Owners are a historical Society in Victoria, Australia, who brought it to donate to the museum.
<b>Collection Implications</b>	No storage implications. Useful for research into this period in Carrickfergus history.
<b>Recommendation</b>	To accept this donation.
<b>Rationale for accepting donation (how will the museum team use the donated item(s)?)</b>	Will be useful for planned research into the links between Carrickfergus and the 1798 United Irish Rebellion.

#### Offer 9 (Appendix 9)

<b>Date of Offer</b>	7 November 2024
<b>Offered to</b>	Carrickfergus Museum
<b>Items</b>	Commemorative plate commissioned and issued to mark the conferment of Freedom of the Borough to NIFRS in 2006.
<b>Provenance</b>	Donated by owner, the former Watch Commander, Carrickfergus Fire Station.
<b>Collection Implications</b>	No storage implications.
<b>Recommendation</b>	To accept this donation.
<b>Rationale for accepting donation (how will the museum team use the donated item(s)?)</b>	There are no examples of these already in the collection. It commemorates the NI Fire and Rescue Service being given the Freedom of the Borough, an important civic event. The museum has the official documents from the conferment in





<b>use the donated item(s)?</b>	the collection, so this links with those. The plate features the fire engine on display in the museum.
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### 3.4 Mid-Antrim Museum Collection

#### Offer 10 (Appendix 10)

<b>Date of Offer</b>	28 August 2024
<b>Offered to</b>	Mid-Antrim Museum
<b>Items</b>	A Rank Aldis Tutor 2 Projector and a mixed collection of 8mm film strips-21 in total including copies of 'Rocket to the Moon', 'Giants Continental Express Train' 'Life of Jesus' and 'Sleeping Beauty' and assorted slides of the Royal Family including the funeral of King George and images of Queen Elizabeth. The whole collection is from circa 1956. The collection is in good condition.
<b>Provenance</b>	The items belong to the donor who is from Ballymena but have no local relevance.
<b>Collection Implications</b>	The objects are in good condition; however, they have no local relevance and do not fall within our collecting policy.
<b>Recommendation</b>	To decline this donation.
<b>Rationale for declining this donation?</b>	The subject of the films does not fall within Council's collecting policy.

#### Offer 11 (Appendix 11)

<b>Date of Offer</b>	9 August 2024
<b>Offered to</b>	Mid-Antrim Museum
<b>Items</b>	A school project on Gallahers done by Bertie Johnston's Donor son Steven Johnston when at Cambridge House in the 1980s. Bertie Johnston was employed by Gallahers for 40 years and helped his son with the project. The donation offer includes the project book which measures roughly 2ft by 2.5ft in the project book there are examples of tobacco leaf, packets, and government warnings against smoking, research notes compiled by Steven Johnston during the project, 2x pouches made at Gallahers with a machine introduced in 1976, a Senoritas packet, and a foil wrap made in a factory bought over by Gallahers. The whole project is in good condition.
<b>Provenance</b>	In 1941, as a result of the Belfast Blitz, the Gallaher Tobacco Factory moves its premises from Belfast to Lisnafillan. Donor worked at the factory.



<b>Collection Implications</b>	No storage implications. These items would add significantly to our manufacturing collection.
<b>Recommendation</b>	To accept this donation.
<b>Rationale for accepting donation (how will the museum team use the donated item(s)?)</b>	This will enhance the museum's collection of artefacts relating to Gallaher's factory and the areas industrial heritage as well as being an important social history artefact. It is planned to feature Gallaher's factory in programming for Mid and East Antrim Industrial Heritage Week 2025.

#### Offer 12 (Appendix 12)

<b>Date of Offer</b>	23 August 2024
<b>Offered to</b>	Mid-Antrim Museum
<b>Items</b>	Reel of film negatives and printed photographs taken of the interior of Braidwater Spinning Mill, probably in the later 1960s or early 1970s. The original Braid factory on Bridge street was superseded by the new factory built on the Harryville side of the river, although the Moat Mill which was on the Harryville side and built in 1915, remained in use, and some of these photos are taken there.
<b>Provenance</b>	The donor is local to the area and is in contact with the person who took the photographs and who also worked at the mill.
<b>Collection Implications</b>	No storage implications. These items would add significantly to our manufacturing collection.
<b>Recommendation</b>	To accept this donation.
<b>Rationale for accepting donation (how will the museum team use the donated item(s)?)</b>	There are no similar photographs of Braidwater Spinning Mill in the museum's collection. It is a useful record of the area's industrial heritage.

#### Offer 13 (Appendix 13)

<b>Date of Offer</b>	26 May 2024
<b>Offered to</b>	Mid-Antrim Museum
<b>Items</b>	The majority of the donation is items relating to Seven Towers Male Voice Choir, including concert programmes, photographs, score sheets, press cuttings, rules, and annual accounts. Also included in the donation are items



	related to Linenhall Mixed Voice Choir, Ballymena Music festival, and a small number of miscellaneous items relating to Ballymena. These items were originally owned by Raymond Marshall, a conductor with the Linenhall Choir and a member of Seven Towers choir.
<b>Provenance</b>	The donor is a family member of the collector and former owner of these items, they have also previously donated objects to the museum. All the items offered relate to the history of the Ballymena area.
<b>Collection Implications</b>	No storage implications.
<b>Recommendation</b>	To accept this donation.
<b>Rationale for accepting donation (how will the museum team use the donated item(s)?)</b>	This donation would be an addition to the small collection of photographs already in the collection which relate to Seven Towers Male Voice choir. The other items are all of use to expand the collection with donations from Seven Tower Choir members.

#### Offer 14 (Appendix 14)

<b>Date of Offer</b>	9 September 2024
<b>Offered to</b>	Mid-Antrim Museum
<b>Items</b>	William Conway's WWI Royal Marines Service Record.
<b>Provenance</b>	The donor is a member of the family. Other background information on William Conway is available, along with digital copies of photographs in which he appears.
<b>Collection Implications</b>	No storage implications.
<b>Recommendation</b>	To accept this donation.
<b>Rationale for accepting donation (how will the museum team use the donated item(s)?)</b>	Can be used as an identified individual in exhibitions relating to World War One, commemoration, and family history.

#### Offer 15 (Appendix 15)

<b>Date of Offer</b>	19 August 2024
<b>Offered to</b>	Mid-Antrim Museum



<b>Items</b>	Copy of the 24 October 1919 Ballymena Observer and County Antrim Advertiser, composed of 7 pages, in poor condition on which spine has worn away.
<b>Provenance</b>	Donor has presented items to the museum before, the newspaper is local to the area.
<b>Collection Implications</b>	No storage implications, however, the newspaper is in poor condition.
<b>Recommendation</b>	To decline this donation.
<b>Rationale for declining this donation?</b>	The newspaper is in poor condition. The information is available at British Newspaper Library online.

#### 4. General Considerations / Implications

- 4.1. Financial implications of donations – none, as the items are being offered to Council as donations to the museums, therefore there are no initial cost implications. Any ongoing costs for care of the items are anticipated to be small and can be covered within existing museum budgets.
- 4.2. Links to the new Corporate Plan 2024 – 2028 ambition for Place - By 2028, Mid and East Antrim will be widely recognised as an ideal place to live, visit, work and do business. We will have vibrant, clean, and harmonious shared spaces, designed to showcase our natural, and built, heritage and assets. Our tourism offering will be filled with diversity and richness of culture, history, and heritage, attracting visitors on a global scale. Businesses, new and existing, will have the required support to grow and prosper, leading to an economically innovative and sustainable borough, offering stable employment, inclusive growth and an ideal place to invest.

To achieve this, we will:

- Help drive sustainable economic growth by promoting the Borough as a leading visitor and cultural destination, utilising our natural, and built, heritage and assets.

#### 5. Proposed Way Forward

- 5.1. Officers propose that the recommendations of the museum team are followed in terms of accepting or declining items into Council's Museum collection, as detailed in this report.





## 6. Recommendation or Decision

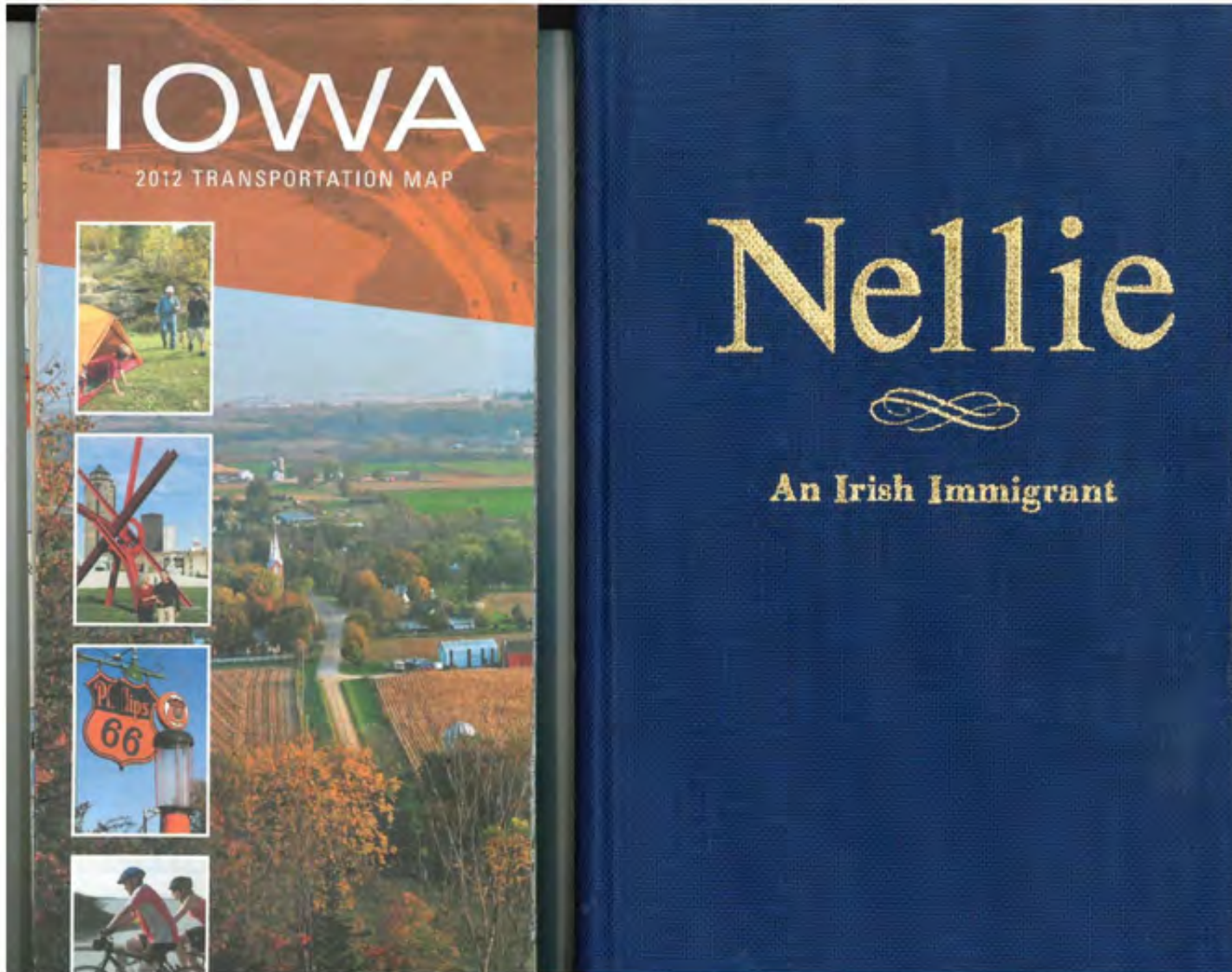
Elected Members are asked to:

- 6.1 Accept offers 1 – 9 and offers 11 – 14 in full.
- 6.2 Decline offers 10 and 15.

## 7 Appendices / Links

- Appendix 1 Book: Nellie, An Irish Immigrant, by Samuel Evan Smith
- Appendix 2 1st Islandmagee Signature Quilt 1913
- Appendix 3 Photographs relating to Larne Harbour and the narrow-gauge railway
- Appendix 4 Five quilts
- Appendix 5 Death Sheet
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**Appendix 1 – Book: Nellie, An Irish Immigrant, by Samuel Evan Smith**





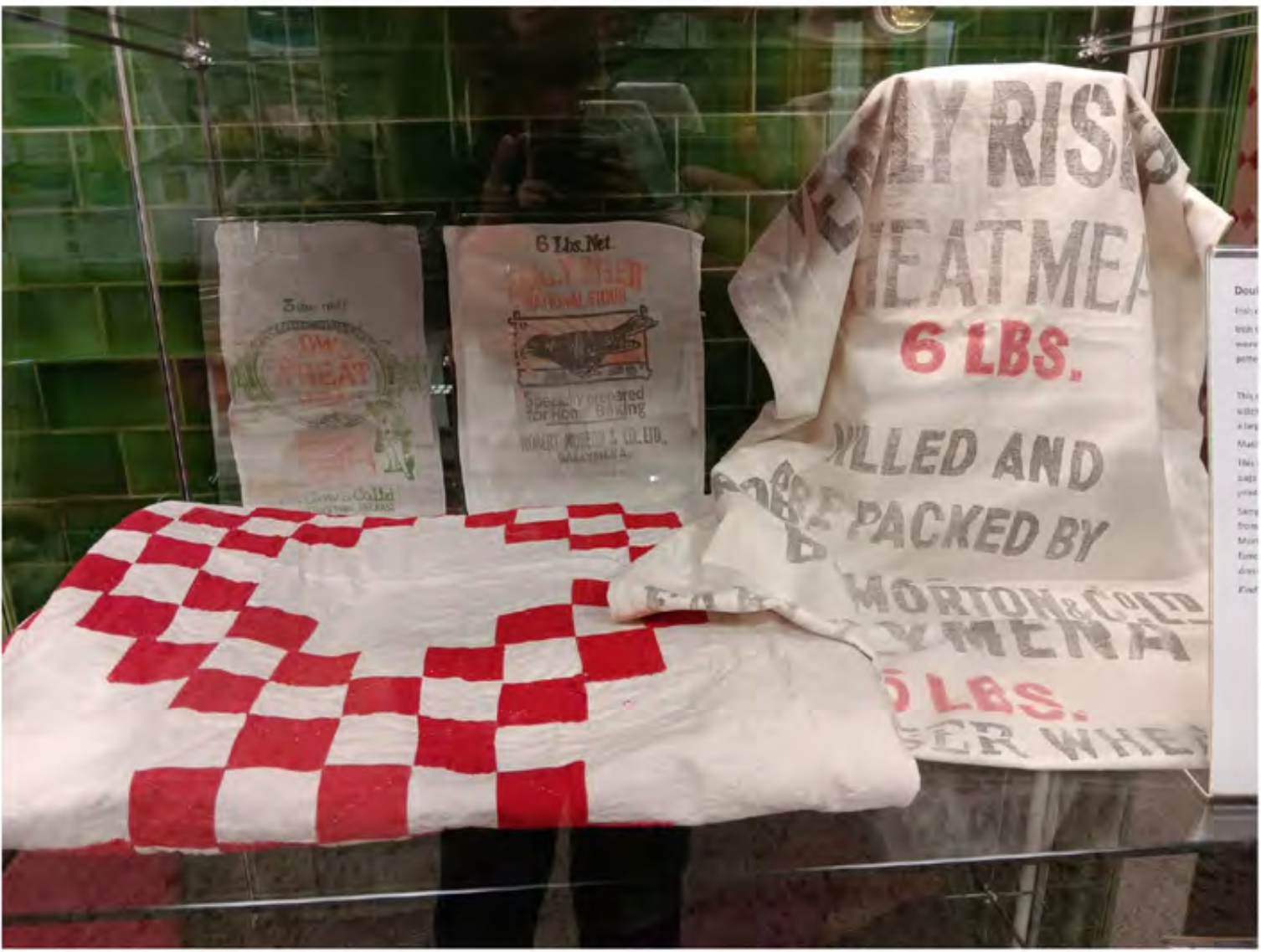


**Appendix 3 – Photographs relating to Larne Harbour and the narrow-gauge railway**





Appendix 4 – Five quilts



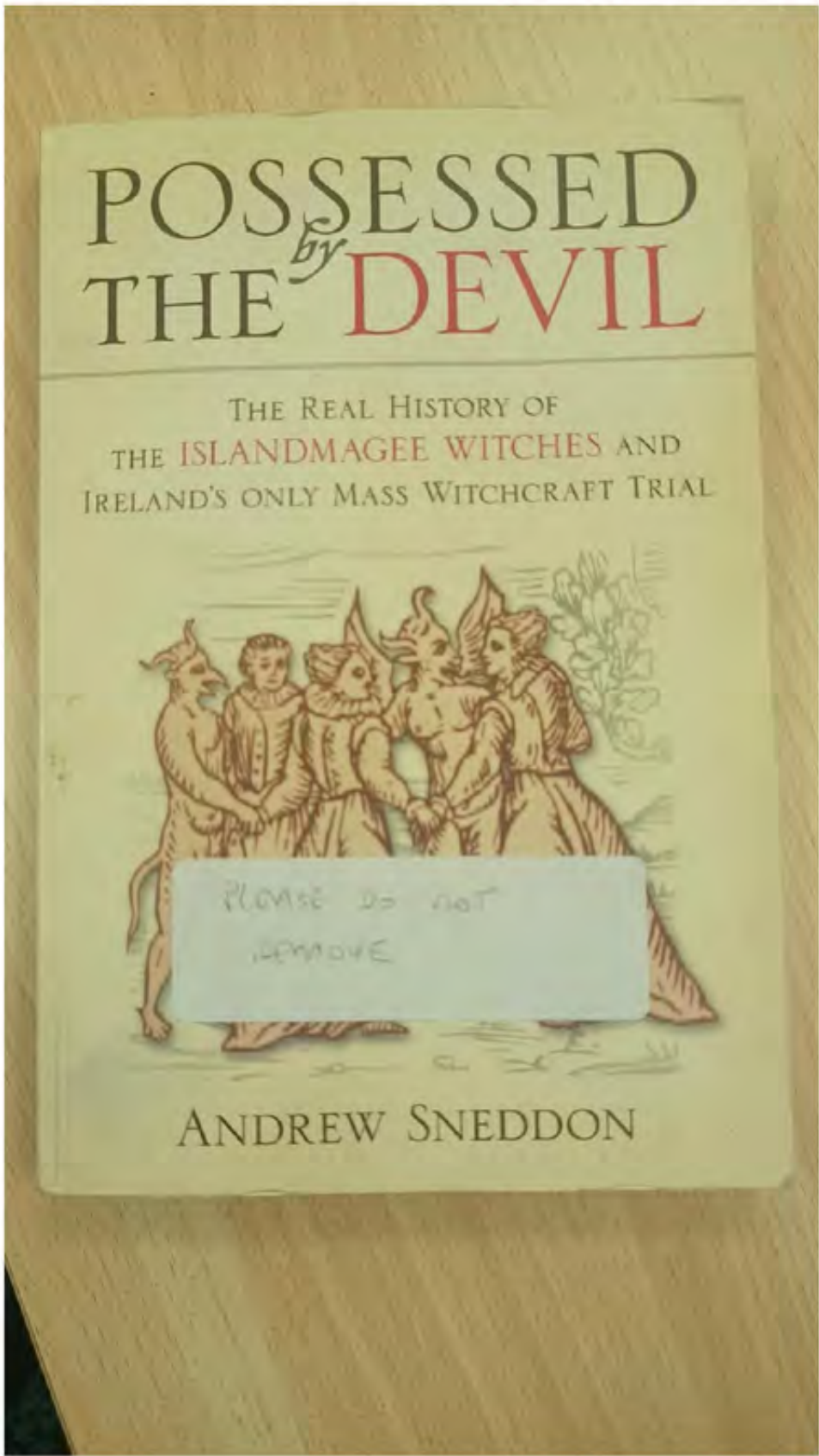
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Appendix 5 – Death Sheet





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Appendix 7 – Two brochures about Carrickfergus





Appendix 8 – Book: The Northern Leaders of '98 'Remember Orr'



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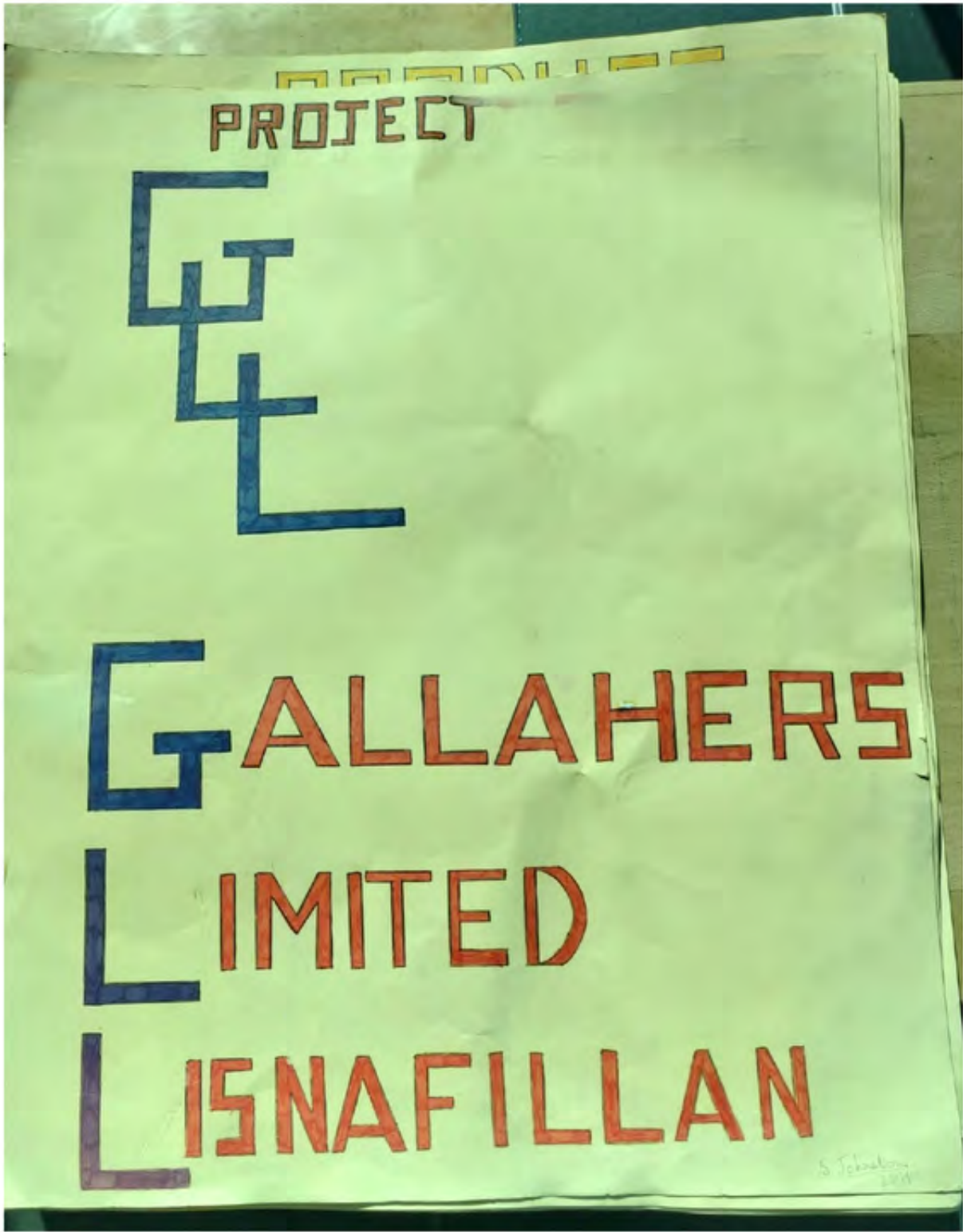




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Appendix 11 – School project on Gallaher's' factory





**Appendix 12 – Reel of film negatives of Braidwater Spinning Mill**



**Appendix 13 – Items relating to Seven Towers Male Voice Choir**









Appendix 15 – Copy of the 24 October 1919 Ballymena Observer and County Antrim Advertiser



At Printing Specifications Stocked.  
 Job, Book, and Stationery.  
 Done at  
**BRADDELL & SON,**  
 104, Market Street, Ballymena.

# Ballymena Observer

And County Antrim Advertiser.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1919. Price Sixpence Three Halfpence.

THE LANCASHIRE PHARMACEUTICAL CO. LTD.  
 MANCHESTER.  
 Sole Agents for Ballymena and District.  
**JAS. MURPHY & SON,**  
 104, Market Street, Ballymena.

**Special Whiskies and Brandy.**  
 The quality of the Whiskies and Brandy is of the highest standard and is guaranteed to be pure and unadulterated.  
 For full particulars apply to the Proprietors.

**THREE STAR 'SEVEN TOWERS' WHISKEY.**  
 The Best Whiskey Procurable,  
 Being the Best Made, Very Old, and Matured in Sherry Wood.  
**C. & M. McCONNELL,**  
 Proprietors, BALLYMENA.

**AUTUMN FRESH ARRIVALS NEW GOODS**  
 COMING TO HAND DAILY  
**J. STEVENSON'S, Bridge Street,**  
 Largest and Best Assortment of  
**FINE WHITE WOOL BLANKETS.**  
 Which are being offered at Reduced Prices.  
**INSPECTION INVITED.**

**FINEST WHISKIE**  
 IN THE CLASS  
**WINNER**  
 BOTTLES AND CASES  
 BY  
**JAS. MURPHY & SON,**  
 104, Market Street, Ballymena.

**WELLS' FURNITURE AT RIGHT PRICE.**  
 Stock of Living-room, Dining-room and Bedroom Suits, Tables, Organs, &c.  
 All at Right Prices.

**J. ERWIN & CO.,**  
 COMPLETE FURNISHERS, BALLYMENA.

**DO NOT HAVE ARTIFICIAL TEETH.**  
 Get them from someone you can rely on.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES.**  
 Notice to the Public.  
 Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.  
 Ballymena District Office.  
**NOTICE.**  
 RETAIL PRICES OF BAILS REAL.

**NEWEST DESIGNS MONUMENTS HEADSTONES.**  
 LETTERING GRAYED DONE IN BEST MANNER.  
**JAMES GIBBIE & CO.,**  
 BALLYMENA.

**HARPER & SLOAN**  
 Have the Best Tailors and Best Assorted Stock of  
**AUTUMN FASHIONS**  
 MILLINERY, FUR, VELVETS, Ribbons and Tailored  
 FINE LAIN, HATS, and GLOVES.  
**107, Market Street, Ballymena.**

**TIMBER.**  
 The undersigned has a quantity of FINEST TIMBER, consisting of  
 Fir, Spruce, and Larch, for sale at  
 BALLYMENA.

**PUBLIC NOTICE.**  
 County Antrim Commission of Enquiry.  
 Winter Agriculture Classes.  
 Notice to the Public.

**NEW FLAX MILL**  
 HAS OPENED AT KINALLY.  
**JAMES A. WHYTE.**

**THE HOUSE FOR VALUE.**  
 GENERAL DRAPERY GOODS  
**CUPPLES BROTHERS,**  
 WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRAPERS,  
 CHURCH STREET, BALLYMENA.

**LANCASHIRE'S "LISGAR" BLOOD PILLS**  
 THE GREAT BLOOD AND NERVE TONIC  
 A POSITIVE CURE FOR ANEMIA.  
 Pale and Sallow Complexion, Headache, Nervous Debility, Indigestion, Loss of Memory, Constipation of Bowels, etc.

**PUBLIC NOTICE.**  
 County Antrim Commission of Enquiry.  
 Notice to the Public.

**WEST CHURCH BALLYMENA**  
 An Organ Recital  
 On Thursday, 24th October, 1919.

**PUBLIC NOTICE.**  
 Notice to the Public.  
 County Antrim Commission of Enquiry.

**LANCASHIRE'S "LISGAR" BLOOD PILLS**  
 WILL IMPROVE CHOLIC, HEALTH, STRENGTH AND BEAUTY.  
**H. LANCASHIRE, Pharmaceutical Chemist,**  
 THE MEDICAL HALL,  
 10, NEW ST., CHURCH STREET, BALLYMENA.

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## Forward Plan – Neighbourhoods & Community Committee

### 1. Planned Agenda Items Next meeting 25 February 2025

Items	Purpose
Lough Neagh Partnership 2025/2026 Funding Request	Approval
Tourism Marketing Strategic Update	Noting
Dog Control Orders – New & Amended	Approval
Impending Ban on XL Bully Dogs Update	Noting
Active Travel Consultation Response	Noting
Strategic Alliance Update	Noting

### 2. Future Meetings

Meeting Date	Item	Purpose
08 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gracehill UNESCO Site Update</li> <li>• The Gobbins Operational Update</li> <li>• Donations to Museums</li> <li>• Arts and Culture Strategic Update</li> </ul>	Report for Noting Report for Noting Report for Approval Report for Noting
20 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gobbins Sub-Committee Adoption of Minutes</li> <li>• Mid and East Antrim Tourism Arts and Culture Interim Plan for 2025-2026 and year-end report</li> <li>• Visitor Information Provision Progress Update</li> </ul>	Report for Approval Report for Noting  Report for Noting

### 3. Items to be programmed

Item	Purpose
ToR	Updates as and when required
Grant Awards Quarterly Updates	
Environment Fund	If funding is secured, progress project – business case
Tullygarley?	Outcome of Survey? Proposed next steps?
Access and Inclusion Funding	Report for Approval
Age Friendly	Regular update
Leisure Transformation	Update on progress with filling new structure
Community Resuscitation	Update on multi-agency engagement
Animal Welfare Service	Update on funding post JR. Approval to adopt new delivery/funding model
Ulster History Circle	To seek approval for MEABC to join Ulster History Circle Membership
Town Halls Update	To update Elected Members on progress of Arts & Culture team's involvement in improving town hall booking processes and to seek approval for way forward
Museum Accreditation of Arthur Cottage	To update Elected Members on application for accreditation