



14 November 2019

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Development Committee to be held in The Chamber, Cookstown at Mid Ulster District Council, Council Offices, COOKSTOWN, BT80 8DT on Thursday, 14 November 2019 at 19:00 to transact the business noted below.

Yours faithfully

Anthony Tohill
Chief Executive

AGENDA

OPEN BUSINESS

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest
Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.
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20. Mid Ulster Town & Village Business Spruce Up Scheme
21. ERDF Application for NI Business Start Up Programme 2021-22
22. Design, Print, Supply and Delivery of Branded Promotional Materials and Stationery for Cookstown & Magherafelt Town Centres
23. Design, Print, Supply and Delivery of Branded Jute Shopping Bags for Cookstown & Magherafelt Town Centres
24. Tender Report for the Appointment of a Contractor to deliver the Mid Ulster Gearing for Growth Programme

Matters for Information

25. Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on 10 October 2019
26. Mid South West Region Growth Deal
27. Full Fibre NI (FFNI) Project

Report on	VE Events 2020
Date of Meeting	14 November 2019
Reporting Officer	Michael Browne
Contact Officer	Charmain Bell

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Propose a series of events to commemorate the 75 th anniversary of VE Day, 8 th May 2020.
2.0	Background
2.1	Next year's early May bank holiday will be moved back by four days to coincide with the 75 th anniversary of VE Day. The May Day Bank holiday is traditionally held on a Monday, but will be put back to Friday 8 May 2020 to allow for commemorative events to be held over the holiday weekend.
2.2	VE Day, or Victory in Europe Day, marks the day towards the end of World War Two when fighting against Nazi Germany came to an end in Europe.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	To commemorate the 75 th anniversary of VE Day a proposed series of events are being planned.
3.2	1. Memorial Project - Ft Lt Fred Barton USAF – was killed in an Air Crash at Eskragh, Killeeshil, 1 July 1945 – With the Killeeshil & Clonaneese Historical Society are planning a memorial event with the group and the family of Ft Lt Fred Barton to take place on the 75 th anniversary on the 1 st July 2020.
3.2	2. Hidden Heritage Tour, Saturday 2 nd May 2020 to include: Dungannon Park - a prisoner of war camp during the WWII. Killymoon Castle – Bring alive and tell the stories of the A and B Companies, 505 th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82 nd Airborne Division, U.S. Army who were based at Killymoon Castle. Benburb Library and Museum - will showcase this particular era of hidden history of the Priory when it served as a hospital to the American troops during WWII

3.4	3. Develop a self-guided district wide tour app, outlining and detailing all the significant sites with Mid Ulster District Council.
3.5	4. A touring VE Day Film/Photo exhibition with a series of talks on the US Airfields in Mid Ulster District Council. 3 Venues TBC
3.6	5. VE Day musical events in the Burnavon Arts Centre and or The Hill of the O'Neill and Ranfurly House.
3.7	Killymoon Castle are organising an event in association with a WWII re-enactment group on the 8 th and 9 th May 2020.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Within existing budget.
	Human: Tourism & Arts and Culture staff required to deliver events. .
	Risk Management: Risk assessment will be carried at the stand.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Recommend that the Council delivers a series of events as detailed in the report to commemorate VE Day.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	N/A

Report on	Holiday World Shows, Belfast & Dublin
Date of Meeting	14 November 2019
Reporting Officer	Michael Browne
Contact Officer	Mary Mc Gee

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Holiday World Show, Dublin – 25-27 January, 2020, RDS
2.0	Background
2.1	MUDC tourism section to display the region and its tourism product at the largest tourism consumer tourism shows in Ireland in January 2019. The Holiday World Show, Dublin targets the domestic market in Ireland and is a great opportunity to highlight the new Davagh Dark Sky Experience and other Council attractions to the ROI market. This show is also an invaluable networking event.
2.2	<p>Last year Holiday World, Dublin saw over 42,000 visitors over 3 days. The shows attract a mixture of new and existing potential customers from our ever-growing domestic markets.</p> <p>Current tourism statistics also indicate that more and more people are now staying at home and holidaying on the island of Ireland hence Holiday World, Dublin provides an opportunity to target this growing domestic market.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Holiday World Show, Dublin</u></p> <p>The shows provide a platform for tourism to sell and promote our region. It is planned that this year MUDC will lead on the stand with the new Davagh Dark Sky experience whilst also promoting Seamus Heaney HomePlace, Hill of The O'Neill, US Grants and our Mid Ulster tourism product to the southern market.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: £2,000 to cover hire of stand and all associated costs for the show.
	Human: Tourism staff required.

	Risk Management: Risk assessment will be carried at the stand.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Tourism continue to promote at this show and lead with Davagh Dark Sky experience.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	N/A

Report on	Proposal to name “The Events Space” and “Meeting Room” at Hill of The O’Neill, Dungannon
Date of Meeting	Thursday 14 th November 2019
Reporting Officer	Tony McCance, Head of Culture & Arts
Contact Officer	Tony McCance, Head of Culture & Arts

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If ‘Yes’, confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek member approval to name “The Events Space” and “The Meeting Room” at Hill of the O’Neill, Dungannon to ‘The Earls Quarter’ and ‘Mabel’s Hall’ respectively.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>The Events Space at Hill of the O’Neill, Dungannon officially opened in March 2016 as one component of The wider “Earls Project”; a project funded by SEUPB.</p> <p>The Four components of the Earls Project included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Development of a Sculpture and Wet Weather Events Area on the Castlehill Site 2) Development of a Peace Centre on the Beechvalley/Railway Park Site 3) Development of an Earls Integration Trail 4) Programme of Community Integration and associated Peace-Building Activities
2.2	The building, which is located at the rear of Hill of The O’Neill, includes a meeting room, an outdoor events space, a viewing tower and toilet facilities. This building is currently used for a range of activities including meetings, workshops, conferences, community events, classes and training delivered to and by a wide cross section of the community.
2.3	From when the building opened, the facility has been referred to simply as “The Event Space” and “The Meeting Room”. With the facility now being used by a broad and diverse range of users and groups It is now an appropriate opportunity to name both spaces, in keeping with other spaces named within Hill of The O Neill & Ranfurly House.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Earls Quarter reflects the fact that Hugh O Neill was granted earldom by Queen Elizabeth and was indeed referred to as the Earl of Tyrone. It also resonates with the working title of the initial project.
3.2	Mabel Bagenal was the wife of Hugh O’Neill and sister to his enemy Henry Bagenal, whom he defeated at the Battle of The Yellow Ford. It is a very interesting story and one which also enables tour guides of the site to relay the significance of the name and the struggle for power during this significant period of the sites history.

3.3	Renaming the Events Space to The Earls Quarter and the meeting room to Mabel's Hall would provide the building with an authentic link to the history of that period. It would encourage visitors to the site to enquire as to the naming of spaces and thereby fostering an interest in the unique history of the Hill of the O'Neill and Ranfurly House.
3.4	Providing each location with its unique name will also be advantageous when marketing and promoting the site to the local community and to wider user groups and external agencies.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Subject to council approval, Erecting of new building signage to reflect the new names for bot spaces. New signage would be erected within identified and agreed budgets approved by Council.
	Human: Within identified staffing resources agreed and approved by Council
	Risk Management: To continue to refer to both spaces as "The Event Space" and "The Meeting Room", does not reflect the heritage and historical significance of the site nor does it capture the interest of users and visitors to the site.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: The programme of activities delivered within Hill of The O'Neill and Ranfurly House are designed to maximise engagement and participation from all sections of the community in Culture & Arts activity delivered by Mid Ulster District Council. In addition, Culture & Arts Service provision is delivered by the officer team to be fully inclusive, and is designed to encourage wide participation from all sections of the community promoting and supporting good relations between all sections of the community within Mid Ulster.
	Rural Needs Implications: Rural Needs Implications are considered as part of the Culture & Arts activity delivered by Mid Ulster District Council.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to approve the naming of "The Events Space" to The Earls Quarter' and "The Meeting Room" at Hill of the O'Neill, Dungannon to 'Mabel's Hall'.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Photograph of current building proposed to name "The Earls Quarter" and the internal meeting room to 'Mabel's Hall'.

Appendix 1



Existing building currently referred to as “The Event Space”, propose to rename
“The Earls Quarter”

Appendix 2



Existing internal meeting room propose to name Mabel's Hall

Report on	Community Development
Date of Meeting	14 th November 2019
Reporting Officer	Claire Linney, Head of Community Development
Contact Officer	Philip Clarke Community Support, Oliver Morgan Good Relations & Peace, Michael McCrory PCSP

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To agree the rolling grant awards - Good Relations and Local Community Festivals
1.2	To agree the Peace IV Recommendations and process for SEUPB advances.
1.3	To note the Community Planning Performance Statement report.
1.4	To note the update on Community Development.
2.0	Background
2.1	Community Grants – Council annually delivers two rolling community grants programmes; Good Relations and Local Community Festivals.
2.2	Peace IV Local Action Plan 2017 – 2020 and Partnership oversees the delivery of the Plan and recommendations to Council.
2.3	Community Planning - As part of the community planning process Council as lead facilitator has to complete a performance statement for the Department for Communities.
2.4	Community Development Update - An update is provided on the following areas: Community Support – Grants, Support, Village Planning, Community Centres, DFC Neighbourhood Renewal Peace IV and Good Relations PCSP
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Rolling Community Grants Good Relations 5 applications recommended for awards totalling £4,235 – Two applications did not meet the minimum score threshold and Community Local Festivals 8 applications recommended for awards totalling £3,900 – Two applications did not meet the minimum score threshold. Please refer to Appendix 1.

3.2	<p>At the Development Committee of 10th October it was requested that further consideration be given to reallocation of budgets to allow the Community Festival Grant to remain open for applications.</p> <p>As previously noted, the budget for the Community Local Festivals has been expended as at the end of September. To allow the grant to remain open to the end of the financial year it is proposed to reallocate 'as a one off contribution' £15,000 from; Community Development – Community Services salaries to Community Festivals budget. The saving in community services salary is due to a delayed appointment of the Community Services Assistant post. This post is currently being recruited at present. The budget for grants 2020 – 2021 will be considered as part of the budget process.</p> <p>Peace IV Partnership</p> <p>No current Partnership recommendations.</p> <p>Connecting Pomeroy and Local Peace IV Action Plan – As part of the process of funding by SEUPB, requests can be submitted to SEUPB for advances to be paid to project partners to support project delivery by alleviating the cash flow problems which would otherwise arise due to the time-lapse between expenditure being incurred, claimed and receipt of funding.</p> <p>To date, advance requests were submitted by all project partners including Council. SUEPB have subsequently agreed in principle to make advances to CWSAN and Rural Action. However, SEUPB requires that, as part of the advance process, the lead partner (Mid Ulster District Council) has to formally underwrite the advance made to each of CWSAN and Rural Action.</p> <p>The officers consider that, if Council is minded to support the partners who require cash flow support by way of advance to deliver projects, Council should formally adopted relevant robust and equitable criteria, which will enable Council to underwrite such advances without inappropriately binding Council to having to support all such requests in the future.</p> <p>The officers recommend that Council adopt the following criteria to support the underwriting of advances within the Peace IV project (CWSAN £36,000 and Rural Action £59,560):</p> <p>“Requests for the underwriting of advances will only be considered in exceptional circumstances, where: –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU funding is involved and no feasible alternative solution can be provided; • Project costs will be funded at 100% from the European fund; • Council is named as the lead partner in the letter of offer; • The advance is to be made to a programme delivery partner of Council and who must be a named partner in the letter of offer • The letter of offer must specify the governance arrangements to be associated with the making and reimbursement of the advance; • Council has, prior to agreeing to underwrite any advance, made a proportionate and transparent financial assessment and evaluation of the partner's ability to
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	<p>discharge their responsibilities in relation to the project and determined that, in all the circumstances of the case, it is reasonable to underwrite the advance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum amount of advance (regardless of the number of projects in which the partner is involved with Council) which may be considered for underwriting by Council in respect of any single project partner is £100,000 • Council has the sole discretion to distribute the advance when received in such smaller amounts as it deems appropriate and to require repayment on such terms as it deems reasonable.'
3.3	<p>Community Planning – Please find attached the Draft Mid Ulster Community Planning Performance Statement. Please note there are 2 parts to the Statement. Part 1 – 'Mid Ulster Community Planning Performance Statement' is an update of all Community Planning delivery for each of the 5 Thematic Delivery Plans. Part 2 'Mid Ulster Community Planning Performance Monitoring Data' is all the performance monitoring data for each individual action. The intention is to issue Section 1 to the public and issue both sections to all partners and to the Department of Communities, as per the "Community Planning: Monitoring and Reporting Guidance 2018". Note this is still in draft until it is agreed by all partners on 15th November 2019.</p>
3.4	<p>Community Development Update</p> <p><u>Community Support</u> Community support to groups across the District is ongoing. Meetings are continuing with members in DEAs to provide an update on village plans. Dates are being scheduled to suit member's diary.</p> <p>The Discretionary Grant to open in December, pending grants report.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Renewal: DFC projects for 2018 – 2019 are continuing to deliver. The DUY capital build is now complete and hand over took place on the 4th October and was officially opened on Saturday 26th October 2019. The Gortgonis project remains as previous at planning stage.</p> <p>Previously Committee requested a plan/strategy to seek to address poverty and deprivation in Mid Ulster, through a community planning integrated approach. Poverty and deprivation are a number of strategic actions within the Mid Ulster Community Plan. A 1/2 day workshop took place with community planning partners and an evening discussion session was held with members. An update on discussion will be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Peace and Good Relations</u> Good Relations Action Plan 2018 – 2019 - Project development and delivery ongoing.</p> <p>Peace IV delivery is ongoing – All projects are delivering to target and timescale.</p> <p><u>PCSP</u> PCSP plan 2019 – 2020 is ongoing.</p> <p>CCTV for the town centres and for the park and ride provision is being delivered.</p>

	Please see a copy of the PCSP minutes for information (Appendix 3).
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Community Grants awards – Good Relations (£4,235) and Local Community Festivals (£3,900).</p> <p>Reallocation of £15,000 from Community Development – Community Services salaries to Community Festivals budget.</p> <p>Peace IV – Underwriting of advances based on mitigating risk to Council.</p> <p><u>Professional Support</u> None.</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	<p>To agree the rolling grant awards - Good Relations (£4,235) and Local Community Festivals (£3,900).</p> <p>To agree to reallocate £15,000 from Community Development – Community Services salaries to Community Festivals budget.</p>
5.2	To support the underwriting of advances within the Peace IV project (CWSAN £36,000 and Rural Action £59,560) based on the criteria to mitigate risk.
5.3	To note the Community Planning Performance Statement.
5.4	To note the update on Community Development.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	<p>Appendix 1 Good Relations and Local Community Festivals</p> <p>Appendix 2 Community Planning Performance Statement</p> <p>Appendix 3 PCSP Minutes</p>

Appendix 1

Good Relations – November 2019

No.	Organisation Name	Organisation Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Request	Award
1	Eoghan Ruadh Hurling Club	Sporting	Halloween community event	2	£1,450	£1,080
2	Cookstown Fife & Drumming Club	Cultural	It's only a drum!	4	£1,160	£815
3	Moy Area Playgroup	Play group	Halloween Walking Treasure Hunt	5	£1,097.10	£660
4	O'Neill Country Historical Society	Historical	Book Launch	2	£1,500	£1,080
5	Termoneeney Young at Heart	Community	Information and social networking event.	6	£1,450	£600
					Total	£4,235

Ineligible or Unsuccessful

The Ambassadors Community Group		Did not meet minimum threshold
The Institute of Irish Leadership	Reading Group	Did not meet minimum threshold

Community Local Festivals – November 2019

No.	Organisation Name	Organisation Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Request	Award
1	Apprentice Boys M'felt Browning Club	Cultural	Burns Night	6	£992	£500
2	CannyMan Community Arts	Arts	Halloween Extravaganza	4	£1,200	£840
3	Cookstown Sons of William Flute Band	Cultural	An Evening of Musical Entertainment	5	£1,700	£720
4	Little Rainbow Playgroup	Play Group	Playgroup Fundraiser	7	£700	£280
5	Rock Ladies Gaelic Football Club	Sporting	Rock New Year's Day Run	6	£1,200	£600
6	St Columba's Camogie Greenlough	Sporting	St Columba's Camogie 75 Years Festival	6	£3,029	£600
7	Tober Tinys Community Playgroup	Play Group	Christmas Craft Fair & Coffee Morning	6	£335	£170
8	Valley Voices Cross Community Choir	Arts	Annual Community Carol Service	6	£384	£190
					Total	£3,900

Ineligible or Unsuccessful

Mid Ulster Drumming Association	50 Year Anniversary Festival	Did not meet minimum score threshold
St Mary's Primary School PSG	Fashion Show Festival	Did not meet minimum score threshold



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MID ULSTER COMMUNITY PLANNING

Draft Performance Statement 2017-2019

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Vision

Mid Ulster... a welcoming place where our people are content, healthy and safe; educated and skilled; where our economy is thriving; our environment and heritage are sustained; and where our public services excel.

Background

Mid Ulster Community Plan was launched in May 2017. Our plan was shaped by consultation with local groups in 2015 and 2016, where over 1700 people provided their opinions and views of what was important for Mid Ulster. Qualitative analysis was also used to help shape the plan. The process of engagement and evidence based statistics allowed us to arrive at consensus with the community/voluntary sectors and with our business and statutory partners to include for example education, health, policing and transport.

The Mid Ulster Community Plan not only sets out a shared vision but it highlights the importance of process, people, communities and of organisations coming together to improve local well-being and quality of life, and making sure that strategies, priorities, projects and programmes at all levels integrate effectively with each other. The Plan is ambitious, as it brings together over 40 different partner organisations to work collectively in tackling difficult issues with the aim of improving the lives of our local people. Partners include representatives from community, voluntary, business, colleges, NI Government Departments, Mid Ulster District Council and other sectors. Partners are represented on the Strategic Partnership Board, and Thematic Working Groups.

In order to ensure participation and engagement the Plan is delivered under five thematic groups to include Economic Growth, Infrastructure, Education & Skills, Health & Wellbeing and Vibrant & Safe Communities. These work groups are represented by all the statutory government departments, Councillors, and members of the business and community sector.

Mid Ulster Community Plan identified 15 outcomes to be achieved over the life of the 10 year Plan. The Plan has been broken down into three parts including short term (1-3 years), medium (4-6 years) and long term (7-10 years). A total of 76 strategic actions were identified for delivery throughout the course of the 10 years.

Introduction

There has been a substantial amount achieved in Mid Ulster Community Planning since launch of our Plan in May 2017. Considerable progress has taken place with government and the community sector working together to maximise limited resources to realise the Community Planning Vision. Throughout the first two years there have been both opportunities and challenges. Challenges include the delay with the Northern Ireland Executive and Ministers to approve certain policy, budgets and agree the Programme for Government outcomes. A further challenge is the limited budgets or ability to amend budgets of the statutory partners to deliver Community Planning actions.

One of the key opportunities of community planning has been partners engaging and building relationships to agree the key strategic actions for Mid Ulster and a commitment by all to deliver. Informal networking has had a positive impact where organisations can partner quickly in response to issues that arise that require an integrated approach or to an emergency situation.

Community engagement and involvement in the community planning process has also been achieved. The plan was developed based on community engagement and consultation with communities across Mid Ulster. Community engagement events are held with local community groups to allow their views to be expressed and to ensure their role in community planning delivery is provided for. A Community Panel has also been established where 10 representatives from across the community groups in Mid Ulster provide a further forum for engaging on general community issues. The panel members sit on the working groups and on the strategic board to allow for a community voice.

A Community Convention was held Monday 22nd October in the Burnavon Arts Centre, Cookstown. The purpose of the evening was to provide an update to the community, voluntary and business sectors on the 10 year Community Plan and Short Term Delivery Plan 2017 – 2020. Over 100 participants attended the event and feedback was positive about the content of the plan.

The Short Term Delivery Plan 2017-2020 was published in October 2018, with 31 strategic actions. Within each action there are a number of initiatives being delivered of in planning. Example short term projects include; business planning for key infrastructure projects from town bypasses, sewerage works to recreation. Alongside this there is strategic programme delivery such as business growth, health and wellbeing, skills development, and engaging communities.

Early project successes include: the Mid Ulster Ageing Well Programme, the Mid Ulster Skills Forum, and Mid Ulster Housing Working Group.

The Mid Ulster Ageing Well supports older people to live independently at home and helps to reduce isolation and fear of crime. Since the programme launched, up to 420 people across Mid Ulster receive a 'Good Morning' phone call every weekday and access a 'handy van' service.

The Mid Ulster Skills Forum was established in 2017, an industry-led body which is seeking to address the skills gap facing employers. The Forum commissioned an in-depth scoping study to identify the skills shortage and plans for how to collectively address this. The resulting action plan being led by the Forum is intended to deliver a workforce with the necessary skills to drive economic growth and to protect and grow the area's key sectors with the potential to create an additional 2,355 new jobs by 2021 in the Mid Ulster region.

The issue of affordable and social housing was a key strategic issue identified for Mid Ulster as part of the Community Plan. There are over six strategic actions in our Community Plan that relate to housing and the need for an adequate social housing structure to provide for good health and wellbeing, vibrant and safe communities and Infrastructure. A Housing Working Group was established and meets three times per year. The aim of the Group is to seek to maximise the provision and access to social and affordable housing for Mid Ulster District; which includes development planning, provision of social housing for Mid Ulster, access to social and affordable housing, and mixed tenure.

Mid Ulster Community Planning has focused on embedding the principles of cross partner working across all thematic areas. Cross thematic working through sub groups has been used as a means of taking forward specific strategic actions. Outcomes/recommendations from sub groups are presented at Thematic Groups for wider discussion before agreement is reached among all partners.

A cross cutting exercise has recently been completed on all 76 strategic actions set out in the Mid Ulster Community Plan. This exercise has shown that almost all actions cross-cut at least one other thematic area, highlighting that the plan is balancing the need for environmental, social and economic need in the designing and delivery of actions.

Short Term Delivery Plan 2017-2019 - Update

Economic Growth

Outcomes

- We prosper in a stronger and more competitive economy
- We have people working in a diverse economy
- Our towns and villages are vibrant and competitive

Good News Story - Strategic Action: Develop and deliver coordinated village planning and renewal initiatives

Village Regeneration Spruce Up Scheme

Phases 1 and 2 are complete of the Village Spruce Up Scheme. This scheme targeted business and commercial properties located within the village development limits. More than 100 business properties across 46 villages benefited from funding to develop and enhance their business premises in a scheme valued at £400K. Following the successful delivery of this scheme there are new plans to develop a new Spruce up scheme in the new financial year 2019/20.

Village Renewal Scheme

Local village plans have been completed for all village settlements across Mid Ulster (50 settlements), with local people coming together to identify key priorities for their areas. Play, recreation, and environmental improvements are included in many of the plans to date. To date 20 village regeneration projects have been completed (June 2019), with the remaining at design and development stage.

Creating a stronger and more competitive environment is important to making Mid Ulster the best possible place to do business. The focus has been to prioritise creation of good quality jobs, foreign and direct investment, enhancement of people's skills and employability, and at the same time improving business infrastructure. Continued support to Micro and Small to Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) is important as the district has a high concentration of these businesses.

Strategic actions commenced towards realising economic prosperity by aiming to create good high value jobs through building pathways for today as well as jobs for the future. To continue to encourage the development of our workforce capability and help grow the economy by investing in education, skills development and infrastructure. Opportunities are being created to help people develop the skills to meet the needs of local industry and to excel in a knowledge economy, promote collaborative action within and between industries and sectors, and support the development of new innovative thinking to bring new wealth and jobs.

An economic development planning policy to ensure sufficient provision and supply of economic development land sustainable economic growth across the district has been deemed a priority for our new Local Development Plan (LDP). As part of the evidence gathering in the process of preparing the LDP, it is evident that in order to meet the needs of a growing population over the plan period, the Plan needs to ensure the availability of economic development land to facilitate the creation of at least 8,500 new jobs up to 2030. Given the strong entrepreneurial spirit in the district with 8,865 businesses operating in Mid Ulster in 2018, and also that it is a considerably rural district the proposed LDP will also provide planning policy that ensures the delivery of sustainable development across the District.

Engineering, agriculture (including 'farm families' and 'agri-food') and construction are being driven forward and planned major capital infrastructure projects implemented.

Mid Ulster has many geographical attributes in the area. Maximising tourism investment and employment opportunities has been a priority to achieve improved attractiveness of the district as a tourism destination to external visitors. In achieving this, work is taking place to capitalise on tourist assets of activity, heritage and Seamus Heaney, via a tailored Mid Ulster Tourism Strategy, which has a core objective of getting more people to visit and stay overnight in the District.

Strategic action has been taken to develop the economic infrastructure to support growth and barriers to participation faced by many. In particular, the Enhanced Business Start Programme reaches out to women returning to work, youth, unemployed, rural dwellers, people with disabilities and those most removed from the labour market or economic opportunity.

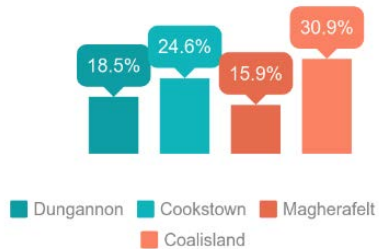
Improving performance and vibrancy of all towns and villages is key to economic prosperity and sustainability of the Mid Ulster District. The regeneration and growth of towns and villages are a priority. Action taken to date has been to promote towns and villages as places to shop, visit, invest and live. Over 20 Villages Regeneration/Renewal Projects and 109 Village Spruce Up Schemes have been completed in the Community Plan period.

Mid Ulster is home to over 8,500 small businesses and almost two thirds of businesses are located in dispersed rural communities supporting 58,000 local jobs. The Plan will allow partners to continue to identify a comprehensive range of initiatives required to ensure Mid Ulster's towns and villages stay ahead of the competition and sustain the momentum of developments progressed in recent years.

Multi-focused town centre regeneration and village renewal schemes are being delivered, with concerted efforts to address dereliction. Deficits in rural communities are being addressed and the District's cross border opportunities developed.

Economic Growth Population Indicators

Non Domestic Vacancy Rates 2015



Total Entrepreneurship Activity Rate



**9.2% Increase
in Business
Survival 2015-16**

£6,479m

Value Business Turnover 2015

£22m

Spend by External Visitors 2015



**7% Increase
in Registered
Businesses
2015-18**

34%

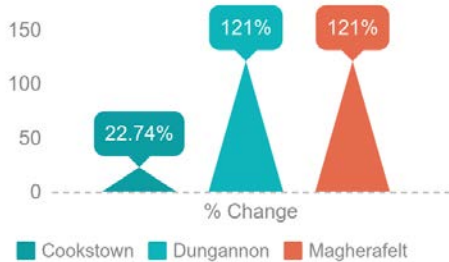
Increase in Business
Births 2015-17



9%

Total Entrepreneurship
Activity Rate

Land Developed 2014-2018



Vacancy Rates 2018/2019



Progress against Short Term Delivery Plan actions (2017-2020)

Action	Progress Update
Enhance business start-up programme	<p>Programmes developed to be delivered to support local businesses post start-up to achieve their ambitions and goals introducing a broad mentoring of business skills.</p> <p>4 enhanced Business Start Programmes designed: Tender Ready, Digital First, Gearing for Growth, and Transform, to commence in August 2019.</p>
Prepare a Mid Ulster Investment Proposition to maximise inward investment	<p>Following a Strategic Review of the MUDC Economic Development Online Services to Business, a new portal has been established through the engagement of all partners. The portal went live in Summer 2019. The website has three sections– Business Support, Investment & Regeneration and Skills & Advice.</p> <p>Investor Marketing Material is currently being developed.</p> <p>An outline investment proposition has been prepared.</p> <p>A short brochure is being produced containing key ‘place’ details of interest to potential investors.</p> <p>Business ambassador videos are being developed.</p>
Maximise Tourism investment & employment concentrating on Mid Ulster strategic tourism themes of Seamus Heaney, Activity & Heritage	<p>A new Heart of Ancient Ulster brand to promote the heritage across the Sperrins has been developed. Engagement is taking place with the Heritage Lottery Fund with regard to funding.</p> <p>5 Tourism Projects are currently under development (1) Davagh Dark Skies Observatory (2) Davagh Dark Skies outdoor light show (3) Seamus Heaney Experience, Heart of Ancient Ulster (4) US Grants/Scots Irish project (5) Sperrin's Sculpture Trails.</p> <p>A new industry and government Tourism Development Group has been established with a number of Working cluster Groups on - Seamus Heaney/Mid Ulster Literary Cluster, The Archaeology, History & Heritage Cluster, The Outdoor Cluster and Hotel Cluster.</p> <p>Mid Ulster Tourism on-line presences, went live in Summer 2019. Business-to-business portal is now live and other on-line solutions are being developed for specific projects, such as the Seamus Heaney Experience.</p> <p>MUDC has identified a Business Engagement Officer to support the hospitality sector with key challenges and priorities for the supply and retention of skills and general support</p>

<p>Develop and deliver coordinated Village Planning and renewal initiatives</p>	<p>A Village Spruce Up Scheme has been delivered through partnership - The scheme targeted business and commercial properties located within the village development limits. More than 100 business properties across 46 villages benefited from funding to develop and enhance their business premises in a scheme valued at £400K. Following the successful delivery of this scheme, there are new plans to develop a new Spruce up scheme in the new financial year 2019/20.</p> <p>A Village Renewal Scheme is currently being delivered. Local village plans have been completed for all village settlements across Mid Ulster (50 settlements), with local people coming together to identify key priorities for their areas. The communities in each of the villages are leading on the implementation of their plans supported by statutory partners. A project in each area has been identified for development by MUDC, DAERA and Peace which includes: play, recreation, and environmental improvements. To date 20 projects have been completed with all others at development and design stage for completion by June 2020.</p>
<p>Create a competitive advantage for our principal towns, complimenting a 'Town Centre First' principle prioritising the re-use of derelict sites and/or building</p>	<p>Public Realm schemes have been completed at Cookstown, Magherafelt and Dungannon at a total cost of £8 million.</p> <p>Work is at a progressed stage finalising Coalisland Public Realm.</p> <p>Design work is at an early stage of development with regards to Maghera Public Realm.</p> <p>A study investigating the potential of a Business Improvement District for the five main towns has been undertaken. Dungannon Town Centre is being developed to specifically look at reducing vacancy rates within the town.</p>
<p>Ensure our Local Development Plan provides for urban and rural business growth and industrial and employment sites at key strategic growth locations</p>	<p>Mid Ulster District Council published their Local Development Plan 2030 – Draft Plan Strategy on 22nd February 2019 with a first consultation and then a further plan in June 19 with consultation closing in August. The next step is to take on board responses to date and undertake further specific site analysis.</p> <p>A total interim supply of 37.5 hectares of economic development land has been allocated in the Draft Plan Strategy.</p>

Infrastructure

Outcomes

- We are better connected through appropriate infrastructure
- We increasingly value our environment and enhance it for our children
- We enjoy increased access to affordable quality housing

Good News Story - Strategic Action: Facilitate the delivery of strategic infrastructure schemes such as broadband and mobile phone coverage 'Gas to the West'; Interconnector; sewerage and water and the Desertcreat Safety College

Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Services Learning and Development Centre at Desertcreat - Access to site has been completed, Phase 1 – Hot House under construction, and Phase 2 planning application is to be submitted. The facility when complete will have 50 people located permanently with others regularly using the learning centre for training. A partnership approach will allow for the facility to be used for training of other statutory providers.

Improved transport connections for people to access goods and services is a priority in Mid Ulster Community Plan. This will not only assist greater access to goods and services but also the functioning of our labour market, business productivity and competitiveness leading to improved economic output and geographical spread of economic activity in the district.

A quality and fast moving road network in Mid Ulster is central to providing connectivity between towns and villages in the economy. There are currently significant delays occurring in a number of hub towns. This not only causes delay for travellers, but also reduces levels of productivity for businesses. By taking the through traffic away from the town centres, it will be possible to take further action to increase the attraction and accessibility of those centres. Works planned for completion on the Mid Ulster Strategic Road Network (A29 – A31, A4, A6 and A5), includes bypasses for the main towns and villages on strategic routes.

An aim is to provide a proper, up-to-date and fit-for-purpose Area Development Plan that provides a framework for future land planning development. A Draft Local Development Plan was launched in February 2019, including a series of proposed objectives, spatial planning framework and planning policies. A total of 17 separate objectives are detailed in the plan, aiming to support sustainable patterns of urban and rural development and growth, and spanning housing, infrastructure, transport, tourism, community and recreational facilities, and the protection of vulnerable landscapes. The final draft plan will be finalised for adoption by 2020 - 2021.

Sustainable transport is considered within the Regional Strategic Transport Plan and should result in an increase in the use of public transportation by local residents and visitors to the district. Increased sustainable transport will not only support environmental impacts but help tackle many health challenges. A new Park and Ride Scheme opened at Toome (Drumderg) in Sept 2018 with further schemes planned for Stangmore and Craigadick.

The natural environment is considered as one of Mid Ulster's greatest assets. A strategic action in the Community Plan is to improve the quality of the natural and built environment which includes the protection and development of the diverse elements within it. Existing natural and built heritage assets include: Lough Neagh, The Ulster Canal, The Sperrin's and other sites/structures, all of which will be sustainably developed as part of the District's green and blue infrastructure.

An emphasis on waste and the reduction of the dependency on landfill has meant Mid Ulster has been at the top of the Northern Ireland recycling table, and has met the statutory 50% target for household waste recycling. This strong performance in waste diversion was only possible with strategic investment in the infrastructure which supports waste collection and disposal. The provision of enhanced facilities to enable increases in recycling and reduction in landfill has been supported with wide ranging education, awareness and communication campaigns to help ensure householders are aware of what they can recycle and how.

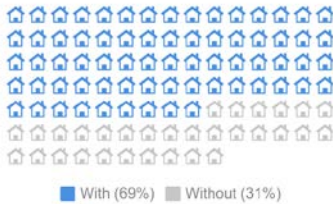
Community planning partners have identified adequate provision of social and affordable housing as a key priority for Mid Ulster. Many people living in the Mid Ulster District Council area are facing significant housing stress because of house building not keeping up with housing demand and affordability issues. Mid Ulster is currently completing on the development of the Area Plan and has estimated a need for approximately 10,950 new houses by 2030. During the Community Plan delivery period 153 units of new social housing have been delivered by social housing providers across the Council area from May 2017- May 2019. This figure does not meet the level required to alleviate homelessness figures. Reasons for not achieving the target relates to a variety of factors including excessive high rents. A Mid Ulster Housing Working Group has been established to maximise the provision and access to social and affordable housing across the district with particular focus on zoning of land for development planning, social housing provision and addressing rents.

Infrastructure Population Indicators

2%

% journeys per person
per year by public
transport 2014-16

Households with Broadband
2015



40%

Reduction in Air Quality
Management Areas

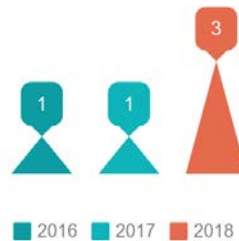
98.8%

% compliance
water quality 2015

% Household Waste
Recycled



Shared Neighbourhood
Schemes



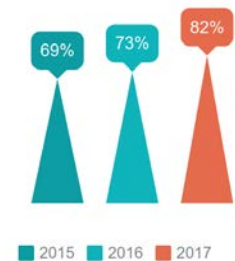
25%

% journeys by walking,
cycling, public transport
2015

78%

% premises with
superfast broadband
2018

Households with
Broadband Access



99.9%
Water Quality
2017

Premises with
Superfast Broadband



Progress against Short Term Delivery Plan actions (2017-2020)

Action	Progress Update
<p>Advance the development of the Strategic Road Network (the A29 – A31, A4, A6 and A5), including bypasses for the main towns and villages on the strategic routes</p>	<p>A6 – construction work progressing. Randalstown to Toome section complete.</p> <p>A5 - In November 2018 following a high court decision, the Department for Infrastructure decided that it was not in the public interest to continue defending the legal challenge for the A5 development. The Direction and Vesting Orders for the scheme are no longer in force.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An Addendum has been made to the A5 Western Transport Corridor Environmental Statement (2016) consultation closed in June 2019 - At the point where a decision is ready to be made and in the continued absence of ministers, the Department will give consideration to making a new Direction Order (New Buildings to Ballygawley) and a Vesting Order for the lands previously vested for construction of Phase 1a. <p>A29 Dungannon Bypass - Transport Strategy/Plans in progress and scheme submitted to the draft Regional Strategic Transport Network Plan</p> <p>A29 Cookstown Bypass - to be progressed through statutory processes -Publish Draft Orders late 2020 and hold Public Inquiry early 2021.</p>
<p>Progress Park & Ride at strategic sites</p>	<p>Provide Park and Ride at Toome - Park and Ride operational at Toome (Drumderg P&R opened in Sept 2018 with 150 spaces)</p> <p>Dungannon (Stangmore) Park and Ride – Meeting has taken place with Translink; consultants reviewing the options study.</p> <p>Maghera (Craigadick) Park and Ride – Feasibility study is now complete. Resource (financial) to be identified.</p> <p>A review of potential Park & Ride schemes has been carried out and additional schemes have been identified for assessment/development. However any development is dependent on resources being made available.</p> <p>CCTV is being installed at four park and ride sites across Mid Ulster to encourage safe usage.</p>
<p>Reduce our dependency on landfill through increased recycling and recovery</p>	<p>Capping programme at Magherglass complete</p> <p>Tullyvar ceased acceptance of Residual Waste in October 2018.</p> <p>40% reduction of Mid Ulster waste going to landfill.</p>

	<p>Campaign for recycling of food waste complete. 5% increase in Mid Ulster composting/recycling. 5% over EU 2020 target for composting/recycling.</p> <p>A new upgraded Waste Transfer Station at Drumcoo operational from October 2018, with an investment of over £1/2 million.</p> <p>81.58% increase of Mid Ulster waste converted to energy.</p>
<p>Facilitate the delivery of strategic infrastructure schemes such as Broadband and mobile phone coverage; ‘Gas to the West’; Interconnector; sewerage and water and the Desertcreat Safety College</p>	<p>The “Applicant/Agent Protocol: A Best Practice Guide for the Processing of Major Planning Applications in Mid Ulster” has been developed</p> <p><u>Broadband</u> A new policy within the Draft LDP states ‘all new developments with 25 houses or more, or major applications, must provide fibre optic cables to new developments’.</p> <p>Funding for broadband being investigated through a variety of channels.</p> <p>A new Full Fibre NI Consortium which is being funded by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) for projects that can deliver a fibre link capable of delivering gigabit (1,000 <u>mb</u>s per second) connections. It works by using the public sector estate as an anchor tenant for fibre spine networks. Its intention is to deliver full fibre upgrades to public sector buildings that will extend fibre networks closer to more homes and businesses. The actual project will see fibre links with chambers available that allow commercial providers to access so they can provide FTTP to adjacent premises. Projects must demonstrate that Telecom providers can maximise what has been created, and is targeted at the semi – rural areas. Three areas in Mid Ulster has been identified, in and around: Maghera town area; Dungannon Town area unto Coalisland; & Cookstown town area.</p> <p>Engagement is taking place between partners and DfE in relation to Project Stratum, in the delivery of a £165m of broadband improvements across rural NI. DfE has commenced their tender process for Project Stratum, with funding in excess of £165m for NI. This process is likely to take upwards of 9 months before a preferred supplier is appointed, and afterwards a 4 year programme to undertake all the works. Mid Ulster has one of the worst broadband connections across the UK.</p> <p><u>Gas to the West</u> The main line was completed in July 2019 and major customers connected in Derrylin, Dungannon and Cookstown. Work is ongoing to extend the distribution network to enable more homes and businesses to have access to natural gas. Work is well underway</p>

	<p>within the towns to build in the infrastructure to receive the gas when it arrives so that customers can be connected as soon as possible</p> <p><u>Interconnector</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A planning application is currently with Department of Infrastructure awaiting approval • SONI have to go to full public consultation over summer 2019 • Earliest date for a decision on the current application will be summer 2020 <p><u>Sewage and Water Infrastructure</u></p> <p>Waste Water Treatment Facility upgrade at Dungannon Waste Water Treatment Works - Project is at design stage, completion of upgrade planned for 2021. Studies are being completed for Cookstown and other villages with sewerage pressures.</p> <p><u>Desertcreat</u></p> <p>Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Services Learning and Development Centre at Desertcreat - Access to site has been completed, Phase 1 – Hot House under construction, and Phase 2 planning application is to be submitted</p>
Develop and implement an Estates Management Plan for the entire public estates across Mid Ulster	An estate strategy to be developed where all partners will identify and map their estates – this will be shared into one overall plan and allow for the identification vacant public sector estate and potential co-location sites.
Progress the reinstatement of the Ulster Canal and its greenway links	A new updated feasibility study is required. This is on hold pending collaborative funding.
Provide an adequate supply of social and affordable 'homes-for-life' and Supported Living through Area Plan policy and direct public provision	<p>A new Housing Working group has been established to address the provision of social and affordable homes.</p> <p>A total of 153 units new social housing units have been delivered across the council area. Of the 153 new social units delivered, there are homes for single, small & large family and elderly accommodation in both urban and rural areas. Also included are accessible and wheelchair accommodation.</p> <p>Dungannon and Coalisland represent areas of greatest demand for social housing.</p> <p>Discussions on affordable housing definition and how this can be supported through Local Area Plan is being considered.</p>
Promote and provide for mixed community housing developments	<p>There has been two 'Housing for All' schemes (formerly TBUC) delivered in Dungannon (Carland Road) and Cookstown (Burn Road); this provided social housing opportunities outside the traditional / existing social housing estates in these settlement thereby increasing choice.</p> <p>Reimaging and Good Relations projects have been undertaken across estates to create safer and more cohesive neighbourhoods.</p>

Education and Skills

Outcomes

- Our people are better qualified and more skilled
- We give our children and young people the best chance in life
- We are more entrepreneurial, innovative and creative

Good News Story - Strategic Action: Establish a Mid Ulster Skills Forum bringing together employers, entrepreneurs, enterprise agencies, schools, and colleges to plan ahead to improve future employability

Mid Ulster is the most entrepreneurial region in NI with the highest concentration of manufacturing businesses outside Belfast.

Skills recognised as a key driver of continued economic growth.

Skills shortages are one of the key challenges facing Mid Ulster.

Council's Economic Development Plan – 'Skills and employability' is identified as one of the four top priorities.

Community Plan – 'Education and Skills' is a central theme

The launch of 'Mid Ulster Skills Report and Action Plan 2018-21 took place in October 2018. Over 70 representatives of local businesses, industry bodies, central government, schools, colleges, MLAs and Council Members attended the Official Launch of the new Mid Ulster Skills Report and Action Plan 2018-21.

- Addressing the gap between skills demand and skills supply has the potential to create 2,355 new jobs by 2021 in the Mid Ulster region.
- Education and skills is a central theme within the Mid Ulster Community Plan where one of the stated outcomes is a better educated and better skilled population.
- The broad-ranging Action Plan identifies a series of priority actions, from enhancing the image and perceptions of key sectors, increasing the quality and quantity of apprenticeships, and improving engagement across education and employers to supporting technological change and innovation.
- To turn ambitions and aspirations into reality, the action plan has to be appropriately resourced, financed and implemented and that means strong leadership and partnerships are required on all fronts.

Tackling educational under achievement continues to be a key priority, with regards to the percentage of our population that has 'no to low' qualifications, via all levels of the education and training systems. Under achievement is particularly apparent in the most deprived areas/communities. Research shows, in these communities, children under perform by as much as 10% to that of children from 'better off' areas of the District. Striving to ensure that all of young people reach their full potential by the positive contribution of the education system is a key aim of the Plan.

This educational gap must be closed. Education will be developed in a holistic manner, for example by incorporating mental health and emotional resilience support and by ensuring educational facilities 'work' for children, families and communities beyond the traditional school hours/days. There is a strong correlation between family support and the overall development of a child/young person and educational attainment. Meaningful links and collaboration are essential between schools, colleges, employers, entrepreneurs, enterprise agencies and communities. Community Planning Partners have been working closely with the District's Area Learning Communities to look at effective ways to address under-attainment through a range of initiatives including; peer mentoring, directing young people to the 'right' opportunities and working together to maximise resources.

Addressing the gap between skills demand and skills supply to create new jobs by 2021 in the Mid Ulster region continues to be a priority. The Mid-Ulster sub region is home to over 8,500 small businesses, which is the second largest concentration of small businesses outside of the Belfast Metropolitan area. As the most entrepreneurial region in Northern Ireland, its business base provides the lifeblood of the local economy, whilst the skills and capabilities of its workforce are vital to its sustainability and growth. The availability of a high performing workforce, appropriately equipped to meet the current and future needs of the local industry's key sectors is therefore of vital importance. From education through to industrial strategy, the skills that are developed are important both for the local economy and for providing an opportunity for individuals.

This all has become the driving force for the establishment of Northern Ireland's first ever Skills Forum, in Mid Ulster. This industry-led body works closely with the education sector to ensure that future talent aligns with the needs of business. The Mid Ulster Skills Forum is a ground-breaking initiative uniquely led by the private sector in collaboration with statutory organisations and is the first of its kind to be developed in Northern Ireland. This industry-led body works closely with the education sector to ensure that future talent aligns with the needs of business. The Forum is currently overseeing the delivery of the Skills Strategy for Mid Ulster; with some early successes including greater engagement between the vocational and educational providers and industry.

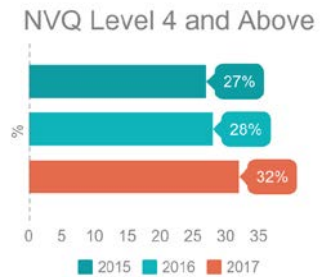
Education and Skills Population Indicators

96.1%
of 3-4 Age Placed



2%
**Increase preschool
places 2017-19**

20%
**16-64 with No
Qualifications 2015**



54%
**16-64
Levels 1-3 2015**

Persons in Employment, aged 16+
by Qualification Level



32%
**16-64 Levels 4+
2017**

Progress against Short Term Delivery Plan actions (2017-2020)

Action	Progress Update
Develop and roll-out a peer mentoring programme for children and young people experiencing low attainment	<p>A Peer Mentoring Group was established in May 2019. An audit of peer mentoring in post primary schools has been completed with a proposal to host a shared learning and support conference on findings early 2020</p> <p>A Cross Community Schools Partnership Student to Student Paired Reading programme (partners EA, Schools, MUDC, NI Executive Office) has been developed for post primary schools</p> <p>A Student to Student Paired Numeracy programme is being explored.</p>
Ensure accessible preschool places for every child	<p>2018-19 School Year</p> <p>88% of children placed in their 1st preference setting 96% of children with pre-school place 2115 (96.1%) placed 3-4 year olds in pre school education in Mid Ulster</p> <p>Continued review of pre school places annually to ensure accessible provision for all who require a place</p>
Establish a Mid Ulster Skills Forum bringing together employers, entrepreneurs, enterprise agencies, schools, and colleges to plan ahead to improve future employability	<p>Northern Ireland's first ever Skills Forum was established in Mid Ulster. This industry-led body works closely with the statutory and education sector to ensure that future talent aligns with the needs of business.</p> <p>Mid Ulster Skills Report and Action Plan launched 15th October 2018.</p> <p>Action plan progress - a small cluster of local SMEs and stakeholders, with a particular focus on the Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing sector secured funding from Invest NI to deliver a 30-month pilot programme in Mid Ulster to support the implementation of a Work Programme. The Work Programme is designed to implement a collaborative approach to addressing the skills and employability issues facing the Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing.</p> <p>Partnerships have been developed between education, skills delivery agents and businesses to develop greater linkages and most appropriate destination for young people.</p>
Develop and deliver tailored Apprenticeship programmes to meet the specific needs of Mid Ulster Industry	<p>At South West College; there has been a 10% increase in recruitment of Apprentices in the 2018/19 recruitment period in comparison of the same period in 2017/18. Total number of SWC apprenticeships = 1,570 Dungannon Campus = 505</p>

	<p>A series of school liaison visits took place for 2018/19 –specifically target at Higher Level Apprenticeships (HLA) frameworks.</p> <p>SWC currently have six Higher Level Apprenticeship frameworks developed and are on offer in the MUDC region. Currently 189 Higher Level Apprentices are undertaking these programmes, over 55% of those are in the Dungannon Campus (these are all STEM frameworks prioritised in the Skills Barometer).</p> <p>SWC are planning to offer a further HLA framework in Business/Finance bringing the offer up to 7 programmes in the Mid Ulster region.</p> <p>‘Get Engineering’ Careers fair in Dungannon - provided attendees with an opportunity to engage with 33 manufacturing companies offering apprenticeships.</p> <p>89 young people attended an Apprentice Connect event at the SWC Dungannon Campus. During this event the young people had an opportunity to meet with 23 employers from the construction sector to discuss apprenticeships.</p> <p>North Regional College (NRC) – The College has maintained delivery at the Magherafelt campus as part of its review.</p> <p>5 awareness raising events held to encourage young people to the college alongside a parent welcoming event to promote college learning provision.</p> <p>4 awareness raising school visits undertaken to engage and develop links with the educational sector.</p> <p>Entitlement framework continues to be a formalised link with schools allowing students to access vocational learning.</p> <p>2 new Higher Level Apprenticeships offered in computing and accountancy with Mid Ulster companies</p> <p>18 apprentices employed in 18 Mid Ulster companies.</p>
Scope, develop and deliver a Mid Ulster Engineering Centre	<p>Business case being finalised for review by the Department for the Economy, and consideration for support.</p> <p>A new Engineering Hub Manager and Project Assistant to manage the Hub Project have been appointed (lead SWC).</p> <p>Creative Engine ERASMUS project commenced aiming to introduce “Innovation” into Engineering Curriculum.</p>

Health and Wellbeing

Outcomes

- We are better enabled to live longer healthier and more active lives
- We have better availability to the right health service, in the right place at the right time
- We care more for those most vulnerable and in need

Good News Story - Strategic Action: An 'Ageing Well' Initiative

Ageing Well is one of the first projects to emerge from the Mid Ulster Community Plan, which brings voluntary, community and public sector partners together to plan and deliver better services for older people.

Ageing Well provides two important services to approximately 1000 individual older or vulnerable people living in the Mid Ulster area. The Good Morning Service and the Home Maintenance Service aim to reduce isolation, improve the safety, security and health and well-being of older and vulnerable people in the District.

Partners include: Mid Ulster District Council, Public Health Agency, Health Trusts, Health and Social Care Board, Sport NI, NIFRS, and NIHE.

In Mid Ulster up to 400 people currently receive a phone call every day from one of Ageing Well skilled advisors, of which some are volunteers. The advisor checks the person is safe and well, but is also a friendly voice on the end of a phone for a chat, a listening ear for any worries and, over time, becomes a trusted person who can signpost and make referrals to other services. The daily call acts as a crucial alert service should an incident arise.

The Aging Well 'Home Maintenance Service' travels to older and vulnerable people across Mid Ulster to undertake general maintenance work, from replacing light bulbs to fixing plugs. They also take steps to deal with anything which may contribute to a slip, trip or fall. There is the opportunity to signpost and make referrals as appropriate.

Growing healthy communities ranges far beyond traditional health and care services and structures. Healthier communities produce healthier people, who require fewer healthcare resources, and lead longer and better quality lives. In the delivery and implementation of the Community Plan, it has been an endeavour to achieve a balance between prevention and treatment by working together to provide a range of services that will reduce inequalities and improve the general health of the community.

In developing the 'Healthy for Life Strategy' a clear definition of Healthy for Life in Mid Ulster has been agreed along with a number of strategic issues - Healthy at Work, Healthy Eating, Health Literacy and Healthy Gathering Places. The process of identifying current and potential joint working initiatives within each work stream has commenced with 10

specific actions underway to date including: workplace health initiatives with 5 large local businesses, nutrition support to Choose to lose programme within business, and a signposting directory for Pharmacies.

Ageing Well is one of the first projects to emerge from the Mid Ulster Community Plan, which brings voluntary, community and public sector partners together to plan and deliver better services for local people. Putting older and vulnerable people at the centre, Ageing Well provides two important services to individual older or vulnerable people living in the Mid Ulster area. The Good Morning Service and the Home Maintenance Service aim to reduce isolation, improve the safety, security and health and well-being of older and vulnerable people in the District. Ageing Well is funded by six partner agencies and supported by others.

Complementary to the Ageing Well project is the development of An Aging Well Initiative which seeks to ensure that all areas of life include provision for older people from accessing our leisure services, to basic service requirements to shopping. This is currently in development.

Development of a Recreation and Active Lifestyle Plan that provides formal and informal recreation and play opportunities has been prioritised for communities. Following a baseline mapping exercise of current health and wellbeing plans and programmes, 'Health Places' and 'Healthy Actions' were the two main areas of focus to be progressed. In progressing development in these cross partner working groups have been established and plans drafted and/or agreed. Many areas of works are underway including MUDC and Macmillan Cancer supporting cancer patients to 'Move More'; and the Public Health Agency and MUDC are revising the model for delivery of the GP leisure referral programme. Partners including the community and voluntary sector are also working together on the new Social Prescribing Model engaging people who are over 50+ and vulnerable that can be supported to engage in healthier lifestyles. Additionally, research is being undertaken of communities surrounding some leisure facilities to identify barriers to engagement.

Mental Health and Wellbeing is a key priority within the Plan - to be aware of health, how poor mental health affects home life, schools, workforce and communities and how good mental health contributes to the communities, wider society and economy. The approach is to have greater awareness of the access route to mental health support, take a more person centred approach to individual mental health through Take 5 (the five steps to promoting mental health and wellbeing) and engage schools in the development of resilience models for children and young people in mental health. A partnership model is being developed (led by schools) to bring schools together with key agencies to develop good practice models/programmes to support young people and children with resilience and mental health and wellbeing.

Health and Wellbeing Population Indicators



62%

Obese & Overweight 16+
SHSCT 2015-17



217
Standardised
Death Rate
2013-17

19%

% scoring ≥ 4 GHQ12 2015-
16

No of Patients on Mental
Health Register



1144

Patients on Mental Health Register
2016

60%

Obese & Overweight 16+
NHSCT 2015-17

1.11

Antidepressant Drugs issued per head
2015

Progress against Short Term Delivery Plan actions (2017-2020)

Action	Progress Update
An 'Ageing Well' initiative	<p>Numbers of good morning calls have increased since the start of the programme - 402 per day 1662 Handyvan Maintenance visits carried out 340 Referrals addressed</p> <p>Approximately 2% of clients progressing from high dependency to low dependency or from low to independence</p> <p>1033 visits re safety measures carried out within older people's homes</p> <p>Using the number of key safes fitted as a part indicator of living more independently a total of 435 were fitted in Mid Ulster.</p> <p>Of a sample size of 50 clients 92% felt an increased feeling of safety, and 6% felt the same.</p> <p>Point of Contact initiative being promoted where a number of projects cross refer people including – NIHE Home Maintenance Aging Well, Warm Homes Scheme, Make a change, Social Care, Social Prescribing</p>
A 'Healthy for Life' strategy, team and portal; coordinating all health initiatives, programmes and literature available in the District	<p>Four priority areas identified in the strategy- Healthy at Work, Healthy Eating, Healthy Literacy, Healthy Gathering Places.</p> <p><u>Healthy At Work:</u> Making Links Workplace event held in January 2019 showcasing local healthy workplaces and activities of 20 local workplace health champions in small and large businesses</p> <p><u>Healthy Eating:</u> Slow cooker sessions provided for 50 people with healthy literacy design recipe book produced. Evaluation in progress with view to extension to range of appropriate groups e.g. learning disability, elderly, farming community etc; Bone density awareness programme delivered for 15 MUDC and NHSCT staff; Choose to Lose programme held with Herron Bros in Draperstown Jan to March 2019</p> <p><u>Health Literacy:</u> Scoping of regional Making Contacts Count Health Literacy Programme and WHSCT/ Causeway CCG Health Literacy Programmes; Health Literacy Sub Group being arranged; Slow cooker programme delivered and health literacy cookbook being evaluated; Extension of signposting directory for Pharmacies beyond Magherafelt underway</p> <p><u>Healthy Gathering Places:</u> Linking with Recreation and Active Lifestyle Group.</p>

<p>A Recreation and Active Lifestyle Plan which will provide formal and informal recreation and play opportunities</p>	<p>Cross Partner Working Group established.</p> <p>Plans have been drafted - Everybody Active Plan, Play Parks Strategy, Forest & Outdoor Recreation Strategy, Village Plans (recreation actions), PHA Commissioning / Trusts – Activity Referral Plan, Physical Activity Improvement Plan.</p> <p>Mapping exercise undertaken of current Recreation and Active Lifestyle Programmes. Fitness and gym programmes have been mapped to identify how improvements could be made to the current offering. Gaps have been identified.</p> <p>Council and Macmillan Cancer to employ an officer to work with cancer patients to 'Move More'. PHA and Council are also revising the model for delivery of the GP leisure referral programme.</p> <p>Research being undertaken of communities surrounding some leisure facilities to identify barriers to engagement. Research is completed of non-users of leisure facilities.</p> <p>Sports development plan in place to encourage greater engagement in sports through officers engaging through schools and community groups and development of community managed facilities.</p>
<p>Develop and implement an integrated response to mental health and wellbeing</p>	<p>Health and Social Care (HSC) is undertaking a mapping exercise of all mental health and wellbeing provision in Mid Ulster. In-depth engagement with stakeholders will be held to provide a comprehensive analysis of services provided.</p> <p>Key mental health issues have been identified. "Identifying gaps" is forming part of the mapping and integration of current provision process reported on above. As part of this process, consideration will be given to "health Intelligence" data held by HSC and other partners.</p> <p>Take5 partner group established to specifically develop 'Take5' resources for school. Links being developed with schools.</p> <p>'Take 5' lead delivered a Take5 communities event in the Burnavon. 103 people participated in the event and a further 14 completed supplementary ambassador training.</p> <p>Children and Young People Planning Locality groups compliment community planning delivery and specifically promote 'Take 5'. With young people.</p> <p>Pilot Schools for Hope Model led by schools is being developed – looking at best practice with the UUJ to develop a programme of resilience for children and young people in the school environment.</p>

Vibrant & Safe Communities

Outcomes

- We are a safer community
- We have a greater value and respect for diversity
- We have stronger communities with less disadvantage and poverty

Good News Story - Strategic Action: Vulnerable Person's Programme of Activity

Vulnerable Person's Support Hub

A new cross partner Support Hub has been established for Mid Ulster. It is a multi-agency partnership working together to help vulnerable individuals get the right support at the right time.

It allows a preventative and supportive approach for individuals that require early interventions to address behaviour issues.

The Hub came into operation in April 2019 and to date has engaged a number of vulnerable people and provided partner support packages to address issues; from engaging in health and wellbeing, counselling, home care, social care and social engagement in community.

It is understood that in supporting communities to be active and come together in their local areas helps create vibrant, safe and healthy communities. Mid Ulster enjoys a strong community/social infrastructure that is diverse in both its 'make-up' and activities. There are over 1400 active community groups in Mid Ulster active within local areas. There is a large level of volunteering within each group which provides a strong return on community development delivery. For every £1 invested in the community sector the return is on average £7. Support to groups to remain active and undertake community development and engagement is important and includes funding, access to usable space and support in organising and delivering at a local level.

Recorded crime levels overall are low in Mid Ulster, but some high levels of localised anti-social behaviour and fear of crime need addressed. Community Planning engages with the Policing and Community Safety partnership to provide a multi-agency approach to solutions on ASB and crime as required. The Community Plan partnership with the PCSP allows to maximise resources and avoid duplication. The PCSP plan is developed annually and delivery is based on an evidential approach to issues of safety that arise. A focus on the proactive engagement of young people is important within the Plan and development of innovative best practice models have been used to influence delivery.

There is potential through a coordinated approach to effectively respond to emergency situations more effectively. To date this has been a success to integrated and partnership working and has been established prior to a community planning approach; such examples include the response to emergency planning situations. A community planning approach allows for good models to be extended to other non-emergency safety situations that still require a coordinated and integrated approach to support effective delivery, such as first responder initiatives.

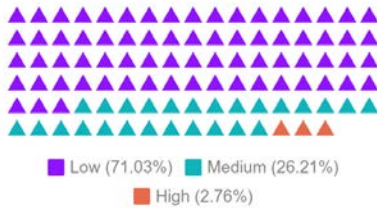
Whilst there has been proactive engagement and work to develop peace and cross community activity across Mid Ulster which many communities have embraced and engaged, there does remain divisions, intolerance and tensions, particularly at key times of the year. Through both the Good Relations programme under Together Building a United Community (TBUC) and Peace IV, opportunities exist to develop programmes and shared space to support and bring people together and create greater awareness and respect for diversity.

Arts, especially community accessible arts was identified as key priority within the community plan. Arts is not only about the value of arts as quality performance and value or protection of culture and heritage but of the wider wellbeing to health, education, social engagement and cultural awareness. The development of an Arts Strategy (led by Mid Ulster District Council) through a partnership approach helped identify the key priorities for arts delivery across Mid Ulster with a focus on both the professional arts and community arts. Mid Ulster has a strong community arts and performance offering with good community arts facilities. The development and support of these alongside the district arts theatres and venues, The Hill of the O'Neill and Ranfurly House, Burnavon and Seamus Heaney Home place are important to ensure outreach and access of the arts by as many people as possible and particularly young people.

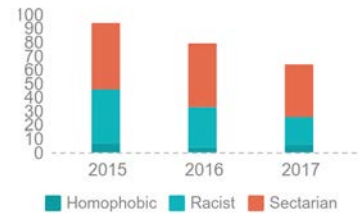
Poverty and disadvantage remain a key factor within the community plan. There are over 8 strategic actions within the Community plan to support those most vulnerable in the district; and those in poverty and disadvantage. Tackling of poverty and disadvantage crosses all Community Planning Partners policy and delivery and is a central theme within a number of plans including the NI Child Poverty Strategy and Plan and Neighbourhood Renewal Programme. The aim of the community plan is to allow partners to identify the key issues to addressing poverty and disadvantage, provide models of good practice that needs to be both sustained and developed and to look at integrated solutions, targeting those in poverty and areas of disadvantage, and people who are most vulnerable. A working group of key agencies and community partners who provide a strong local support network to those in need has been developed to take this forward.

Population Indicators

Effect of Fear of Crime on Quality of Life



Crimes (excluding fraud) with Hate Motivation



1000

Registered Community and Voluntary Groups

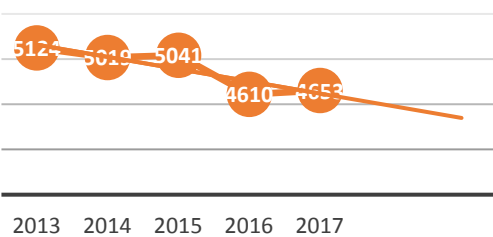
Young People involved with YJA



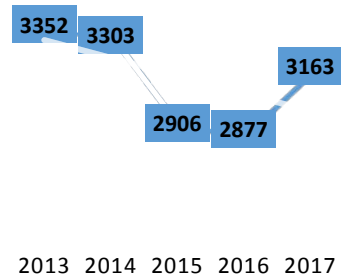
3.7%

Increase in crimes recorded with Domestic Abuse Motivation 2015-17

Recorded Crime All Offences



Anti-social Behaviour



Progress against Short Term Delivery Plan actions (2017-2020)

Action	Progress Update
A Fear of Crime initiative	<p>CCTV has been upgraded and installed in 7 towns. This is monitored by Council and provided to partners as required to address issues of crime.</p> <p>Tender procurement completed for installation of CCTV in the four Park and Ride facilities in the District – Tamnamore, Ballygawley, Maghera and new Park N Ride at the Castledawson Roundabout. Due December 2019.</p> <p>Continued promotion of Aging Well Initiative across the District</p> <p>Protocol developed for engagement with media. Following any major incident the PSNI, when providing media responses, will also provide relevant signposting information. Messages continue to be shared with Ageing Well to go out to older people</p> <p>49 Neighbourhood Watch schemes (NWS's) active across district.</p> <p>Safer U App in place which provides support and guidance on keeping safe in Mid Ulster and this continues to be promoted</p> <p>Continued crime prevention events up to 15 held per annum (scams/general/bike marking/trailer marking) – On average 100% who attend report increased awareness.</p> <p>Text Alert – 79,735 messages issued out on crime prevention awareness.</p> <p>Leaflet developed with agency responsible for graffiti. This is shared between partners to allow a quick response to graffiti particularly hate incidents.</p> <p>MUDC developed a policy for all Community Events on Council land and has been shared with other partners. Council is currently engaging with communities re seeking to ensure safe self-regulated bonfire events. Ongoing engagement with partners to seek to ensure safe events.</p>
Vulnerable Person's Programme of Activity	<p>A Support Hub has been established for Mid Ulster. It is a multi-agency partnership working together to help vulnerable individuals get the right support.</p> <p>Support process (protocol) in place to support young people with a number of early interventions to address behaviour issues.</p>

	<p>Positive Relations Programme in place, which delivers a tailored programme annually to schools. Delivered to over 1400 pupils in 16 Post primary schools in 18/19</p> <p>Social Guardian programme delivered to train primary school teachers to deliver the Helping Hands Programme. Completion of this Programme enables teachers to deliver Helping Hands within primary schools.</p> <p>The Southern and Northern Health Trusts have initiated Keeping me Safe delivery for adults with learning disabilities. These are being rolled out across the Trust areas. It is also mainstreamed through services.</p>
A Community First Responder initiative for emergency response situations and safety concerns	<p>The Mid Ulster Community Resus Partners Working Group is continuing to work on the Community Resuscitation Strategy Action plan delivering the following objectives:</p> <p>50% of all post primary schools in MUDC registered to teach Call Push Rescue or Heart Start programme along with two special schools in Mid Ulster</p> <p>Promotion to the community of the importance of registration of all defibrillators with the NI Ambulance Service</p> <p>All areas of flood risk identified within Mid Ulster Emergency Planning structures with support to community resilience models; and practical support by way of water base early warning metric systems, sandbagging containers and identification of emergency shelter locations.</p> <p>Lough Neagh Recue input to be formalised in protocols at operational level of Emergency/Flood Planning.</p> <p>Flood Community Resilience support models promoted through MUDC Community Newsletter via Community First Responder networks all trained and registered with the NI Ambulance Service.</p>
A 'Design Out Crime' guide/process with appropriate partners to help develop safer spaces and places	<p>Design out Crime Guide and support in place for major schemes. Key partners engaging the PSNI Design Out Crime service in major schemes.</p> <p>Planning Office (Council) liaison with PSNI Design out Crime and architects. The Crime Prevention in new developments - highlighted the value of incorporating designing out crime principles from the early stages of development – update training sessions being delivered.</p>

	Design out crime involved in key strategic projects (over 10 supported to date including social housing developments, park and ride, school developments).
An Anti-Social Behaviour Programme, targeting the districts hot spot areas and issues	<p>Anti-social Driving - PCSP delivering 3 initiatives annually</p> <p>Youth Diversionary - PCSP delivering YEP Projects to target youth who are on the edge of the criminal justice system. Projects delivered in areas as required/identified; Six projects developed and delivered across the District – 442 youth participating.</p> <p>Initiatives developed of promotion and direct delivery - Where is Your Child: Your Vision Their Reality, Sexting Leaflet, Gambling Project, Fireworks Safety and Hate Crime Over 10,000 views on these and greater awareness.</p> <p>New drugs and alcohol contract being prepared for delivery with engagement of all agencies and seeking to provide co-terminus delivery for Mid Ulster.</p> <p>DACT (Drug and Alcohol Coordination Teams) forum in place and meetings to link all key partners and identify issues that arise.</p> <p>“Drugs and Alcohol” package developed. Currently delivering programme for Year 10 in targeted schools– a pilot of 6 schools has being completed in post primary schools. To be offered to all Post Primary schools in the coming year, however, certain schools may be prioritised if the need arises.</p> <p>The use of Community Resolution Notices continues - 26 have been issued since January 2019 for ASB type offences.</p> <p>Planet Youth model/Icelandic Model (a youth engagement model that reduces negative behaviour through young people participating in greater sporting, leisure, and arts activities) is being developed.</p>
Promote engagement between schools and youth provision in diversity and good relations Support and promote respect for diversity and the integration of our minority communities	<p>Diversity promotion is taking place across the District, focused on areas where there are larger number of migrant communities and groups, initiatives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with migrant groups across the region to develop and support and allow their cultural expression through events, activities and classes. • Support to the mini melas in Dungannon and Cookstown promoting diversity and engaging as many of the new communities as possible. • Diversity events in schools including cultural days and cultural shared cultural expression initiatives

	<p>Cultural events supported in schools allowing for diversity and cultural expression particularly for the new communities;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dungannon World Global Day with post primary school and primary schools, • Programme of delivery looking at global conflict and a greater understanding in young people of movement of people and diversity • Post primary programme engaging young people together on a cross community basis to develop skills to mentor young children in Paired Reading. <p>Primary Schools cross community engagement programme is bringing schools together on a cross community basis focusing on primary 6 and primary 7. A total of 16 partnerships are supported with 32 schools per year. Engagement with the Education Authority signature project and Peace programmes bringing schools together.</p> <p>Promotion, developing and supporting cultural expression among minority groups is being delivered through: Traveller engagement in partnership with STEP through the 'Belong Project' and Mini Mela held annually in Dungannon and Cookstown. Partnering with DFC on the support to new Syrian community/families to Mid Ulster.</p> <p>Over £3mn has been secured at a local level to promote Peace and Reconciliation across the District from 2018 – 2021. Over 8 programmes have commenced to bring people and young people together.</p>
<p>Support the community and voluntary sector to build capacity and promote volunteering opportunities</p>	<p>Mid Ulster Community & Voluntary Sector is represented by over 1,400 diverse groups. Support funding to the community comes from a wide number of sources, including: Council, NIHE, DFC, PHA/Trust and charities.</p> <p>Council provides over £1 million per annum to over 800 of the community groups in the area. Grants review is currently taking place to explore the potential for 3 year funding awards, to support greater sustainability within the sector. Other partners DFC, DAERA, PHA, Trust, NI Executive Office, NIHE provide funding on a regional basis and dependant on applications.</p> <p>Capacity building development is proposed for Groups, seeking to concentrate on areas to promote volunteering and sustainability.</p> <p>Ongoing delivery of Civic Awards (Council led) recognising volunteers contribution within the local community & voluntary sector. Continued promotion of Volunteer Week highlighting</p>

	<p>contribution made by volunteers and promoting the opportunities to get involved in a wide range of placements.</p> <p>Volunteer development within Mid Ulster led by DfC resourcing both Volunteer Now and Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre as key support organisations mapping and providing volunteer support opportunities. Programmes offered include Youth Volunteer Event and Employer Support schemes in addition to Volunteer Recruitment Fairs. The NI Volunteer strategy is currently in development and will engage Community Planning Partners in its development led by DFC.</p> <p>Active promotion of youth volunteer programmes.</p>
Develop, promote and sustain the Arts in Mid Ulster	<p>Five-year strategy complete and being delivered.</p> <p>Continue to provide support to strategic partners through Council funding streams and to support the Strategic Partners to outreach to the wider community and create grass roots opportunities for engagement in the arts and culture sector within their respective areas and across the wider Mid Ulster Region.</p> <p>Support provided to strategic community partner organisations (6 partners across Mid Ulster with performance spaces), designed to further develop the Arts infrastructure across the Mid Ulster Region.</p> <p>Investment in further development of Facility on-line presence through website in order to enhance and expand visitors to facilities and outreach activity delivered to develop arts involvement in rural areas.</p>

**Mid Ulster Community Planning
Draft Performance Monitoring Data**

November 2019

Economic Growth

Enhanced Business Start-Up Programme

Population Indicators

Measure	Source	Baseline Year	Data	Year 1	Data	Year 2	Data	Year 3	Data	Year 4	Data
No. (%) of business births by LGD	NISRA	2015	495	2016	545	2017	665	-	-	-	-
Survival of newly born enterprises- 1 year Survival	ONS	2015	435	2016	475	2017	-	-	-	-	-
Total Entrepreneurship Activity Rate by LGD	GEM	2015	9%	2016	6.6%	2017	6.8%	-	-	-	-
No. of Registered businesses	NISRA	2015	7950	2016	8245	2017	8505	2018	8,865	2019	9,050

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
Deliver programmes to support local businesses post start-up to achieve their ambitions and goals introducing a broad mentoring of business skills.	<p>4 enhanced Business Start Programmes designed: Tender Ready, Digital First, Gearing for Growth, and Transform.</p> <p>Programmes to commence and the end of Summer 19</p>	<p>Action has not yet commenced delivery</p> <p>% of businesses supported on programmes based on total cumulative figures (Data to be collated)</p> <p>% of businesses referred to InvestNI for further support</p>	<p>Action has not yet commenced delivery</p> <p>% change in businesses participating in programmes creating new jobs (Data to be collated)</p>

<p>MUDC Environmental Health Division to make available a Business information Pack for individuals planning to start up a food & drink business.</p> <p>To Map representation of following groups to Pre Start, Business Start and Post Start Programmes: Women, Youth, Unemployed, Rural Enterprise, Social Enterprises, People with physical and mental health challenges.</p> <p>To encourage and promote underrepresented groups into programmes listed above.</p>	<p>Information Pack data completed in May 2019; packs being distributed to Business Start Clients from June 2019</p> <p>To be delivered</p> <p>To be delivered</p>	<p>(Data to be collated)</p> <p>% successfully developing action plans (Data to be collated)</p> <p>% of participants (Businesses & individuals) who felt their needs were met (Data to be collated)</p> <p>% participants from underrepresented groups (Data to be collated)</p>	
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Prepare a Mid Ulster Investment Proposition to maximise inward investment

Population Indicators

Measure	Source	Baseline Year	Data	Year 1	Data	Year 2	Data	Year 3	Data	Year 4	Data
Value of Business Turnover by LGD	NISRA	2015	£6,479M	2016	£6,360M	2017	-	-	-	-	-
Total Entrepreneurship Activity Rate by LGD	GEM	2015	9%	2016	6.6%	2017	6.8%	-	-	-	-
No. of Registered businesses	NISRA	2015	7950	2016	8245	2017	8505	2018	8865	2019	9050
Total spend by external visitors by LGD	NISRA	2015	£22m	2016	£30M	2017	£20.1m	-	-	-	-

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
Develop Economic Development Online Services to include an investment profile/proposition for Mid Ulster area.	<p>A Working Group established in June 2018 to develop investment proposition and website.</p> <p>Strategic Review of the MUDC Economic Development Online Services to Business</p> <p>Revised and developed a web presence to promote Councils online services to business sector. The website has three sections– Business Support, Investment & Regeneration and Skills & Advice and went live in Summer 2019</p>	<p>New Economic Development website along with new Business Directory operational</p> <p>Key messages and content for investor marketing material digital & print being developed</p> <p>Website traffic analysis (Data to be collated)</p>	<p>Mid Ulster investment proposition is available on website to encourage investors to Mid Ulster</p> <p>Number of inward investment enquiries (Council and InvestNI) (Data to be collated)</p> <p>No of inward investment visits to Mid Ulster (Data to be collated)</p> <p>Increased inward investment (Data to be collated)</p>

	<p>Investor Marketing Material (Proposition) is currently being developed.</p> <p>An outline investment proposition has been prepared.</p> <p>A short brochure is being produced containing key 'place' details of interest to potential investors.</p> <p>Business ambassador videos are being developed.</p>		
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Maximise Tourism investment & employment concentrating on Mid Ulster strategic tourism themes of Seamus Heaney, Activity & Heritage

Population Indicators

Measure	Source	Baseline Year	Data	Year 1	Data	Year 2	Data	Year 3	Data	Year 4	Data
Overnight Trips and associated Spend	NISRA	2015	0.2M	2016	0.2M	2017	0.1M	2018	-	2019	-
Total spend by external visitors by LGD	NISRA	2015	£22m	2016	£30M	2017	£20m	-	-	-	-

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
	<p>5 tourism projects developed (1) Davagh Dark Skies Observatory (2) Davagh Dark Skies outdoor light show (3) Seamus Heaney Experience, Heart of Ancient Ulster (4) US Grants/Scots Irish project (5) Sperrin's Sculpture Trails.</p> <p>1,187,157 visitors to mid ulster within the attraction sector (Public & private) - NISRA</p>	<p>Delivery of 5 tourism projects achieved</p> <p>10.9% Increased visitor spend</p> <p>8.7% Increased visitors to Mid Ulster</p> <p>8.7% Increased visitor numbers within the attraction sector</p> <p>36% increase of occupancy levels -accommodation sector</p>	<p>2% increase in employment within the tourism sector</p> <p>Over £350k Business sector return from Tourism Programmes</p> <p>To enhance Mid Ulster's image and reputation for visitors and grow the visitor economy from £24m to £50m by 2021 as measured by overnight visitor expenditure. (Data to be collated)</p>

<p>Develop a standardised performance management reporting framework.</p> <p>MUDC lead the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) £3 million "Heart of Ancient Ulster"</p> <p>Set up Tourism Development Group & Working cluster Groups with regards to Seamus Heaney, Heritage & Outdoor Hub plans.</p>	<p>To be developed</p> <p>A new Heart of Ancient Ulster brand to promote the heritage across the Sperrins has been developed. HLF Heart of Ancient Ulster Stage 1 & Stage 2 has now been completed. Council to meet with HLF to receive feedback and plan going forward with the HLF Heart of Ancient Ulster project.</p> <p>A new industry and government Tourism Development Group has been established with 4 cluster working groups.</p> <p>Invest NI Collaborative growth programme delivered to 10 businesses in Cluster group</p> <p>Kate Taylor TNI Mentoring Programme delivered to 10 businesses in Cluster group</p> <p>Wild Adventure Outdoor weekend delivered by Outdoor Cluster businesses - Over 150 people attended event</p>	<p>Delivery of Collaborative Growth programme to industry achieved</p> <p>Almost £11,000 gained through 'mean advertising value equivalent' (value of the press coverage secured for the event)</p> <p>85,500 social media hits</p>	
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<p>Mid Ulster to adopt a "digital first" approach to Tourism delivery, marketing & promotion.</p> <p>Identify Skills Shortage within the Hospitality Sector and develop plan to address.</p> <p>Develop a Food Tourism event showcasing Mid Ulster</p>	<p>Mid Ulster Tourism on-line presence is currently being developed.</p> <p>The business-to-business portal is now live</p> <p>On-line solutions are being developed for specific projects, such as the Seamus Heaney Experience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report and action plan in place to address skills gap in Mid Ulster Hospitality Sector • 1 business support programme developed and 1 planned for delivery • Hospitality Trade Staff Upskilled – 130 staff • 14 business reps attended Shows and Exhibitions • 11 trade reps trained in Communications & Sales • 10 businesses completed the Mentor Programme • World Host accredited • 45 people attended 'Principles of Customer Service training' <p>Food Tourism event designed and scheduled for October 2019</p>	<p>Decrease staff turnover in hospitality/private sector (Data to be collated)</p>	
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Develop and deliver coordinated Village Planning and renewal initiatives

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
To work in partnership to deliver Village Regeneration Projects in up to 50 villages across Mid Ulster District Council over 4 years	Local village plans have been completed for all village settlements across Mid Ulster 20 of 50 Village Regeneration Projects completed Phase II in development	40% of Village Regeneration projects completed 60% in progress to be completed by June 2020	Village users have access to improved services which will contribute to healthier lifestyles. 39 villages have received enhancements to their business properties to make them more attractive and sustainable
To deliver a Village Spruce Up Scheme for eligible business and commercial properties located within the village development limits -45 Villages	109 of Village Spruce Up schemes completed Phase 3/4/5 to 2021/22 - 100 Spruce Up Schemes planned	109 Village Spruce up projects completed across 39 villages £172,115.53 private sector investment levered	

Create a competitive advantage for our principal towns, complimenting a 'Town Centre First' principle, prioritising the re-use of derelict sites and/or building

Population Indicators

Measure	Source	Baseline Year	Data	Year 1	Data
Vacancy Rate % Ground Floor Units - Dungannon	Springboard	2018	11.6%	2019	10.5%
Vacancy Rate % Ground Floor Units - Cookstown	Springboard	2018	10.3%	2019	9.9%
Vacancy Rate % Ground Floor Units - Magherafelt	Springboard	2018	4.9%	2019	4.2%

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
Complete Public Realm Schemes within our 5 principal towns	£8million spent on individual Public Realm Schemes in our 3 principal towns Dungannon - £2.6m Cookstown - £3.2m Magherafelt - £2.2m £5.55 million planned for Coalisland and Maghera Public Realm Schemes	3 principal towns Public Realm completed Coalisland - due to commence Maghera – at Design Stage	Improved quality and attractiveness of public spaces and buildings Funding investment in our 3 town centres Strong mix or diversity of uses Vacancy Rate % Ground Floor Units (2018-2019) Dungannon – 1.1% decrease Cookstown – 0.4% decrease Magherafelt – 0.7% decrease
Undertake a Branding Exercise in 3 Main Towns	£180,000 spent on Branding 3 new marketing campaigns delivered 3 building brand awareness activities	100% New / Re-branding / Merchandise exercises complete. (New phase to be commenced) 75% marketing complete to date	

<p>Pilot scheme to address dereliction</p>	<p>5 seasonal marketing campaigns</p> <p>12 events delivered in Town Centres</p> <p>A study investigating the potential of a Business Improvement District for the five main towns has been undertaken</p> <p>Dungannon Town Centre is being developed to specifically look at reducing vacancy rates within the town. Dungannon Regeneration to appoint a resource to progress dereliction</p>	<p>Seasonal campaign complete for 5 Towns (second in delivery)</p> <p>12 events held, 12 in planning</p>	
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Ensure our Local Development Plan provides for urban and rural business growth and industrial and employment sites at key strategic growth sites

Population Indicators

Measure	Source	Baseline Year	Data	Year 1	Data
Land Developed - (hectares) Cookstown	Mid Ulster District Council	2014	19.22	2018	23.59
Land Developed (Hectares) - Dungannon	Mid Ulster District Council	2014	16.15	2018	35.7
Land Developed (Hectares) – Magherafelt	Mid Ulster District Council	2014	1.54	2018	3.41

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
<p>Publish a draft Local Development Plan to bring forward an interim supply of economic development land at Granville/Dungannon and provide tailored planning policy for economic development across the district.</p> <p>Short term actions commencing with Company Survey to identify business needs / expansion plans at Granville Industrial Estate</p> <p>Invest NI will commission a Mid Ulster land economic appraisal</p>	<p>A total interim supply of 37.5 hectares of economic development land has been allocated in the Draft Local Development Plan Strategy, including Granville, Dungannon.</p> <p>An Industrial Land Use Monitor was carried out in 2018.</p>	<p>37.5 hectares of interim supply of economic development land at Granville Dungannon</p> <p>16.5% increase of interim supply of economic development land in Mid Ulster draft plan strategy</p> <p>From 2014 – 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in uptake in industrial land in the Cookstown with 29% zoned land now developed. • 20% increase in uptake in industrial land in Dungannon & Coalisland with 38% zoned land now developed • 2% increase in uptake in industrial land in Magherafelt & Maghera with 6% zoned land now developed 	<p>The publication of the draft plan strategy will result in the provision of an interim supply of economic development land at Granville Dungannon. This will contribute to the creation of 8,500 new jobs that are required over the plan period 2015 – 2030.</p>

Infrastructure

Advance the development of the Strategic Road Network (the A29 – A31, A4, A6 and A5), including bypasses for the main towns and villages on the strategic routes

Population Indicators

Measure	Source	Baseline Year	Data	Year 1	Data	Year 2	Data
% of journeys which are made by walking, cycling, public transport	Travel Survey for NI	2015	25%	2016	24%	2017	26%

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
<p>A6 – Randalstown to Castledawson To be substantively complete</p> <p>A5 –WTC Make Direction Order for the scheme Make Vesting Order for phase 1a Make decision to proceed to construction for Phase 1a Make vesting Order/s</p> <p>A29 Dungannon Bypass Preparatory scoping route options Initiate the commissioning a route options study for Dungannon By-Pass</p> <p>A29 Cookstown Bypass Progress scheme through statutory processes</p>	<p>A6 -Randalstown to Toome complete</p> <p>A5 –WTC Direction Order / Vesting Order for phase 1a of the scheme. Vesting Order/s published for future phases of the Scheme</p> <p>A29 – A31 Route options study to be completed By-pass Road Line feasibility study to be completed for Dungannon by-pass</p> <p>A29 – A31 Draft Statutory Orders and Public Inquiry for Cookstown by-pass</p>	<p>A6 - (Randalstown to Toome opened summer 2019 60% complete Toome to Castledawson section for completion 2021</p> <p>DFI not defending legal challenge Pending Minister, DFI will decide if new Direction Order (New Buildings to Ballygawley) and a Vesting Order for the lands vested of Phase 1a.</p> <p>A29 –A31 Dungannon Bypass Study development in progress Regional Strategic Transport Plan - schemes submitted</p> <p>A29-31Consultants appointed. Publish Draft Order 2020, hold Public Inquiry 2021</p>	<p>A6 Randalstown to Castledawson when complete 2021 will reduce journey time from Mid Ulster to Belfast</p>

Progress Park and Ride at Strategic Sites

Population Indicators

Measure	Source	Baseline Year	Data	Year 1	Data	Difference
% journeys per person per year by public transport in Mid Ulster	Travel Survey for NI	2014-2016	2%	2015-2017	3%	1%

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
Planning for Dungannon (Stangmore) Park and Ride to be submitted.	Options study being reviewed. Due to land issues the survey has been delayed.	To be delivered	Park and rides for Stangmore and Craigadick, when delivered would result in an increase in the use of public transport.
Undertake a feasibility study for Maghera (Craigadick) Park & Ride.	Feasibility study for Craigadick Park and Ride (Maghera) complete. Financial resources to be identified	To be delivered	
Provide Park & Ride at Toome.	Park and ride at Toome complete	Park and Ride operational at Toome with 150 spaces	
Investigate other potential Park & Ride and Park & Share schemes	Review complete. Park and Ride/Park and Share schemes identified for assessment/development. Resource dependant.	Review complete. Resources to be identified.	
Link all new and existing Park & Ride/Share schemes to Vibrant and Safe Communities 'Design out Crime' Action	4 Park & Ride/Share schemes identified for CCTV as part of 'Design out Crime' standards	To be delivered	

Reduce our dependency on landfill through increased recycling and recovery

Population Indicators

Measure	Source	Baseline Year	Data	Year 1	Data	Year 2	Data	Difference
% of household waste sent for preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting in Mid Ulste	NIEA	2015/16	49.65%	2016/17	51.56%	2017/18	54.28%	9.3%

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
<p>MUDC Magheraglass Landfill closed 2017;residual waste to be reprocessed</p> <p>Complete Capping programme</p> <p>Tullyvar Landfill Site to cease accepting residual waste</p>	<p>Residual waste from Magherglass being reprocessed. Capping programme complete.</p> <p>No residual waste accepted at Tullyvar Landfill Site</p>	<p>100% complete - Capping programme at Magherglass</p>	<p>40.45% reduction of waste going to landfill</p>
<p>Carry out a campaign to increase the recycling of food waste to reduce amount of waste going to landfill and an increase in composting/recycling.</p>	<p>Campaign for recycling of food waste complete - Reduction in amount of waste going to landfill.</p> <p>Increase in composting/ recycling</p>	<p>Tullyvar ceased acceptance of Residual Waste 2018</p> <p>100% complete - Campaign for recycling of food waste</p>	<p>4.94% increase in Mid Ulster composting/ recycling</p>
<p>Construction of Waste Transfer Station at Drumcoo, Dungannon as a direct replacement for Tullyvar Landfill Site.</p>	<p>Waste Transfer Station at Drumcoo, Dungannon complete with an investment of over £1.2 million.</p>	<p>Waste Transfer Station at Drumcoo operational from October 2018</p>	<p>5.20% over EU 2020 target for composting/recycling</p>
<p>Appoint Residual Waste Treatment Contract for all Residual Waste to increase recycling of landfilled waste</p>	<p>Residual Waste Treatment contract in place.</p>		<p>81.58% increase of Mid Ulster waste converted to energy</p>

Facilitate the delivery of strategic infrastructure schemes such as broadband and mobile phone coverage; ‘ Gas to the West’; Interconnector; sewerage and water and the Desertcreat Safety College

Population Indicators

Measure	Source	Baseline Year	Data	Year 1	Data	Year 2	Data	Year 3	Data
Households with Home Broadband Access	NISRA	2015	69%	2016	73%	2017	-	-	82%%
% of premises with coverage of superfast broadband at speeds at or above 30Mbit/s	OFCOM	2015	-	2016	-	2017	69%	2018	78%
% Compliance of Water Quality at Customer Tap	NI Water	2015	98.8%	2016	98.8%	2017	99.9%	-	-
Air Quality Management Areas	DAERA	2015	5	2016	3	2017	3	-	-

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
MUDC to implement protocol to give priority to major infrastructure projects when assessing planning applications	The “Applicant/Agent Protocol: A Best Practice Guide for the Processing of Major Planning Applications in Mid Ulster” has been developed	Major applications processed (Data to be collated)	Information not yet available
Commencement of Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service Learning and Development Centre at Desertcreat’	NIFRS Training College at Desertcreat ongoing	Phase1 of NIFRS Training College completed (Fire House & Learning Block) Phase2 proposals are still being considered by Fire Authority	20 new public sector jobs in Mid Ulster Increased training at state of art facility for fire service
Waste Water Treatment Facility upgrade at Dungannon Waste Water Treatment Works	Improvement works to be completed for Dungannon	Phase 1: Improved treatment works at Dungannon operational and in commissioning Phase 2 proposed investment spend between 2021-2027	Phase 1- Dungannon works to treat the current volume of wastewater Phase 2 to upgrade and provide new sewerage

<p>Review of Cookstown Drainage: Area Plan: new sewer network model developed</p> <p>Review of village sewerage networks</p>	<p>Review commenced. New measures to be identified to improve waste water treatment</p> <p>Review of Cookstown Waste Water Facility not yet commenced to be completed by 2021</p>	<p>Outcomes of Cookstown Waste Water Facility review. (Data to be collated)</p>	<p>infrastructure across the district.</p> <p>Measures will have been identified to improve waste water treatment if needed (Data to be collated)</p>
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Develop and implement an Estates Management Plan for the entire public sector estate across Mid Ulster			
What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
<p>An Estates Plan to be developed:</p> <p>Step 1 - Estate Management Sub-Group to identify/records of existing lands and buildings for wider public sector</p> <p>Step 2 - Commence creation of Public Sector Estates Management Plan</p> <p>Step 3 - Identify potential for co-location sites</p>	<p>Cross Partner Estate Management Sub-Group are due hold first meeting in Autumn 2019.</p>	<p>Action has not yet commenced</p> <p>Complete inventory of estate lands and buildings (Data to be collated)</p> <p>Management Plan for public sector estate (Data to be collated)</p> <p>% of sites identified for co-location (Data to be collated)</p> <p>% of current vacant public sector estate identified for new purpose. (Data to be collated)</p> <p>Completion of an Estate Strategy (Data to be collated)</p>	<p>Action has not yet commenced</p> <p>% Efficiencies in utilisation of the Mid Ulster public sector estate. (Data to be collated)</p>

Progress the reinstatement of the Ulster Canal and its greenway links

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
<p>Stage 2 Feasibility Study of proposed Ulster Canal Greenway Complete – Potential Partnership with Inland Waterways, ABC Council and MUDC</p> <p>Phased approach to implementation of the Greenway links to Ulster Canal Proposal to recognise links to National Greenway Network and Clogher Valley</p>	<p>Updated feasibility study with recommendations to be completed (issue of funding for technical studies)</p> <p>Phased concepts to be developed for Ulster canal Greenway links</p>	<p>To be developed</p> <p>% recommendations from feasibility study being developed (Data to be collated)</p> <p>% increase of Partnership meetings with Inland Waterways, ABC Council and MUDC (Data to be collated)</p> <p>Phased concepts for Ulster canal Greenway links agreed (Data to be collated)</p>	<p>Success will not be achieved in the short term. However, the milestone measures will represent progress to next stage.</p>

Provide an adequate supply of social and affordable 'homes-for-life' and Supported Living through Area Plan policy and direct public provision

Population Indicators

Composition of Housing Applicants

Measure	Source	Baseline Year	Data	Year 1	Data	Year 2	Data	Year 3	Data
Social Housing Waiting List - Total Applicant	NIHE	2015	1,898	2016	1,838	2017	1,780	2018	1,723
Social Housing Waiting List - Housing Stress applicants	NIHE	2015	1,017	2016	1,030	2017	1,008	2018	1,044
Social Housing Waiting List – Annual Allocation Allocations	NIHE	2015	361	2016	315	2017	366	2018	319

NIHE Ten Year Intermediate Housing Demand 2017-2027: 1,340

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
Address social/affordable housing need, including Supported Living Provision	Housing Working Group in place to address gap in social housing need and provision	Housing Group to identify priorities to action	8.9% of social homes delivered against social housing waiting list (List at March 2018). Continued effort to address this gap required
NIHE Strategic Guidelines target (2017/18 – 2019/20) to Deliver 232 units of social homes in Mid Ulster	Supported Living provision under review	No supported living units completed at this stage. Under review.	No increase in provision of Supported Housing units and schemes to meet local need – This will be developed.
Bring forward housing land through the LDP and progress	153 of social homes delivered	% of housing schemes being developed on land identified through the LDP	The LDP when published will facilitate housing need by zoning land or by indicating through key
	Identification of housing land through the LDP to be used for a range of housing types		

policy to encourage a mix of housing types and tenures	Agree LDP Housing levels and supplementary guidance to support social and affordable housing by 2020	(Data to be collated) Planning policies in place to facilitate more social /affordable housing provision	site requirements or portion of site for provision social/affordable housing
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Promote and provide for mixed housing developments

Population Indicators

Measure	Source	Baseline Year	Data	Year 1	Data	Year 2	Data	Year 3	Data
Shared Neighbourhood Schemes in Mid Ulster	NIHE	2015	-	2 016	1	2017	1	2018	3

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
Bring forward new shared future proposals/ schemes to assist in meeting the overall housing need.	2 No new shared future schemes to meet housing need completed (The Cloisters & Earls Court)	2 TBUC/Housing for All sites delivered	49 new social and affordable homes where respect and diversity are promoted.
Undertake reimagining projects, Community Cohesion, Good relations projects in existing single identity estates	3 re-imaging projects completed 36 Communities in Transition projects completed 18 Integration/Segregation projects completed	Reimagining projects completed Community cohesion projects completed. Good relation projects completed	Additional choice, over and above traditional areas of social housing, to applicants seeking housing opportunities

Education & Skills

Develop and roll-out a peer mentoring programme for children and young people experiencing low attainment

Population Indicators

Measure	Source	Baseline Year	Data	Year 1	Data	Year 2	Data
Measure of Qualifications based on working age population (16-64) – No Qualifications	NISRA	2015	20%	2016	18%	2017	20%
Measure of Qualifications based on working age population (16-64) - Below NVQ Level 4 (Levels 1- Level 3)	NISRA	2015	54%	2016	28%		
Measure of Qualifications based on working age population (16-64) - NVQ Level 4 and above (degree level and above)	NISRA	2015	-	2016	-	2017	32%

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
<p>Deliver Mentoring Programme in post primary schools (based on good practice from the Neighbourhood Renewal model).</p> <p>Establish Peer Mentoring programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map existing programmes • Recruit & Train Peer volunteers • Establish programmes in schools 	<p>Peer Mentoring Group in place</p> <p>Audit of peer mentoring programmes completed</p> <p>Mentoring Student to Student reading programme being rolled out in all post primary schools - cross community partnerships</p> <p>Numeracy Mentoring Student to Student being developed</p>	<p>Programme to be delivered</p> <p>All post primary schools engaged in peer mentoring paired reading programme</p> <p>% of children participants completing each programme (Data to be collated)</p>	<p>Programme is not complete.</p> <p>To increase level of educational attainment (Data to be collated)</p> <p>Level of educational attainment differential of those participating including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % of school leavers achieving at level 2 and above including Maths and English

<p>Develop a coordinated volunteer scheme for schools, focusing on retired teachers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map existing programmes • Recruit & Train volunteers • Establish programme <p>Engage libraries in delivering of numeracy and literacy support</p>	<p>Shared Learning Conference to highlight positive outcomes of peer mentoring and best practice is currently being designed.</p> <p>Review best practice for Retired teachers scheme</p>	<p>% increase in volunteers trained to deliver mentor programmes (Data to be collated)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gap between % non FSME and % of FSME leavers achieving at level 2 and above including Maths and English (Data to be collated)
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Ensure accessible preschool places for every child

Population Indicators

Measure	Source	Baseline Year	Data	Year 1	Data	Year 2	Data
Measure of Qualifications based on working age population (16-64) – No Qualifications	NISRA	2015	20%	2016	18%	2017	20%
Measure of Qualifications based on working age population (16-64) - Below NVQ Level 4 (Levels 1- Level 3)	NISRA	2015	54%	2016	28%		
Measure of Qualifications based on working age population (16-64) - NVQ Level 4 and above (degree level and above)	NISRA	2015	-	2016	-	2017	32%

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
<p>Monitor children receiving a final pre-school place based on choice (initial expression of interest) to ensure children receive the opportunity of an accessible pre-school place</p> <p>Review issues of access to pre-school provision, if required for areas where demand cannot meet supply</p>	<p>Note: figures below are based on school year 2018-2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2202 of pre-school places • 2199 of applicants • 2115 of children placed • 84 Children not placed – review to be completed re accessibility • 87 places remaining 	<p>88% of children placed in their 1st preference setting</p> <p>% of children from areas of disadvantage with pre-school place (Data to be collated)</p>	<p>96% of 3-4 year olds in pre school education in Mid Ulster</p>

Establish a Mid Ulster Skills Forum bringing together employers, entrepreneurs, enterprise agencies, schools and colleges to plan ahead to improve future employability

Population Indicators

Measure	Source	Baseline Year	Data	Year 1	Data	Year 2	Data
Measure of Qualifications based on working age population (16-64) – No Qualifications	NISRA	2015	20%	2016	18%	2017	20%
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What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
<p>Engage Mid Ulster Skills Forum to partner delivery of the skills and education actions (review membership and structure of the forum to link education)</p> <p>Complete Mid Ulster Skills Report and Action Plan 2017-20</p> <p>Establish four working sub-groups: Skills Report & Action Plan, Education Linkages, Brexit and Apprenticeships (levy) to progress actions</p>	<p>Mid Ulster Skills Forum established</p> <p>Mid Ulster Skills Analysis complete with Plan</p> <p>Mid Ulster Skills Plan complete. 2 programmes in place to support delivery of the plan: i) Manufacturing skills initiative - a small cluster of local SMEs and stakeholders, with a particular focus on the Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing sector secured funding to deliver a 30-month pilot programme in Mid Ulster to</p>	<p>Full implementation of plan to be delivered</p> <p>% increase in young people accessing courses/ apprenticeships in manufacturing (Data to be collated)</p> <p>% reduction in businesses with skills shortages (Data to be collated)</p> <p>% change in youth unemployment (Data to be collated)</p>	<p>Information not yet available</p> <p>Improved skills profile of the population (Data to be collated)</p> <p>Level of business growth (Data to be collated)</p>

	<p>support the implementation of a Work Programme. The Work Programme is designed to implement a collaborative approach to addressing the skills and employability issues facing the Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing.</p> <p>ii) Business to Education partnership delivery - Partnerships have been developed between education, skills delivery agents and businesses to develop greater linkages and most appropriate destination for young people.</p>		
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Develop and deliver tailored Apprenticeships programmes to meet the specific needs of Mid Ulster industry –

Population Indicators

Persons in Employment, aged 16+ by Qualification Level in Mid Ulster

	Level 4+		Level 3+		Level 2+		Level 1+		No Qualifications		Total
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
2015	21,000	31.9%	36,000	55.9%	45,000	69.0%	54,000	83.1%	11,000	16.9%	65,000
2016	21,000	33.0%	35,000	55.0%	46,000	72.2%	56,000	87.6%	8,000	12.4%	64,000
2017	24,000	36.0%	40,000	59.8%	46,000	69.6%	55,000	82.5%	12,000	17.5%	66,000
2018	27,000	39.7%	40,000	58.3%	49,000	70.9%	58,000	84.2%	11,000	15.8%	69,000

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
<p>Marketing/branding of Colleges as a positive alternative to academic pathways through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Day/taster days for schools (similar to University open days) Awareness raising with parents on 'appropriate pathways'. Awareness raising for post 18/A-level pathway (positive alternative to University degree) 	<p><u>South West College</u></p> <p>62 awareness raising events</p> <p>30 in campus targeted awareness raising events for parents and youth.</p> <p>135 awareness raising school visits to engage and develop links with the educational sector.</p> <p>Get Engineering' Careers fair in Dungannon - provided attendees with an opportunity to engage with 33 manufacturing companies offering apprenticeships.</p>	<p><u>South West College (SWC)</u></p> <p>18% increase in attendance at SWC open days</p> <p>93% increase in Level 2 & 3 Apprenticeships provided</p> <p>8% decrease in Level 2 & 3 Traineeships TFS</p> <p>9% increase in participation in level 4 & 5 training in 2 years</p> <p>35% increase in Higher Level Apprenticeships in SWC</p>	<p>NEETS figures not yet available</p> <p>% reduction in youth unemployment (Data to be collated)</p>

<p>Apprenticeship programmes with co schooling for Year 11's - formalised link between schools and colleges with potential to deliver courses jointly leading to higher level frameworks.</p> <p>Engage with the Skills Forum to identify flexible apprenticeships and engage schools and colleges with businesses to offer on-site visits, skills days and opportunities for young people to engage with maximise impact (coordinated approach)</p>	<p>Traineeship programmes with co schooling to be undertaken for Year 11's</p> <p>1 new Higher Level Apprenticeship frameworks across a range of industrial sectors.</p> <p><u>Northern Regional College</u> 5 awareness raising events</p> <p>1 campus targeted awareness raising events for parents</p> <p>4 awareness raising school visits to engage and develop links with the educational sector.</p> <p>2 new Higher Level Apprenticeships offered in both computing and accountancy with Mid Ulster companies</p> <p>New joinery apprenticeship scheme on offer.</p> <p>18 joinery apprentices employed in 18 Mid Ulster companies.</p>	<p>16% increase of Higher Level Apprenticeships HLA programmes available in SWC</p> <p>92% of students completing Higher Level Apprenticeships</p> <p>18% Increase of companies offering Apprenticeships with SWC</p> <p><u>Northern Regional College</u> All level 2 and 3 Engineering students completed on-site industry visits.</p> <p>% increase in the number of firms actively engaged in Higher Level Apprenticeships (Data to be collated)</p>	
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Scope, develop and deliver a Mid Ulster Engineering Centre of Excellence

Population Indicators

Persons in Employment, aged 16+ by Qualification Level in Mid Ulster

	Level 4+		Level 3+		Level 2+		Level 1+		No Quaifications		Total
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
2015	21,000	31.9%	36,000	55.9%	45,000	69.0%	54,000	83.1%	11,000	16.9%	65,000
2016	21,000	33.0%	35,000	55.0%	46,000	72.2%	56,000	87.6%	8,000	12.4%	64,000
2017	24,000	36.0%	40,000	59.8%	46,000	69.6%	55,000	82.5%	12,000	17.5%	66,000
2018	27,000	39.7%	40,000	58.3%	49,000	70.9%	58,000	84.2%	11,000	15.8%	69,000

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
Develop a Mid Ulster Engineering Centre of Excellence in Dungannon for Mid Ulster, through a partnership approach led by the College to meet the engineering excellence and growth of the area	<p>Business case with research institutions for review by the Department for the Economy, and consideration for support.</p> <p>Enterprises participating in collaborative research</p> <p>A new Engineering Hub Manager and Project Assistant to manage the Hub Project have been appointed</p> <p>Training provided annually in SWC catchment for 300 engineering apprentices, 200 HE and FE students and 800 part-time short up-skilling courses for industry</p>	<p>To be developed</p> <p>% increase in firms actively engaged in innovation and skills development (Data to be collated)</p> <p>% Increase of businesses growing through innovation support (Data to be collated)</p> <p>% Increase of students on engineering courses and achievement rate (Data to be collated)</p>	<p>Information not yet available</p> <p>Level of engineering business growth through innovation. (Data to be collated)</p> <p>% increase in GVA delivered by businesses and organisations though the use of innovation and technology. (Data to be collated)</p> <p>Job creation by the use of new technologies and innovation. (Data to be collated)</p>

Health & Wellbeing

An 'Ageing Well' initiative			
What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
<p>Ageing Well Programme developed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good Morning Telephone Calls – contact with older people to allow them to remain independent at home - Linkages with other programmes to support Every Contact Count initiative (one contact to refer to other support programmes for the older person) - Handyvan Service –support older people to remain in their homes by completing all necessary maintenance jobs -Promotion Health & Wellbeing messages <p>Phase 2: Ageing Well Vision Development of an Age friendly Society</p> <p>Develop the Every Contact Count initiative to maximise engagement</p>	<p>Over 400 good morning customers calls per day at end June 2019</p> <p>1997 Handyvan visits</p> <p>Over 340 referrals addressed and followed up</p> <p>First Point of Contact initiative in place</p>	<p>Approximately 2% of clients progressing from high dependency to low dependency or from low to independence</p> <p>1033 visits re safety measures carried out within older people's homes (June 19)</p>	<p>Over 400 of customers living independently (from hospital this is evidenced by number of keysafes affixed to customer homes 435)</p> <p>Of a sample size of 50 clients 92% felt an increased feeling of safety, 6% felt the same and 2 % was no return</p>

A 'Healthy for Life' strategy, team and portal; coordinating all health initiatives, programmes and literature available in the District

Population Indicators

Preventable Mortality – PFG indicator not yet developed

Measure	Source	Baseline Year	Data	Year 1	Data	Year 2	Data
Healthy Life Expectancy at Birth – Female	Health Inequalities Sub-regional Report 2017	2013-2015	83.2	2015-2017	82.7	-	-
Healthy Life Expectancy at Birth – Male	Health Inequalities Sub-regional Report 2017	2013-2015	79.3	2015-2017	79.4	-	-
Standardised Death Rate – Avoidable (per 100,000): All	NISRA	2011-2015	216	2012-2016	213	2013-2017	217

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
<p>Develop a shared Healthy for Life strategy to include:</p> <p>Mapping and promotion of all 'Healthy Living' Initiatives and programmes</p> <p>Identify areas of focus i.e. target groups</p> <p>Review gaps in current provision meeting current health issues</p> <p>Develop a 'Shared Working' Strategy to include shared work</p>	<p>Mapping and agreement on 4 priority areas - Healthy at Work, Healthy Eating, Healthy Literacy, Healthy Gathering Places.</p> <p><u>Healthy At Work:</u> Making Links Workplace event held in January 2019 showcasing local healthy workplaces and activities of 20 local workplace health champions in small and large businesses</p> <p><u>Healthy Eating:</u> Slow cooker sessions provided for 50 people with healthy literacy design recipe book produced. Evaluation in progress with view to extension to</p>	<p>Comprehensive and shared guide on Healthy Living initiatives</p> <p>Healthy for Life Strategy involving all key Partners</p> <p>Target measures achieved within each specific action. (Data to be developed)</p>	<p>Long term improvement in health measures identified (Data to be developed)</p>

<p>linkages /programmes and where relevant co location delivery</p> <p>Shared Working model piloted</p>	<p>range of appropriate groups e.g. learning disability, elderly, farming community etc; Bone density awareness programme delivered for 15 MUDC and NHSCT staff; Choose to Lose programme held with Herron Bros in Draperstown Jan to March 2019</p> <p><u>Health Literacy:</u> Scoping of regional Making Contacts Count Health Literacy Programme and WHSCT/ Causeway CCG Health Literacy Programmes; Health Literacy Sub Group being arranged; Slow cooker programme delivered and health literacy cookbook being evaluated; Extension of signposting directory for Pharmacies beyond Magherafelt underway</p> <p><u>Healthy Gathering Places:</u> Linking with Recreation and Active Lifestyle Group.</p>		
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A Recreation and Active Lifestyle Plan which will provide formal and informal recreation and play opportunities

Population Indicators

Measure	Source	Baseline Year	Data	Year 1	Data	Year 2	Data
Healthy Life Expectancy at Birth - Female	Health Inequalities Sub-Regional Report 2017	2013-2015	83.2	2015-2017	82.7	-	-
Healthy Life Expectancy at Birth – Male	Health Inequalities Sub-Regional Report 2017	2013-2015	79.3	2015-2017	79.4	-	-
Standardised Death Rate – Avoidable (per 100,000): All	NISRA	2011-2015	216	2012-2016	213	2013-2017	217
Obese & Overweight -Southern Health & Social Care Trust (Respondents aged 16+)	Health Survey NI	2014-2015	60%	2015-2016	62%	2016/2017	61%
Obese & Overweight -Northern Health & Social Care Trust (Respondents aged 16+)	Health Survey NI	2014-2015	60%	2015-2016	60%	2016/2017	62%

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
Phase 1: Completion of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Everybody Active Plan Play Parks Strategy Forest & Outdoor Recreation Strategy Village Plans–recreation/active lifestyle PHA Commissioning / Trusts – Activity Referral Plan, Physical Activity Improvement Plan Creation of a cross partner working group (MUDC Leisure, Parks, Environmental Health, Sport NI, Disability Sport NI, PHA's Northern & Southern Partnerships for Physical Activity)	Plans have been drafted - Everybody Active Plan, Play Parks Strategy, Forest & Outdoor Recreation Strategy, Village Plans (recreation actions), PHA Commissioning / Trusts – Activity Referral Plan, Physical Activity Improvement Plan. Cross Partner Working Group established.	2% increase of people using leisure centres 29% increase of people using outdoor recreation parks 20% increase in physical active programmes delivered 10,999 of new participants on physical activity programmes 38% increase of play parks with disabled friendly access and equipment.	% of participants retaining improved fitness and wellbeing (Data to be collated) % reduction in obesity rates of adults and children attending programmes (Data to be collated)

	<p>74 children aged 2-15 years participating on physical active programmes -Everybody Active in 2018/19</p> <p>38 play parks with disabled friendly access and equipment</p> <p>New recreation space developed in 12 rural communities through partnership DAERA, Sport NI, Council, Peace, DFC</p> <p>Sports development plan in place to encourage greater engagement in sports through officers engaging through schools and community groups and development of community managed facilities.</p> <p>Council and Macmillan Cancer to employ an officer to work with cancer patients to 'Move More'. PHA and Council are also revising the model for delivery of the GP leisure referral programme.</p>		
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Develop and implement an integrated response to mental health and wellbeing

Population Indicators

Measure	Source	Baseline Year	Data	Year 1	Data	Year 2	Data
Number of Patients on Mental health Register	NISRA	2014	1083	2015	-	2016	1144
Prescriptions for antidepressant drugs: Drug items dispensed per head of registered population	NISRA	2015	1.11	2016	1.14	-	-

Below are estimates of life satisfaction, worthwhile, happiness and anxiety in the Mid Ulster for the years ending March 2012 to March 2018 - Average (mean) ratings out of 10

Satisfaction with your life nowadays	ONS- Annual Population Survey	2015/16	8.28	2016/17	7.89	2017/18	7.94
Extent you feel the things you do in your life are worthwhile	ONS- Annual Population Survey	2015/16	8.33	2016/17	8.10	2017/18	8.02
Happiness you felt yesterday	ONS- Annual Population Survey	2015/16	7.89	2016/17	7.73	2017/18	7.85
Anxiety you felt yesterday	ONS- Annual Population Survey	2015/16	2.17	2016/17	2.68	2017/18	2.65

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
Mapping and integration of current provision, both preventative and treatment and identification of gaps	Mapping and integration of current provision and Mental Health Portal for treatment and pathway being developed Mental health workshops to be developed to provide partners with an overview of current	Number of services/ programmes available in MUDC and targeted where appropriate to the specific needs of the area. (Data to be collated)	Level of preventative and treatment services/programmes available to service users in MUDC (Data to be collated)

<p>Identification of key mental health issues and gaps in the district (including poverty and disadvantage, drugs & alcohol, isolation).</p> <p>Develop a Mental Health Portal for treatment and pathway.</p> <p>Preventative support through engagement of the Take 5 Ways to Wellbeing Approach and other good practice initiatives.</p> <p>Promote and develop resilience area based mental health support programmes to improve resilience of children and young people along with Education and</p>	<p>mental health support services available</p> <p>“Identifying gaps” is forming part of the mapping and integration of current provision process reported on above. As part of this process, consideration will be given to “health Intelligence” data held by HSC and other partners</p> <p>To be developed</p> <p>Take5 partner group established to specifically develop ‘Take5’ resources for school. Links being developed with schools.</p> <p>103 people participated in Take 5 Community event.</p> <p>12 people have undertaken ambassador training with the view to delivering Take 5 activities in their community setting</p> <p>Children and Young People Planning Locality groups compliment community planning</p>	<p>82% increase of participants at Take 5 community event, reporting raised awareness.</p> <p>12% of attendees at Take 5 event, completed further ambassador training.</p> <p>Baseline survey of 49 teachers participating in an unrelated education event in MUDC showed that 82% were not</p>	<p>Increased knowledge of and skill (were appropriate) in Take % delivery from all stakeholders (Data to be collated)</p>
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Skills Action. To link with CYPSP Outcomes Groups (NHSCT & SHSCT) to support joined up planning.	<p>delivery and specifically promote 'Take 5'. With young people.</p> <p>Pilot Schools for Hope Model led by schools is being developed – looking at best practice with the UUJ to develop a programme of resilience for children and young people in the school environment.</p>	<p>aware of the Take 5 message and only 4% were currently undertaking any Take5 activities with their class.</p> <p>94% believed that it was something they could incorporate into their classroom in the future</p>	
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Vibrant & Safe Communities

A Fear of Crime initiative

Population Indicators

Measure	Source	Baseline Year	Data	Year 1	Data	Year 2	Data
Effect of 'fear of crime' on quality of life (%) - Low	Northern Ireland Crime Survey	2014	68.07	2015	71.03	2016	-
Effect of 'fear of crime' on quality of life (%) - Medium	Northern Ireland Crime Survey	2014	24.70	2015	26.21	2016	-
Effect of 'fear of crime' on quality of life (%) - High	Northern Ireland Crime Survey	2014	7.23	2015	2.76	2016	-

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
<p>CCTV coverage in 5 principal towns of Dungannon, Cookstown, Magherafelt, Coalisland and Maghera (villages Fivemiletown/ Draperstown recording).</p> <p>Promotion of Ageing Well programme</p>	<p>5 monitored CCTV schemes in principal towns completed Dungannon, Cookstown, Magherafelt, Coalisland, Maghera</p> <p>Tender procurement completed for installation of CCTV in the four Park and Ride facilities in the District – Tamnamore, Ballygawley, Maghera and new Park N Ride at the Castledawson Roundabout. Due December 2019.</p>	<p>CCTV in all our main towns</p>	<p>26% of those surveyed in Mid Ulster perceived the impact of Fear of Crime on their lives as Moderate to 'Great'</p> <p>95% of NW coordinators stated were more aware of crime prevention measures and support</p> <p>100% of people who attended crime prevention events reported increased knowledge and awareness</p>

<p>- Link with Ageing Well Action for Good Morning callers to disseminate positive media campaign to clients</p> <p>Promotion and extended delivery of PCSP schemes aimed to reduce Fear of Crime;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older people engagement events, • Neighbourhood watch schemes • Keeping safe workshops (all age) with Crime Prevention & PCSP Officers (internet safety, personal safety, home safety etc.) • Intergenerational Programmes <p>Seek to develop a protocol with the media when referencing any major articles, support agencies are referenced in the article.</p> <p>Interagency Working Protocol (communicated across agencies) to ensure a rapid response to issues of graffiti, extreme littering,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protocol developed for engagement with media. Following any major incident the PSNI, when providing media responses, will also provide relevant signposting information. • Continued promotion of Aging Well Initiative across the District <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in place • Safer U App developed • Crime prevention events delivered • Text Alert system in place • Intergenerational Engagement <p>Protocols developed (Communications, interagency environmental)</p> <p>Interagency protocols in place</p>	<p>Safety messages delivered to over 400 older people daily</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 49 Schemes • 12 Crime prevention events per annum • 79,735 messages sent out through Text Alert • Intergenerational Engagement – 6 events 2017 - 2019 	
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<p>negative environmental issues impacting upon an area that could be prone to encouraging Fear of Crime.</p> <p>Develop an integrated solution to minimise risk to those attending and those living near bonfire sites within Mid Ulster</p>	<p>Leaflet developed with agency responsible for graffiti. This is shared between partners to allow a quick response to graffiti particularly hate incidents.</p> <p>Bonfire Risk Management support policy in place (Events management on Council lands)</p>		
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Vulnerable Person's Programme of Activity

Population Indicators

	Source	Baseline Year	Data	Year 1	Data	Year 2	Data
Young People involved with Youth Justice Services	NISRA	2015	51	2016	35	2017	42
Incidents recorded with a Domestic Abuse Motivation	NISRA	2015	1476	2016	1500	2017	-
Crimes recorded with a Domestic Abuse Motivation (excluding fraud)	NISRA	2015	809	2016	752	2017	839

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
<p>Establish a 'Support Hub' to facilitate agencies sharing information and support for those most vulnerable regarding safety (PSNI Model).</p> <p>Establish links for all partners to other relevant support mechanisms/ structures operating within the District.</p> <p>Positive Relationships Programme to all post primary schools (healthy relationships, domestic violence etc)</p>	<p>Support Hub established</p> <p>Positive Relationships Programme in place.</p>	<p>Hub currently engaging 12 identified individuals with all key partners</p> <p>1400 pupils in 16 Post Primary schools availed of programme</p>	<p>Reduction in resource time for non-emergency contact (data to be collated)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 65% have increased awareness of Positive Relationships • Over 70% have increased awareness of warning signs of an abusive relationship & Domestic Violence • 60% have increased awareness of risks & consequences with sexting

<p>Engage education authority and all primary schools regarding mainstream delivery of Helping Hands healthy relationships awareness to children - reengage with the current tool kit and deliver additional support to schools where required.</p> <p>Positive Relationships Programme with adults with Learning Difficulties addressing issues of financial abuse, healthy relationships and community connections.</p>	<p>Social Guardian programme delivered to school teachers to work with children and young people on Helping Hands Programme – continue to promote in all 100 primary schools</p> <p>‘Keeping Me Safe’ programme for service users with learning disabilities delivered in NHSCT led facilities</p>	<p>68 teachers participated</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increased awareness of Controlling behaviours <p>Increased knowledge of recognising relationship issues for children and support networks to help</p>
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A Community First Responder initiative for emergency response situations and safety concerns

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
<p>Support and promote delivery of Mid Ulster Community Resus Action Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automated External Defibrillators - Mapping, Registration Maintenance • Training • Raise awareness <p>Seek to ensure every community has access and is aware of an NIAS registered defibrillator</p>	<p>578 people and communities trained in emergency life support skills</p> <p>Pupils in schools trained by Heartstart instructors in Heartstart Schools or Call Push Rescue Schools</p> <p>157 Defibrillators in the community registered with Ambulance NI</p> <p>3 Community First Responder initiatives in place</p> <p>Promotion to 1500 community groups re the importance of registration of all defibrillators with the NI Ambulance and emergency support structures (dedicated newsletter issued quarterly)</p>	<p>40% Increase in the number of registered defibrillators in the community</p> <p>50% of all post primary schools registered to teach Call Push Rescue or Heart Start programme along with two special schools in Mid Ulster</p>	<p>Increased number of people and communities trained in emergency life support skills</p> <p>Increased awareness among communities of emergency support structures</p> <p>Increased level of community led responses to emergency situations</p>
<p>Identify, promote and support community resilience models across Mid Ulster for first responder, flooding (in areas of potential flooding) and rescue services (e.g. Lough Neagh Rescue) and use these to promote best practice to other groups. Link to District's Emergency Planning Group.</p>	<p>Flood Community Resilience support models promoted through Community Newsletter</p> <p>All areas of flood risk identified within Mid Ulster Emergency Planning structures with support to community resilience models; and practical support by way of water base early warning metric systems, sandbagging</p>	<p>The Mid Ulster Emergency plan and preparedness test was 'Satisfactory' on its last annual review</p>	

<p>Regular reviews of Emergency Planning with partners to ensure aware of action in emergency</p> <p>Establishment of a Mid Ulster Flood Resilience Forum to identify areas for potential flooding and support mechanisms currently in place and support communities where feasible e.g. sand bag scheme, awareness of main contact points</p> <p>Sustain the current provision to all children and young people on risk awareness (fire risk P5, safety risks Bee Safe)</p>	<p>containers and identification of emergency shelter locations.</p> <p>Lough Neagh Recue input to be formalised in protocols at operational level of Emergency/Flood Planning.</p> <p>Initial meetings took place with MUDC, DEARA, DfC and community. Agreed best model is to use ready established Emergency Planning structure</p> <p>All p5 children receive fire risk training</p>	<p>% increase in the number of community first responder initiatives (Data to be collated)</p> <p>Fire awareness training delivered to every P5 class in the district annually</p>	
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A 'Design Out Crime' guide/process with appropriate partners to help develop safer spaces and places

Population Indicators

Measure	Source	Baseline Year	Data	Year 1	Data	Year 2	Data	Year 3	Data
Recorded Crime – All Offences	NISRA	2015	5041	2016	4610	2017	4653	2018	4762
Theft from the person	NISRA	2015	9	2016	8	2017	7	2018	5
Criminal Damage	NISRA	2015	1132	2016	915	2017	882	2018	825
Burglary - Residential	NISRA	2015	-	2016	-	2017	222	2018	170
Burglary – Business & Community	NISRA	2015	-	2016	-	2017	103	2018	82

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
<p>Develop a process for statutory engagement with PSNI Design Out Crime Service for major schemes</p> <p>Information sessions for Designing out Crime with key agencies to ensure key principles taken on board through design, planning to development (agencies Planners, architect society, universities)</p> <p>Design out crime analysis of all capital actions within Community Plan, including Village Renewal Schemes and Park & Ride Schemes</p>	<p>Design out Crime Guide and support in place for major schemes</p> <p>Engagement on design our crime with Planning</p> <p>Architect awareness to be planned</p> <p>10 strategic projects developed in accordance with the key principles with design out crime guide: 4 Park & Ride/Share schemes 6 Capital Schemes</p>	<p>Increased number of agencies utilising Design Out Crime principles</p>	<p>Schemes delivered using design out crime standards</p>

An Anti-Social Behaviour Programme, targeting the districts hot spot areas and issues

Population Indicators

Measure	Source	Baseline Year	Data	Year 1	Data	Year 2	Data
Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents	NISRA	2015	2906	2016	2877	2017	3163

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
<p>To support and promote Mid Ulster PCSP Anti-Social Behaviour Forum and Action Plan</p> <p>Coordinate all existing providers on drugs and alcohol support to ensure targeted at need</p> <p>Develop a 'Drugs & Alcohol' packaged Programme for Mid Ulster working in partnership to deliver a targeted programme for young</p>	<p>13 Initiatives delivered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Anti-Social Driving Initiatives with 303 youth participating • 6 Youth Engagement Programmes targeting youth who are on the edge of the criminal justice system with 442 youth participating • 4 ASB Educational Programmes <p>DACT Forums bringing together key agencies to identify and address issues on drugs and alcohol</p> <p>"Drugs and Alcohol" package developed. Currently delivering programme for Year 10 in targeted schools– a pilot of 6 schools has been completed in post primary schools. To be offered to all Post</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 74% rated initiatives as very good • 90% rated the initiatives as very good • Four videos produced with 29,283 views, <p>65% rated the initiative as good or very good</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 91% increased awareness of road safety • Over 80% increased awareness of issues • 80% increased awareness of issues • 74% of attendees in the programmes had greater awareness of alcohol, public order

<p>people through community and schools</p> <p>Link to Health & Wellbeing and Education & Skills Mental Health Actions</p>	<p>Primary schools in the coming year, however, certain schools may be prioritised if the need arises</p>		<p>% reduction in ASB related instances related to drugs and alcohol (Data to be collated)</p>
<p>Extend and Promote the Community Resolution Notice targeting ASB at key times, including Halloween</p>	<p>26 Community resolution notices issued since Jan 2019</p>	<p>19 youth attended</p>	<p>% reduction in number of participants reoffending (Data to be collated)</p>
<p>Review and develop Icelandic model to address drugs and alcohol misuse and seek to pilot in Mid Ulster</p>	<p>Iceland model (Planet Youth) is currently at development stage.</p>	<p>To be developed</p>	

Promote engagement between schools and youth provision in diversity and good relations
Support and promote respect for diversity and the integration of our minority communities

Population Indicators

Measure	Source	Baseline Year	Data	Year 1	Data	Year 2	Data
Crimes (excluding fraud) recorded with a Homophobic Motivation	NISRA	2015	7	2016	4	2017	6
Crimes (excluding fraud) recorded with a Racist Motivation	NISRA	2015	39	2016	29	2017	20
Crimes (excluding fraud) recorded with a Sectarian Motivation	NISRA	2015	48	2016	46	2017	38

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
<p>A promotion campaign on respect for diversity across Mid Ulster by all partners with a short to medium term communications plan</p> <p>Support/deliver diversity programmes to promote respect for diversity, inclusion and equality with children and young people in schools, youth groups, identified through good relations</p>	<p>Cultural diversity Initiatives developed: Working with migrant groups 4 groups</p> <p>App developed reporting and contacts for dealing with hate instances</p> <p>Diversity events 8 initiatives per annum in post primary and in primary schools</p>	<p>900 young people engaged per annum</p>	<p>% increase in understanding and respect for diversity. (Data to be collated)</p> <p>Migrant groups active to support new communities in the area</p> <p>97% of 120 participants PP surveyed felt the Project contributed towards an increased understanding of people from backgrounds different to their own and increased trust/reduced levels</p>

<p>Deliver cross community engagement and diversity programme to all primary schools in Mid Ulster annually targeting P6/P7 and engage EA on the signature project for Mid Ulster</p> <p>Promote, develop and support cultural expression among our minority groups; including migrant support service with STEP, traveller engagement and belong model, mini Melas in all our principal towns annually and engagement of all our migrant groups and communities</p> <p>Promote Peace and reconciliation across our District and development of shared/diverse space to include everyone, through delivery of the Peace IV programme of £3million</p>	<p>Cross Community programmes in schools - 2 programmes delivered per annum.</p> <p>Migrant support through partnership with STEP and Community</p> <p>Support to Mini Melas x 2 Cookstown and Dungannon</p> <p>Partnering with DFC on the support to new Syrian families</p> <p>Traveller engagement in health and wellbeing activities</p> <p>Peace Programme delivery over £3mn to promote peace and reconciliation across 12 programme areas, small grants and shared space development.</p> <p>Cross Border linkages with Donegal and Sligo</p>	<p>Post Primary - 400 engaged per annum</p> <p>16 Primary schools partnerships engaged – 400 children per annum</p> <p>4 migrant groups supported and engaged per annum</p> <p>Over 2000 attendance at Cookstown and 1000 Dungannon</p> <p>20 Syrian families engaged</p> <p>Support to An Tearman families</p> <p>Youth Engagement – 600 youth Community Engagement –50 groups Art projects – 300 people engaged</p> <p>over 200 people engaged</p>	<p>of animosity towards people from different cultures 72% agreed having a mix of diversity and catholic/protestant traditions was a good thing for Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Promotion of shared space across the district</p> <p>Greater cross border linkages and engagement</p>
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Support the community and voluntary sector to build capacity and promote volunteering opportunities

Population Indicators

Measure	Source	Baseline Year	Data
Registered Community and Voluntary groups on MUDC Database	Mid Ulster District Council	2017-2018	1000

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
<p>Support and develop community and volunteering opportunities across Mid Ulster through grant and investment support to community development infrastructure through grants and strategic support programme over 3 years</p> <p>Establish a good practice guide/IT resource to share case studies and support to Groups</p> <p>Develop a recognition process for proactive volunteering</p>	<p>Support to 1400 Community and Voluntary groups including: Council, NIHE, DFC, PHA, Trusts and Charities, DAERA, NI Executive Council over £1mn per annum to an average 800 groups</p> <p>Capacity building programme has been developed for Autumn 2019</p> <p>Monthly Community Newsletter issued</p> <p>Best practice guide available and promoted to support Community Groups – quarterly promotion</p> <p>Annual Civic recognition evenings: 10 per annum</p>	<p>participants assessing their participation as positive to their group and community</p> <p>Over 15,000 active volunteers across Mid Ulster community sector average 8 – 15 volunteers per group, sports group approx. 30 volunteers</p> <p>Distributed to 1400 Groups</p>	<p>15% level of volunteer activity (% of working age population) within our communities</p> <p>Every £1 invested volunteering £7 return to our community</p>

<p>Mapping of Partner Volunteering Programmes</p> <p>Link with young people's volunteering programmes (Duke of Edinburgh Award and John Paul II Scheme) and greater engagement with community</p>	<p>Mapping of volunteering programmes currently underway</p> <p>Two volunteer centres in Mid Ulster proactively supporting volunteering</p> <p>Promoting of youth volunteering schemes ongoing quarterly to all 1400 community groups</p> <p>Youth Forum to be developed by 2020</p>		
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Develop, promote and sustain the Arts in Mid Ulster

Population Indicators

Measure	Source	Baseline Year	Data	Year 1	Data
Visitors to arts/cultural venues	Mid Ulster District Council	2017-2018	-	2018-2019	93,095

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
<p>Develop an Arts and Cultural Strategy for Mid Ulster</p> <p>Review areas for integrated delivery and establish a plan delivery and targets for strategic development across Mid Ulster</p> <p>Support and develop community arts across Mid Ulster through grants and developing the community arts infrastructure through strategic partnership agreements for 3 year programmes</p> <p>Maximise the integrated use of Council's Arts and cultural venues across Mid Ulster The Burnavon, Ranfurly House and Hill of The O'Neill Centre and Seamus Heaney Homeplace Centre</p>	<p>Arts Strategy developed</p> <p>3 year funding awards being introduced for the 6 strategic community led arts & culture activities and theatres/performance venues</p> <p>Average 100 arts and arts and grant supported projects per annum</p> <p>Venue specific marketing activity introduced for 3 main arts facilities targeting people that do not participate</p>	<p>% increase in the spend per area on arts (Data to be collated)</p> <p>% of population engaging with arts/cultural activities in the past year (Data to be collated)</p> <p>12.9% increase in level of participation in six funded venues</p> <p>120, 247 visitor in 2018/19</p>	<p>Greater value and respect for diversity through increased participation and engagement in culture and arts activities (Data to be collated)</p>

	Disability arts delivered to over 12 disability arts groups Concessions in place for people with disabilities and older people		
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Minutes of the meeting of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership held in Council Chamber, Dungannon on Wednesday 13 March 2019 at 6.00pm

Present: Councillor Denise Mullen (Chair), Councillor Frances Burton, Councillor Robert Colvin, Councillor Clement Cuthbertson, Councillor Phelim Gildernew, Councillor Derek McKinney

Liam Duggan (Vice-Chair), Ciaran McElhone, Martina Watson

Inspector Andy Archibald (PSNI), Michael Dallat (NIHE), Sinead Dolan (YJA), Michelle Grant (PBNI), Sergeant Beverley Knipe (PSNI), DCI David McBurney (PPU), DI Gary McDonald (PPU), Chief Inspector Mervyn Seffen (PSNI), Inspector Danny Walsh (PSNI)

Apologies: Jacqueline Connolly (SH&SCT), Fiona Crawford, Ursula Marshall

In Attendance: Michael McCrory (PSCP Manager), Celene O'Neill (PCSP Officer), Annette McGahan (PCSP Officer), Shauna McCloskey (PCSP Officer), Martina McCullagh (PCSP Assistant)

The Meeting started at 6.02pm.

PCSP118/19 WELCOME

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting, including DCI David McBurney and DI Gary McDonald from the Public Protection Unit who provided the following presentation on services provided by the 'Central Referral Unit'.

PCSP119/19 PUBLIC PROTECTION BRANCH PRESENTATION, CENTRAL REFERRAL UNIT – DCI McBURNEY & DI McDONALD

DCI McBurney informed Members, in 2015 the Public Protection Branch was formed as part of Crime Operations Department. The Public Protection Units, Rape Crime Unit and the Child Internet Protection Team were brought together into a single branch and now have overall responsibility for operational activity as well as policy and practice in relation to domestic abuse, child abuse, child sexual exploitation, sex and violent offender management, adult safeguarding, rape, child abuse imagery, e-safety and all associated control strategies.

The PPB are also responsible for education and safeguarding within these areas and work closely with several partner agencies, including Health Trusts, Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland, other statutory organisations and charities such as Women's Aid, Men's Advisory Project, Rainbow and NSPCC. The PPB works closely with these agencies, organisations and charities to support and protect the vulnerable and build confidence in policing. On an almost daily basis, there are media headlines about domestic and sexual abuse, internet safety and the risks posed by those accessing images of child abuse, and child sexual exploitation. Officers within Public Protection Branch are committed to ensure detection of those committing these crimes and bring them before the court.

Members raised the following questions.

Question 1

Councillor Burton questioned the level of support provided to a parent struggling to manage in very challenging circumstances, following allegations made against the other parent.

Response;

DCI McBurney said they work very closely with Family Intervention. The Central Referral Unit provides the evidence to get the case to court. He stressed the importance of family support at this time and the necessity of ensuring children are safeguarded. He also said they work closely with other agencies.

Question 2

Liam Duggan, Vice Chair asked what resources and ability does the Central Referral Unit have to work with other agencies in relation to care home settings including Muckamore Abbey and Dunmurray Manor. He also asked if the Joint Protocol is functioning.

Response;

DCI McBurney said they have spoken with the families involved in Muckamore Abbey & Dunmurray Manor and are proactively investigating and working with Social Services. He stated the Joint Protocol has now been working a number of years and they collaborate mostly with Social Services.

Question 3

Liam Duggan, Vice Chair requested details of resources available to the Central Referral Unit.

Response;

DCI McBurney advised there is approximately 300 staff within the Central Referral Unit covering 5 areas. The Central Referral Unit is co-terminus with the Health Trusts, i.e. Southern, Northern, Western, South Eastern and Belfast Trusts. The Central Referral Unit is based in Belfast and receives calls from across the Province, which means information can be easily shared with Social Services. He also stated Domestic Abuse cases are signposted to Women's Aid.

The Chair thanked DCI McBurney and DI McDonald for attending the meeting and providing the presentation.

PCSP120/19 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of their obligation in relation to declarations of interest.

Martina Watson – Mid Ulster Women's Aid

**PCSP121/19 MINUTES OF POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
MEETING HELD ON 12 DECEMBER 2018**

**Proposed: Councillor Derek McKinney
Seconded: Martina Watson**

**MINUTES OF POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
MEETING HELD ON 29 JANUARY 2019**

**Proposed: Councillor Derek McKinney
Seconded: Martina Watson**

PCSP122/19 MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

PCSP123/19 THEMATIC GROUP UPDATES

The PCSP Manager referred to the present layout of the thematic group update report and advised Members that it is presently being reviewed and a more reader friendly version will be in use for the Vulnerable Persons' meeting on the 20 March 2019.

Anti-Social Behaviour Forum Update

The PCSP Officer provided the following update;

- 'Where Is Your Child' advertising campaign to commence 17 March 2019.
- Dungannon Youth Engagement Programme (YEP) is ongoing, a Courtroom Scenario took place on 12 February 2019. The Crown Court Judge, Justice Fowler, and Barrister Michael McAleer, were exceptionally supportive of the entire project. The trial of the young driver was attended by 60 young people from our YEP project, other youth groups and schools. The prosecution and defence cross-examined witnesses and the young driver, and following summing-up, the jury, comprised of their peers, was discharged to deliberate. They returned a guilty verdict on the charges of causing death by dangerous driving and drink-driving and the driver was sentenced to five years in custody.
- Recon ongoing, the Dog Track in Dungannon has been bought for re-development.
- Preparation for Halloween period is underway.
- Members were invited to 'Gambling Awareness Conference' taking place on Monday 25 March 2019 in Ranfurly House Arts and Visitor Centre at 1.00pm.

Night-Time Economy Sub Group Update

The PCSP Officer provided the following update;

- Youth Alcohol Awareness Programme: Courses were held on 12 January 2019 and 20 February 2019. 7 young people attended the course in January and 5 young people attended in February. A parent attended with each young person and remained for the duration of the

course. The next course is scheduled to take place on the 20 March 2019.

- Cookstown Club Angels have continued to be present at the teenage discos in Lanyon Hall on Friday nights and outside Time Bar and Venue on Saturday nights. They are presently recruiting new volunteers.
- A group has also expressed an interest in setting up an 'Angels' type group in Moy, assistance is currently being provided.
- Bar staff in Cookstown and Magherafelt will undertake 'Counter Measures' training course before the end of March 2019.

Councillor Colvin praised the work of the 'Club Angels' and asked how an individual can become a volunteer?

Celene O'Neill, as a volunteer with 'Club Angels', advised that anyone can become a volunteer by completing an Access NI check and First Aid training both of which are arranged by 'Club Angels'.

In response to a question from Councillor Burton regarding volunteers being subject to attack, Celene O'Neill advised that this is a very rare occurrence as there is always a door staff member and a PSNI Officer present.

Inspector Walsh stated the work carried out by 'Club Angels' is crucial and is of great assistance to PSNI. He advised that a meeting could be arranged for Members to meet 'Club Angels' volunteers.

Responding to a question from Martina Watson regarding attendance at the Youth Alcohol Awareness Course, Inspector Walsh reported that 850 participants have been through the programme with a 1.5% re-offending rate. A parent or guardian must attend the course with the participant.

Sinead Dolan praised the work of the Youth Alcohol Awareness Course and would advocate the rollout of the programme across Northern Ireland. She also congratulated everyone involved in the Youth Engagement Programme, in particular the Court Room scenario and asked if it had been filmed. The PCSP Officer advised video recording is not permitted within the courtroom.

Vulnerable Persons' Sub Group Update

The PCSP Officer provided the following update;

- Promotion and awareness raising of RAPID Bins continues across Mid Ulster.
- Neighbourhood Watch Event to be held on Tuesday 26 March in 'The Junction' at 7.00pm. Information on RAPID bins, Drugs & Alcohol, Agewell services and Crime Prevention will be provided. The Agenda for the event to be circulated to Members.
- Meeting with CASE Officers, O2 Gurus and Women's Aid to review schools programmes.
- Analysing Outcome Based Accountability (OBA) forms for all 2018/2019 projects.
- Internet Safety, Positive Relationships and Drugs & Alcohol schools programmes continuing to be delivered until the end of March 2019.

PCSP124/19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Statistics on Wild Fires

Simon Green (NIFRS) informed Members wildfire incidents are an increasing problem. He said a wildfire is a generic term used to describe any uncontrolled fire in various types of vegetation, which include grass, crops, bracken, heather, trees and gorse. There has been a total of 411 wildfires incidents across Mid Ulster Council area during the last 5 years (2013-2018) ranking Mid Ulster 10th out of the 11 Council areas in terms of the amount of Wildfire incidents during this period.

Responding to a question from Councillor Colvin regarding the breakdown of the wildfire incidents, Simon Green clarified that this statistic includes all incidents in Mid Ulster area from the largest to the smallest wildfire.

Burglaries in Aughnacloy & Ballygawley areas and ATM Thefts

Councillor Burton raised concerns about the spate of recent burglaries in Aughnacloy and Ballygawley, which have undoubtedly led to increased fear of crime in these areas and questioned resource levels on the ground. She also referred to the province wide ATM thefts, which are affecting jobs and local communities.

Chief Inspector Seffen said he understands the public's concern at the number of ATM raids and gave reassurance that the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) detectives continue to do everything they can to stop these attacks and catch those responsible.

Appointment of Independent Members

The PCSP Manager referred to the current recruitment process for the appointment of Independent Members to the PCSP. An information leaflet was circulated to Members.

Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)

The PCSP Manager informed Members that the Northern Ireland Policing Board have provided additional funding for the purchase of 4 Speed Indicator Devices. These are portable devices and used in an area where speeding can be a problem. SIDs remind drivers of the speed limit by standing out from the normal signs. They could help to break the habit of drivers who consistently use excessive speed.

PCSP Community Safety Awards 2019

The PCSP Manager informed Members that PCSPs have been asked to nominate a maximum of 1 project/initiative per PCSP, per category. The categories are as follows;

- Award for innovation
- Award for excellence in communication
- Award for confidence in policing
- Award for outstanding impact in tackling ASB
- Award for contribution to embedding & culture of lawfulness
- Award for excellence in community engagement
- Award for excellence in collaboration

The closing date for submission of nominations is Friday 29 March 2019. The Awards Ceremony will take place on Wednesday 29 May 2019 in Belfast.

Participatory Budget

Due to the small number of 'Participatory Budget' applications received, the PCSP Manager sought approval to extend the geographical area to cover a larger participation area in Clogher Valley. Members agreed.

Crash Car Video

The PCSP Manager informed Members the joint Mid Ulster PCSP & Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP 'Crash Car Simulator' video is currently in production locally.

PCSP125/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next PCSP meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 September 2019 in Council Chamber, Dungannon at 6.00pm.

The meeting ended at 7.25pm.

All members were present for the duration of the meeting except Ciaran McElhone who arrived at 6.03pm, Councillor Frances Burton who arrived at 6.09pm.

Report on	Grant Aid Review
Date of Meeting	14 th November 2019
Reporting Officer	Claire Linney, Head of Community Development
Contact Officer	Philip Clarke Community Support Manager

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To agree the Community Grants Policy 2020 - 2021
2.0	Background
2.1	Community grants – Council allocates funding under a range of grant themes each year and annually reviews and develops its grants policy.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Community Grants Policy</p> <p>Council as part of its community grants and community support delivers grant aid across a range of community grant themes, along with Culture & Arts and Leisure. There are a total of 12 grant fund areas. The funding allocation across the 14 grants is in the region of £1 million.</p> <p>The grants have developed annually over the last 4 year period, with increases in grant award amounts and some budgets across a number of areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Festive lights increase in 2017 – 2018 by £27,000 pa 2. Sports Capital increase in 2016-17 by £100,000 pa 3. Capital grant – new grant developed for £50,000 in 2017; total budget pa. £150,000. <p>A review has been completed of the grants 2019- 2020 with regard to the following: Seeking to support sustainability within the communities with regard to grant support. Seeking to align grant budgets to funding pressures and to review additional support where required.</p> <p>A session was held with members to review the grants in terms of their impact and outcomes and areas for review and consideration, in line with budget planning for 2020 – 2021. Please see attached minute of the discussion.</p>

Following a review across the grants and in particular focusing on areas of pressure re grant applications, the following is proposed:

Budget Allocations

Community Grants

To amend the community budget allocations as follows:

1. To uplift the local community festivals in line with the pressure in the current year; additional budget £20,000.
2. To uplift the small arts, culture, heritage grant by £35,000 to £130,000, currently £95,000 (reallocation £5000 strategic arts, based on 6 strategic arts partners – new budget £85,000, £5000 venues – new budget £80,000, £10,000 Strategic community development – new budget £45,000).
3. Uplift to small community arts, heritage, community by £15,000

Sports Grants

To amend the sports budget allocations as follows:

1. Sports capital amend from £165,000 to £120,000 per annum, with a reallocation as follows:
2. Small Sports Development transfer £5000 from sports capital, new budget is £30,000 with EBA match funding of £35,000.
3. Sports Representative Grant – transfer £5,000 from sports capital, new budget £15,000
4. Schools Sports Grant – transfer £10,000 from sports capital, new budget £10,000
5. Sports Strategic Grant – transfer £25,000 from sports capital, new budget £75,000 (amend maximum grant award to £15,000)

Total Budget £35,000 Uplift to Grants

Sustainability

It is proposed to allocate the strategic grants on a 3 year cycle to allow the groups to plan ahead. This is for grants that have similar provision each year and will be based on annual monitoring with an officer to allow for development. There will be clear message that this is based on an annual review and development (officer review each year and update to Committee) and budget.

Strategic Arts and Culture

Strategic Community Development

Strategic Sports

Strategic Events

Venues

These grant themes will review additional requests if required.

Communications

It is proposed to communicate via letter of offer and covering letter the need to promote Council in all communications that they undertake and what this entails. A

	<p>reference in an AGM is not suitable communications it must be leaflet, newspaper reference, social media reference, poster/corboards etc., with a clear Council message based on our communications policy. Council will provide pop ups for the strategic events. To consider a penalty, potentially a 20% penalty, on the final claim if communications is not adhered to.</p> <p>Process</p> <p>To open the main grants in February with a closure mid March.</p> <p>To open the discretionary capital grant at £150,000 for 2020 – 2021 in December and close end January (expression of interest December) to allow officer support in the development of the application.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Grant uplift £35,000</p> <p><u>Professional Support</u></p> <p>None.</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To approve the Community Grants Policy for 2020 – 2021.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 Community Grants Policy 2020 - 2021

Appendix 1 Grants Policy 2020 – 2021

Category 1 One Grant in Category Community Groups	Category 2 One Grant in Category	Category 3 Sports Groups One Category with exception of *	Category 4
<p>1. Small Grant in Arts & Culture, Heritage Community Dev. Maximum £1200, Budget proposed £130,000</p> <p>2. Community Venue Grant (incl. activity) Maximum £3000, Budget £80,000 80% Community development & greater than 10 hours weekly activity – 3 year funding</p> <p>3. Strategic Arts & Culture Grant Maximum £20,000, Budget £85,000 80% arts & culture group & dedicated performance space -3 year funding</p> <p>4. Strategic Community Development Grant Maximum £8,000 Budget £45,000 3 year funding</p>	<p>5. Strategic Events Grant Maximum £8,000 Minimum 1000 people attending Budget £75,000 (£10,000 GR TBC annually) 3 year funding</p> <p>6. Good Relations Grant Maximum £1200 Rolling programme Budget £35,000 Rolling Programme</p> <p>7. Community Local Festival Grant Maximum £1200 Rolling programme New uplift £20,000 to £90,000 Rolling Programme</p>	<p>8. Sports Development Maximum £1500 Budget £65,000 (£30,000 & £35,000 EBA tbc annually)</p> <p>9. *Sports Capital Grant Maximum grant £5000 To be matched 50% One call each year – can only apply every 2 years Budget £120,000)</p> <p>10. *Strategic Sports Development Grant Maximum £15,000, Budget £75,000 (Governing Bodies only- Salary) 3 year funding</p> <p>11 Sports Representative Individual & Team Maximum £250-£500 Budget £15,000 Selected by their governing body to participate in a representative team or individual sport at provincial, national, all Ireland or international level (outside of NI)</p>	<p>12. Discretionary Grant Up to £50,000 as funder of last resort Budget £150,000 (pending budget) Open annually – can apply every 3 years</p> <p>13. Festive Lights Allocation as per settlement Budget £105,000 (3 year funding)</p> <p>14. Schools access to sports facilities Grant Maximum £5000 Schools providing sports facilities to minority sports that do not have their own provision in areas Budget £10,000.</p>

Grant allocation -

Community (community, arts, heritage, general) Groups can only apply to one programme per year to Categories 1 and 2. Sports groups can apply to Category 3 and 2, and language groups can apply to Category 5 and Category 1.

Council also seeks for annual calls for strategic partnership projects in line with PCSP Action Plan and Good Relations Action Plan and partners on Regional Minority Languages support activities. Publicity of strategic partner projects to be issued January/February 2020 in line with plans.

Grants Process

1. Application and criteria set through Committee and Council.
2. Public advertisement for all grants.
3. Applications will be online or if required a hard copy can be requested.
4. There will be points of contact for queries on each grant area.
5. Applications will be submitted on line or returned to one central office which will then oversee the allocation to relevant teams for administration.
6. Eligibility will be confirmed upon receipt of applications, with 2 days' notice for ensuring all documentation is in place, telephone and email notification recorded.
7. Grants that meet eligibility will proceed to assessment to be carried out by officer teams, all declarations of interest are monitored.
8. Grants will be presented to Committee for consideration and approval, all declarations of interest are monitored.
9. Grants will be presented to Council for ratification.
10. Letters of Offer (standard template) will be issued to all groups.
11. Claims will be received as previous and verification undertaken.
12. Report to Council on investment of grant funding and groups supported.
13. Publicity of Council must be received for grant support in line with the LOO.
14. Advance payments will be provided, 50% up to £1500 and 25% up to £10,000.

Grant Eligibility Conditions

1. Groups applying for a grant must be a not for profit constituted community or voluntary organisation with an annual AGM, individuals can apply to the sports representative grant only.

2. Funding cannot be allocated for a project or venue where an existing SLA exists with Council for a project, building or facility.
3. Groups will only be able to apply for a grant as per the categories, this is to maximise the funding allocation to as many groups as possible.
4. The same project cannot be split across different grant categories.
5. Statutory and 'for profit' organisations, activities and recipients (incl. activities that receive statutory core provision are not eligible for grant).
6. Regional groups/organisations are not eligible to apply.
7. Applications that are not completed accurately and in full will not be considered.
8. Religious or political activity cannot be funded under any grant.
9. All applicants must present a project that will take place within the MUDC area (except Sports Representative Grant as detailed within this section).
10. Applicants must present a project that will be delivered between 1st April - 31st March each year.
11. Evidence of good governance; including annual AGM, Group bank account, financial management practice, insurances, etc. will be required.
12. Successful applicants will draw down grants retrospectively based on vouched expenditure, with procurement adhered to. Advance payments will be 50% up to £1500 and 25% up to £10,000 with final verification of all expenditure.
13. Group recipients should not have a membership charge for its users accessing its community provision greater than £250.
14. Group recipients should have no element of profit gain to any member or individual of its Committee.

15. Local Community Festivals should be free for people to participate.

The following items are not eligible for funding:

Hospitality greater than 20% of the grant threshold	Bad debt, loans, bank charges, deficits or arrears in payments of any organisation	Flags or bunting Alcohol	Groups or activities that discriminate against any section of the community
Activities, equipment or events that duplicate what already exist or that are covered by other funding	Salaries are available for strategic sports grants only (up to 50% of grant award)	Retrospective funding applications	Residential courses or training greater than 20% of funding sought
Celebrity appearances	Sports kits	Gifts or donations	Reclaimable VAT or other costs

Grant Criteria: Category 1

Strategic Arts & Culture Grant

To support strategic arts and culture organisations that play a key role across the Mid Ulster District Council area in the development and delivery of arts & culture activity through the delivery of their own programmes utilising their own dedicated arts & culture performance spaces. The service must:

1. Provide the structured delivery of an annual arts and culture programme within the organisations own performance space/theatre.
2. Provide accessible arts and culture development opportunities of a strategic nature that is providing for a large number of people across Mid Ulster.
3. Provide 100% dedicated arts & culture activity & be delivered by a dedicated arts & culture group.
4. Provide at least bi weekly arts and culture activities.

Strategic Community Development Grant

To support strategic community development organisations that provide for the Mid Ulster area. Groups delivering to the same area should submit a partner application to avoid duplication.

1. Level of Community Support Activity
2. Level of benefit – number of beneficiaries
3. Targeting of deprivation and social need
4. Quality and level of provision
5. Level of geographic coverage
6. Value for Money

Arts, Culture, Heritage & Community Small Grant

To support local communities deliver a range of local arts, culture, heritage, community projects for their local area.

1. Arts, Cultural, Heritage, Community activity and participation
2. Contribution to arts, culture, heritage, community development in the area
3. Increase and widen participation, addressing social inclusion and diversity
4. Contribution to volunteering and volunteer development

Community Venue Grant

To support local communities to make available their premises and community centres for the use of the wider community. Venues applying to the grant must be used for a minimum 80% community development activities.

1. Beneficiaries (number of beneficiaries and groups)
2. Level of community usage per week
3. Level of community provision – number of rooms and size etc.
4. Shared space usage
5. Value for Money – contribution of grant to overall costs

The venue must be open greater than 10 hours per week and the grant can be used for community development projects at 20% of the funding allocation.

Grant Criteria: Category 2

Strategic Events Grant

To support a number of strategic events that are providing for the whole of Mid Ulster District and are of a significant nature to bring people to the area and to promote the area at a regional level.

1. Social, Regeneration and Economic Return
2. Event Development
3. Promotion of Mid Ulster
4. Event Management Experience
5. Level of promotion of good relations and Inclusion
6. Value for Money

Note events with a target audience under 1000 people or events that are not receiving regional tourism attendance and coverage would be a local community festival event.

Community Local Festival Grant

To support local communities deliver a local festival in their area bringing people from across the area together.

1. Level of Community Benefit and Participation (number of days, activities)
2. Number of beneficiaries (local and neighbouring areas)
3. Promotion of Good Relations and Social Inclusion
4. Festival Development

Participation in the local festival must be free of charge at point of delivery.

Good Relations Grant

To support local communities deliver on good relations in line with the Government Together Building United Communities Strategy.

1. Contribution to the Good Relations TBUC themes : Our Shared Community, Safe Community, Cultural Expression through increased use of shared spaces and services
2. Contribution to Core Good Relations, addressing sectarianism, racism and prejudice through provision of increased shared space
3. Level of Community Benefit and Participation in existing shared space through increased activity
4. Targeting of Social Inclusion and deprivation through access to shared space and improved access to activities/events.

Grant Criteria: Category 3

Sports Representative Individual and Team Competitive Grant

To support Individuals who have been selected by their governing body to participate in a representative team or individual sport at provincial, national, all Ireland or international level, with eligible costs (accommodation, travel, food), to a maximum of a £250 grant may be available. Applicants must be resident within the Mid Ulster District Council area for a period of 6 months prior to the period of the grant application.

To assist recognised Sports NI sports clubs (affiliated to their governing body of sport) who are travelling to compete in a recognised (by Governing body) representative (of District/County) sporting competition. A grant for eligible costs (travel, accommodation, food) to a maximum of £500 may be available. The team must have qualified in a recognised competition by the governing body of this sport, and must be representing the District / County. The event/competition must take place outside of NI.

Sports Small Grant (Every Body Active)

To support recognised Sports NI sports clubs (affiliated to their governing body of sport) to develop and promote their sports and recreation provision within their club and to seek to increase participation through a range of activity including the Every

Body Active Programme target groups; Women & Girls, People with Disabilities and Areas of Social Need complementing general Sports Development.

1. Level of sports activity and beneficiaries
2. Level of benefit targeting of Women & Girls, People with Disabilities & Areas of Social Need
3. Contributes to promoting fitness and wellbeing and sports development
4. Other general activity provided to the community to engage and increase participation

Sports Capital Grant

To support local sports clubs/groups develop their sporting facilities and provision through capital and equipment funding support. Eligibility:

1. The fund is for not for profit constituted sports groups with the primary objective of providing sports for the Mid Ulster District.
2. All statutory consents and public procurement is in place.
3. Actual project cost quotations are provided with the application.
4. A maximum contribution of £5,000 is available per project, with a minimum match contribution of 50% (e.g. if seeking £5000 it must be a minimum £10,000 project).
5. For sports capital items or a one off piece of equipment of a value greater than £1000.
6. Groups can only apply to this grant once every 2 years.

The Sports Capital Grant is to provide a significant benefit to the local community:

Sports Development– supporting the development and enhancement of sports and sports groups across Mid Ulster.

Sports Wellbeing /Provision– increasing the number of beneficiaries of sport, and contributing to the physical fitness and wellbeing of people across the District.

Social Need/Social Inclusion – targeting those most vulnerable.

Sustainability – supporting the long term sustainability of sporting facilities & groups.

Council Corporate Plan – contributing to the Council's Corporate Objectives.

Strategic Sports Development Grant

To support Governing Bodies that play a key strategic role across the MUDC area in developing their affiliated Clubs. It aims to provide Grant Aid to those Governing Bodies that provide direct support to Clubs across the area in increasing participation

rates and improving playing standards through the employment of a Sports Coach.

The service must:

1. Provide the structured delivery of an annual sports development programme of a main sport.
2. Be delivered through a recognised NI Sports organisation; through or in partnership with a sporting governing body; with no duplication of coverage within the same area or targeting of the same groups.
3. Provide accessible sports development opportunities of a strategic nature that is providing for a large number of people across Mid Ulster.
4. Provide the programme through a partnership approach with local clubs and groups.
5. Provide a minimum of 50% dedicated sports officer to the area of coverage in Mid Ulster. Funding for salary development only.
6. Provide match funding of a minimum 50% to the sports development programme targeted within the Mid Ulster District.
7. Provide for an active sport within Mid Ulster.
8. Liaise with Mid Ulster District Council Leisure Development Unit.

Grant Criteria: Category 4

Capital Discretionary Grant

To recognise that there are times when a modest amount of capital investment in our community can create the potential for a much larger project to happen. In such circumstances Council could potentially be a discretionary funder of last resort to allow projects to happen and maximise investment to our areas and communities. Any contribution would be a small percentage towards a much larger project.

Criteria:

Capital funding – Council will consider providing financial support for capital projects, which are defined as projects which will provide benefit to the community for a period in excess of five years, examples of which may include a new building or refurbishment/renovation of an existing building. It will not provide support for acquisition of land, buildings or other assets such as equipment other than fixed plant for example permanently installed elevators/lifts.

The project funded must be in community ownership (satisfactory evidence of legal title or an appropriate long term lease will be required).

Not for Profit - Funding will only be considered for not for profit constituted community and voluntary groups which are involved in progressing a major community capital project which will provide significant benefit to the community within the Mid Ulster District Council area -Groups/organisations must able to demonstrate that the majority of project beneficiaries (>80%) live within the Mid Ulster District Council area.

Community Benefit – A Project Plan must be in place to show community need and benefit and to avoid any potential issues of duplication.

Funder of Last Resort - The majority of funding at least 70% should be in place and that all funding avenues have been exhausted. Evidence of this will be required.

Statutory Requirements - The project must be at a state of readiness 6 months after letter of offer; with planning permission, land acquisition or lease agreement (if required), and other statutory permissions in place along with accurate costings.

Mid Ulster District Council Corporate Aims – The project must clearly demonstrate how it is achieving on Council corporate aims and objectives.

The project is a minimum value of £300,000, with Council funding to a maximum contribution of £50,000.

The Project must complete within 18 months of letter of offer; phased delivery and invoicing of expenditure can be accommodated.

A Group can only submit one call per project for this Capital Discretionary funding Support and a submission will only be considered by a Group once every 3 years. Groups/Organisations would be required to formally present to a Special Development Committee of Council.

Festive Lights Fund (award as per village settlement population – reference Area Plan Settlement report)

Direct provision of festive lighting will be provided in the main towns of Dungannon, Cookstown, Magherafelt, Coalisland and Maghera.

A grant programme (revenue and capital funding) will be delivered across the remaining settlements under the following criteria -

- I. The grant will be revenue (small items of capital applicable) and will support the supply, installations, maintenance, running cost of providing festive lights and any associated switch-on/launch event. The lights will be in a predominant village location visible to the wider community.
- II. The village settlements and populations will be as per the Mid Ulster Development Plan 2020 - 2030. The grant allocation will be based on village settlement size and range from £1,250 - £3,000:
 - Up to £3,000 settlements greater than 1000
 - Up to £2,000 settlements greater than 500
 - Up to £1,500 all other listed village settlements
 - Up to £1,250 all other listed smaller settlements
- III. Technical support will be available to groups and communities from Council Technical Unit.
- IV. The grant can only be issued to one group per area and the main overall development/regeneration/Chamber group will be given priority.
- V. All grant aid will be paid retrospectively to those successful applicants who submit appropriate paid invoices to Council as vouched expenditure.
- VI. Provision, installation and insurance, liability of lighting and any activity will be the responsibility of the Group applying.
- ix. Small settlements listed in the Area Plan that are not classified as villages will be considered for inclusion within the fund; if they have previously provided festive lights in their area.
- x. Letters will be issued to the main Development Group within the designated settlement with an offer of funding.

Schools' Sports Facilities Access Grants

To bridge the gap until the district Sports Facilities Strategy is available and delivered. It is specifically targeted at clubs which use, or plan to use, schools' sports facilities or at schools which aim to offer access to their sports facilities outside curriculum times.

To Increase access to underutilised school sports synthetic pitch facilities

To contribute to the cost of opening up and maintaining schools' sports facilities, thereby encouraging ongoing usage

To Increase local people's access to training and competitive play opportunities

To enhance access to team sports activities which are under-resourced or underrepresented

The maximum amount available under each strand will be £5,000 per club or school, dependent on level of usage. Up to £4,500 maximum grant for use of school sports facilities which have not previously been available for community use, up to an additional £500 grant on a pro rata basis.

Eligibility

Be a club using, or planning to use, school owned, synthetic pitch, sports facilities; or be a school which plans to provide access to such sports facilities by external clubs (see note below)

Be a constituted and not for profit sports club (although see Note b, below) or school

Be located in the Mid Ulster District Council area

For sports clubs: be participating in a sport recognised by Sport NI. A minimum of 80% of members must be resident in the MUDC area

Not have received any capital funding from Council in the 2018/19 year

Be able to demonstrate difficulty in accessing other suitable sports facilities

Not have benefited in the 2018/19 year from Council's: Sports Strategic Development Grant or Sports Capital Grant

Be able to demonstrate difficulty in accessing other suitable sports facilities

Incur actual documented costs in utilising/providing a schools' sports facility, or, able to provide documentary evidence of voluntary work or maintenance costs involved in maintaining the facility.

Appeals Process

An appeals process will be available for unsuccessful applicants. There will be no right of appeal in relation to the level of funding granted however appeals can be made on the basis of:

- That the stated process has not been followed.
- That the application has been rejected on the basis of eligibility criteria which had been applied incorrectly.
- That the scoring against the criteria for the programme has not been undertaken correctly.

Appeals can be undertaken in two stages if required:

Stage 1—an appeal must be lodged in writing within 10 working days of the date of receipt of a rejection letter. In the first instance the appeal should be submitted to the Grants Unit who will take responsibility for allocating this to the relevant senior officer. In all cases the appeal will be reviewed by the senior officer and a determination reached within one week of receipt of the appeal. If the appeal is upheld the project will be reassessed and an appropriate letter of offer issued. If the appeal is not successful the applicant will be informed and given the right to take the appeal to Stage 2 if required.

Stage 2 – if the applicant is still not satisfied he or she can request a review by the Chief Executive who will review the process and application and present their recommendation.

Grant Evaluation

Monitoring and evaluation seek to ensure that funding delivers the required outcomes, that it is used as agreed and to provide a feedback mechanism to improve decision making.

Monitoring should seek to ensure that;

Value for money is achieved.

The predicted outcomes are delivered.

Council has received adequate communication/promotion

Procurement has been met

Where instances arise where outcomes are not being met, the officer will support the Group to address any issues.

Monitoring will include completion of an evaluation and monitoring form. A visit by an officer will be undertaken to 10% of projects that receive funding over £1500 threshold. This will complement the verification visit and will include the same random selection of groups.

Grants applicable – Strategic grants: culture and arts and sports, Strategic Community Development, Strategic Events, and Venues.

10% of small grants will have a project evaluation upon random sample. This will be undertaken by an officer of the Community Development Team, led by the Community Services Manager.

Capital projects; up to £5000 will have to issue evidence (e.g. photographs) of the capital and equipment investment alongside their expenditure return. A 20% monitoring visit will be undertaken on site to view expenditure items.

Discretionary Capital Grants will all be vouched on site for delivery of the capital development.

Grant Verification

Reference DFP Guidance on Grants and Reducing Bureaucracy in funding the community and voluntary sector - The Code applies to revenue grant funding only.

Micro Grants will be paid when valid receipts are received & checked. A 50% advance will be issued to groups with final verification of all invoices before the balance of the grant is paid.

Small grants £1500 - £10,000 financial verification will take place based on valid receipts being checked against agreed project expenditure. A 25% advance will be issued to groups with final verification of all invoices before the remainder of the grant is paid.

Verification will include completion of a claim form, signed by relevant people within the organisation, along with valid receipts and invoices.

Meeting held on Wednesday, 16th October 2019 at 6.30pm, The Chamber, Council Office, Cookstown

Attendees **Members:** Councillors Ronan McGinley, Wesley Brown, Meta Graham, Dan Kerr, Wilburt Buchanan, Frances Burton, Niamh Doris, Catherine Elatter, John McNamee, Sean McPeake, Phelim Gildernew, Cora Corry, Sean Clarke
Officers: A McCreesh, C Linney, P Clarke

Apologies Councillor Monteith

AGENDA	MATTERS AGREED	ACTIONS & RESPONSIBILITY
1.0	Issues Discussed	
	<p>Discussion on the current Council grants policy and allocation took place.</p> <p>Update re comments provided by a member who had given an apology – consideration of inflation particularly for small and revenue grants, consideration of community groups having access to the sports capital grant, important that festival lights grant is rolling, and consideration for the discretionary capital grant to recognise groups who do fundraising direct and potential additional Council support.</p> <p>Positive response from groups on the current grants.</p> <p>Noted it has taken considerable time to develop grants and they have continually being reviewed to take on good practice and seem to be embedded and working.</p> <p>Additional funding always welcome but in context of budget constraints and managing the rate.</p> <p>If consideration is to be given to inflation it needs to be looked at for all grant areas and then allow for discussion regarding budget.</p> <p>It is important that grants that have current pressures are given budget consideration first.</p> <p>Any budgetary issues is a decision for P&R and discussion at the time of setting the rate which needs to be considered in light of other Council pressures.</p> <p>Sustainability and potential for 3 year funding. Recognised this is a positive to allow for groups to plan ahead but will not be relevant to all grants as there are groups who develop and deliver different activities each year. Also need caution that if considering this for the larger strategic projects that deliver the same provision each year that we are not creating a dependency.</p> <p>It was recognised government are looking at this to allow for sustainable planning but this is only relevant to</p>	

areas where continuity planning is important for delivery.

Confirmed that any sustainability model would have to be based on annual review of targets and subject to budget being available for any further year.

Discretionary grant

Community groups applying to the sports capital budget would require a substantial amount of money and there are other alternatives for supporting this sector. The DFC small grant up to £5000 and Lottery Awards for All. These are accessible to community groups where sports do not have the same provision.

It was confirmed the venues grant is for groups delivering on 80% community activity.

Discussion on the discretionary grant and potential for it to be used as a first grant to allow groups to access other funders. It was updated that the need was very much coming from groups who had secured substantial investment for their areas and were struggling to meet the last remaining element to allow the project to happen. Confirmed groups that receive rural funding can apply only if it is a different element of the project as a condition of rural is to have the match already in place which is part core Council already.

Festive lights noted this had alleviated pressure with last two years additional £500 and was working and groups appreciated concerns taken on board. Noted areas still to be supported re infrastructure as part legacy to allow them to display a tree are Brocagh, Ballinderry, Benburb and Edendork.

It was noted the importance of members informing groups to contact a Council officer for support when completing applications for Council grants.

The pressure on this year's festival grant was noted by members. Members confirmed it was a very worthwhile grant and the return to Council is very positive. It was noted groups are delivering positive activity in their communities. Reference was made to the importance of ensuring that any solution to the pressure this year is in line with financial process and is a one off position and the issue going forward needs to be discussed as part of the budget review.

An update was provided that taking a paper on this directly to Council is not in line with process and a detailed discussion would take place with Finance and SMT and a paper to Committee.

Consideration to be given to the number of groups applying and types of activities going forward. There are a number of events that are 5 and 10k without the community festival element and also consideration of charging, as groups are making money; however it is recognised this is going to their activity of their Club or charity.

The promotion of the Council grant contribution is an issue across the District. There are groups who are not recognising the Council as a funder. A report to address this to come to the next Committee. Consideration to be given to both potential implications to groups if adequate promotion is not addressed. This is across all other grants that are provided by other agencies.

2.0	Actions	
	<p>Local community festival fund – Following meeting to Finance issue a paper to Committee</p> <p>Identify the budget reallocations based on grant pressures for next year and then the festival budget regarding additional budget.</p> <p>Consider inflation across all grants and impact on budget for each grant.</p> <p>Consider grants that could allow for 3 year funding and how this would work.</p> <p>To present a communications plan to committee along with the grants policy to address the issue of Council not being recognised by some groups for their funding contribution.</p>	<p>Community Development Team</p>
<p><i>Meeting concluded at 8.30pm</i></p>		

Report on	1. Rural Connected Communities 5G Testbed Programme 2. Women in Business Report on 'Yes You Can' Programme – Year 1 3. Data Sharing Agreement with Invest NI 4. Consultation on proposed salary threshold – UK immigration system post- Brexit
Date of Meeting	14 November 2019
Reporting Officer	Fiona McKeown, Head of Economic Development

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To provide Members with an update on key activities as detailed below.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Rural Connected Communities 5G Testbed Programme</p> <p>The next generation of mobile communications, 5G, is beginning to gather momentum, although many elements of its delivery and use are still in development.</p> <p>5G is expected to deliver faster and better mobile broadband services to consumers and businesses, and to enable innovative new services for industry sectors, including manufacturing, transport, tourism, immersive technologies and healthcare.</p> <p>It will address the growing requirements for mobile data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More Data Driven by better customer experience, more connected devices, higher bandwidth requirements, virtual and augmented reality, etc. • More Devices Driven by smart agriculture, e-health, transport and logistics, environmental monitoring, smart tourism etc. • Instant Response Driven by vehicle to vehicle communications, remote control applications, drone delivery, smart manufacturing, etc.

	<p>Citizens are likely to demand 5G deployment, along with the extension of 4G where it is not already available.</p>
2.2	<p>Women in Business Report on ‘Yes You Can’ Programme – Year 1</p> <p>In March 2018, Council approved a proposal from Women in Business to all 11 Councils for the delivery of a three-year collaborative regional programme entitled ‘Yes You Can’ between Women in Business, Invest NI and the 11 Councils to increase and support levels of female entrepreneurship. The initiative is a collaboration resulting from a unique situation: An American entrepreneur originally from NI, impressed with the efforts of Women in Business to encourage new female entrepreneurs, made a financial commitment (£200,000) towards the development of other support initiatives, the 11 Councils and Invest NI are each contributing £200,000 (Mid Ulster District Council’s contribution is approximately £6,060 for each of the 3 years). Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council are acting as Lead Council on behalf of the 11 Councils.</p>
2.3	<p>Data Sharing Agreement with Invest NI</p> <p>Invest NI have developed a portal that will allow Councils to access Invest NI’s CRM system. This will allow business referrals from Councils to Invest NI and vice versa to be captured and will ensure the customer is signposted and receives the appropriate advice. Invest NI has also provided Council officers with training on the CRM.</p> <p>Councils have now received with a Data Sharing Agreement from Invest NI to agree and sign.</p>
2.4	<p>Consultation on proposed salary threshold – UK immigration system post-Brexit</p> <p>The Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) made a call for evidence from employers and other stakeholders to the salary threshold which they have set at the 25th percentile of full-time earnings distribution, or £30,000 minimum salary requirement for foreign workers seeking five-year visa post-Brexit. This threshold recommendation is UK-wide and regional variation is not considered. Consultation responses had to be submitted by 5th November, however, if any Councillor has further comments they wish to add, these can be forwarded as an addendum.</p>
3.0	<p>Main Report</p>
3.1	<p>Rural Connected Communities 5G Testbed Programme</p> <p>5G is likely to be delivered as a patchwork of technologies, using a range of radio frequencies. Some of those frequencies are widely used today, for example for TV and mobile phones. Other, higher frequencies are also planned. The new technology, and its benefits, are likely to be deployed first to urban communities. Without intervention, they are likely to come much more slowly, if at all, to rural communities, because of the challenging investment case.</p>

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) has already made funding available for a variety of initiatives aimed at removing the barriers to the deployment of 5G, with the objective of ensuring that the UK should be a world leader in 5G communications. It is reasonable to assume that substantial further funding will be made available in future.

Some people have expressed concerns about the health risks of 5G, particularly in respect of the extremely high (so-called mmWave) frequencies. The government's documented position is that there is no convincing evidence of health effects within the regulatory limits.

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) recently announced the Rural Connected Communities (RCC) funding as part of the UK Government's 5G Testbeds and Trials programme. A short call for funding was opened on 27 August 2019 and closing on 25 October 2019. The fund aims to identify the means to address both supply side and demand side barriers to the deployment of 5G.

The FFNI* programme (Full Fibre Northern Ireland) is ideally suited to coordinating the part of local government in the delivery of 5G, and to leading bids for future Government funding. It has built strong relationships with other key stakeholders including universities, SMEs and mobile network operators and other suppliers. These stakeholders have expressed an interest in working with FFNI to address the issues of 5G deployment in Northern Ireland.

**FFNI – Full Fibre Northern Ireland – is the consortium of the ten rural councils in NI, hosted by Newry, Mourne and Down whose objective is to play an active part in delivering the best digital infrastructure for Northern Ireland.*

Key issues:

Citizens, especially in rural areas, could benefit significantly from 5G in the future. However, without intervention, 5G will come slowly, if at all to much of our region, mirroring the experience of broadband and 4G deployment.

DCMS (Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport) future funding provides an opportunity to reduce the digital divide and lead on rural 5G rollout, to create a 5G communities and ensure investment in mobile connectivity.

The timelines for completing a bid for the Rural Connected Communities fund were however extremely short (8 weeks). Since future funding calls may follow a similar pattern, FFNI should be ready to react to such calls.

There are also perceived health concerns about a small part of the 5G spectrum. Due to the complex nature of the topic, external expertise is likely to be required to assist in funding bid preparation. External expertise is also likely to be necessary in respect of some elements of co-ordinating 5G activity more generally. See Appendix 1.

	<p>FFNI has the means to co-ordinate a joined-up approach to 5G in our region - to work with key stakeholders to create a 5G forum to seek; to agree a common approach to 5G in NI and ensure alignment with DfE (Department for the Economy) and their current and future 5G policy framework.</p>
3.2	<p>Women in Business Report on ‘Yes You Can’ Programme – Year 1</p> <p>With Year 1 of the programme approaching completion in December 2019, Women in Business have provided an update on the range of activities completed in Mid Ulster during this period, to facilitate the release of Councils’ Year 2 Contribution. (Appendix 2).</p>
3.3	<p>Data Sharing Agreement with Invest NI</p> <p>The Data Sharing Agreement with Invest NI (Appendix 3) has been reviewed by Council’s legal services department and can now be signed and returned to Invest NI.</p>
3.4	<p>Consultation on proposed salary threshold – UK immigration system post-Brexit</p> <p>The Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) have been commissioned by the government to carry out an in depth analysis of potential future salary thresholds, as part of the UK’s immigration system post-Brexit. The MAC has recommended a minimum salary threshold of £30,000 for individuals from outside of the UK and Ireland.</p> <p>Such a restriction on UK entry of migrant workers could strip Mid Ulster’s key industries which are highly dependent on workers from overseas. Mid Ulster, with its private sector driven economy and lower average salaries would be penalised heavily. Rather than a one-size fits all approach, it is important that a regional sensitive approach to immigration and salary thresholds is adopted given Northern Ireland’s unique set of economic circumstances and employment challenges facing local businesses.</p> <p>Council’s Consultation response attached (Appendix 4) had to be submitted by 5th November 2019 before the consultation period ended, however, if any Councillor has further comments they wish to add, these can be forwarded as an addendum.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p>
	<p>Financial:</p> <p>Rural Connected Communities 5G Testbed Programme Up to £8,000 per consortium member for 5G co-ordination, stakeholder engagement and bid development assisted through Consultancy support.</p>

	<p>Officer time to assist with coordination and with the co-ordination of 5G activity in general.</p> <p>Women in Business Report on 'Yes You Can' Programme – Year 1 Year 2 contribution of £6,060 provided for within economic development budget 2019/20.</p>
	Human: Officer time
	Risk Management:
4.2	<p>Screening & Impact Assessments</p> <p>Equality & Good Relations Implications:</p> <p>Rural Connected Communities 5G Testbed Programme Having considered the proposal, it is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations.</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications:</p> <p>Rural Connected Communities 5G Testbed Programme Beneficiaries may be local businesses and residents and if 5G funding is secured a rural proofing report will be conducted.</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	<p>It is recommended that Members:</p> <p>Rural Connected Communities 5G Testbed Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve that the FFNI Operations Team carry out a comprehensive and detailed report analysing the risks and benefits of 5G roll out, considering all available evidence and information on behalf of all Consortium Members. • Approve that the FFNI Operations team continue to engage with key stakeholders to develop materials for a bid, working with Consortium members in preparation for future 5G funding. • Approve that Mid Ulster Council (like other consortium members) set aside a budget of up to £8,000 in its economic development budget for work associated with 5G co-ordination, stakeholder engagement and bid development assisted through Consultancy support as outlined in Appendix 1.
5.2	<p>Women in Business Report on 'Yes You Can' Programme – Year 1 Approve release of Year 2 (2019/20) financial contribution of £6,060 for Women in Business and Note Year 1 'Yes You Can' Report (Appendix 2).</p>

5.3	Data Sharing Agreement with Invest NI Approve Data Sharing Agreement with Invest NI for signature and return (Appendix 3).
5.4	Consultation on proposed salary threshold – UK immigration system post-Brexit Retrospectively approve Council's formal response (Appendix 4) to the Migration Advisory Committee which had to be submitted by 5 th November 2019 before the consultation period ended. However, if any Councillor has further comments they wish to add, these can be forwarded as an addendum.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix 1 - 5G Presentation at FFNI Steering Group - 11 Oct 2019 Appendix 2 – Women in Business Year 1 (2019/20) 'Yes You Can' Report Appendix 3 – Data Sharing Agreement with Invest NI Appendix 4 – Draft Consultation Response on proposed salary threshold – UK immigration system post- Brexit

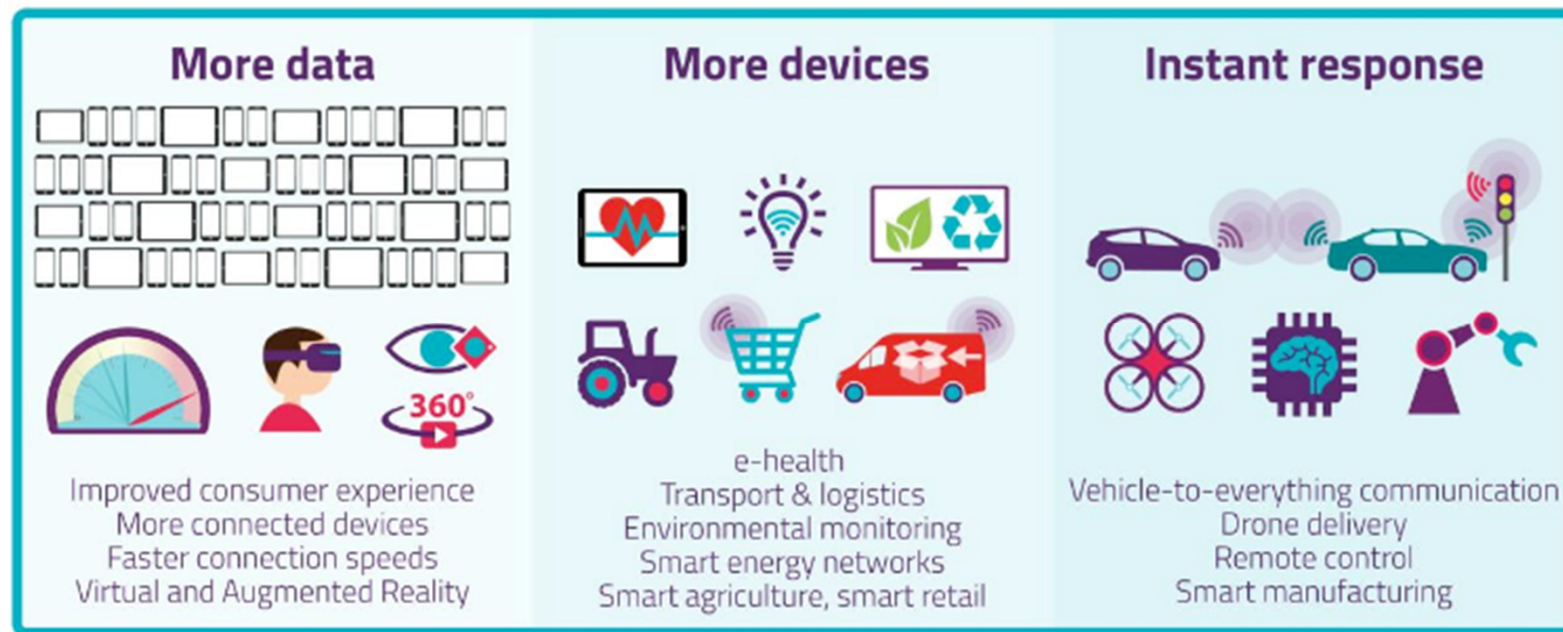
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Overview – RCC 5G TT

- On 27th August, DCMS announced a fund of £30m to support projects that can demonstrably test technological and commercial models and use cases to support future 5G deployment. The deadline for submissions is 25th October
- The Steering Group authorised a feasibility study to explore the potential for an FFNI bid
 - We identified and engaged with a range of potential partners
 - We established that we have an attractive concept
 - We have started to build good relationships with enthusiastic and viable partners
- A bid is possible, but not within the current DCMS timeline
The timeline may still be extended, and there are likely to be further funding calls
- We propose that the Steering Group agrees a 5G project to continue this discovery work in readiness for future funding

The need for 5G

- 5G will deliver faster and better mobile broadband services



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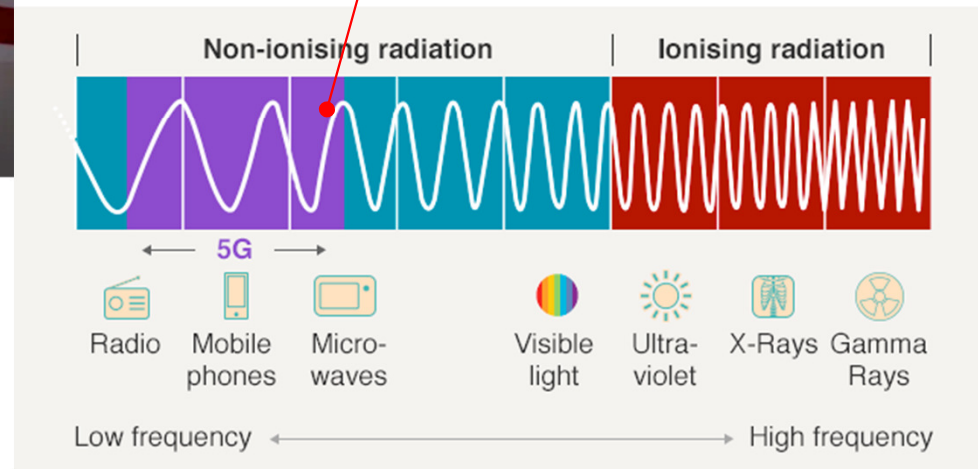
- Citizens will likely demand 5G (and 4G...)
- 5G benefits will get first to urban communities
- Without intervention, 5G will come slowly, if at all, to rural communities

A Serious Question



**mm Wave
30-300Ghz**

Where 5G fits in the electromagnetic spectrum



Source: SCAMP/Imperial College London/EBU

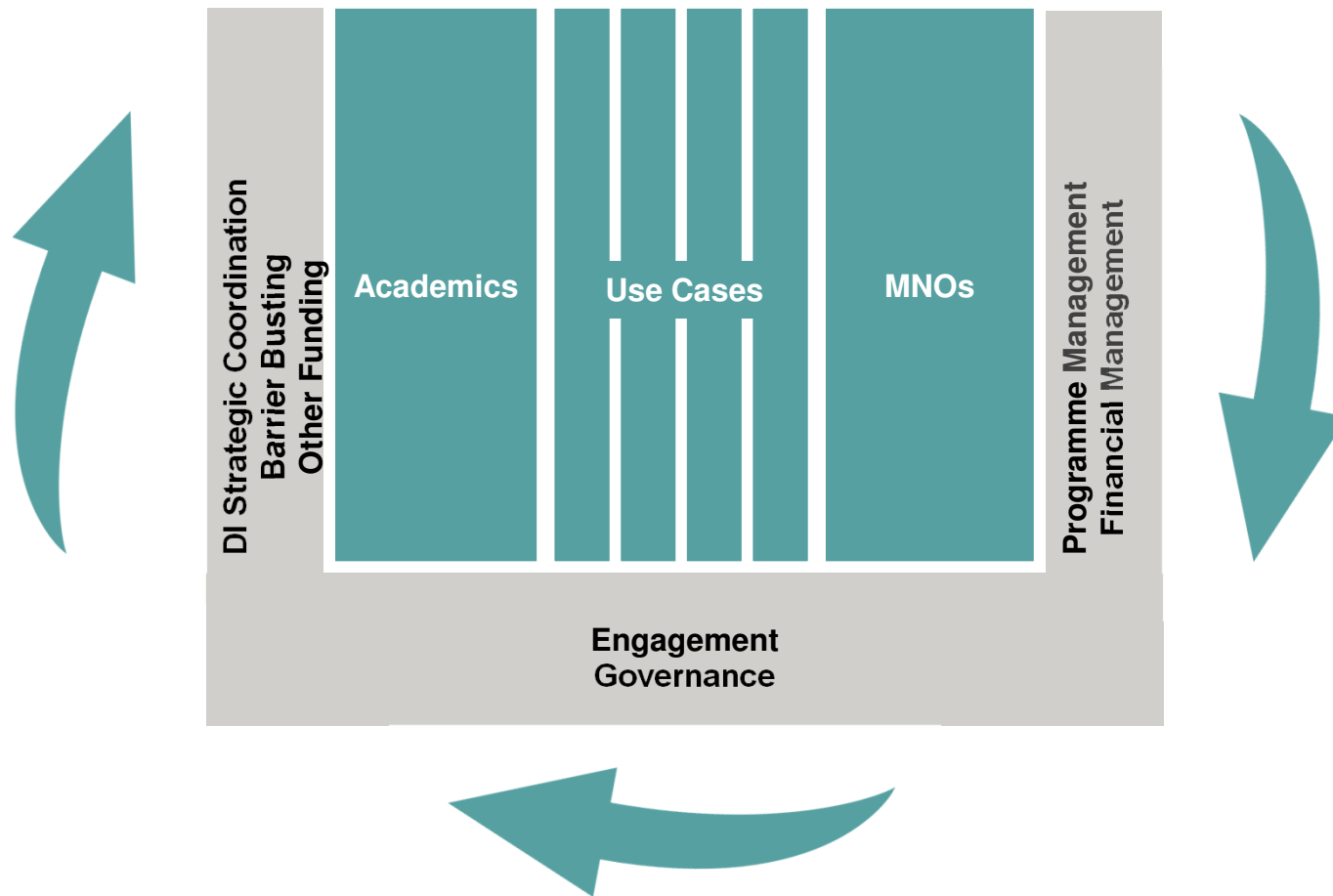
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5G Project

The Project would:

- Create a 5G community
Build on the initial relationships with potential partners that have been established through this initial engagement.
Bring together public and private sector: government, MNOs, academia, businesses.
Facilitate connections between 5G participants.
Ensure that local government and the voice of citizens is at the heart of 5G development in NI.
- Work to address the barriers to 5G deployment in our region
Address mmWave health concerns.
Co-ordinate efforts to implement a shared network in rural NI.
- Be ready to bid for DCMS and any other 5G funding
Ensure that a range of projects is ready to bid to e.g. RCC 5GTT
Work closely with DCMS to understand future opportunities in good time
Lobby DCMS for funding for 5G in NI
- Ensure alignment
City and Growth Deal Plans
Consortium Member Digital Infrastructure Strategies
DfE

NI 5G Rural Community – 5G ecosystem



Bid Status

Requirement	Status	Rationale
Consortium	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Partner, SMEs, MNOs • Public/Private Partnership, Academics • Local and National 5G Ecosystem Collaboration • Proven governance mechanisms
Eligible projects	+/-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What projects are we meant to have... • Completed by March 2022 • Demand AND supply side examples being identified • VFM – Clear Cost/Benefit analysis • Sustainable Outputs • State Aid compliant
Match Funding	+/-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplier planned expenditure • Council Resources?
Strategic Fit	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple authorities, highly rural • Geographical challenges, range of population densities • Diverse sectors – agricultural, manufacturing etc • Different enterprise sizes • Potential 5g commercial and technology trials being identified - vertical and horizontal market representation • Use cases from across the Consortium • National co-ordination

Expected Costs

- Estimated budget up to £8,000 from each Consortium Member
 - Includes approximately £1,500 for the previously agreed initial investigation work that has now been completed

Per Council

	Previous Forecast		Current Forecast	
Initial Investigation	£	2,000	£	1,500
Development	£	8,000	£	6,500
	£	10,000	£	8,000

- Proposal is to agree outline budget to allow flexibility and sprint capacity
- Spend to be controlled through a carefully scripted plan

Next Steps

- Steering Group is asked to agree:
The overall approach to 5G
FFNI 5G project formation
Funding for the work of the project
- Operations Team to carry out a “comprehensive and detailed report analysing the risks and benefits of 5G roll out, considering all available evidence and information”
- Operations Team to prepare a standard prepare briefing paper for Councils to request permission to engage on the topic within clear boundaries
- Operations Team to continue to lobby DCMS for RCC 5G TT deadline extension
Continue to develop materials for a bid in preparation for such an extension
- Operations team to document scope and proposed approach in a brief Project Initiation Document by 5th November

APPENDIX 2

Women in Business – ‘Yes You Can’ Initiative

Year 1: Activity Report





In 2018, Council approved a proposal from Women in Business to all 11 Councils for the delivery of a three year collaborative regional programme branded as ‘Yes You Can’ between Women in Business, Invest NI and the 11 Councils to increase and support female entrepreneurship. Events are designed to inspire and motivate and provide practical support and guidance to those considering self-employment.

It was agreed that Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council would act as Lead Council on behalf of the 11 Councils. The overall regional target participants is 600 women per year, and approximately 55 per Council area.



<https://www.womeninbusinessni.com/Yes-You-Can.aspx>

The 3-year Programme aims to deliver an annual regional Pitching Competition and a number of events within (or available to) each Council area, around 4 key activities:

-  Imagine It Bootcamp
-  Networking Day
-  Explore It
-  Sell It

1. Annual Pitching Competition & Programme Launch

The ‘Yes You Can’ Programme was launched at the Annual Female Entrepreneurs Conference on the 8 March 2019 at Galgorm Resort and Spa where the results of the £20k Pitching Competition / Dragon’s Den were also announced. These will be held again in March 2020 and 2021. There will be 6 finalists from each Council area who will pitch to secure a place at the competition. The Competition is open to all female entrepreneurs from pre-start to early stage entrepreneurs.

This comprised a full day event which will bring together entrepreneurial speakers, masterclasses and workshops. The Dragon's Den competition (funded by Yes You Can) seeks to award 6 female early stage entrepreneurs and trading businesses for their achievements.

258 Applications were submitted (21 from Mid Ulster) with 6 proceeding to the final stages. These 6 finalists represent each of the Council pairings (i.e. Mid Ulster is paired with Fermanagh and Omagh). One of the six finalists who won £3,000 was Alison Drennan of Beechfield Flower Farm outside Tobermore.



Alison Drennan (Beechfield Flower Farm, Tobermore) 2nd from left who was one of 5 runners up in the Pitching Competition who won £3,000

2. Imagine It (1 per Council area)

A one day 'bootcamp' for women at the pre-start stage who have an idea, see an opportunity or want to explore career options and is open to all pre-start and early stage female entrepreneurs. Imagine It aims to motivate and support participants to take the next steps to starting up. The local guest speaker was Caroline O'Neill from Digg Childrenswear, Dungannon.

Mid Ulster: Imagine It was delivered on 14 May 2019 in Dungannon Enterprise Centre (event to rotate to Cookstown and Magherafelt in 2020 and 2021)

44 registered and 22 attended the event.



3. Networking Event (1 per Council area)

These networking events are aimed at all female entrepreneurs from those who haven't started trading, to those who want to grow their business; they involve keynote speakers and facilitated networking with other women who had started their entrepreneurship journey.

Mid Ulster: Networking Event was delivered on 25 June 2019 in Cookstown Enterprise Centre (event to rotate to Dungannon and Magherafelt in 2020 and 2021)



Facilitated by Lesley O'Hanlon (Programme Manager, Yes You Can) the day included presentations from Invest NI and Mid Ulster District Council on business support available, a panel discussion with Mid Ulster female entrepreneurs Judith Baird, Employint, Sinead Wilcox, Sinead Wilcox Coaching and Lorna Robinson Cloughbane Farm Shop who shared their start up experiences. Those attending also received advice and guidance on overcoming barriers and building confidence and resilience.

19 registered and 16 attended the event.

4. Sell It Residential (regional)

A 2 day residential to inspire women already trading, to encourage growth, ambition, diversification and scalability of their business. The two-day events will take place twice per year. Those attending heard from leading experts in business strategy including: Richard McMullan, Enterpriser, Judith Totten –Upstream Working Capital and Invest NI Board member and Edel Doherty - Beyond Business Travel. This residential aims to provide delegates with the tools and knowledge to create their own growth strategy, and were facilitated by experienced trainers, covering topics such as Making a Pitch, How to find an Investor, Branding and Selling, Developing a business strategy, and growth challenges.

Residentials were held at Corick House Hotel and Spa, Augher on 4 & 5 of August 2019 and 4 & 5 November 2019.

Due to limited places, participants are selected by competitive application.

8 applications were received from Mid Ulster, **2 were selected** to attend in **August** and **2 attended** the November session.

Mid Ulster participants for ‘Sell It’ residential were:

August 2019	Caoimhe O’Kane	Eat Naked NI
	Catriona Corrigan	Divine Photography
November 2019	Lorna Robinson	Cloughbane Farm Shop
	Donna Donaghy	Donna Donaghy Skincare & Laser

Participants will be tracked 3-6 months after the residential to fully assess impact.

5. Explore It (regional)

This initiative targets women who have not started trading. Explore It aims to support participants through:

- 3 one day workshops that will cover getting started, marketing/selling and finance / operations,
- the opportunity to take part in 3 evening sessions with local role models to look at problem solving; and
- 3 months’ ‘buddy support’ (of up to 8 hours) from an experienced female entrepreneur.

The initiative will help participants to turn their idea into reality and will be delivered regionally; it has just commenced and is due to complete mid-December 2019. Due to limited places, participants are selected by competitive application.

11 applied from Mid Ulster and 7 were selected to participate



Participants from Mid Ulster and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council areas on Day 1 of 'Explore It'

Year 1 'Yes You Can'

Summary of participation and engagement (Mid Ulster only)

Council – Mid Ulster	Pitching Competition	YYC Networking	YYC Bootcamp	YYC Sell It	YYC Explore It (to date)	Total engagement to date
Registered	-	44	19			103
Attended	6	22	16	4	7	
Applications received	21			8 applications 2 attended in Aug 2 attending in Nov	11	

This Agreement is dated the 9th day of August 2019

PARTIES

- (1) **INVEST NORTHERN IRELAND** the regional economic development agency for Northern Ireland and whose address for the purposes of this Agreement is at Bedford Square, 1 Bedford Street, Belfast BT2 7ES (the "**Invest NI**"); and
- (2) **MID ULSTER DISTRICT COUNCIL**, Burn Road, Cookstown, Co Tyrone, BT80 8DT

BACKGROUND

- (A) The Data Discloser agrees to share the Personal Data with the Data Receiver in the European Economic Area (**EEA**) on terms set out in the Agreement.
- (B) The Data Receiver agrees to use the Personal Data on the terms set out in this Agreement.
- (C) The Data Discloser acknowledges that in some circumstances the Data Receiver may want to transfer Personal Data disclosed to it by the Data Discloser outside of the EEA and the Data Discloser agrees to the Data Receiver doing so but strictly subject to the terms of clause 8.3.
- (D) This is a free-standing Agreement that does not incorporate any separate understanding or arrangements between the parties in respect of any wider context.

AGREED TERMS

1. Interpretation

The following definitions and rules of interpretation apply in this Agreement.

1.1 Definitions:

Agreed Purpose: has the meaning given to it in clause 2 of this Agreement.

Commencement Date: means the date of this Agreement.

Confidential Information: information, including any information or analysis derived therefrom, howsoever obtained under this Agreement relating to, without limitation, the business, products, affairs, personnel, strategy and finances of the Data Discloser for the time being confidential to the relevant Party and trade secrets including, without limitation, technical data and know-how, relating to the business of the Data Discloser or any of its staff, management, clients, customers, visitors, partners, suppliers, agents, or distributors. This information specifically includes (i) information belonging to third parties pursuant to which the Data Discloser has a duty of confidentiality; (ii) any information clearly designated as being confidential (whether or not it is marked as "confidential") or which ought reasonably to be considered as confidential; and (iii) the information listed in Schedule 1 as confidential. This information does not however include: (i) any information which is already in, or comes into, the public domain otherwise than through a breach of this Agreement, (ii) was available to the Party prior to the commencement of this Agreement, or (iii) which the parties agree in writing is not confidential or may be disclosed.

Data Discloser: means a party disclosing Personal Data to a Data Receiver for the Agreed Purpose.

Data Protection Legislation: the UK Data Protection Legislation and (for so long as and to the extent that the law of the European Union has legal effect in the UK) the General Data Protection Regulation ((EU) 2016/679) (GDPR) and any other directly applicable European Union regulation relating to privacy.

Data Receiver: means a party receiving Personal Data from a Data Discloser for the Agreed Purpose.

Environmental Information Regulations: means the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 together with any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or relevant government department in relation to such regulations.

FOIA: means the Freedom of Information Act 2000, and any subordinate legislation made under the Act from time to time, together with any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or relevant government department in relation to such legislation.

Information: has the meaning given under section 84 of FOIA.

Request for Information: means a request for information or an apparent request under the FOIA or the Environmental Information Regulations.

Personal Data Breach: a breach of security leading to the accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of, or access to the Shared Personal Data.

Shared Personal Data: the Personal Data and Special Categories of Personal Data (as applicable) to be shared between the parties under clause 3 of this Agreement.

Representative(s): means in relation to each party (where applicable):

- (a) its officers and employees that need to know the Confidential Information for the Agreed Purpose;
- (b) its professional advisers or consultants who are engaged to advise that party in connection with the Agreed Purpose;
- (c) its contractors and sub-contractors engaged by that party in connection with the Agreed Purpose; and
- (d) any other person to whom the other party agrees in writing that Confidential Information may be disclosed in connection with the Agreed Purpose.

Retention and Disposal Policy: unless the parties agree otherwise in writing, means the retention and disposal policy of the Data Discloser at the time in question.

Supervisory Authority: the relevant supervisory authority in the territories where the parties to this Agreement are established.

Term: has the meaning given at Schedule 2.

UK Data Protection Legislation: any data protection legislation from time to time in force in the UK including the Data Protection Act 2018 or any successor legislation.

- 1.2 **Controller, Processor, Data Subject and Personal Data, Special Categories of Personal Data, Processing** and "appropriate technical and organisational measures" shall have the meanings given to them in the Data Protection Legislation.
- 1.3 Clause and Schedule headings shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

- 1.4 The Schedules form part of this Agreement and shall have effect as if set out in full in the body of this Agreement. Any reference to this Agreement includes the Schedules.
- 1.5 Unless the context otherwise, requires, words in the singular shall include the plural and in the plural shall include the singular.
- 1.6 A reference to a company shall include any company, corporation or other body corporate, wherever and however incorporated or established.
- 1.7 A reference to a statute or statutory provision shall include all subordinate legislation made from time to time under that statute or statutory provision.
- 1.8 References to clauses and Schedules are to the clauses and Schedules of this Agreement.
- 1.9 Any words following the terms **including**, **include**, **in particular** or **for example** or any similar phrase shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the generality of the related general words.
- 1.10 In the case of any ambiguity between any provision contained in the body of this Agreement and any provision contained in the Schedules, the provision in the body of this Agreement shall take precedence.
- 1.11 A reference to **writing** or **written** includes email but not fax.
- 1.12 Unless the context otherwise requires the reference to one gender shall include a reference to the other genders.

2. Purpose

- 2.1 This Agreement sets out the framework for the sharing of **Personal Data** between the parties as **Controllers**. It defines the principles and procedures that the parties shall adhere to and the responsibilities the parties owe to each other.
- 2.2 The parties wish to clarify as follows:
- (a) The parties consider this data sharing initiative necessary for the reasons described in Schedule 2.
 - (b) The aim of the data sharing initiative is as detailed at Schedule 2.
 - (c) It will serve to benefit individuals and/or society (as applicable) as set out in Schedule 2.
- 2.3 The parties agree only to process Shared Personal Data for the purposes set out in Schedule 2. The parties shall not process Shared Personal Data in a way that is incompatible with the purposes described in Schedule 2 (**Agreed Purpose**).
- 2.4 Prior to the sharing of any Shared Personal Data pursuant to this Agreement, each party shall appoint a single point of contact (**SPoC**), as named at Schedule 1, who will work together to reach an agreement with regards to any issues arising from the data sharing and to actively improve the effectiveness of the data sharing initiative.

3. Shared Personal Data

- 3.1 Details on the Shared Personal Data relevant to this Agreement are set out in Schedule 1 together with any access and processing restrictions as agreed and established by the parties.
- 3.2 The Shared Personal Data must not be irrelevant or excessive with regard to the Agreed Purposes.

4. Lawful, fair and transparent processing

- 4.1 Each party shall ensure that it processes the Shared Personal Data fairly and lawfully in accordance with clause 4.2 during the Term of this Agreement.
- 4.2 Each party shall ensure that it has legitimate grounds under the Data Protection Legislation for the processing of Shared Personal Data and shall document these at Schedule 1.
- 4.3 The Data Discloser shall, in respect of Shared Personal Data, ensure that it provides clear and sufficient information to the Data Subjects, in accordance with the Data Protection Legislation, of the purposes for which it will process their Personal Data, the legal basis for such purposes and such other information as is required by Article 13 of the GDPR including:
 - (a) if Shared Personal Data will be transferred to a third party, that fact and sufficient information about such transfer and the purpose of such transfer to enable the Data Subject to understand the purpose and risks of such transfer; and
 - (b) if Shared Personal Data will be transferred outside the EEA pursuant to clause 8.3 of this Agreement, that fact and sufficient information about such transfer, the purpose of such transfer and the safeguards put in place by the controller to enable the Data Subject to understand the purpose and risks of such transfer.
- 4.4 The Data Receiver undertakes to inform the Data Subjects, in accordance with the Data Protection Legislation, of the purposes for which it will process their Personal Data, the legal basis for such purposes and such other information as is required by Article 14 of the GDPR including:
 - (a) if Shared Personal Data will be transferred to a third party, that fact and sufficient information about such transfer and the purpose of such transfer to enable the Data Subject to understand the purpose and risks of such transfer; and
 - (b) if Shared Personal Data will be transferred outside the EEA pursuant to clause 8 of this Agreement, that fact and sufficient information about such transfer, the purpose of such transfer and the safeguards put in place by the controller to enable the Data Subject to understand the purpose and risks of such transfer.

5. Data quality

- 5.1 Where relevant, the parties agree to use compatible datasets and to record all Shared Personal Data using agreed methods.
- 5.2 The Data Discloser shall ensure that before the Commencement Date, Shared Personal Data are accurate and that it has appropriate internal procedures in place to notify the Data Receiver of any updates to the Shared Personal Data.
- 5.3 Shared Personal Data must be limited to the Personal Data described in Schedule 1 of this Agreement.

6. Data subjects' rights

- 6.1 The parties each agree to provide such assistance as is reasonably required to enable the other party to comply with requests from Data Subjects to exercise their rights under the Data Protection Legislation within the time limits imposed by the Data Protection Legislation.
- 6.2 The SPoC for each party is responsible for maintaining a record of individual requests for information, the decisions made and any information exchanged. Records must include copies of the request for information, details of the data accessed and shared and where relevant, notes of any meeting, correspondence or phone calls relating to the request.

7. Data retention and deletion

- 7.1 The Data Receiver shall not retain or process Shared Personal Data for longer than is necessary to carry out the Agreed Purposes.
- 7.2 Notwithstanding clause 7.1, parties shall continue to retain Shared Personal Data in accordance with any statutory or professional retention periods applicable in their respective countries and / or industry, including their respective organisational record Retention and Disposal Policy.
- 7.3 Subject to clause 7.2, the Data Receiver shall ensure that any Shared Personal Data are returned to the Data Discloser or destroyed in accordance with the Retention and Disposal Policies in the following circumstances:
- (a) on termination of the Agreement;
 - (b) on expiry of the Term of the Agreement;
 - (c) once processing of the Shared Personal Data is no longer necessary for the purposes it were originally shared for, as set out in clause 2.3.
- 7.4 Following the deletion of Shared Personal Data in accordance with clause 7.3, the Data Receiver shall notify the Data Discloser that the Shared Personal Data in question has been deleted in accordance with the Retention and Disposal Policies.

8. Transfers

- 8.1 For the purposes of this clause, transfers of Personal Data shall mean any sharing of Personal Data by the Data Receiver with a third party, and shall include, but is not limited to, the following:
- (a) subcontracting the processing of Shared Personal Data;
 - (b) granting a third party controller access to the Shared Personal Data.
- 8.2 If the Data Receiver appoints a third party processor to process the Shared Personal Data it shall comply with Article 28 and Article 30 of the GDPR and shall remain liable to the Data Discloser for the acts and/or omissions of the processor.
- 8.3 The Data Receiver may not transfer Shared Personal Data to a third party located outside the EEA (not including the United Kingdom in the event that the United Kingdom ceases to be part of the EEA) unless it;
- (a) complies with the provisions of Articles 26 of the GDPR (in the event the third party is a joint controller); and

- (b) ensures that:
 - (i) the transfer is to a country approved by the European Commission as providing adequate protection pursuant to Article 45 of the GDPR; or
 - (ii) there are appropriate safeguards in place pursuant to Article 46 of the GDPR; or
 - (iii) one of the derogations for specific situations in Article 49 of the GDPR applies to the transfer.

9. Security and training

- 9.1 The Data Discloser shall only provide the Shared Personal Data to the Data Receiver by using secure methods as agreed between the parties at Schedule 2.
- 9.2 Having regard to the state of technological development and the cost of implementation; the parties undertake to have in place throughout the Term appropriate technical and organisational security measures to:
 - (a) prevent:
 - (i) unauthorised or unlawful processing of the Shared Personal Data; and
 - (ii) the accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, the Shared Personal Data
 - (b) ensure a level of security appropriate to:
 - (i) the harm that might result from such unauthorised or unlawful processing or accidental loss, destruction or damage; and
 - (ii) the nature of the Shared Personal Data to be protected.
- 9.3 The parties shall keep such security measures under review and shall carry out such updates as they agree are appropriate throughout the Term.
- 9.4 It is the responsibility of each party to ensure that its staff members are appropriately trained to handle and process the Shared Personal Data in accordance with the technical and organisational security measures agreed pursuant to this clause 9 and Schedule 2 together with any other applicable national data protection laws and guidance and have entered into confidentiality agreements relating to the processing of Personal Data.
- 9.5 The level, content and regularity of training referred to in this clause 9 shall be proportionate to the staff members' role, responsibility and frequency with respect to their handling and processing of the Shared Person Data.

10. Personal data breaches and reporting procedures

- 10.1 The parties shall each comply with its obligation to report a Personal Data Breach to the appropriate Supervisory Authority and (where applicable) Data Subjects under Article 33 of the GDPR and shall each inform the other party of any Personal Data Breach concerning the processing of Shared Personal Data, irrespective of whether there is a requirement to notify any Supervisory Authority or Data Subject(s).
- 10.2 The parties agree to provide reasonable assistance as is necessary to each other to facilitate the handling of any Personal Data Breach in an expeditious and compliant manner.

11. Review and termination of agreement

- 11.1 Where this Agreement has been entered into for the purpose of the sharing of Personal Data rather than a project concerning a one-off sharing of Personal Data, the parties shall periodically review the effectiveness of this data sharing initiative, having consideration to the aims and purposes set out in Schedule 2. The parties shall continue, amend or terminate the Agreement depending on the outcome of this review.
- 11.2 The review of the effectiveness of the data sharing initiative will involve:
- (a) assessing whether the purposes for which the Shared Personal Data is being processed are still the ones listed upon commencement of this Agreement;
 - (b) assessing whether the Shared Personal Data is still as listed upon commencement of this Agreement;
 - (c) assessing whether the legal framework governing data quality, retention, and Data Subjects' rights are being complied with; and
 - (d) assessing whether Personal Data breaches involving the Shared Personal Data have been handled in accordance with this Agreement and the applicable legal framework.
- 11.3 Each party reserves its rights to inspect the other party's arrangements for the processing of Shared Personal Data and to terminate the Agreement where it considers that the other party is not processing the Shared Personal Data in accordance with this Agreement.

12. Resolution of disputes with Data Subjects or the Supervisory Authority

- 12.1 In the event of a dispute or claim brought by a Data Subject or the Supervisory Authority concerning the processing of Shared Personal Data against either or both parties, the parties will inform each other about any such disputes or claims, and will cooperate with a view to settling them amicably in a timely fashion.
- 12.2 The parties agree to respond to any generally available non-binding mediation procedure initiated by a Data Subject or by the Supervisory Authority. If they do participate in the proceedings, the parties may elect to do so remotely (such as by telephone or other electronic means). The parties also agree to consider participating in any other arbitration, mediation or other dispute resolution proceedings developed for data protection disputes.
- 12.3 Each party shall abide by a decision of a competent court in the United Kingdom or of the Supervisory Authority.

13. Limitation of liability

- 13.1 In the event of a breach by either party of any Data Protection Legislation or any provision of this Agreement which results in any direct or indirect liability, cost, expense, damage, loss, penalty or fine for the other party, then the parties agree to co-operate together in good faith for so long as is necessary to: (a) identify and agree the proportions in which they will share responsibility for the breach; and (b) the manner in which the matter will be managed and conducted with any relevant third parties.

14. Direct marketing

If the Data Receiver processes the Shared Data for the purposes of direct marketing, each party shall ensure that:

- (a) the appropriate level consent has been obtained from the relevant Data Subjects to allow the Shared Data to be used for the purposes of direct marketing in compliance with the Data Protection Legislation; and
- (b) effective procedures are in place to allow the Data Subject to "opt-out" from having their Shared Personal Data used for such direct marketing purposes; and
- (c) all such direct marketing activities are at all times conducted in a manner which complies in full with:
 - (i) whilst ever it continues to apply, the E-Privacy Directive (2002/58/EC) as implemented in the UK by the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations (2003/2426) (as amended) (**PECR**); and
 - (ii) the replacement for PECR in due course, being the draft E-Privacy Regulation (COM (2017) 10 final) (**draft ePR**), upon it coming into force; and
 - (iii) any similar or substitute legislation following PECR or the draft ePR which relates to direct marketing and which applies in the United Kingdom from time to time.

15. Confidential Information

- 15.1 The Data Receiver shall keep the Data Discloser's Confidential Information confidential and, except with the prior written consent of Data Discloser, shall not, and shall procure that its Representatives shall not:
- (a) use or exploit the Confidential Information in any way except for the Agreed Purpose; or
 - (b) disclose or make available the Confidential Information in whole or in part to any third party, except as expressly permitted by this Agreement; or
 - (c) copy, reduce to writing or otherwise record the Confidential Information except as strictly necessary for the Agreed Purpose; or
 - (d) seek to make contact with any third party that is the subject of Data Discloser's Confidential Information, unless expressly permitted under this Agreement.
- 15.2 The Data Receiver may disclose the Confidential Information to those of its Representatives who need to know the Confidential Information for the Agreed Purpose provided that it informs these Representatives of the confidential nature of the Confidential Information before disclosure and at all times it is responsible for these Representatives' compliance with the obligations set out in this Agreement. The Data Receiver shall ensure that its Representatives have given and are subject to appropriate confidentiality undertakings.
- 15.3 The Data Receiver may disclose Confidential Information to the extent to which it is required to be disclosed by (i) law and/or (ii) by any governmental and/or other regulatory authority, and/or (iii) by a court of competent jurisdiction provided that, to the extent it is legally permitted to do so, it gives the Data Discloser as much notice as reasonably possible and acts reasonably upon any reasonable request by the Data Discloser in relation to such disclosures.

- 15.4 For the avoidance of doubt, the duties of confidentiality under this Agreement survive the termination or expiry of the Agreement.
- 15.5 The parties acknowledge that they are each subject to the requirements of the FOIA and the EIRs. Each party shall:
- (a) provide all necessary assistance and cooperation as reasonably requested by the other party to enable it to comply with its obligations under the FOIA and EIRs;
 - (b) notify the Data Discloser of all Requests for Information it receives relating to the Data Discloser's Confidential Information as soon as practicable;
- 15.6 The Data Discloser acknowledges that the Data Receiver may be required under the FOIA and EIRs to disclose Information (including Confidential Information) without consulting or obtaining consent from the Data Discloser. The Data Receiver shall take all reasonable steps to notify the Data Discloser of a Request For Information (in accordance with the Secretary of State's section 45 Code of Practice on the Discharge of the Functions of Public Authorities under Part 1 of the FOIA) to the extent that it is permissible and reasonably practical for it to do so but (notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement) the Data Receiver shall be responsible for determining in its absolute discretion whether any Confidential Information and/or any other information is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the FOIA and/or the EIRs.

16. Miscellaneous Matters

- 16.1 No variation of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by the parties (or their authorised representatives).
- 16.2 No failure or delay by a party to exercise any right or remedy provided under this Agreement or by law shall constitute a waiver of that or any other right or remedy, nor shall it prevent or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy. No single or partial exercise of such right or remedy shall prevent or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy.
- 16.3 If any provision or part-provision of this Agreement is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable, it shall be deemed deleted, but that shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the rest of this Agreement.
- 16.4 If during the Term the Data Protection Legislation change in a way that the Agreement is no longer adequate for the purpose of governing lawful data sharing exercises, the Parties agree that the SPoCs will negotiate in good faith to review the Agreement in the light of the new legislation.
- 16.5 Nothing in this Agreement is intended to, or shall be deemed to, establish any partnership or joint venture between any of the parties, constitute any party the agent of another party, or authorise any party to make or enter into any commitments for or on behalf of any other party.
- 16.6 This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes and extinguishes all previous agreements, promises, assurances, warranties, representations and understandings between them, whether written or oral, relating to its subject matter.

- 16.7 Each party acknowledges that in entering into this Agreement it does not rely on, and shall have no remedies in respect of any statement, representation, assurance or warranty (whether made innocently or negligently) that is not set out in this Agreement.
- 16.8 Each party shall, and shall use all reasonable endeavours to procure that any necessary third party shall, promptly execute and deliver such documents and perform such acts as may reasonably be required for the purpose of giving full effect to this Agreement.

17. Notice

- 17.1 Any notice or other communication given to a party under or in connection with this Agreement shall be in writing, addressed to the SPoCs and shall be:
- (a) delivered by hand or by pre-paid first-class post or other next working day delivery service at its registered office (if a company) or its principal place of business (in any other case); or
 - (b) sent by email to the SPoC.

18. Dispute Resolution

- 18.1 If a dispute arises out of or in connection with this Agreement or the performance, validity or enforceability of it ("**Dispute**"), then the parties shall follow the procedure set out in this clause provided always that no party shall be obliged to act in accordance with this clause if to do so would prejudice the rights and freedoms of any individual who is the subject of any of the Shared Personal Data:
- (a) either party shall give to the other written notice of the Dispute, setting out its nature and full particulars ("**Dispute Notice**"), together with relevant supporting documents;
 - (b) on service of the Dispute Notice, each party shall attempt in good faith to resolve the Dispute;
 - (c) if the parties are for any reason unable to resolve the Dispute within 5 days of service of the Dispute Notice, the Dispute shall be referred to their Executive Management Teams ("EMT"), who shall attempt in good faith to resolve it; and
 - (d) if the respective EMTs are for any reason unable to resolve the Dispute within 5 days of it being referred to them, the parties may either:
 - (i) terminate this Agreement in accordance with clause 11.3; or
 - (ii) agree to enter into mediation in good faith to settle the dispute in accordance with the CEDR Model Mediation Procedure, or a similarly suitable alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanism;
 - (e) unless otherwise agreed between the parties within 5 days of either party making a suggestion to the other as to a suitable mediator, the mediator shall be nominated by the President for the time being of the Law Society for Northern Ireland. To initiate the mediation, a party must serve notice in writing ("**ADR notice**") to the other party to the Dispute, referring the dispute to mediation. A copy of the ADR notice should be sent to the mediator once appointed.

19. Governing law & Jurisdiction

19.1 This Agreement and any dispute or claim (including non-contractual disputes or claims) arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of Northern Ireland.

19.2 Each party irrevocably agrees that the courts of Northern Ireland shall have exclusive jurisdiction.

This Agreement has been entered into on the date stated at the beginning of it.

Schedule 1

Part 1 Details of the Shared Personal Data and access and processing restrictions

1.1 Types of Personal Data to be shared between the parties during the Term of this Agreement:

Referrals for advice and support that may include the following:-

- Individual's name, post code or full address, e-mail and phone number.
- Description of the enquiry/ business idea (to the extent that this includes Personal Data of individuals involved). This is free-text and information such as business performance, financial (e.g. turnover) or biographical information may be included. To the extent that this information does not include Personal Data it may still be Confidential Information.

1.2 Special categories of Personal Data will not be shared between the parties.

2. Lawful basis for processing the Shared Personal Data:

2.1 Invest NI agrees that it is processing the Shared Personal Data on the basis that it is necessary for the exercise of Invest NI Official Authority or performance of a task in the public interest.

2.2 Mid Ulster District Council agrees that it is processing the Shared Personal Data on the basis that it is necessary for the exercise of Official Authority or performance of a task in the public interest.

3. Single Point of Contact (SPoC)

3.1 The Invest NI Single Point of Contact will be Patricia Devine, patricia.devine@investni.com, 028 90 698903.

3.2 Mid Ulster District Council Single Point of Contact will be Fiona McKeown, fiona.mckeown@midulstercouncil.org, 0300 012 3123

Details of Confidential Information

1.3 Types of confidential information to be shared:

(a) Individual's name, post code or full address, e-mail and phone number.

(b) Description of the enquiry/ business idea. This is free-text and information such as business performance, financial (e.g. turnover) or biographical information may be included.

Schedule 2

Part 1 Reasons, aims and benefits

1. The parties consider this data sharing initiative necessary for the following reasons:

Following Local Government Reform and the increased involvement of Local Councils in economic development activities, including responsibility for local start-ups, social enterprise and underrepresented groups, there is a need for Invest NI and Councils to work collaboratively to provide appropriate business advice and support to entrepreneurs and businesses.

There is an increased focus on the customer journey and on facilitating the needs of the customer at a particular point in time. It is important to provide a seamless migration of customers between support providers.

This fits with key actions in Invest NI's Entrepreneurship Action Plan and Council's delivery of a range of business support initiatives including the Northern Ireland Business Start-up Programme and other LED initiatives.

2. The aim of the data sharing initiative is as follows:

- 2.1 To allow Invest NI and Councils to make referrals to and receive referrals from each other for follow on advice, guidance or support.

3. The benefit to be derived from the data sharing initiative is as follows:

- 3.1 Invest NI/Council can engage with entrepreneurs/businesses to provide them with the most appropriate service.

4. Security measures for transfer of Shared Personal Data

- 4.1 Invest NI shall only provide the Shared Personal Data to the Mid Ulster District Council by using the following secure method: The Invest NI customer portal, Mimecast encrypted email or Office 365

- 4.2 Mid Ulster District Council shall only provide the Shared Personal Data to Invest NI by using the following secure method: The Invest NI customer portal, Mimecast encrypted email or Office 365

Part 2 The Agreed Purpose

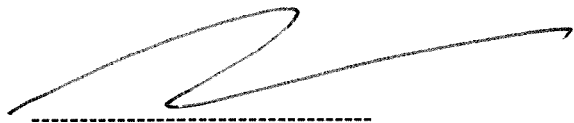
1. The parties agree to only process Shared Personal Data for the following purposes:

- 1.1 To deliver economic development and business support activity.

2. For the purposes of this Agreement the **Term** shall be the duration of this data sharing initiative, that being as follows:

Up to 1st April 2021

Signed for and on behalf of Invest Northern Ireland

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ALAN McKEOWN

Executive Director Regional Business

Signed for and on behalf of Mid Ulster District Council

ANTHONY TOHILL

Chief Executive



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Mid Ulster District Council response to

Migration Advisory Committee (MAC)

Call for evidence from stakeholders to help inform the review of salary thresholds

Mid Ulster District Council (the Council) welcomes the opportunity to respond to the MAC's call for evidence from employers and other stakeholders, to feed into its consideration of what salary thresholds should be put in place for skilled workers under the post-Brexit immigration system.

1.0 The Proposal

On 24 June 2019, the Home Secretary commissioned the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) to advise on the future system of salary thresholds and the level at which they could be set.

With the end of free movement in sight, migrant workers will in the future fall into the domestic immigration rules – Tier 2 (General).

The MAC has called for evidence in relation to the salary threshold which they have set at the 25th percentile of full-time earnings distribution, or £30,000 minimum salary requirement for foreign workers seeking five-year visa post-Brexit. This threshold recommendation is UK-wide and regional variation is not considered.

The government's White Paper entitled '*The UK's future skills-based immigration system*' published in December 2018 only partially accepted the MAC's salary threshold recommendation.

2.0 Background to Mid Ulster

Mid Ulster is the fastest growing district in Northern Ireland (its population is expected to grow to 165,000 by 2030) and is home to over 9,000 companies, the largest concentration of businesses outside Belfast. The main industries are manufacturing, engineering, agri-food, construction, hospitality, retail and farming.

Mid Ulster is a hub of manufacturing excellence; currently manufacturing accounts for over 26% of total direct employment in the region, compared to the NI average of 11%.

According to Invest NI, 40% of world's mobile crushing and screening equipment is made in the Mid Ulster area.

Mid Ulster is a predominantly rural district with circa 700,000 people within a one-hour commute of the district boundaries. The area supports approximately 50,000 jobs, which are mainly concentrated within micro businesses and Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs). To service our industry large numbers of migrant workers now reside within our boundaries and contribute to the overall economy.

Mid Ulster was crowned NI's most entrepreneurial region again in 2017 by the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) Report and the area contributes towards producing 7.3% of the region's total economic output (Gross Value Added is £2.075 billion). Furthermore, the area is a hotspot for innovation having the highest percentage of enterprises investing in R&D in the UK.

Mid Ulster's business base provides the lifeblood of the local economy, whilst the skills and capabilities of its workforce are vital to its sustainability and growth.

3.0 Mid Ulster Skills Forum

Mid Ulster is the most entrepreneurial region in NI, however, skills and employability issues are long standing issues greatly impeding the current and future economic prosperity of the district. Recognising that industry leadership is central to addressing these issues, the Council established a Skills Forum in 2017 which is the first industry-led, area-based body of its kind in Northern Ireland (NI). The 30 strong partnership, which draws its membership from local businesses, colleges, universities, enterprise agencies, key sectoral business organisations, government departments and the Council, is speaking as one voice to take forward its skills agenda in a focused and co-ordinated manner.

The Skills Forum produced an independent Skills Report and Action Plan in 2018 aimed at helping to address the acute skills shortages, gaps and deficits within Mid Ulster. The Report identified that Mid Ulster is facing a huge skills shortage with **4,700 vacancies recorded in 2016/2017**; the main factors being an inadequate supply of applicants and low levels of unemployment in the area. A copy of the report is attached.

4.0 Comments on the implications of the proposed salary threshold

The Council believes that the proposed skills-based immigration system and the recommended minimum £30,000 salary for workers exposes local businesses in Mid Ulster to potentially crippling labour supply shortages which will have a devastating impact on the local economy in Mid Ulster.

Given the position of the rural economy in the overall cyclical movement of labour from inward to outward migration from the area (which is approximately three to five years) a £30,000 salary threshold could grind the Mid-Ulster economy to a halt in three years. What could potentially happen is that labour recruited into the local economy would gain more experience and skills, and reach a level where they can attract better wages, and relocate to other regions in the UK. This would result in local employers continually back filling from the skills baseline as they “move up and out”. If that base-line replacement was halted by too high a salary threshold – then the decline in capacity would only take three years to complete. Indeed if replaced by a temporary type short-term recruitment from abroad (on which NI depended on from 1998-2004) then the de-skilling of the dependent business would be complete in the same timeframe.

As previously stated, small and medium sized private businesses form the backbone of Mid Ulster’s economy. The area has over 9,000 VAT registered businesses across a range of sectors – manufacturing, engineering, agri-food, construction, hospitality, social care, retail and farming. Such a restriction on UK entry of migrant workers could strip these industries which are highly dependent on workers from overseas.

For example Mid Ulster has a high concentration of food and agri-food businesses with almost two-fifths (38%) of Mid Ulster businesses being within this sector, as compared with just over a quarter (26%) of VAT and/or PAYE registered businesses across Northern Ireland. Nearly two-thirds (63%) of the employees in the local Food and Agri-Food sector originally come from elsewhere in the EU (other than the UK or the Republic of Ireland), including countries such as Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, Lithuania and Hungary¹. Mid Ulster has the largest share of migrant workers in the manufacturing sector where 2.7% of all employment in the sector was provided by EU27 workers (almost 2,000 jobs which is 3.3% of total employment in the Mid Ulster area). 19.9% of workers in the manufacturing sector in Mid Ulster were from the EU26, with 20.9% from the EU27².

The Council believes there will be a disproportionate impact on local employers vis-à-vis employers in other parts of the UK, due to the lower salary levels offered here and the acute shortage of appropriate skilled labour in the region. The experience of NI employers is that employees on Tier 2 work permits often relocate to jobs in the South East of England if their employer is no longer able to meet the required pay threshold.³ This serves to create an internal labour market which disadvantages NI employers and impact upon business competitiveness in NI.

According to the CBI in Northern Ireland, 71% of people in NI earn less than the proposed salary threshold; indeed, the average private sector wage in NI is £22k. Due

¹ Mid Ulster Skills Report & Action Plan 2018-21

² DfE Report: An analysis of migrant workers from the Northern Ireland Census 2011

³ NISMP Consultation Response: MAC Call for Evidence on Minimum Salary Thresholds for Tier 2 - July 2015

largely to the lack of public sector investment Mid Ulster's wage levels are lower than the NI average (the gross median weekly pay in Mid Ulster is £403.40 compared to the NI average of £423).

The single most important issue for local employers is the need to retain access to skills at all levels. NI is currently experiencing an acute shortage of skilled workers. Key industries in Mid Ulster are suffering tangible skills and talent shortages as identified in the Mid Ulster Skills Report & Action Plan 2018-21 and the proposed salary restriction would undoubtedly exacerbate the issue. By way of example three-quarters (71%) of surveyed businesses in Mid Ulster confirmed that they had faced challenges in attracting appropriately skilled staff during recent times (e.g. in the last 3 years), whilst nearly four-fifths (39%) respondents suggested that they also experienced issues retaining appropriately skilled staff¹. There are significant skills and labour shortages in the region's manufacturing and engineering sector which has driven wage inflation for welders and is a huge cause for concern.

Further pressure on local companies to meet their skills requirements stems from the fact that 38% of A Level students go elsewhere and two thirds of that cohort do not return to NI⁴.

The Council believes that appropriate future access to skilled labour is critical particularly given that Mid Ulster shares a land border with the Republic of Ireland (RoI) which undoubtedly will impact upon the ability of local businesses in Mid Ulster to attract/retain labour vis-à-vis counterparts in RoI (who will not face the same constraints).

The Council is extremely concerned that there are no special considerations in the proposals for the differentials in the NI economy e.g. SME intensive, average salary lower than other UK regions, reliance on agri-food and manufacturing/engineering sectors. The rationale being that NI has a different economic and geographic profile than the rest of the UK and therefore migration policy should reflect that.

Furthermore, it is important to note that the combination of the following two factors:-

1. Immigration being non-devolved to the regional administrations;
2. NI Public Administration being markedly different in relation to the role and responsibilities of local Councils

leaves sub-regional variations in local economy at Council level particularly vulnerable to the blunt instrument of a UK-wide policy.

⁴ CBI NI Response to MAC Call for Evidence - 2018

Mid Ulster is a recognised hotspot for innovation having the highest percentage of enterprises investing in R&D in the UK. As part of a new Industrial Strategy, the UK has Government unveiled a plan to increase the UK's R&D spending to a record high of 2.4 per cent of GDP. However, according to the Royal Society, many important roles within the research and innovation workforce come with salaries below £30k and therefore the proposed salary threshold would be detrimental for research and innovation.

Moreover, at 25%, the share of employment which is in the public sector in NI is the highest among all UK nations and regions.⁵ We believe, therefore, that the proposals contained within this consultation will also impact on the stated priority of the Northern Ireland Executive to rebalance the economy towards the private sector.

5.0 Conclusion and Recommendations

The Council believes that the proposed minimum salary threshold of £30k for foreign workers post-Brexit will have a disproportionate impact on regions such as Mid Ulster which have a weaker skills profile and lower average earnings. The upshot is that the Mid Ulster region, with its private sector driven economy and lower average salaries would be penalised heavily. There is a real threat that the Mid Ulster economy could grind to a halt in three years.

The proposed salary threshold does not reflect the reality of wage levels in NI and indeed the sectors most reliant on migrant workers. A salary requirement of £30,000 would make it particularly difficult for part-time workers to secure a skilled worker visa. The proposal risks causing significant harm to businesses in Mid Ulster and the NI economy by negatively impacting the region's competitiveness.

Mid Ulster's unemployment benefit claim rate is one of the lowest in Northern Ireland, so therefore with a strong demand for migrant labour, and a low availability of unemployed, the area would suffer a disproportionately high impact if access to skilled migrant labour were to become a problem.

It is the Council's view that the Government must recognise that NI is economically and geographically very different to the rest of the UK and deserves to be treated as such.

The future of Northern Ireland's future economic prosperity will be dependent upon the private sector's ability to access international workers which is a strong foundation of any successful Industrial Strategy.

⁵ House of Commons Library – Public sector employment by parliamentary constituency (October 2019)

Recommendations

1. That a regional sensitive approach to immigration and salary thresholds must be adopted given NI's unique set of economic circumstances and employment challenges facing businesses.
2. That salary thresholds established in a future migration system be set at a level that is relevant to the economic circumstances of NI and support local economic growth.
3. That policymakers are more strategic about migration and its critical role in NI's future Skills Strategy (which is currently under development).

Report on	Parks and Play Five Year Strategic Plan
Date of Meeting	Thursday 14 th November 2019
Reporting Officer	Head of Parks
Contact Officer	Nigel Hill

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek Member approval for the Parks and Play Five Year Strategic Plan.
2.0	Background
2.1	Outdoor Recreation NI (ORNI) was commissioned in November 2016 to prepare a Public Park and Play Strategy for Mid Ulster District Council area (MUDC) that will provide direction for the management and development of facilities, programs, infrastructure, resources, and investment over the period 2017-2022 within the Mid Ulster District Council area. MUDC park estate boasts over 100 public park/play facilities across the Council area ranging from small equipped areas for play, Multi Use Game Areas (MUGAs) to parkland of 70 acres in size. In assessing the park locations, the spatial distribution is an important factor. While a higher concentration of park/play facilities are located in the larger towns and settlements, some areas within Council are over provided for while others experience provision to a lesser extent. The draft Parks and Play Five Year Strategic Plan was presented to committee in June 2018. Members requested that further consultation be undertaken.
2.2	Two workshop information sessions were held on 31st July and 2 nd August for members participation from which contributions were collected and factored in to the current plan. Mainly in relation to Cookstown town centre and Magherafelt play proposals. The Parks and Play Five Year Strategic Plan was presented to Committee again in September 2018. Members deferred approval requesting further consultation. Additional one to one consultations were made available to members in October and November 2018. Amendments, as agreed were factored into the draft. The draft was presented to Committee in October 2019. Seven DEA meetings were held in October 2019 as requested.
2.3	Council are committed to develop public park space, increasing the open and green areas for all members of the community where possible. This Strategy provides an opportunity to review the Council's overall offering with regards the type of provision and also consider the needs of each DEA with regards the distribution of public parks and play for the coming five year period.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The overall aim is to prepare a strategy that will provide direction for managing and developing parks and play facilities, programs, infrastructure, resources, and investment over a projected 5 year period. The Strategic Plan process has assessed the status of parks and play within the Council area and planned a future that reflects the Corporate Priorities of the Council and needs of the community.</p> <p>Objectives</p>
3.2	<p>In order to achieve the aims of the Strategy, the following objectives were addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detail and GIS map the nature and extent of public parks and current play provision in Mid Ulster • Outline relevant context of play against what is happening at a regional and national level • Conduct consultation exercise with relevant stakeholders including Council elected representatives, Council Officers, local community groups and user groups to identify current usage and aspirations for future development of public parks and play in the MUDC area • Undertake research into the benefits, trends and best practice in play • Identify future opportunities and sites for development using supplementary information from the 2011 Census and L&PS • Produce a 5 year costed Action Plan (2020-2025) outlining proposed plans for development between 2020-2025 • Cost the Action Plan providing cost summary for both capital works and revenue costs and identify potential sources of funding to help deliver the Plan.
3.3	<p>A programme of works setting out the recommendations for each of the 102 public park/play park locations has been identified. The first five years of the strategy has a projected average spend of £250,000 per annum, a total cost of £1,250,000. The Rural Development Programme (RDP) will contribute an additional £1,103,839 of funding over the period of the strategy across 19 sites. A further contribution of £300,000 from Peace IV will provide a combined strategy expenditure of £2,653,839 for identified for Parks and Play projects across Mid Ulster District Council to the end of 2025. The strategy will be reviews in year three to review progress and profile the remaining two years.</p> <p>This Public Parks and Play Strategy for the Mid Ulster Council area sets out a strategic framework for the next 5 years in order to help reposition the parks and play provision within the Council. It will help improve co-ordination, collaboration, capacity and the Councils' capability to meet the current and future challenges in a way that maximises opportunities, benefits, investment and resources.</p>
3.4	<p>In addition, it will help consolidate into one joined up Plan previous pieces of work undertaken by the legacy Councils.</p>

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	<p>Financial: Parks and Play Five Year Strategic Plan will require council resourcing for the period of the programme that equates to £1,250,000 (excluding external funding streams) over a five year period as scheduled in the action plan. The Parks and Play Strategy may be subject to variables associated to opportunities of external funding that may enhance or change the delivery objectives over the life of the strategy.</p> <p>Consultancy costs to develop the strategy were £17,100.</p>
	<p>Human: Current staff structure sufficient to deliver on Parks and Play Strategic Plan in conjunction with the appointment of appropriately qualified and experienced consultancy (ICT) and supply team (IST).</p>
	<p>Risk Management: The strategic plan will be managed and monitored by the Parks Services in line with Council's risk management governance procedures</p>
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	<p>Equality & Good Relations Implications: An extensive process of consultation was carried out with individual Council Officers, Council elected members, national governing bodies of sport (NGBs), public and statutory agencies, children's day-care providers, youth centres, community associations and groups, sporting clubs and the general public.</p>
	<p>Rural Needs Implications: In line with the Mid Ulster Council Community Plan, one the 15 outcomes is to 'give our children and young people the best chance in life'¹. Within this Strategy, it is the aim of Council to address this deficiency and ensure citizens of all abilities are adequately provided for across rural and urban areas</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to approve the Parks and Play Five Year Strategic Plan as presented.
5.2	Approval is sought to seek the appointment of suitably qualified Integrated consultancy and supply teams (ICT and IST) to deliver the five-year action plan objectives as detailed.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 - Parks and Play Five Year Strategic Plan.



PUBLIC PARKS AND PLAY FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

2020 - 2025

October 2019

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ACRONYMS

CP	Changing Places
DEA	District Electoral Area
DEARA	Department of Environment, Agriculture and Rural Affairs
DCAL	Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure
DRD	Department of Regional Development
FSNI	Forest Service NI
GIS	Geographic Information System
LPS	Land & Property Services
LAP	Local Area for Play
LEAP	Locally Equipped Area for Play
MUGA	Multi-Use Games Area
MUSA	Mid Ulster Sports Arena
ORAP	Outdoor Recreation Action Plan
ORNI	Outdoor Recreation NI
RDP	Rural Development Programme

FOREWORD

This report aims to provide a full list of all public park and play within Mid Ulster and every endeavour has been taken to ensure accuracy in mapping.

The results recorded are based on the information received through Council and consultation with various organisations and local groups - sincere thanks and appreciation to all who contributed.

This report and associated recommendations provides a comprehensive picture of the status of current public parks and play opportunities for future development in the Mid Ulster District Council (MUDC) area.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Outdoor Recreation NI (ORNI) was commissioned in November 2016 to prepare a Public Park and Play Strategy for Mid Ulster District Council area (MUDC) that will provide direction for the management and development of facilities, programs, infrastructure, resources, and investment over the period 2020-2025 within the Mid Ulster District Council area.

Mid Ulster District Council covers an area of some 1714 km², straddles two counties, running from Swatragh in the north to Fivemiletown in the south and from the Sperrin Mountains in the west to the shores of Lough Neagh in the east. The MUDC area is divided into 7 District Electoral Area (DEA) namely; Carntogher, Clogher Valley, Cookstown, Dungannon, Magherafelt, Moyola and Torrent.

MUDC park estate boasts over 100 public park/play facilities across the Council area ranging from small equipped areas for play, Multi Use Game Areas (MUGAs) to parkland of 70 acres in size. In assessing the park locations, the spatial distribution is an important factor. While a higher concentration of park/play facilities are located in the larger towns, some areas within Council are over provided for while others suffer an obvious lack in provision.

Council are committed to develop public park space, increasing the open and green areas for all members of the community where possible. This Strategy provided an opportunity to review the Council's overall offering with regards the type of provision and also consider the needs of each DEA with regards the distribution of public parks and play.

A number of resources were used to assess the public park and play provision in Mid Ulster:

- Fields In Trust Benchmark Guidelines
- Population data from the 2011 census
- Household pointer data from LPS
- Play Park Quality Inspection Audit
- Community consultation and public survey

Recommendations have been provided for each of the 102 sites in Mid Ulster as well as the open/green space sites that are under Council ownership. In addition, a number of over-arching strategic recommendations have been made for consideration:

- Consultation – It is recommended that Council place consultation with the community at the centre of any proposed future development regards the recommendations for Activity Centres and District Play development as well as those sites considered on the basis of their recommended life span, change of use, enhancement, upgrade, relocation, new park development and woodland play provision. It is felt the proposals for the Activity Centres and District Play should undergo a thorough public consultation process with input from children and young people as well as representation from those with a disability. The establishment of a Steering Group made up of members of the community, Special Education representation as well as relevant agencies would be beneficial and is recommended (including but not limited to Disability Action, MENCAP, RNIB, Guide Dogs NI). In addition, it is felt that a Statistical Disabilities Analysis of children within Northern Ireland and more specifically Mid Ulster would further determine all-ability, facility need.
- Inclusive Play – As highlighted in the Mid Ulster Local Development Plan 2030 - Preferred Options Paper (Mid Ulster District Council, November 2016), planning must: “ensure that new

open space areas and sporting facilities are convenient and accessible for all sections of society, particularly children, older people and those with disabilities". Should Council embark on the process of developing two Activity Centres, it is recommended that these facilities are designed for the groups in need, with consideration being given to the young and those with disabilities. These all ability facilities will not only provide for the community of Mid Ulster but will also enhance the offering for the visitor. Development of the activity centres would be subject to sourcing funding and projected within a five year programme. (Development programmes and time scales may vary subject to available funding streams).

- **Public Park Development** – With a lack of open/green space in some DEA's (e.g. Cookstown and Moyola), it is suggested that Mid Ulster Council consider developing 14 of its current park sites and its open/green space sites into public parks as well as including a play element in its Forests. Potential new public park sites include: Ballymacombs - Carntogher, Castlehill - Dungannon, Clady - Carntogher, Fairhill - Cookstown, Henderson Park - Torrent, Hunters Park - Moyola, Manor Park - Magherafelt, Mill Park - Moyola, Moykeeran - Moyola, Railway Park - Dungannon, Parkview/Riverside - Moyola, Roundlake - Clogher Valley, Swatragh - Carntogher and Windmill Wood - Dungannon. Council have a £1m capital development proposal for Railway Park, deliverable within the strategy period subject to funding. Development of Public Parks would be subject to sourcing funding and projected as a five year plus programme. (Development programmes and time scales may vary subject to available funding streams).
- **Woodland Play** – With a high concentration of woodland and forests across Mid Ulster, it is proposed that a Woodland Play element be developed in some of the key forest sites. This will add value to these locations for the local community and will help support visitor numbers. 8 Small Woodland Play sites and 5 Significant Woodland Play sites have been identified. The 8 Small Woodland Play site identified are: Knockmany Forest, Windmill Wood, Brantry Lough and Forest, Cabin Wood, Inniscarn Forest, Traad Point and Drumcairne Forest. The Significant Woodland Play sites identified include: Derrynoyd Forest, Parkanaur Forest, Pomeroy Forest, Drum Manor Forest and Drumlamph Forest. Development of Woodland Play would be subject to sourcing funding and projected as a five year plus programme. (Development programmes and time scales may vary subject to available funding streams).
- **Public Parks and Play Strategy complemented by other Council Strategies** – As highlighted above, this Strategy should be considered alongside other relevant Council Strategies including the Outdoor Recreation Strategy, Tourism Strategy and Sports Facility Strategy to ensure the recommendations in each achieve their full potential.
- **Harness Community Relationships** – The consultation process highlighted that Mid Ulster has strong community involvement with a number of groups developing recreational facilities for their own communities and successfully funding these programmes through relevant grants. One of the 5 themes in the Mid Ulster Council Community Plan is: *'Vibrant and Safe Communities - promote and develop shared space across the area and make more use of existing facilities'*. Therefore, it is recommended that where gaps in provision exist, Council work alongside the community including established community groups and associations as well as local sports clubs and other bodies such as schools and Forest Service.

- Assessments and Audits – While Quality Inspections take place on an annual basis, it is suggested that a Play Value Assessment takes place alongside the forthcoming Quality Audit. Play Value assessments consider the range of play types and the experiences that children derive from the equipment as well as locational and environmental factors and access issues. A Play Value Assessment will be instrumental when determining the enhancements, upgrades and relocations of play sites.
- Risk-Benefit Approach to Play – When considering future play development in Mid Ulster it is suggested that a Risk-Benefit Approach is adapted. The benefits of challenging play are highlighted in the following sections but this is a relatively new way of thinking when developing fixed play. Health and safety considerations in the past have meant that play provision is somewhat lacking in challenging play which offers essential developmental skills. However, Council needs to consider that providing a high standard of play means that children and young people are challenged, whilst minimising unnecessary danger through a common-sense approach.
- Land availability – Land availability is at a premium across Mid Ulster, especially in the DEA of Magherafelt. However, this Strategy acknowledges the lack of provision of open/green space in Magherafelt and it is suggested that Council focus its efforts on investigating possible areas for development and works with other statutory bodies to identify potential sites e.g. Education Authority and Northern Ireland Housing Executive.
- Planning – In line with Council's Local Development Plan 2030 – Draft Plan Strategy, Council seek to protect existing areas of open space and encourage the provision of new open space. This will be achieved by identifying important parcels of open space to be protected, zoning of new open space and by formulating policy to require open space to be provided by the developer in new housing developments. In addition, Council recognise the benefits of dual use of open spaces and are working with the Education Authority to share sports pitches. Council are also working with NIHE to facilitate children's play provision on land under their control. It is suggested that Council adopt a strengthened policy approach to ensure that the loss of open space is prevented unless it can be demonstrated that redevelopment would bring substantial community benefit that outweighs the loss of the open space. This strengthened approach should take account of the Regional Development Strategy, SPSS 7 and 8 and the Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy.
- Manned/Staff provision – Park sites that have a staffing element are proven to suffer reduced levels of anti-social behaviour and vandalism. While not immediate, suggested staff requirements have been correlated as an indicator and should be factored into development projects on a rolling basis. While the development of Activity Centres, District Play and new Public Park proposals are heavily dependent on sourcing external funding streams and are also scheduled beyond the initial five year delivery programme, when the number of these larger facilities increase, staffing levels at designated locations will need to be reviewed.

A programme of works setting out the recommendations for each of the 102 public park/play park locations has been identified. The first five years of the strategy has a projected spend total spend of £1,250,000. The Rural Development Programme (RDP) will contribute an additional £1,103,839 of play improvements during the period of the strategy with Peace money funding an Eco-Park in

Aughnacloy and improvements for Moykeeran/Planter Park and Castledawson totalling £300,000. A projected expenditure of £2,653,839 has been identified for projects to the end of 2025. This programme aims to enhance the public park and play provision across Mid Ulster. However due to the volume of locations, it is suggested that the Strategy is revisited within the third year to assess progress and review the outstanding works to be completed in the remaining 2 years.

The Action Plan below should be read in conjunction with Section 9 which provides additional detail on the action for each of the park, play park, forest or open/green space sites.

Development Year 1	DEA	Park Site	Action	Indicative Cost
RDP Funded				
	Clogher Valley	Augher	RDP	£38,103
	Clogher Valley	Ballygawley	RDP	£51,000
	Clogher Valley	Caledon	RDP	£38,103
	Clogher Valley	Castlecaulfield	RDP	£17,000
	Clogher Valley	Eglis	RDP	£37,000
	Clogher Valley	Fivemiletown Fairgreen	RDP	£160,000
	Clogher Valley	Granville	RDP	£38,103
	Dungannon	Killyman	RDP	£38,103
	Moyola	Mill Park Tobermore	RDP	£38,103
	Carntogher	Upperlands	RDP	Play Park £145,000 MUGA £101,000
Upgrades				
	Cookstown	Monrush	Upgrade (Phase 1)	£50,000
	Cookstown	Monrush	Upgrade (Phase 2)	£30,000
	Dungannon	Moygashel Jacksonville	Upgrade	£50,000
	Cookstown	Drum Manor Forest	Upgrade to provide inclusive play options	£35,000
	Magherafelt	Glenburn	Upgrade	£45,000
Maintenance & Enhancements				
	Moyola	Boyne Row	Maintenance/ Enhancement	£25,000
	Moyola	Knockloughrim	Maintenance/ Enhancement	£25,000
	Magherafelt	Northland Moneymore	Maintenance/ Enhancement	£20,000
	Dungannon	Redford	Maintenance/ Enhancement	£25,000
	Dungannon	Ballysaggart	Maintenance/ Enhancement	£20,000
	Dungannon	Killymerron	Maintenance/ Enhancement	£20,000
	Cookstown	Ratheen	Maintenance/ Enhancement	£25,000
Removal				
	Cookstown	Sperrinview	Removal	Maintenance Budget
	Clogher Valley	Killymaddy	Removal	Maintenance Budget

	Carntogher	Moneyneena	Removal	Maintenance Budget
Total (RDP Funding)				£1,076,515 (£681,515)
Capital Programme Variations				£370,000 £ 25,000
Overall Total excl RDP				£395,000

Development Year 2	DEA	Park Site	Action	Indicative Cost
RDP Funded	Torrent	Annaghmore/ Clonoe	RDP	£38,103
	Carntogher	Ballymacombs	RDP	£38,103
	Dungannon	Ballynakelly	RDP	£18,000
	Cookstown	Berkeley Square, T'hogue	RDP	£38,103
	Torrent	Castlebay, Brockagh	RDP	£38,103
	Cookstown	Churchview, Drumullan	RDP	£38,103
	Torrent	Henderson Park	RDP	£38,103
	Magherafelt	Loup	RDP	£38,103
	Carntogher	Swatragh	RDP	£38,103
	Carntogher	Tamlaght O'Crilly	RDP	£12,000
	Carntogher	Innishrush	RDP	£12,000
	Moyola	Knockloughrim	RDP	£18,500
	Moyola	O'Neill Park (Ballymaguigan)	RDP	£37,000
Change of Use				
	Torrent	Innishmore	Change of use MUGA to LEAP	£50,000
Upgrades				
	Dungannon	Railway Park*	Upgrade and relocation. Funded via Capital Projects Programme	£150,000*
	Cookstown	Coolnafranky	Upgrade to NEAP	£50,000
	Cookstown	Beechway	Upgrade to NEAP	£50,000
	Torrent	Henderson Park	Upgrade MUGA	£40,000

Maintenance & Enhancements				
	Torrent	Lisnahall, Ardtrea	Maintenance/Enhancement	£25,000
	Torrent	Donaghmore	Maintenance/Enhancement	£25,000
	Torrent	Brackaville	Maintenance/Enhancement	£25,000
	Clogher Valley	Eglis	Maintenance/Enhancement	£25,000
	Dungannon	Northland Village	Maintenance/Enhancement	£25,000
Peace IV Funding	Moyola	Moykeeran	Peace IV	£100,000
	Moyoa	Castledawson	Peace IV	£100,000
	Clogher Valley	Aughnacloy	Peace IV	£100,000
Total (RDP Funding) (Peace IV Funding)				£1,018,324 (£378,324) (£300,000)
Capital Programme Variations				£315,000 £ 25,000
Overall Total excl RDP Peace IV & Railway Park Funding				£340,000

* Total excludes Railway Park Play proposal as funded through of MUDC capital development programme

Development Year 3	DEA	Park Site	Action	Indicative Cost
Upgrades				
	Clogher Valley	Clogher	Upgrade	£50,000
	Torrent	Battery Harbour	Upgrade	£50,000
Maintenance & Enhancements				
	Cookstown	Orritor St.	Maintenance/Enhancement	£25,000
	Torrent	Washingbay	Maintenance/Enhancement	£25,000
	Clogher Valley	U.S. Grants	Maintenance/Enhancement	£25,000
	Cookstown	Stewart Avenue	Maintenance/Enhancement	£20,000
Total Capital Programme Variations Overall Total				£195,000 £ 25,000 £220,000

Development Year 4	DEA	Park Site	Action	Indicative Cost
Upgrades				
	Dungannon	Moy Curran's Brae	Upgrade	£50,000
Maintenance & Enhancements				
	Dungannon	Milltown	Maintenance/Enhancement	£25,000
	Cookstown	Conway Close	Maintenance/Enhancement	£25,000
	Cookstown	Gortalowry	Maintenance/Enhancement	£25,000
	Dungannon	Gortnasoar	Maintenance/Enhancement	£20,000
Total Capital Programme Variations				£145,000 £ 25,000
Overall Total				£170,000

Development Year 5	DEA	Park Site	Action	Indicative Cost
Upgrades				
	Clogher Valley	Aughnacloy	Upgrade	£50,000
Maintenance & Enhancements				
	Carntogher	Clady	Maintenance/Enhancement	£25,000
Relocation				
	Torrent	Ardboe	Relocation subject to alternative site	£25,000
Total Programme Variations				£100,000 £ 25,000
Overall Total				£125,000

Development 5 Years +	DEA	Park Site	Action	Indicative Cost
Activity Centre Development				
	Magherafelt	Ballyronan Marina	Activity Centre Subject to funding	£250,000
	Dungannon	Dungannon Park	Activity Centre Subject to funding	£250,000
District Play Development				
	Carntogher	Coleraine Road	District Play Subject to funding	£100,000
	Cookstown	Fairhill	District Play Subject to funding	£100,000
	Torrent	Gortgonis	District Play Subject to funding	£100,000
	Magherafelt	Meadowbank (leisure centre)	District Play Subject to funding	£100,000
	Clogher Valley	Roundlake, Fivemiletown	District Play Subject to funding	£100,000
Upgrades				
	Dungannon	Drumcoo Green	Upgrade	£50,000
Maintenance & Enhancements				
	Torrent	Beechline, Galbally	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Clogher Valley	Ackinduff	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Clogher Valley	Ackinduff	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Dungannon	Ballynakelly	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Dungannon	Benburb	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Cookstown	Blackhill	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Moyola	Castledawson	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Carntogher	Clady	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Cookstown	Coagh Park, Coagh	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Carntogher	Culnady	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Cookstown	Davagh Forest	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Moyola	Desertmartin	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Cookstown	Derrychrin, Ballinderry	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget

	Dungannon	Dunavon	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Carntogher	Glenone	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Carntogher	Gulladuff	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Moyola	Hunters Park	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Torrent	Killeen	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Moyola	Kilross	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Magherafelt	Lindsayville, Ballyronan	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Carntogher	Lisnamuck	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Moyola	Longfield	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Magherafelt	Lough Fea	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Dungannon	Meadowbank	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Cookstown	Millburn Close	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Magherafelt	Moneymore RC	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Torrent	Mountcairn Coaliland	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Torrent	Newmills	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Cookstown	Orritor	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Cookstown	Parkview, Pomeroy	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Cookstown	Rathbeg	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Cookstown	Tullywiggan	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Torrent	Mourneview, Carnan	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Dungannon	Moy Oakfield	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
	Cookstown	Rockdale, Rock	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Maintenance Budget
Recommended Lifespan				
	Cookstown	Clare	Recommended Lifespan	Maintenance Budget

	Cookstown	Coagh Street	Recommended Lifespan	Maintenance Budget
	Carntogher	Crawfordsburn	Recommended Lifespan	Maintenance Budget
	Cookstown	Princess Avenue	Recommended Lifespan	Maintenance Budget
Relocation				
	Clogher Valley	Aughnacloy - Coronation Park	Subject to alternative site	TBC
	Moyola	Longfield	Subject to alternative site	TBC
Change of Use				
Small Woodland Parks	Clogher Valley	Knockmany Forest	Small Woodland Park (subject to funding)	£25,000
	Clogher Valley	Brantry Lough and Forest	Small Woodland Park (subject to funding)	£25,000
	Dungannon	Windmill Wood	Small Woodland Park (subject to funding)	£25,000
	Moyola	Traad Point	Small Woodland Park (subject to funding)	£25,000
	Cookstown	Cabin Wood	Small Woodland Park (subject to funding)	£25,000
	Magherafelt	Inniscarn Forest	Small Woodland Park (subject to funding)	£25,000
	Torrent	Drumcairne Forest	Small Woodland Park (subject to funding)	£25,000
Significant Woodland Parks				
	Moyola	Drumlamph Forest	Significant Woodland Park (subject to funding)	£50,000
	Carntogher	Derrynoyd Forest	Significant Woodland Park (subject to funding)	£50,000
	Clogher Valley	Parkanaur Forest	Significant Woodland Park (subject to funding)	£50,000
	Cookstown	Pomeroy Forest	Significant Woodland Park (subject to funding)	£25,000
	Cookstown	Drum Manor Forest	Significant Woodland Park (subject to funding)	£50,000

New Pocket Park Sites (13)				
	Magherafelt	Manor Park	Park Development Subject to funding (subject to funding)	£150,000
	Moyola	Mill Park	Park Development Subject to funding	£100,000
	Carntogher	Swatragh	Park Development Subject to funding	£140,000
	Carntogher	Ballymacombs	Park Development Subject to funding	£100,000
	Moyola	Parkview/ Riverside	Park Development Subject to funding	£150,000
	Clogher Valley	Roundlake, Fivemiletown	Park Development (subject to funding)	£100,000
	Carntogher	Clady	Park Development (subject to funding)	£100,000
	Cookstown	Fairhill	Park Development (subject to funding)	£250,000
	Dungannon	Windmill Wood	Park Development (subject to funding)	£150,000
	Dungannon	Castlehill	Park Development (subject to funding)	£150,000
	Moyola	Hunters Park	Park Development (subject to funding)	£125,000
	Moyola	Moykeeran	Park Development (subject to funding)	£100,000
	Moyola	Newferry Slipway	Park Development (subject to funding)	£75,000
Total				£3,140,000*

Development programmes and time scales may vary subject available funding streams*

1. BACKGROUND

1.1. Introduction

“Children are disappearing from the outdoors at a rate that would make the top of any conservationist’s list of endangered species if they were any other member of the animal kingdom” (Gill, 2005)¹

In recent years, there has been a cultural shift in our society that has reduced the access and use of outdoors for many children. No longer do children enjoy the same everyday freedom of movement as previous generations.

Adults of the future are becoming increasingly disconnected from green space and the outdoors and are showing symptoms of what has been described as ‘nature deficit disorder’. They are losing their physical contact with the outdoors and intimacy with the outdoors is fading.

According to Tim Gill having regular contact with nature and green spaces is part of a balanced diet of childhood experience and if children do not have those experiences then they are not going to thrive to the same degree as if they did.

Contributory factors to children now experiencing less time in the outdoors include increased fear amongst adults in relation to children’s safety (‘stranger danger’), a loss of greenspace for public access, historical under investment in facilities, reduced parental time for supervision because of work and technological advances leading to an overwhelming prominence of more sedentary indoor activities, such as TV, video and computer games.

According to Play England, it is not uncommon that parents think that taking their kids to the Park is something you do as a treat instead of something you do every day.

This sits against the fact that play has many benefits and includes according to OFMDFM (Play and Implementation Plan)

- positive physical and mental health development
- supporting the development of brain capacity in early years
- supporting a connection with nature and the environment
- supporting broad holistic development incorporating areas such as physical literacy, cognitive skills and creativity
- providing opportunities for children and young people to assess and manage risk for themselves²

This Public Parks and Play Strategy for the Mid Ulster Council area sets out a strategic framework for the next 5 years in order to help reposition the parks and play provision within the Council. It will help improve co-ordination, collaboration, capacity and the Councils’ capability to meet the current and future challenges in a way that maximises opportunities, benefits, investment and resources.

In addition, it will help consolidate into one joined up Plan previous pieces of work undertaken individually by the legacy Dungannon and South Tyrone, Magherafelt and Cookstown Councils.

¹ Children in the Outdoors - A literature review, Dr. Sarah-Anne Muñoz (2009)

² Play and Leisure Implementation Plan Narrative, Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister

1.2. Aim

The overall aim of the Strategy is:

- To prepare a Strategy that will provide direction for managing and developing parks and play facilities, programs, infrastructure, resources, and investment over the next 5 year period.
- The Strategic Plan process will assess the status of parks and play within the Council area and plan a future that reflects the Corporate Priorities of the Council and needs of the community.

1.3. Objectives

In order to achieve the aims of the Strategy, the following objectives were addressed:

- Detail and GIS map the nature and extent of public parks and current play provision in Mid Ulster
- Outline relevant context of play against what is happening at a regional and national level
- Conduct consultation exercise with relevant stakeholders including Council elected representatives, Council Officers, local community groups and user groups to identify current usage and aspirations for future development of public parks and play in the MUDC area
- Undertake research into the benefits, trends and best practice in play
- Identify future opportunities and sites for development using supplementary information from the 2011 Census and L&PS
- Produce a 5 year costed Action Plan (2020-2025) outlining proposed plans for development between 2020-2025
- Cost the Action Plan providing cost summary for both capital works and revenue costs and identify potential sources of funding to help deliver the Plan.

2. SCOPE

2.1. Project Area

Mid Ulster District Council covers an area of some 1714 km², straddles two counties, running from Swatragh in the north to Fivemiletown in the south and from the Sperrin Mountains in the west to the shores of Lough Neagh in the east.

According to the 2011 Census, the Council serves a population of over 138,590, one third of which live in urban areas. The area's principal towns are Cookstown, Coalisland, Dungannon, Magherafelt and Maghera. Two thirds of its population live in rural areas.

The Mid Ulster Council area is divided into 7 District Electoral Area namely; Carntogher, Clogher Valley, Cookstown, Dungannon, Magherafelt, Moyola, and Torrent.

DEA Name	Estimated Population ³
Carntogher	16,972
Clogher Valley	19,402
Cookstown	23,049
Dungannon	21,485
Magherafelt	18,000
Torrent	22,240
Moyola	17,442
TOTAL	138,590

The estimated overall population of Mid Ulster Local Government District at 30 June 2015 was 147,152 with further growth anticipated by 2025 rising to 164,671⁴.

According to the 2011 census, Mid Ulster has a population of 31,952, 0-15 year olds or 23% versus an average of 21% for Northern Ireland for this age band. The estimated overall population of 0-15 from the 2014-based Population Projections for Areas within Northern Ireland was estimated to be 31,225 with the projected youthful population rising slightly to 33,282 by 2025⁵

³ All usual residents, Northern Ireland Census 2011

⁴ Mid Ulster Position Paper One, Population and Growth, September 2014

⁵ <https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/2014-based-population-projections-areas-within-northern-ireland>

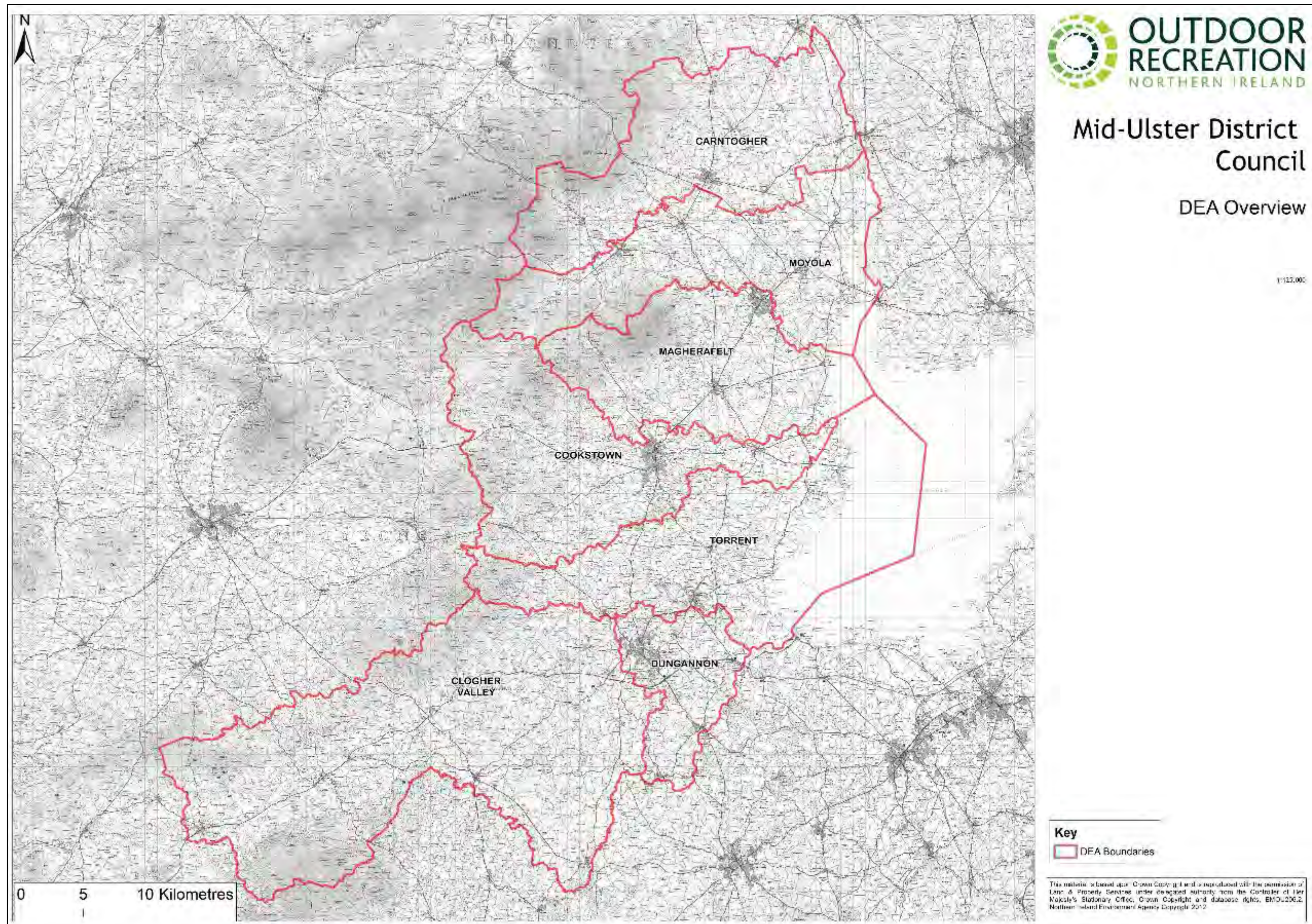


FIGURE 1 MID ULSTER DEA BOUNDARIES

3. CONTEXT

This Public Parks and Play Strategy for Mid Ulster is set in the context of numerous strategic, regional and local plans, strategies and policy statements as well as documents that focus on the benefits, trends and best practice of play and inclusive play:

- Draft Northern Ireland Programme for Government 2016 – 2021
- Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister Our Children and Young People (2006).
- Play and Leisure Policy Statement (OFMDFM, 2008)
- Play and Leisure Implementation Plan (OFMDFM, 2011)
- A Fitter Future for All - Framework for Preventing and Addressing Overweight and Obesity in Northern Ireland (Department of Health, 2012-2022)
- Our Great Outdoors – The Outdoor Recreation Plan for Northern Ireland
- Sports Matters: Strategy for Sport and Physical Recreation 2009 -2019
- Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) Census 2011
- Mid Ulster District Council Corporate Plan 2015-2019
- Tourism Strategy and Action Plan 2016 -2021 for Mid Ulster District Council
- Mid Ulster District Council Community Plan
- Mid Ulster District Council Village Plans
- Mid Ulster Area Preparatory Open Space, Recreation and Leisure Study 2015
- Mid Ulster Forest Recreation Audit 2015
- Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People (NICCY) Play and Leisure Policy Briefing Paper (2010)
- Relevant Research and Publications by Playboard Northern Ireland
- Planning Policy Statement PPS 7 Quality Residential Environments
- Planning Policy Statement PPS8 Open Space and Outdoor Recreation Policy
- Guidance for Outdoor Sport and Play – Beyond the Six Acre Standard, FIT (October 2015)
- Children’s Play and Leisure – Promoting a balanced approach – Health and Safety Executive 2012
- Best Play – National Playing Fields Association (March 2005)
- Local Development Plan 2030 - Preferred Options Paper, Mid Ulster District Council (November 2016)
- Health and Well-being -Trees, Woodlands and Natural Spaces, Forestry Commission (2003)

Although all the above are important, the following documents are considered of most relevance and are detailed below:

1. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
2. Draft Northern Ireland Programme for Government 2016 – 2021
3. Play and Leisure Policy Statement (OFMDFM, 2008)
4. Play and Leisure Implementation Plan (OFMDFM, 2011)
5. Our Great Outdoors - The Outdoor Recreation Action Plan for Northern Ireland
6. Sport Matters - The Northern Ireland Strategy for Sport and Physical Recreation 2009 – 2019
7. Mid Ulster District Council Corporate Plan 2015 – 2019

8. Mid Ulster District Council Community Plan
9. Mid Ulster District Council Village Plans
10. Tourism Strategy and Action Plan for 2016 – 2021 for Mid Ulster District Council
11. Our Children and Young People – Our Pledge 2016
12. Planning Policy Statement PPS 7 Quality Residential Environments
13. Planning Policy Statement PPS8 Open Space and Outdoor Recreation Policy
14. Best Play – National Playing Fields Association (March 2005)
15. Health and Well-being -Trees, Woodlands and Natural Spaces, Forestry Commission (2003)
16. Play for All – Providing play facilities for disabled children
17. Children’s Play and Leisure - Promoting A Balanced Approach, September 2012
18. Managing Risk in Play Provision: Implementation Guide, Play Safety Forum, David Ball, Tim Gill and Bernard Spiegel (2013)
19. Design for Play: A guide to creating successful play spaces, Play England (2008)
20. Playable Space – Quality Assessment Tool, Play England (October 2009)
21. Local Development Plan 2030 - Preferred Options Paper (Mid Ulster District Council, November 2016)
22. A Countryside for health and well-being- the physical and mental health benefits of green exercise (CRN, 2005)
23. Play - A report by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on a Fit and Healthy Childhood (Appg, October 2015)
24. Changing Places: the practical guide, Changing Places Consortium
25. The Value of Public Space – Commission for Architecture

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

The basic principle underlying the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, often referred to as the UNCRC is that children (defined as being 18 years or under) are born with the same fundamental set of rights as all humans, with a number of additional rights due to their vulnerability.

Article 31 of the UNCRC formally recognises the child’s right to play and the right to engage in other recreational activities, including participation in cultural activities and the arts. Article 31 states:

1. States Parties recognize the right of the child to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child and to participate freely in cultural life and the arts.
2. States Parties shall respect and promote the right of the child to participate fully in cultural and artistic life and shall encourage the provision of appropriate and equal opportunities for cultural, artistic, recreational and leisure activity.

Draft Northern Ireland Programme for Government 2016 – 2021

The Draft Programme for Government 2016 – 2021 is currently out for public consultation. In due course, the Programme for Government Framework will provide the strategic context for other key Executive strategy documents, including the Investment Strategy, the Economic Strategy and an Anti-Poverty/Social Strategy. The Programme will also inform the development of the Executive’s budget

over the course of this mandate and provide a mechanism for ensuring limited funds are best directed to where they can contribute most.

The Draft Framework contains 14 strategic outcomes which, taken together, set a clear direction of travel and enable continuous improvement on the essential components of societal wellbeing. They touch on every aspect of government, including the attainment of good health and education, economic success and building confident and peaceful communities. In addition to merely fulfilling statutory obligations, the new Executive hopes to be able to target those things that make real improvements to the quality of life for the citizen.

The strategic outcomes are supported by 42 indicators, which are clear statements for change. The following indicators are of particular relevance to the proposed project:

- Reduce health inequality
- Increase life expectancy
- Improve mental health
- Improve our attractiveness as a destination and improve our international reputation.

Key to the success of the new Programme for Government is the ability of Departments to work collaboratively with not only themselves but also with other public bodies and the voluntary and private sector.

Play and Leisure Policy Statement for NI

OFMDFM's ten year Play and Leisure Policy Statement published in 2009 sets out the NI Executive's commitment towards ensuring 'a happier and healthier future for all children and young people'. The Strategy has its foundations in the UNs Convention on the Rights of the Child which was ratified by the UK Government in December 1991 and which recognised the importance of play and leisure activities for the child

It recognises that play is a 'powerful medium for teaching values to children of all ages' and recognises that good play and leisure opportunities can help improve quality of life and safety in neighbourhoods, tackle obesity, promote children's health and well-being, support children's development and build community cohesion.

It sets out a vision for play as:

To recognise, respect and resource play is to recognise, respect and value childhood'

The Statement also recognises that some vulnerable groups including those in poverty and those with disabilities may need additional support to gain maximum benefit from play.

Play and Leisure Implementation Plan

Consistent with 'Our Children and Young People – Our pledge', OFMDFM's 2011 Play and Leisure Implementation Plan includes the following key principles:

Accessibility – there should be sufficient provision of, and transport to and from places and spaces for play and leisure.

Affordability – costs associated with play and leisure should be affordable.

Flexibility – service providers should be flexible in delivering play and leisure opportunities based on the views of children and young people.

Diversity – through play and leisure there should be access to a range of people, places, spaces, opportunities and experience.

Integration – play and leisure opportunities should support building community cohesion.

Inclusion – irrespective of race, ethnic origin, class, gender, sexual orientation, ability religion or age, all children and young people should have an equal opportunity to be involved in play and leisure.

Quality – all play and leisure activities and places should be fit for purpose and meet quality standards.

Participation – all children and young people have the opportunity to participate actively in decision that may affect their play and leisure.

Our Great Outdoors - The Outdoor Recreation Action Plan for Northern Ireland

This Action Plan published in 2014 was commissioned by Sport NI and Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) with support from the Northern Ireland Tourist Board (NITB) and the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL) Inland Waterways Branch.

The Action Plan highlights the importance of making the outdoors accessible to everyone and the opportunities that there are to participate, not only in rural areas but also in the urban fringes.

The Plan's vision is: "a culture of dynamic, sustainable outdoor recreation in Northern Ireland"

To achieve this vision, the aim is for Northern Ireland to be a place where:

- there are increasing opportunities and improved access and infrastructure for sustained and increased participation for everyone in a broad range of outdoor recreation activities
- there are accompanying benefits to local communities, especially those who are socially excluded in terms of health, social inclusion, cohesion, equality, and economic development; and
- people enjoy the outdoors and show a high degree of responsibility for themselves, towards others and towards the environment they are using, and play their part in maintaining, supporting and enhancing our environment and heritage.

Sport Matters - The Northern Ireland Strategy for Sport and Physical Recreation 2009 – 2019

Whilst Northern Ireland's environment provides conditions of international quality for a range of activities, Sport Matters recognises that not everyone will wish to achieve in performance sport and the Strategy encourages the development and use of open spaces for a variety of informal recreational and outdoor pursuits. Being out in the fresh air enjoying the scenery, whilst taking exercise, is recognised as important elements of Sport Matters. The Strategy acknowledges that the natural environment provides many opportunities for a range of sporting and physical recreation activities but that access issues exist.

In aspiring to the target that "by 2019 Northern Ireland will have developed a range of new, improved and shared sports facilities to a standard comparable with other similar regions of the UK", the Strategy indicates that this will require:

- public access to and sustainable use of, publicly-owned lands across Northern Ireland for sport, physical recreation and activity tourism (2015 target included in the Strategy);
- a planning system which facilitates and protects the provision of spaces for sport and physical recreation by following Planning Policy Statement 8: Open Space Sport and Outdoor Recreation (2019 target included in the Strategy).

Sport Northern Ireland has also approved a position statement regarding access to the natural environment in support of targets set out in the Sport Matters Strategy. The objective is to communicate Sport Northern Ireland's position on the importance it attaches to outdoor recreation through:

- promoting the best possible access to the natural environment for sport and physical recreation within the confines of existing legislation and organisation of the land ownership prevalent in Northern Ireland.
- encouraging and supporting full access for responsible and sustainable recreation on public land through the development of policy frameworks by other public bodies – especially those that are custodians of public land.

Mid Ulster District Council Corporate Plan 2015 – 2019

The overarching vision of the Council's Corporate Plan is 'Mid Ulster Council aspires to be at the heart of our community'.

The Council has identified a number of key issues of importance to the people across Mid Ulster including; education, the economy, the environment, safety, a sense of belonging, partnership working, improved infrastructure, accessible amenities and attractive vibrant, tourism villages and open spaces. These issues are reflected in four themes namely:

1. Delivering for our People
2. Creating Growth
3. Sustaining our Environment
4. Building Unity

Theme 1 – 'Delivering for our People' includes as its priorities for action: 'High quality, responsive, indoor and outdoor recreational services with increased customer numbers and satisfaction'

Theme 2 – 'Creating Growth' recognises the importance of a capital investment and improvement programme for the area including improving the physical infrastructure and connectivity of Mid Ulster and the importance of optimising the tourism potential of Mid Ulster'

Theme 3: Sustaining our Environment Theme recognises the important of the environment which the Plan notes as deserving to be protected, preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of everyone. Specific priorities include:

- maximising potential of the area's natural and built attractions and facilities, building collaborative partnerships and strategic alliances;
- realising the tourism potential of Mid Ulster, being clear upon the opportunities and targeting resources
- developing and enhancing parks, play areas and open spaces to encourage physical activity and open the countryside in a sustainable manner to our community.

The importance of community planning is recognised in Theme 4: Building Unity, whereby a key priority of the Council is to use Community Planning to connect communities and form collaborative partnerships.

Mid Ulster District Council Community Plan

Community Planning is a significant new statutory power which has been presented to Councils within Northern Ireland as a result of local government reform. Mid Ulster's first Community Plan published in 2016 sets out the vision of:

'Mid Ulster – a welcoming place where our people are content, healthy and safe; educated and skilled; where our economy is thriving; our environment and heritage are sustained; and where our public services excel'

The Plan sets out 15 outcomes to be achieved through a number of actions that have been structured into 5 themes namely:

- Economic growth
- Infrastructure
- Education and Skills
- Health and Well Being and
- Vibrant and Safe Communities

Running across the five themes are three cross cutting themes which impact on all aspects of life in Mid Ulster. One of these is 'sustainable environment' which recognises that Mid Ulster is home to many precious environments which its people have fostered and cherished for generations.

Four of the five themes include actions relating directly to the wider agenda of outdoor recreation as follows:

Economic growth

- maximise tourism investment and employment concentrating on the three strategic tourism themes of Seamus Heaney, Activity and Heritage

Infrastructure

- secure the transfer of Lough Neagh into public ownership
- progress the reinstatement of the Ulster Canal and its greenway links
- increase the protection of, and access to and development of heritage assets – both natural and man-made including; Seamus Heaney countryside, O'Neill heritage, Lough Neagh, Sperrins, Beaghmore and the area's forests.

Health and Well Being

- deliver a Recreation and Active Lifestyle Plan which will provide formal and informal recreation and play opportunities

Vibrant and Safe Communities

- promote and develop shared space across the area and make more use of existing facilities.

Mid Ulster District Council Village Plans

46 village plans cover MUDC. Many of these have been updated within the past 12 months. Within many of the individual Village Plans there are specific recommendations relating to the provision of public park and play opportunities. These have been extracted and are highlighted in Appendix 5.

Tourism Strategy and Action Plan for 2016 – 2021 for Mid Ulster District Council

Prepared by BTS, the Action Plan sets out the vision for tourism in Mid Ulster as

‘to enhance Mid Ulster’s image and reputation for visitors and grow the visitor economy to £50m by 2021 as measured by overnight visitor expenditure’.

In order to achieve this vision the Plan highlights five strategic themes and interrelated actions for delivery one of which is the:

- development of three strategic tourism strands (Seamus Heaney, Archaeological Sites history and heritage and Outdoor Activities).

The development of outdoor activities in the area is therefore recognised as serving as one of the three strategic core propositions for Mid Ulster to attract visitors, encourage them to stay longer in the area and ensure that tourism contributes to the local economy.

The Action Plan states that ‘the objective of focussing on the outdoor activity market lies in its scale and size and the opportunity of strengthening the competitiveness of the Mid Ulster destination, by building on this underdeveloped sector’.

Key actions identified in the Plan to improve the economic contribution of outdoor and activity tourism include:

- creating a coherent and compelling range of outdoor activity sites and facilities by pulling all existing and potential new sites under one umbrella
- positioning Mid Ulster as a centre of excellence for the visitor, thus encouraging them to visit the area, stay longer and spend more
- the development of the outdoor and activity tourism product comprising both physical development and management and organisational dimensions – marketing, interagency collaboration and cluster development
- the development of key Forest Parks – Parkanaur, Knockmany and Drum Manor.
- The delivery of a year-round programme of events.

Our Children and Young People – Our Pledge 2016

OFMDFM’s 10-year strategy for children and young people published in 2006 sets out 6 high level outcomes namely:

- Healthy
- Enjoying, learning and achieving
- Living in safety and with stability
- Experiencing economics and environmental well being
- Contributing positively to community and society
- Living in a society which respect their rights

Play links directly to these outcomes in the following way:

Healthy: Play, especially outdoors, offers many opportunities for physical activity. Physical inactivity and rising levels of childhood obesity in NI is of major concern. To get the maximum developmental and experiential benefit from their play children need to have access to a range of play experience and opportunities and be involved in different and distinctive types of play. It is recognised that play also enhances the mental health of children and highlights the importance of children being able to play, take risks and to use their own initiative.

Enjoying, learning and achieving: in early childhood, most of children's learning is acquired through play. It allows children and young people to explore boundaries, test abilities, use initiative, take risk and make mistakes without fear of failure. The Statement states that since the essence of play is about fun, enjoyment and achievement it is important to work to create spaces both in rural areas and in a range of setting where children are enjoying themselves and having fun.

Contributing positively to community and society: facilities used for play are frequently seen as focal points for communities and offer opportunities for real social interaction for children and for the wider community and supports the development of a greater sense of community spirit.

Living in safety and with stability: communities where play is configured to maximise informal contact among neighbours, the streets are safer, children are taken better care of, people are generally happier with their surroundings and there is increased social participation in local activities and reduced risk of crime, graffiti and violence.

Experiencing economic and environmental well-being: people who acquire more skills become more able. Play is recognised as being central to acquiring skills and developing one's ability.

Policy Statement 7 (PPS7) – Quality Residential Environments (2001)

PPS 7 sets out the Department's planning policies for achieving quality in new residential development and advises on the treatment of this issue in development plans. It applies to all residential development proposals with the exception of proposals for single dwelling in the countryside.

It recognises that new residential development can threaten local character and identity and that developments have tended to be designed around the requirements of the private car and often lack adequate provision of open space or landscaping. Consequently, all residential developments are expected to conform to certain criteria including:

- adequate provision is made for public and private open space and landscaped areas as an integral part of the development.

More specifically it states that integrating pleasant, attractive and landscaped areas of public open space, including children's play spaces, is as an intrinsic element of any new residential development as open space not only has recreational and social benefits but is also considered vital to the overall design quality of the development. It can help promote biodiversity and contributes to the creation of an attractive, sustainable and varied residential environment, helping to 'green' an area, soften any environmental impact and foster a sense of community.

Policy Statement 8 (PPS8) - Open Space, Sport and Outdoor Recreation (2004)

PPS 8 sets out the Department's planning policies for the protection of open space, the provision of new areas of open space in association with residential development and the use of land for sport and

outdoor recreation and advises on the treatment of these issues in development plans. It embodies the Government's commitment to sustainable development, to the promotion of a more active and healthy lifestyle and to the conservation of biodiversity.

Open Space is defined in PPS8, Open Space, Sport and outdoor Recreation as:

‘all open space of public value, including not just land, but also inland bodies of water such as rivers, canal, lakes and reservoirs which offer important opportunities for sport and outdoor recreation and can also act as a visual amenity’.

Open space, sport and outdoor recreation are important components of life providing many health, cultural, social, economic and environmental benefits. Open space can enhance the character of residential areas, civic buildings, conservation areas and archaeological sites. It can also help to attract business and tourism and thereby contribute to the process of urban regeneration. The use being made of the countryside for a range of sporting and outdoor recreational activities, particularly where these are associated with farm diversification, can contribute to the process of rural regeneration and help promote natural resource tourism.

Consequently, retaining open space, creating new open space and promoting more opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation in the future is of significant importance.

Best Play – National Playing Fields Association (March 2005)

Developed in conjunction with PLAYLINK and the Children's Play Council, Best Play is about how children benefit from play opportunities. It is also about how play services and spaces can provide these benefits, and how they can show that they are providing them. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, ratified by the UK Government in December 1991, recognises the importance of play for the child. Article 31 of the Convention states that:

"States parties recognise the right of the child to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child and to participate freely in cultural life and the arts. A set of values and principles about children and play, based on the UN Convention and on understandings about play have been created within the document: Children's views, Access to Rich Stimulating Environments, Freedom to Play,

Equal entitlement, Respect for children, Children's abilities, Play for its own sake, The importance of risk, The adult role in play and Adult responsiveness.

Health and Well-being -Trees, Woodlands and Natural Spaces, Forestry Commission (2003)

The relationships between the environment, health, culture and society are the foundation of the study within this document. Outdoor activity in a Forest environment will have an obvious and direct positive effect on health but it is also highlighted that people feel more relaxed when viewing trees and other plants as well as water and therefore has a positive impact on physical well-being. In addition, Woodlands also offer a focal meeting place which forms an important part of local identity. Finally, it is also stated that 'Natural Environments' can introduce an element of physical and mental challenge. A USDA Forest Service Study (2001) also suggested that in areas with trees, children played for longer and were involved in more collaborative play.

Play for all - Providing play facilities for disabled children (<http://www.dessa.ie/publications>)

Play for All aims to help Family Resource Centres (FRCs), Community Development Projects (CDPs) and other small community-based organisations to ensure that outdoor play facilities associated with their premises and centre-based activities, or any others that they use, are accessible and welcoming to all disabled children living in their local areas. It highlights the importance of play and that all children are entitled to access to play. Consultation is highlighted and that disabled children and their families should be included in the process. Safety and risk need to be managed to ensure the balance of attractive challenging play is coupled with adequate safety measures. Finally, planning and design recommendations are highlighted providing some initial thoughts when planning an inclusive play area.

Children's Play and Leisure - Promoting A Balanced Approach, Health and Safety Executive (2012)

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) fully supports the provision of play for all children in a variety of environments. In this statement, HSE makes clear that, as a regulator, it recognises the benefits of allowing children and young people of all ages and abilities to have challenging play opportunities.

Key message: 'Play is great for children's well-being and development. When planning and providing play opportunities, the goal is not to eliminate risk, but to weigh up the risks and benefits. No child will learn about risk if they are wrapped in cotton wool'. The HSE state that it is important to strike the right balance between protecting children from the most serious risks and allowing them to reap the benefits of play. They state that it is not about eliminating risk but more about sensible adult judgements are all that is generally required to derive the best benefits to children whilst ensuring that they are not exposed to unnecessary risk. This statement also states that industry standards such as EN 1176 offer benchmarks that can help. This statement defines what parents and society should expect from play providers: Key message: 'Those providing play opportunities should focus on controlling the real risks, while securing or increasing the benefits – not on the paperwork'. The HSE supports the Implementation Guide developed by the Play Safety Forum, as a sensible approach to risk management. Indeed, the Statement acknowledges that accidents can happen but this possibility does not mean that play providers should eliminate even the most trivial of risks and provided sensible and proportionate steps have been taken, it is highly unlikely there would be any breach of health and safety law involved, or that it would be in the public interest to bring a prosecution.

Managing Risk in Play Provision: Implementation Guide, Play Safety Forum (2013)

As an independent body, hosted by play England, The Play Safety Forum, formed in 1993, exists to consider and promote the wellbeing of children and young people through ensuring a balance between safety, risk and challenge in respect of play and leisure provision. Children want exciting places to play which in turn are inherently risky, however there is a need to foster positive risk taking which is fundamental to children's health and development. This document acts as a guide for those tasked with the design, maintenance and delivery of play services. The document states that many providers do not use all four levels of the risk benefit management process. Risk management as it is currently practised is likely to include the following activities:

- procurement processes that require designs to be compliant with standards to a lesser or greater extent
- post-installation inspections by competent inspectors (in-house or external)
- annual inspections by competent inspectors (in-house or external)

- more frequent routine inspections by staff or volunteers.

The guide further advises how providers can incorporate their Risk Management procedures into a Risk Benefit Assessment. The risk benefit assessment model is recognised as a practical and common-sense approach in the provision of children's play balancing risk and challenge. 'Risk-benefit assessment focuses on making judgements and identifying measures that manage risks while securing benefits'.

In conclusion, despite increasing concern over health and safety in today's society, it is still acknowledged there is a need for good or managed risk in play which engage and challenge children to supports their growth, learning and development.

Design for Play: A guide to creating successful play spaces, Play England (2008)

This document is primarily aimed at commissioners and designers of children's play areas. The guidance is intended to support good practice in the development and improvement of public play space. Given the reduced opportunity for children to play, this guide is also intended to inform the creation of outdoor play space for years to come. This document states that these areas should be places where children and young people can enjoy spending time, be physically active, interact with their natural surroundings, experience change and continuity, take risks in an environment where they feel safe and, of course, play – alone or with others – in a wide variety of ways.

The key piece of guidance within this document is how to create inspiring places for play, giving children and young people the freedom to play creatively, yet still allow them to experience risk, challenge and excitement. 10 principles for designing successful play spaces are encapsulated in one golden rule 'A successful play space is a place in its own right, specially designed for its location, in such a way as to provide as much play value as possible'.

It aims to show that, with imagination, planning and an understanding of children's needs, it is possible to create and maintain exciting play areas for children and young people of different ages, sometimes by making only small changes to existing provision. It also aims to provide the ideas and the practical resources for building new play areas in a fresher and more inspiring way than is current common practice.

Playable Space – Quality Assessment Tool, Play England (2008)

The benefits of play have been well documented by Play England and how play contributes to children's overall development including teaching vital skills such as planning, negotiating, being creative, not being afraid to take risks and to experiment, having fun and enjoying themselves. The Quality Assessment Tool aims to help providers create the best possible conditions to allow children develop in through play. The aim of the quality assessment is to assess the quality of children's play spaces. It is designed as a tool to help play providers look at the spaces available for children's play, and assess what improvements could be made to enhance the use and quality of those spaces.

The assessment tool focuses on three major aspects to children's outdoor play provision: the location of play areas, the play value and the care and maintenance. The guide offers guidelines for the assessment of the three different types of play space and facility to which all children and young people should have free access in their local neighbourhood – Type A: Doorstep space and facility, Type B: Local space and facility and Type C: Neighbourhood space and facility

This document highlights that location may be the single most important factor in how well children use not only play spaces but also open/green spaces. Young children need a location where they can be seen, older children need a location where they can roam and 'hang out' and children with disabilities or siblings in push chairs need a facility they access with ease.

The importance of play value is described as the different experiences that children derive from play areas such as swinging, sliding and rocking. It is noted that quiet, contemplative play is just as important as physical, boisterous play and that the natural environment provides a wealth of opportunity in this environment.

The importance of care and maintenance is addressed to allow children to play free from unexpected hazards and to ensure other types of risk-benefit analysis are being undertaken.

Finally, the Quality Assessment tool gives consideration to who carries out the assessment, guidelines and definitions for assessing the three different types of play and the score sheet. The score sheet assesses the site including first impressions as well as considering planning decisions. The 'Judgements for planning' section is to be completed at the end of the assessments once scores have been analysed. This section will provide a record of the rationale for the development decisions for each site. The scores (from 1 to 5) are converted into percentage scores to allow for weighting and comparisons between sites and between the location, play value and care and maintenance sections. The aim of the scoring system is to identify which play area and which particular aspects of the play area require improvement.

Local Development Plan 2030 - Preferred Options Paper (Mid Ulster District Council, November 2016)

The Preferred Options Paper (POP) from Mid Ulster Council is the first formal stage in the development of the Council's Local Development Plan. The POP is a consultation document prepared to promote debate and discussion on strategic issues which are likely to influence and shape future development in Mid Ulster.

The Paper has been prepared to inform interested parties and individuals on the matters that may have a direct effect on the area and to set out possible options for development as well as the council's preferred option to address those matters. The paper provides the public and stakeholders with an opportunity to put forward their views and influence the plan from the outset.

The POP proposes strategic guidelines for accommodating growth across Mid Ulster, together with housing allocations and policies. It also explores how the creation of new jobs and prosperity can be facilitated and how our environment can be enhanced and infrastructure improved. It provides a series of maps showing where possible constraints on development could be introduced and indicates directions of growth for the towns.

The Mid Ulster Local Development Plan will share the vision of the Regional Development Strategy;

"An outward-looking, dynamic and liveable Region with a strong sense of its place in the wider world; a Region of opportunity where people enjoy living and working in a healthy environment which enhances the quality of their lives and where diversity is a source of strength rather than division."

The Plan will be tailored in line with Mid Ulster's emerging Community Plan which presents a vision of:

“Mid Ulster...a welcoming place where our people are content, healthy and safe; educated and skilled; where our economy is thriving; our environment and heritage are sustained; and where our public services excel”.

To address the vision of the RDS, the emerging Community Plan and the current key issues within Mid Ulster the Local Development Plan will contain a set of objectives to aid the sustainable development of the District:

- Accommodating People and Creating Places
- Creating jobs and promoting prosperity
- Enhancing the environment and improving infrastructure

It is the final objective that aims to address the matter of open space and leisure, ensuring that Mid Ulster is well served in relation to the provision of formal and informal open space and leisure facilities, thus improving the quality of life for its people.

A Countryside for Health and Well-being – The Physical and Mental Health Benefits of Green Exercise (CRN, 2005)

This study focuses on the physical and mental health benefits of green exercise. In an age where green space is at a premium and under pressure from economic development this document indicates that less green nature means reduced mental wellbeing, or at least less opportunity to recover from mental stress.

Substantial evidence links the natural environment with good physical health and psychological wellbeing. The 'Biophilia Hypothesis' states that the desire for contact with nature is partly innate. As physical activity and nature can positively affect wellbeing, the research explores the synergy in adopting physical activities whilst being directly exposed to nature and have named it 'green exercise'.

The study sets out three levels of engagement with nature

- viewing nature - as through a window, or in a painting
- being in the presence of nearby nature - which may be incidental to some other activity, such as walking or cycling to work, reading on a garden seat or talking to friends in a park; and
- active participation and involvement with nature - such as gardening, farming, trekking, camping, cross-country running or horse-riding

As a result of green exercise, there was a significant improvement in self-esteem in nine out of the ten case studies. The largest change was detected amongst those who took part in Woodland Activities.

Play - A report by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on a Fit and Healthy Childhood (Appg, October 2015)

The purpose of the All Party Parliamentary Group is to promote evidence based discussion and produce reports on all aspects of childhood health and wellbeing including obesity; to inform policy decisions and public debate relating to childhood; and to enable communications between interested parties and relevant parliamentarians. The Working Group that produced this report is a sub-group of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on a Fit and Healthy Childhood.

There are a number of recommendations made within this report which are felt to be a reflection of the work required to recognise the importance of play to child development and to create the environment that will reverse the recent trend of reducing play opportunities. Recommendations made are in line with the following:

- the role and responsibilities of government enabling play both in England and the devolved UK and the practice and model of other countries
- play in early years' settings, primary and secondary schools
- outdoor and indoor play; barriers and opportunities
- educational learning through play both pre-school and in-school to include an exploration of the role and place of modern technology in child play in home and school settings
- assistance/guidance for families in facilitating a rich and stimulating play environment for children both within and outside the home
- play and the planning system
- play and the evaluation of risk and safety
- the role of media, advertising and the play industry in the promotion of beneficial children's play
- the training needs of the children's workforce
- health benefits of play; physical health and nutrition, mental and emotional health – and play as therapy for children, how play contributes to the public health agenda
- play, diversity and inclusion

The report concludes with the government strategy for play.

Changing Places: the practical guide, Changing Places Consortium

Drafted by the Changing Places Consortium, this document provides practical guidance on the design and management of a Changing Places (CP) toilet facility. The CP Consortium supports the installation of CP facilities in public buildings and raises awareness of CP facilities across the UK through an interactive map displaying location address, contact details and opening times of accredited CP facilities. Members of the CP Consortium include: PAIMS, Royal Mencap Society, Centre of Accessible Environments, Dumfries and Galloway Council, Nottingham City Council and Scottish Government. CP is supported in Northern Ireland by Mencap.

Section 75 of the Northern Ireland act is most relevant to the provision of CP in Northern Ireland while Public bodies in Northern Ireland must also meet duties under the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA 1995) to promote positive attitudes towards those with disabilities and encourage participation of disabled people in public life. Building regulations and design guidance under Technical Booklet R2012 – Access to and use of buildings, recommends that those with profound and multiple learning difficulties and who need help of up to two assistants, need a facility if that is a combined toilet, shower and changing room.

The guide details planning and design specifications as well as equipment, finance/funding, management and maintenance information, providing a comprehensive guide to ensure those people with disabilities and their families have access to hygienic and dignified toilet and changing provision.

The Value of Public Space: Architecture Commission

CABE Space is part of the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment and was set up in May 2003. It champions excellence in the design and management of parks, streets and squares in towns and cities. CABE Space receives funding from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and support from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport. This report identifies how high-quality parks and public spaces create economic, social and environmental value.

4. METHODOLOGY

Both primary and secondary research techniques were employed during the preparation of the Strategy. Data from previous projects within the area supplemented with further on-line research was used to complement an extensive consultation exercise.

Consultation involved a variety of techniques including email, telephone, face-to-face, online questionnaires and a series of public consultation events. In total, seven public consultation events took place, one in each of the Council's seven District Electoral Areas (DEAs). See Appendix 2 for details of the public consultation events.

Each consultation event was promoted widely through the following channels:

- direct emails to all community groups within the area through Council Community Development Service
- editorial in local newspapers including Derry Post, Mid Ulster Mail, Mid Ulster Observer, Tyrone Courier, Tyrone Herald and Tyrone Times
- websites including Outdoor Recreation NI.com, OutdoorNI.com, WalkNI.com, Rural Community Network.com, CommunityNI.com and Mid Ulster Council consultation page
- direct emails through in-house mailing lists, Rural Community Network and various governing bodies
- Facebook pages including WalkNI and social media channels across Council
- wide circulation of consultation poster which advertised dates, venues and purpose of the events to community groups and youth organisations
- consultation posters printed on coriboard located at public parks and play parks across Mid Ulster

At each of the consultation events a short presentation, given by ORNI, was followed by a breakout session where attendees had the opportunity to report the sites and areas they currently use for play and outdoor recreation and what they would like to see developed in the future.

In total 55 people attended the public consultation events.

Table 1 summarises the different consultation methods used throughout the preparation of the Strategy.

Consultee Category	Consultation Method
Council Officers	Face-to-face meeting Invited to DEA public consultations Senior Management Team (SMT)
Council Elected Member	Invited to DEA public consultations
Governing Bodies of Sport	Face-to-face meeting or telephone interviews (depending on convenience)
Public/Statutory Agencies and Charitable organisations e.g. Sure Start, MENCAP, Disability Action, Guide Dogs NI	Face-to-face meeting (where relevant) Follow-up phone call to discuss (where relevant)
Community Groups	Invited to DEA public consultations Face-to-face meetings (where appropriate)
Youth organisations, afterschool clubs and special schools	Face-to-face meeting (where relevant) Follow-up phone call to discuss (where relevant) Invited to DEA public consultations
General Public	Invited to DEA public consultations

TABLE 1 CONSULTATION METHODS USED DURING THE PREPARATION OF THE STRATEGY.

All data collected was analysed and presented using the spatial mapping tool ArcGIS. The following information was mapped:

- current provision of public parks, play facilities, MUGAs and open/green space parks
- population breakdown of Mid Ulster across the 7 DEAs
- household pointer data of Mid Ulster across the 7 DEAs
- future development opportunities

5. CONSULTATION RESULTS

5.1. Public Meetings

An extensive process of consultation was carried out with individual Council Officers, Council elected members, national governing bodies of sport (NGBs), public and statutory agencies, children's day-care providers, youth centres, community associations and groups, sporting clubs and the general public.

Public Consultation took place within each of the 7 DEAs. A number of recurrent themes became apparent with regards public parks and play provision (please note this is not an exhaustive list but responses gathered have been grouped together into themes which have been reviewed against the wider Mid Ulster Community Plan as well as individual village plans where relevant):

Popular and Well Used Playparks/MUGAs

A number of sites across Mid Ulster were highlighted as having good facilities Fairhill in Cookstown, Monrush MUGA in Cookstown, Gortgonis in Torrent and Hunters Park in Moyola. These are valued sites that are important to the community.

Poor Playpark Provision/Upgrade Required

Some of the smaller playparks were highlighted as inefficient, with poor quality play equipment offering little value to the community. Examples include Coagh Street in Cookstown. In addition, a number of locations were felt that they no longer adequately serviced the community surrounding them including Ballygawley in Clogher Valley.

New Park/Playpark Provision Highlighted

Sandholes in Cookstown, Walled Garden in Maghera and Maghera were highlighted as areas in need of provision. In comparison to other DEAs within the District, Magherafelt and the town of Magherafelt is lacking in play provision.

Inclusive Facilities

The demand and real need for increased inclusive facilities within Mid Ulster was highlighted at a number of the consultations most notably within the Torrent and Magherafelt events. The need for inclusivity includes not only play provision but most importantly adequate changing facilities.

Partnerships

A number of potential partnerships were highlighted across Mid Ulster where the Council and Community Groups/Associations could work alongside one another to create open/green space for community use and/or play e.g. Workspace, GAA and other sporting clubs.

Neutral Venues

It was felt that where any new play or open/green space provision is to be developed that consideration should be given to neutral sites to cater for both sides of the community to improve community cohesion.

Maintenance/Ancillary Items/Vandalism

Overall it was felt that public parks and parks within Mid Ulster require continued maintenance as well as improved signage with regards opening hours and dog policy for example.

Opportunities for Play at Forest Locations

A number of forest sites were raised at consultation because they are popular for outdoor recreation and it was felt they could be further enhanced by introducing an element of play provision. It was felt that this enhanced offering would better serve the local community and visitors alike providing an improved visitor experience. Locations highlighted included Knockmany Forest, Brantry Forest Parkanaur Forest and Drumlamph Forest (in conjunction with the Development Association).

Increased Promotion

Despite there being over one hundred public parks/play parks and open/green spaces in Mid Ulster, it was felt there was a lack of awareness and the locations and associated facilities could be better promoted.

Consultation

Parks are important to communities especially in Mid Ulster, therefore it was highlighted that the community would require further consultation with regards proposed recommendations including new developments, change of use or sites based on their recommended life span.

5.2. Public Survey

Working closely with Mid Ulster Council, a public survey was developed in order to assess current provision of public parks and play in Mid Ulster and what future provision should address in order to meet the needs of the various communities across the Council area.

Drafted using Survey Monkey the survey was live from January to February 2016, with the average survey taking between 10-12 minutes. The survey link was promoted in press, online via Council and Outdoor Recreation NI websites as well as WalkNI and OutdoorNI. The link also featured in online articles on Community NI and the Rural Community Network websites. Social media was also a key tool in promoting the survey with posts on Council and Outdoor Recreation NI Facebook pages. The survey link also featured on temporary Council signage which publicised the Public Consultation events. Finally, a number of community and youth groups as well as day care, after school groups and special schools were also contacted by telephone to drive traffic towards the survey site.

Despite a concentrated effort to increase participation, a total of 141 responses were received. While not statistically robust to provide in depth analysis, the results gathered provide supplementary data which has supported the overall analysis of current and future play provision in Mid Ulster. In addition, the verbatim responses collected are felt to be invaluable with detailed replies to open ended questions in which respondents were honest and open about the issues within their local public parks, play facilities and open/green spaces.

Please note, in line with best practice, responses with a base of less than 30 should not be used for statistical analysis purposes. However, when filtering within questions, several low base responses exist therefore for the purposes on this survey, bases less than 10 will not be reported on. As such, the survey should be treated as supplementary in nature. The full survey and results can be viewed within Appendix 4 of this document.

Current Usage – Park visited most often (Q1 – Q12 Base: 99 – 141)

The majority of respondents reside in Upperlands (14%) and Magherafelt (12%) - subsequently these are two areas within Mid Ulster that fall behind in terms of current public park and play provision when compared to the other 5 DEAs. It is encouraging to note that overall usage is high, with over 90% of respondents (129) using public parks/play parks in Mid Ulster. Dungannon Park and Meadowbank Magherafelt were cited as the parks used most often (14 respondents or 12% for each). When asked about the play park they use most often, respondents naturally visit these parks with children or other family (84%) with 1 in 4 going a few times per week. With regards location, it is interesting to note that while over 30% live less than 1 mile away from their nearest play park, nearly 70% travel to the play park they use most often by car. Nearly 60% of respondents visit these parks to 'get the children outdoors for half an hour' versus 12% of those who use them for 'a fun day out with the family'. When respondents were asked what they do at the public park/play park they visit most often, almost three quarters of respondents make use of the play park facilities, with walking being the next most popular activity (40%).

Respondents were asked to rate their satisfaction on a scale of 1-5 about the play provision, visitor facilities as well as other ancillary items at the park they visited most often as well as how important these factors are to them. Council are failing to meet current expectations with regards performance on the things that matter most to the community with regards parks and open/green spaces namely the provision of play equipment, provision of inclusive play equipment, accessible paths for those with limited mobility and a sense of feeling safe.

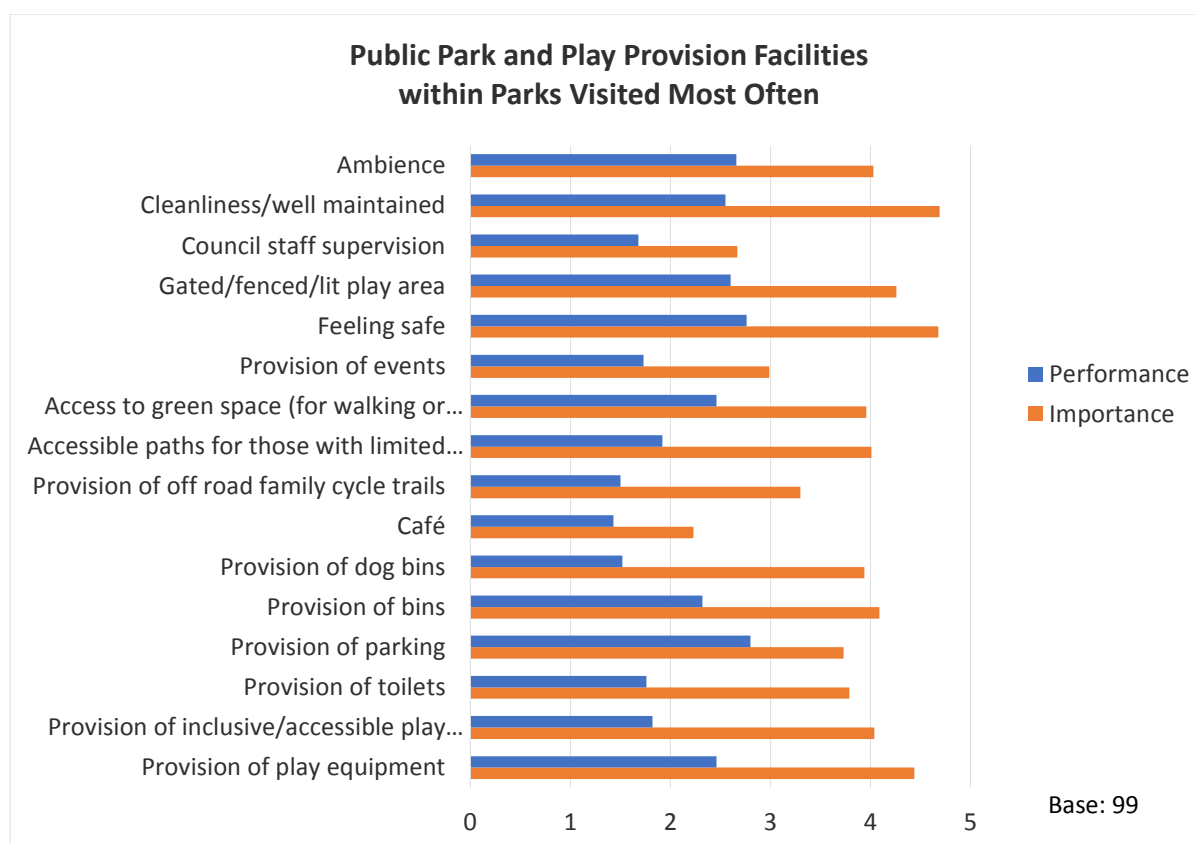


CHART 1 PUBLIC PARK AND PLAY PROVISION FACILITIES WITHIN PARKS VISITED MOST OFTEN

Current Usage – Favourite Park (Q13 – Q21 Base: 78-90)

Respondents were then asked about their favourite park with over 20% (21 respondents) stating Meadow Bank in Magherafelt, Dungannon Park was the next most popular park, 13% (12 respondents).

Respondents tend to visit their favourite park less often with 28% visiting a few times per month compared to a few times/week (20%). Again, family members and children are the groups most likely to accompany respondents to parks (86%). What is interesting to note is that respondents appear to be prepared to travel further to their favourite park with the majority of over 30% travelling 11 miles+ to spend time at this location, with 90% using a car to get there. 35% (31 people) stated that their main reason for visiting their favourite park was to 'have a fun day out with the family'. This is compared to only 12% (14 respondents) who stated this same reason for the park they visited most often. When comparing the responses on favourite parks with parks visited most often, the numbers remain consistent with regards making use of the play facilities (75%) and walking (41%) as what people do when they go to parks in Mid Ulster. With regards rating the performance of their favourite park, these locations performed slightly better than the parks visited most often with the importance of play provision, visitor facilities and other ancillary items at their favourite park being on a par with the responses provided for the parks visited most often. Therefore, while the gaps in performance and importance are reduced for parks cited at respondent's favourite parks, these are areas which Council need to address to ensure that they continue to provide a high-quality product with regards their public parks and play provision.

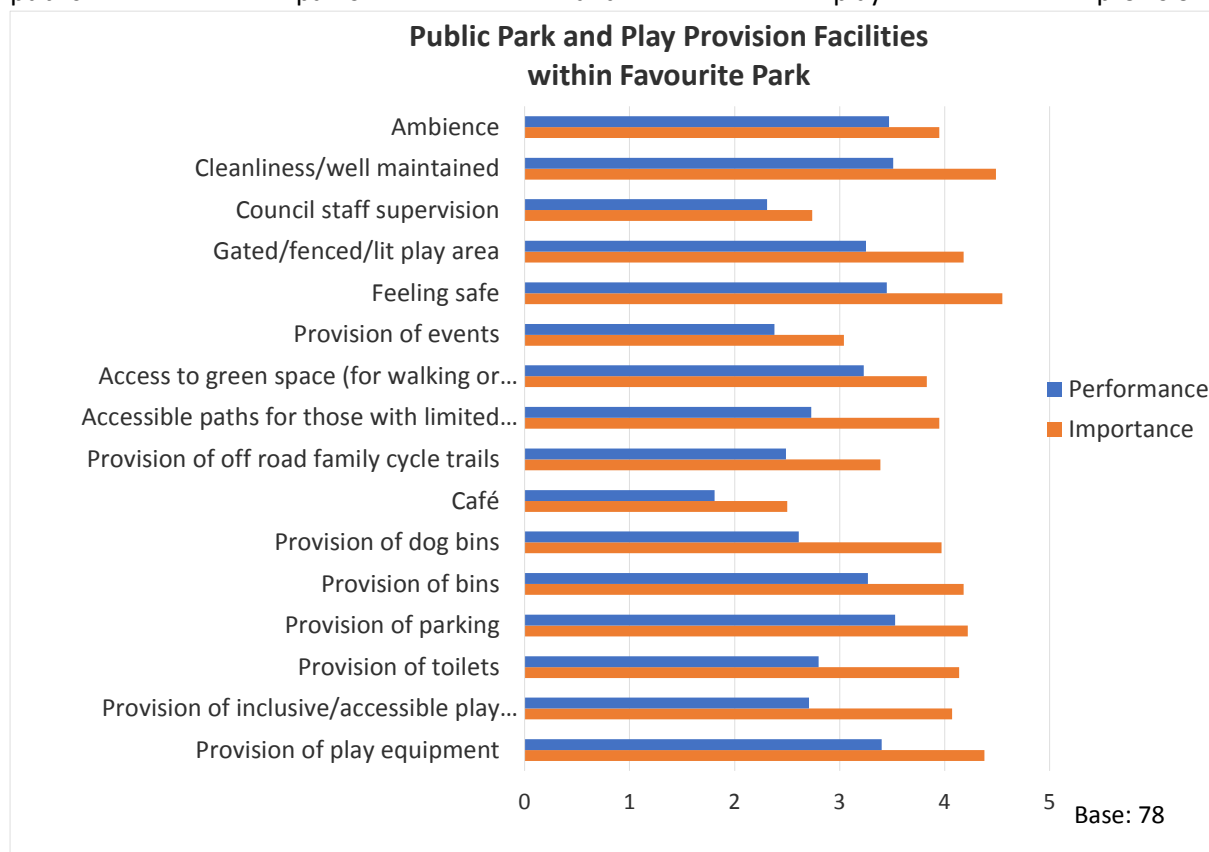


CHART 2 PUBLIC PARK AND PLAY PROVISION FACILITIES WITHIN FAVOURITE PARK

Public Park and Play provision in Northern Ireland (Q22 – Q25 Base: 76)

Having assessed the current provision in Mid Ulster, respondents were asked about what other public parks and play provision they used outside the Council area. The majority of respondents (38%) cited Castle Gardens in Antrim as a venue they have visited in the last 12 months. The Peoples Park, Ballymena (30%), Carnfunnock Country Park, Larne (25%) Slieve Gullion, Newry (17%) and Loughgall Country Park (14%) were also parks outside the Council district visited in the last 12 months. Family and children are the group most likely to accompany respondents to these public parks/play parks with it providing ‘a day out for all the family’ as the most popular reason for visiting these locations (28%). 23% of respondents felt it provided ‘somewhere different to go’ while 20% felt these locations offered a ‘good range of play facilities for all ages’. Remaining largely consistent with the reason for visiting parks in Mid Ulster, the majority of respondents made use of the play facilities (70%) as well as walking (60%) with 37% having a picnic and thus spending more time at these locations.

With Meadow Bank and Dungannon Park later affirmed as respondents’ favourite parks (23% and 16% respectively), children aged 0-4 use these facilities most (42%), followed 33% of those aged 5-8 years with 24% of children aged 9-12 years using the facilities at these locations. When asked to rate the performance of the play provision, ancillary items and other outdoor recreation offering, the provision of ‘play equipment’ and ‘feeling safe’ and basic facilities such as toilet provision were felt to be most important and are areas where Council fails to perform.

An opened ended question was asked so that respondents could provide full and open answers on how their favourite play park could be improved. These verbatim responses have been grouped into the below themes. They do not exclusively refer to Meadow Bank and Dungannon Park but all mentions of respondents’ favourite park at Q26

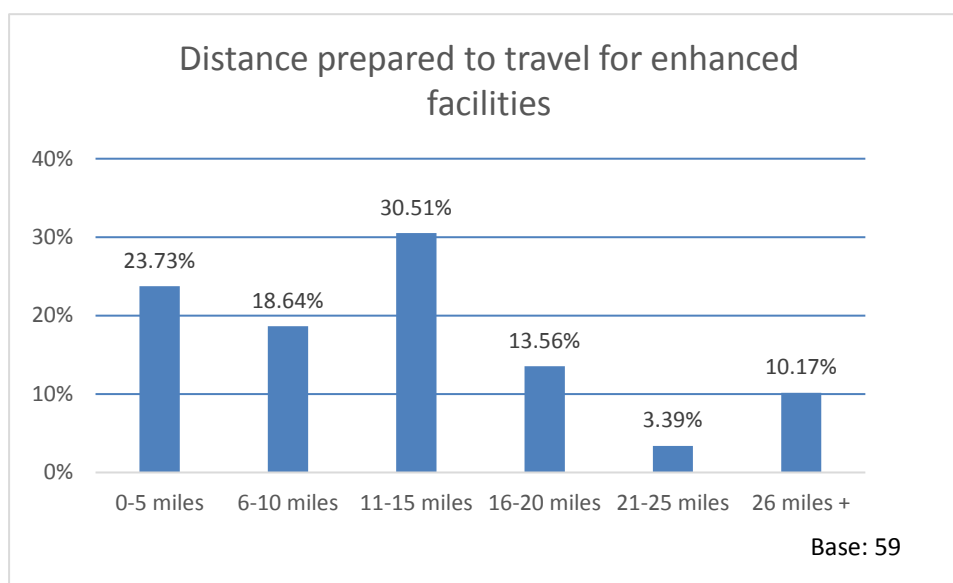
Response Themes	Additional Detail
No improvement to be made (10)	<i>I don't think it needs to be improved however better provision in smaller villages would be better</i>
Add walking routes (7)	<i>I would love a park with mix of play equipment, green space and shared walking/cycling paths nearer my home in Maghera</i>
Improve equipment/ Improve quality and materials (6)	<i>More play facilities. Play area fenced in. Seats for adults when children playing</i>
Add parks across the district (5)	<i>We need more than one park in Maghera. We need adventure type parks made with wood and rope etc. not all metal. The park is closed on bank holidays and at other times when we would be likely to use it</i>
Extend the park / add another (4)	<i>How about planning on putting a park onsite please? There are 2 useable swings for older children... personally I think it's a disgrace what the children in and around Caledon have! As a mum of quite a large family of a big age range, I know my kids, as are other children from the 3 schools in Caledon are missing out!</i>
Have play options for all ages (4)	<i>Cycling routes, toilets, changing rooms, events better equipment, more for older children</i>

Improved facilities for those with a disability (3)	<i>It's a disgrace that Drum Manor play park is not meeting the needs of disabled children in this community</i>
Improve lighting provision (3)	<i>Park is not lit at night which could limit potential use in evening for at least 4 months of the year</i>
Add seating for parents/guardians (3)	<i>More seats and modern equipment</i>
Add a picnic area (3)	<i>Tables for picnic</i>
Deal with sectarian/hostile atmosphere (2)	<i>It is quite good I think improvements need to be focused and made instead to parks that aren't good in the likes of the smaller villages like Upperlands</i>
Improve drainage (2)	<i>Dungannon Park - the grass gets very muddy between the play spaces. There are a few very steep/sudden steps off the soft areas that could hurt someone (esp. if you're standing watching you could tumble off - at the edge of the large climbing frame especially). There also is a lack of facilities for children between toddlers and those 6/7+ who can use the larger equipment</i>
Additional car parking (2)	<i>Better parking. Kids can run out straight to carpark which is very busy</i>
Add cycling trails (2)	<i>More challenging equipment for age 10 plus. E.g. Sandwell play park in West Bromwich, Lake Windermere play park. There is no green space, cycle paths areas to walk, picnic tables. No opportunity for a day out in the area - apart from the local cemetery. No thanks</i>
Fence in play area (1)	<i>More play facilities. Play area fenced in. Seats for adults when children playing</i>
Clamp down on anti-social behaviour (1)	<i>Moneymore main park needs to be protected more between anti-social behaviour in cars to children trying to cross what is an extremely dangerous fast road and the park being locked it is not an accessible place to let the children go to</i>

TABLE 2 RESPONSE THEMES AND VERBATIM RESPONSES

Respondents were asked what other Outdoor Recreation facilities they would like to see at their local public park/play park in Mid Ulster. This was a multiple-choice question where respondents had the option of choosing more than one answer. Nature play (*the provision of a play opportunity using something from the natural environment rather than a purpose-built piece of equipment. For example, the use of a tree trunk as a climbing frame or balance beam. The piece is usually modified to provide safer access*) as an alternative play facility was chosen by 66% (39) respondents followed by 'Improved play facilities' (57%), walking trails (56%) and the provision of Wild Play opportunities (*opportunistic play with the visitor using something they would expect to encounter in the environment e.g. climb a tree*) and a 'Play Hub' (*substantial, equipped play resource catering for all age groups and abilities on a single site within a designated catchment area*) 46% (27). These results prove there is an appetite for alternative and improved play facilities in Mid Ulster. Other recreational provision was also highlighted including Park Run 29% (17), bike trails/pump track 27% (16) and Park Walk 5k, 19%

(11). When asked how far they would travel for the aforementioned facilities, the majority of respondents, 30% (18 responses) stated they would travel 11-15 miles, proving that people would be prepared to travel for enhanced provision.



Further comments or observations regards the future development of outdoor recreation and parks and play provision in Mid Ulster (Q34 - base 59)

Finally, respondents gave their comments and observations which they felt were important to the future development of outdoor recreation and public parks and play provision in Mid Ulster. A number of detailed responses were given and these have been grouped into the themes below. However, it is worth noting that a number of detailed responses were received from those residing in Upperlands. This community feel that the play provision was most definitely deficient in this area and that the existing play is not open to all.

In addition, detailed responses were also provided with regards reinstating play provision at Ballymacombs Road to the park once located at Glenone Park. It was felt that as the only green space in the village of Glenone that more should be done with the space to serve the growing and young community.

Response Themes	Additional Detail
Upgrade facilities (12)	<i>We NEED a playpark for our children in Caledon! There are 2 useable swings (which can only be used by older children), what is there has been there for over 30 years! We need something for our children!!</i>
Multi-Use Trails (8)	<i>More areas for walking / cycling (kids) in Magherafelt</i>
Upperlands (8)	<i>Our nearest park is Upperlands and it is in one of the housing estates which I don't think is fair to those who don't live in that estate, we need a larger fit for purpose park that all people around</i>

	<i>the village and outside of the village can comfortably use. We have to travel quite a distance to allow our children to use good standard and variety park facilities like Meadowbank and would like to see that our Council can now focus and invest in the more rural parks outside of the council area to improve them and make them fit for purpose for all the local children</i>
Local Provision/Rural Needs (7)	<i>A play park for Sandholes village</i>
Open/Green Space (5)	<i>'Open space' parks are needed for walking/running/picnics etc. in each locality</i>
Anti-Social Behaviour/Safety (3)	<i>Play areas should be enclosed for safety</i>
Outdoor Recreation (3)	<i>Look at options around water for water sports etc.</i>
Basic Services (2)	<i>Please improve the basic facilities at Knockmany Forest Park to that we continue to safely use them as a running group and as a family with young children.</i>
Inclusive Play (2)	<i>These areas need to be able to meet the diverse needs of all children and family and include play equipment for children with special needs</i>
Challenging Play (1)	<i>Kids need to be challenged and not wrapped in cotton wool. They need to learn to assess and manage risk at an early age</i>
Events (1)	<i>Events at weekends as we are always trying to go somewhere to entertain our children</i>
Health (1)	<i>Encouraging children to be active in the environment is critical to protecting our environment and our children health</i>
Magherafelt (play provision) (1)	<i>We need more than one park in Magherafelt. We need a park that is not located as an afterthought within a car park. We need other facilities around the park. We need equipment created from natural resources such as wood and rope in an adventure playground style, not metal equipment. We need a facility that is open on bank holidays and at other times when we would like to use it, not closed because council staff are off.</i>
Miscellaneous (5)	-

Demographics – (Q35 – Q42 - base 68)

The majority of respondents fell into the 36-45 age bracket (44%) with more females taking part in the survey (64%). 49% of those who took part work full time i.e. more than 30hrs per week with 22% of respondents holding part-time positions. 26% earn between £21,000 and £30,000 with 29% earning between £31,000 - £50,000. More people have children under 4 years of age than any other age group (64%). This may indicate that any future recommendations made within this Strategy, will therefore benefit the youthful population of Mid Ulster as they grow. 6 respondents declared their children have a disability with special needs ranging from physical, sight, learning and mental health.

6. PLAY: DEFINITION, BEST PRACTICE, TRENDS AND BENEFITS

6.1. Play Defined

The most commonly accepted definition of play is:

‘Freely chosen, personally directed, and intrinsically motivated behaviour that actively engages the child. It can be fun or serious – by playing children learn and develop as individuals and as members of the community’ (Hughes, B. and King, F. 1984)⁶

Through play, children explore the world around them and make meaning of it for their own lives. When children are given the freedom to follow their own ideas and interest, in their own way and for their own reasons play can become a hugely powerful tool. (OFMDFM, 2006)

Health and safety laws and regulations are sometimes presented as a reason why certain play and leisure activities undertaken by children and young people should be discouraged. The reasons for this misgiving are many and varied and include fears of litigation or criminal prosecution because even the most trivial risk has not been removed.

The HSE however recognises the benefits of allowing challenging play opportunities and understands and accepts that this means children will often be exposed to play environments which whilst well-managed carry a degree of risk and sometimes potential danger. It states that providers’ goals ‘should not be to eliminate risk, but to weigh up the risks and benefits as no child will learn about risk if they are wrapped in cotton wool’⁷.

The Visitor Safety in the Countryside Group taking on board the principles of the Health and Safety Executive have defined play into Formal, Nature or Adventure

Formal Play or fixed play, uses manufactured items bought from a supplier. These have been purpose designed and built as play pieces. The design will have dealt with many of the inherent risks and they are often supplied with a certificate of conformity.

Nature Play is the provision of play opportunity within a structured play area using something from the natural environment rather than a purpose-built piece of equipment. For example, the use of a tree trunk as a climbing frame or balance beam. The piece is usually modified to provide safer access. Branches may be trimmed to avoid traps or limit heights. Sometimes formal play and nature play are found together on the same site.

Wild Play is opportunistic play with the visitor using something they would expect to encounter in the environment. There is no planned intention for play to be part of the management of such a feature. There may, however, be wider encouragement for this type of play through national or local campaigns e.g. The National trust’s 50 Things to do before you’re 11 ¾ campaign that aims to promote nature and outdoor play as a fund part of a healthy happy and enjoyable family life. The first thing to do on the list is to climb a tree.

Although not strictly true, formal play is more often associated with urban based play whilst nature and wild play are more commonly found in more rural settings e.g. forest and country parks.

⁶ What Play Provision Should Do for Children, National Playing Fields Association, March 2000.

⁷ Children’s Play and Leisure - Promoting A Balanced Approach, September 2012.

6.2. Best Practice - Play

6.2.1. Determining Fixed Play Sites

Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (the Act) requires public authorities designated for the purposes of the Act to comply with two statutory duties. The first duty is the Equality of Opportunity duty, which requires public authorities in carrying out their functions relating to Northern Ireland to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity between the nine equality categories of persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation; men and women generally; persons with a disability and persons without; and persons with dependants and persons without.⁸

Under Section 75 Mid Ulster Council have a duty to promote equality of opportunity for all persons in relation to employment or in accessing goods, facilities or services (such as health services, housing, education, justice, policing). With regards open space and equipped play areas, this duty must however be considered alongside assessing the need for fixed play provision and adopting the accessibility benchmarking as detailed by Fields In Trust. Once known as the Six Acre Standard, these are recognised guidelines which help determine the locations of fixed play sites based on walking time (radial distances) from the home. They outline 3 types of play spaces:

Nature of play facility	Walking Time	Pedestrian Route	Straight Line Distance
LAP	1 minute	100 metres	60 metres
LEAP	5 minutes	400 metres	240 metres
NEAP	15 minutes	1000 metres	600 metres

TABLE 3 WALKING TIME AND STRAIGHT LINE DISTANCES FROM THE HOME TO FIXED PLAY PROVISION

The revised 2015 guidance no longer differentiates between rural and urban areas but it is recommended that these guidelines should be used to assist planning while taking account of local circumstances. In addition, the above types of place spaces can also be complemented by other facilities including Multi-Use Games Areas (MUGAs) and skateboard parks etc⁹

6.2.2. Designing Fixed Play and Play Value

While there are unique considerations when designing a fixed play space such as availability of land or size and nature of play sites there are a number of key elements that should be considered when developing an inspiring play space.

Within the Play England document 'Design for Play: A guide to creating successful play places', it is stated that play space needs to be of high quality and good design to attract children and families and become a valued part of the local environment. Poor quality, unimaginative space will not be attractive to children, will not be valued by the local community and will fall in to disuse and disrepair.¹⁰

⁸ Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 - A Guide for Public Authorities (April 2010)

⁹ Guidance for Outdoor Sport and Play – Beyond the Six Acre Standard

¹⁰ Design for Play: A guide to creating successful play spaces, Play England (2008)

Furthermore, Play England have identified 10 key principles for developing successful play spaces

Successful play spaces...

1. Are 'bespoke'
2. Are well located
3. make use of natural elements
4. provide a wide range of play experiences
5. are accessible to both disabled and non-disabled children
6. meet community needs
7. allow children of different ages to play together
8. build in opportunities to experience risk and challenge
9. are sustainable and appropriately maintained
10. allow for change and evolution

In addition, Play England state that the 'golden rule' in designing play is a play space that is specifically designed for its location, in such a way to provide as much play value as possible. Within Play England's document 'Playable Space – Quality Assessment Tool'¹¹ the importance of location is highlighted as well as the play value and care and maintenance. Play value essentially assesses the play experiences derived from a play area, such as rocking, swinging and sliding. Play England note that this is particularly important for children with disabilities. The surrounding environment also contributes to play value with the natural environment offering varied and alternative ways in which children can play. Finally, risk is also acknowledged, allowing children to test their boundaries and challenge themselves.

The document covers how play value assessments should be carried out for three main types of play areas, those that are on the doorstep, local space and facilities and finally neighbourhood space and facilities. Play England state the guidelines and definitions for assessing the 3 types of play space are neither fully comprehensive nor definitive and are provided more so to provoke thought and discussion taking into account local surroundings and the wishes and needs of local children.

Each site is assessed using a score sheet where scores from 1-5 which are converted into a percentage for weighting purposes and to allow comparisons to be made between location, play value and care and maintenance sections. The scoring system aims to identify which play areas and which aspects of play need improving reviewing design and layout of a play area. In addition, the local authority can set their own benchmark of what constitutes 'good quality'. Furthermore, the scores calculated will also provide data for supporting planning decisions.

It should be noted that while the Play England Quality Assessment tool can be implemented in-house, there are a number of local independent providers who can be employed to carry out a play value assessment.

In addition to designing inspiring play spaces, Best Play - What Play Provision should do for Children¹² have set out seven play objectives that should be met when developing good play opportunities. They form the basis against which play provision can be evaluated.

¹¹ Playable Space – Quality Assessment Tool, Play England (October 2009)

¹² Best Play – What Play Provision should do for Children, National Playing Fields Association (March 2005)

1. The provision extends the choice and control that children have over their play, the freedom they enjoy and the satisfaction they gain from it.
2. The provision recognises the child's need to test boundaries and responds positively to that need.
3. The provision manages the balance between the need to offer risk and the need to keep children safe from harm.
4. The provision maximises the range of play opportunities.
5. The provision fosters independence and self-esteem.
6. The provision fosters children's respect for others and offers opportunities for social interaction.
7. The provision fosters the child's well-being, healthy growth and development, knowledge and understanding, creativity and capacity to learn.

6.2.3.Risk and Challenge

Children's play has long been understood to not only have a key role in their wellbeing but also in the development of their future life skills. When children play, not only are they experiencing a sense of adventure, they are making decisions. They assess and determine the levels of risk they want to take, physically, emotionally and socially thus adding to their experience. They test their abilities and challenge themselves, they grow in confidence, becoming aware of their limits and boundaries and in turn develop a better understanding of the meaning of safety. However, in today's society with modern worries, the freedom to build these skills can be curtailed. Parental or carer anxiety may prevent children from taking part in risky or challenging play and likewise the Health and Safety Executive feel that Health and safety laws and regulations are sometimes presented as a reason why certain play and leisure activities undertaken by children and young people should be discouraged. The reasons for this misunderstanding are many and varied. They include fears of litigation or criminal prosecution because even the most trivial risk has not been removed¹³. However even governing bodies acknowledge the need for a balanced approach of offering challenge and risk through play but minimising unnecessary danger. Indeed, the Play Safety Forum offers providers a guide on how to manage risk in play provision through a 'Risk – Benefit approach' which includes:

- developing a policy framework
- risk-benefit assessment
- technical inspection
- dynamic risk – benefit assessment ¹⁴.

The HSE states that the approach in this guidance is that risks and benefits are considered alongside each other in a risk-benefit assessment. This includes an assessment of the risks which, while taking account the benefits of the activity, ensures that any precautions are practicable and proportionate and reflect the level of risk. The HSE supports this guidance, as a sensible approach to risk management.

It is also worth noting that while there is no specific legislation on play safety in the UK, there are agreed Europe-wide industry standards which should be considered when carrying out a risk assessments. Standards are important tools in managing risks and give guidance on difficult issues but within 'Managing Risk in Play Provision', it is felt the importance of developmental role of play must be upheld.

¹³ Children's Play and Leisure - Promoting A Balanced Approach, September 2012

¹⁴ Managing Risk in Play Provision: Implementation Guide, David Ball, Tim Gill and Bernard Spiegel (2013)

6.3. Trends - Play

6.3.1. Older Children/ Teenagers

The benefits of outdoor play have been recognised throughout various research findings including improved physical and emotional development as well as cognitive benefits of reduced levels of anxiety and depression. However, research studies often focus on 'children' as play areas are typically designed for those under 12 years but for older children and teenagers, the outdoors is perceived as the most important environment for physically active play (Open Space 2006). Indeed, older children and teenagers could benefit more so from 'play' areas that foster improved social skills and creativity as well having a positive effect on mental health and well-being. Therefore, it is acknowledged that while this study focuses primarily on young children, consideration should be given, where appropriate, to the provision for those that fall into the older age group. The offering would be less conventional than the standard fixed play equipment as young teenagers don't want to be seen as 'playing' but equally need a facility where they can socialise with their contemporaries. Teen shelters give older children and teenagers a safe and comfortable place to meet their friends with the added benefit of the site being specifically chosen. In turn the older children/teenagers can call their own but is located in a well-lit area so to avoid anti-social behaviour and vandalism. Such shelters are also popular within school settings with a similar shelter/pod located at a local school in Coalisland.

6.3.2. Inclusive Play

Under the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 1995, employers and service providers have the positive duty to make reasonable adjustments to premises and policies in order to provide disabled people access to goods, facilities, services or premises. In addition, Public bodies in Northern Ireland have additional duties to promote equality of opportunity and good relations under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. They must also meet duties under the Disability Discrimination Act to promote positive attitudes towards disabled people and to encourage the participation of disabled people in public life.

According to the Northern Ireland Executive's Children and Young People's Strategy 2017-2027 Consultation Document, the enjoyment of play and leisure was highlighted as a population outcome with children and young people with a disability highlighted as one of the groups where the greatest effort is needed:

"Children with a disability, and their families, require additional support for play and leisure activities. Their needs must be taken into account in relation to play provision"¹⁵

The term all ability play or inclusive play highlights the social model of thinking rather than the medical model which traditionally focused on their complex needs, that disabled children needed to play in special places or particular ways. Instead children with disabilities require the same opportunities for play, variety, socialising and challenge as all other children.¹⁶

According to MENCAP, disabilities range from physical, mental, developmental or hidden. This may mean some children are confined to a wheelchair where others may have reduced mobility or manual dexterity, poor physical co-ordination, vision or hearing impairments, emotional and behavioural or learning difficulties. While various disabilities should be acknowledged, designing an environment that

¹⁵ Northern Ireland Executive's Children and Young People's Strategy 2017-2027 Consultation Document

¹⁶ Play for all – Providing play facilities for disabled children (<http://www.dessa.ie/publications>)

integrates play throughout a site and steering away from the idea of a 'special' or separate area for use by disabled children is preferred. Furthermore, consideration should be given not only to the child who plays but also the needs of the accompanying parents or carers, embracing the ideal that families can play together regardless of ability.

'Play for All' drafted by the Disability Equality Specialist Support Agency (DESSA) outlines some areas that need to be considered when designing inclusive play for children.

- Children with physical impairments, for example may have difficulty with long distances, steps, steep slopes, be unsteady on their feet and liable to slip or trip and find it hard to hold on to or grip ropes or poles. Therefore, they may benefit from equipment with enhanced back support, broader stairs and double width slides to accommodate a parent or carer. Low-level crawling and climbing nets, tunnels and tubes can be used by children with significant mobility impairments. They find it easier to climb on sloping netting than on vertical netting, which also allows an adult to assist and take part in the activity.
- Children with intellectual impairments may find complex layouts difficult to navigate, may have difficulty taking turns or may display what appears to be a lack of awareness of or a heightened sensitivity to other children. Play items considered could include ground level activities, such as balance beams, spring rockers, adventure trails, play items that need co-operation and eye contact, such as seesaws, group swings, role play activities or pictograms explaining how play items may be used.
- Children with visual impairments may benefit from play that incorporates mirrors, tactile play panels, play items which involve sound and play items with consistent and good colour contrast.
- Children with hearing impairments may not be able to hear voices of other children or adult instruction. They may be particularly unaware of things going on behind them, and may need to see important information that other children can hear. Well-designed play spaces and equipment, and clear, easy-to-understand information boards, may help. Safety-related audible effects, such as gravel surrounds, can be designed into the playground.
- Children with autism spectrum disorder will appreciate quiet places where they can rest or be alone for a while. Tunnels, play houses and shelters offer all children the opportunity of taking time out.

As well as fixed play equipment, sand and water are great play materials for children of all abilities and of course target the senses. Indeed, creating a sensory space will allow children to develop their smell, taste and tactile senses. This can be achieved through landscaping using various plants, flowers and herbs as well as water, sand and manipulation of the wind. While sensory gardens offer so many benefits, it is worth noting that they need continued maintenance and to be well managed.

While Council acknowledge the shift towards inclusive or all ability play, they also recognise the equal importance of adequate changing facilities. It was noted through consultation that these are equally important when considering all ability play provision. MENCAP are members of the Changing Places consortium and support the installation of Changing Places (CP) toilets in public buildings. A CP toilet facility provides sanitary accommodation for people with multiple and complex disabilities who may have one or two assistants with them¹⁷.

¹⁷ Changing Places: the practical guide, Changing Places Consortium

They enable those with disabilities to make use of safe and dignified toilet facilities – something that we all would expect when visiting a public place. Indeed ‘Changing Places: the practical guide’ states:

“The absence of a toilet and changing facilities means that some disabled people are often limited in terms of activities available to them or even prevented from going out altogether... CP toilets can vastly improve people’s quality of life, allowing disabled people and their assistants to stay out for longer and participate in more activities”

The CP guide outlines planning and design concepts including the specific equipment required in order to be awarded a CP accreditation. Construction costs are also detailed and well as the management and maintenance of the facility

The Children with Disabilities Strategic Alliance Manifesto (2012) acknowledges that play, leisure, culture, sports and youth services providers should monitor use and uptake of these services and demonstrate that they are inclusive¹⁸. In addition, while it has a primary focus on sport, the ethos of the Active Living No Limits Plan (2016-2021) is valuable for Council to observe also. Council is therefore committed to address the barriers that prevent young people participating in active recreation including play and will give consideration to the formulation of an implementation group when embarking on inclusive play initiatives. This in turn will enable improved communication and further enhance relations between community and Council.

¹⁸ Children with Disabilities Strategic Alliance Manifesto (2012)

6.4. Best Practice - Parks

6.4.1. Green Flag Award

The Green Flag Award scheme recognises and rewards well managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of recreational outdoor spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world.

Purpose and Aims

- To ensure that everybody has access to quality green and other open spaces, irrespective of where they live
- To ensure that these spaces are appropriately managed and meet the needs of the communities that they serve
- To establish standards of good management, and to promote and share best practice amongst the green space sector
- To recognise and reward the hard work of managers, staff and volunteers

Successful sites show that they manage a quality space with clear aims and objectives and who they aim to serve. Award applicants are judged against 27 different criteria and must submit their active management plan, showing that they understand:

- the users – who they are, who they could be, what they want, how they are informed and involved
- the site – what is special about its history, biodiversity, landscape, social and physical setting, and what it is trying to achieve; and
- the management – that what is there is safe, in line with legislation and policy, well maintained, and that there are plans for the future.

This flexible and useful management framework is the key to the Green Flag Award, making it relevant to any green space. It is deliberately conceived not to be a formulaic list of things to have or to do, but instead as a guide to how professionals and communities can approach the management of their sites. It also helps to quantify what they are doing now and in the future, helping to prove value to customers, colleagues and funders¹⁹

In Mid Ulster Dungannon Park and The Walled Garden, Maghera have achieved Green Flag Status.

6.4.2. Blue Flag Award

The Blue Flag Award is truly a world-renowned accreditation trusted by millions around the globe. A world-renowned eco-label trusted by millions around the globe, the Blue Flag programme is operated under the auspices of the Foundation for Environmental Education and is headquartered in Copenhagen, Denmark. In order to qualify for this prestigious award, a series of stringent environmental, educational, safety-related and access-related criteria must be met and maintained. Central to the ideals of the Blue Flag programme is the aim of connecting the public with their surroundings and encouraging them to learn more about their environment. As such, environmental education activities must be offered and promoted in addition to a permanent display of information relevant to the site in terms of biodiversity, ecosystems and environmental phenomena²⁰. With its marina, caravan and park facilities, Ballyronan Marina currently has a Blue Flag award.

¹⁹ Raising the Standard – The Green Flag Award Guidance Manual, Katharine Ellicott (2016)

²⁰ <http://www.blueflag.global/>

6.5. Benefits - Parks and Play

Open/green spaces, sport and outdoor recreation are important components of life. They provide many cultural, social, economic and environmental benefits and contribute positively to physical and mental health and a better quality of life. Everyone, particularly children, the elderly and those with disabilities should have easy access to open space and the opportunity to participate in sport and outdoor recreational pursuits. Council attach great importance to the retention of existing open spaces, the creation of attractive new spaces and the promotion of more opportunities to participate in sport and outdoor recreation in the future. Mid Ulster District Council have a key role in the provision of recreational facilities, along with bodies such as local sports clubs, schools and colleges, and Sport NI.²¹

6.5.1. Community Cohesion and Social inclusion

Open spaces and public parks are often the seen as the hub of a community, bringing people together and promoting social inclusion. They are open to all, regardless of ethnic origin, age or gender, and as such they represent a democratic forum for citizens and society. These spaces shape the cultural identity of an area, are part of its unique character and provide a sense of place for local communities²² Furthermore OFMDFM supports the development of play areas for children, and in doing so produced the 'Play and Leisure Policy' (2008). According to the Play and Leisure Policy Statement:

Provisions for play areas are crucial as:

- Children contribute to the community and to society when they are visible and when their environment offers them maximum opportunities to play.

Facilities and areas for play act as focal points for communities offering social interaction for children and the wider community, which all help in the generation of community cohesion.

- Good play provision and appropriately designed spaces for children create a positive environment, and contribute to the sense of wellbeing and security that children have with their surroundings²³

However as with all public spaces, there are risks of vandalism and antisocial behaviour, however (Gill, 2014) highlights that play and youth facilities in public spaces have led to reductions in levels of anti-social behaviour and vandalism thus highlighting the importance of public parks as a focal point for the community, taking ownership and pride in their area. Gill comments further on reports (Hall Aitken 2013) where an evaluation of Community Spaces, a £57.5 million Big Lottery Fund programme run by Groundwork UK in which playgrounds and youth recreation spaces were a major component, concluded that "all 'major issue' indicators have improved since the completion of the projects, with the most significant reduction being antisocial behaviour²⁴. It is acknowledged that community associations, groups and clubs play a key role to community life in Mid Ulster. It is felt that the formulation of strategic alliances and partnerships between Council and community organisations will undoubtedly facilitate the development of public park and play provision in the areas that will benefit from it most.

²¹ Local Development Plan 2030 - Preferred Options Paper (Mid Ulster District Council, November 2016)

²² The Value of Public Space - Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment

²³ Play Areas in Residential Developments NI (NI Assembly, June 2010)

²⁴ The Play Return: A review of the wider impact of play initiatives (Tim Gill, July 2014)

6.5.2. The Economic Value of Public Space

A high-quality public environment can have a significant impact on the economic life of town centres big or small, and is therefore an essential part of any successful regeneration strategy. As towns increasingly compete with one another to attract investment, the presence of good parks, squares, gardens and other public spaces becomes a vital business and marketing tool: companies are attracted to locations that offer well-designed, well-managed public places and these in turn attract customers, employees and services. In town centres, a pleasant and well-maintained environment increases the number of people visiting retail areas, otherwise known as 'footfall'. A good public landscape also offers very clear benefits to the local economy in terms of stimulating increased house prices, since house-buyers are willing to pay to be near green space.

6.5.3. Value for Biodiversity and Nature

The significant increase in hard surfacing and the reduction in green spaces lead to higher temperatures in towns and cities than in the surrounding countryside. This is known as the 'heat island effect'. Vegetation – whether in public spaces or private gardens – can help to redress this imbalance. It brings many important environmental benefits to urban areas, including the cooling of air and the absorption of atmospheric pollutants. Vegetation also provides an opportunity for people to be close to 'nature', with the associated positive impact that this can bring in terms of mental health and the simple pleasure of experiencing trees, birds, squirrels, ladybirds and other wildlife in an urban situation ²⁵

6.5.4. Health and Well Being

Indeed, the link between active outdoor recreation and leisure participation and improved physical and mental health is well documented through research²⁶. Access to good-quality, well-maintained public spaces can help to improve our physical and mental health by encouraging us to walk more, to play sport, or simply to enjoy a green and natural environment. It has been noted that play is central to the development of good physical and mental health and children's overall development. Reports (Nuffield Foundation 2013, Twenge 2000, Gray 2011) have shown that the decline in opportunities to enjoy freely chosen outdoor play has been a key factor in the decline in children's mental wellbeing²⁷.

The Play Safety Forum - Managing Risk in Play Provision outlines several benefits of play provision²⁸

Places to play	Children need and have the right to play, and play provision offers them places where they can play freely in the ways they choose, without direction from adults.
Space to meet and hang out	Children and young people actively seek out places to meet and hang out, and facilities for them are high on the list of local priorities in many neighbourhoods. There is wide spread agreement that in many areas, young people in particular have a poor choice of leisure activities.

²⁵ The Value of Public Space - Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment

²⁶ A Countryside for health and well-being- the physical and mental health benefits of green exercise (CRN, 2005)

²⁷ Play - A report by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on a Fit and Healthy Childhood (Appg, October 2015)

²⁸ Managing Risk in Play Provision: Implementation Guide, Play Safety Forum, David Ball, Tim Gill and Bernard Spiegel (2013)

Space to have fun	Like adults, children need to enjoy their lives, to have times and spaces where they can simply have fun. Good play environments offer a wide range and choice of play experiences.
Support for parents and carers	Good, accessible play provision helps parents and carers extend their children's play experiences. It can help to reduce conflict and relieve stress levels inside the home by providing other places where children spend their time.
A community gathering point	Centrally located play facilities can bring different age groups together and foster interactions and connections between children, and between children and adults. Good multi-functional provision can help to build neighbourliness and a sense of community.
A chance to encounter nature	Children value the chance to interact with nature, and such experiences help them to appreciate the importance of the natural world and the environment. There is growing evidence of the health benefits of access to green, outdoor environments.
A place to make friends	The opportunity to make friends and develop friendships is one of the most important experiences in childhood. In addition to this, such opportunities help children build their confidence and social competences.
Encourages physical activity	Most children are naturally physically active when they play out of doors. Comparative studies have shown that children can be as active in spontaneous outdoors play as in structured sport activities.
Learning how to manage risks	Rich, challenging, engaging play environments allow children to test themselves and explore their abilities. They can learn the penalties of misjudging a risk – or simply having bad luck – in managed environments that reduce the likelihood of serious harm.
Developing a sense of one's abilities	Self-directed play experiences give children the opportunity to try out for themselves ways to solve problems and achieve goals, without the interference of adults. These experiences are likely to foster children's abilities and resilience.
Catering for the adventurous	Some children and young people actively seek out risky situations. Play provision can give them the chance to satisfy their search for excitement in a managed context, potentially reducing the risk that these children will spend time in truly dangerous environments.

TABLE 4 EXAMPLES OF THE BENEFITS OF PLAY PROVISION

The benefits of play to children are not only present at the time of playing but also benefit them over time:

Benefits that are experienced at the time that the child is playing

- Provides children with opportunities to enjoy freedom, and exercise choice and control over their actions
- Offers children opportunities for testing boundaries and exploring risk
- Offers a very wide range of physical, social and intellectual experiences for children

Benefits that develop over time

- Fosters children's independence and self-esteem
- Develops children's respect for others and offers opportunities for social interaction
- Supports the child's well-being, healthy growth and development
- Increases children's knowledge and understanding
- Promotes children's creativity and capacity to learn ²⁹

²⁹ Best Play - What Play Provision Should Do For Children (National Playing Fields Association, March 2000)

7. Current Provision

7.1. Parks and Play Areas

Within the Council area, there are 102 public parks/play parks, most of these are located within the towns but a number of villages also benefit from equipped play areas. Figure 2 shows the distribution of play provision throughout Mid Ulster. The breakdown of equipped play areas in each DEA provided by Mid Ulster Council are identified in the table below.

DEA	Number of Public Parks/Play Parks
Carntogher	11
Moyola	9
Magherafelt	6
Cookstown	28
Torrent	15
Dungannon	19
Clogher Valley	14

TABLE 5 NUMBER OF PUBLIC PARKS/PLAY PARKS BY DEA

As well as play, a number of parks within Mid Ulster offer additional provision including walking and cycling trails, water recreation, caravanning and visitor facilities. These locations range in size from small areas of 0.5 acres to parkland of up to 70 acres. These 3 public park sites are detailed in the table below and are mapped in Figure 7.

Park ID	Park Site	DEA
1	Ballyronan	Magherafelt
2	Dungannon Park	Dungannon
3	Railway Park	Dungannon

TABLE 6 PARK SITES IN MID ULSTER

As detailed in Position Paper Seven – Open Space, Recreation and Leisure, with regards assessing existing play space provision, it needs to be analysed on two tiers: the overall quantum and the spatial distribution. The NPFA standard (operating as Fields in Trust) for children’s play space is 0.80 hectares per 1000 population. Relative to each other, the spatial distribution is seen as more important as it relates to access to provision within the various settlements – in relation to children’s homes³⁰.

Fields In Trust classify fixed play under its benchmark guidelines for open space and equipped play areas based on walking time from the home as well as the nature of the play facility (Table 7 below). In line with Position Paper Seven these are as follows:

Local Area for Play (LAP) - These are unsupervised small open spaces specifically designed for young children for play activities close to where they live. Although without play equipment, LAPs have characteristics that make the area conducive to children’s play. Such characteristics include ease of access, a relatively level site, informal surveillance and modest provision of landscaping so that play is not inhibited. The NPFA consider that LAPs should be within 1 minute walking time of home.

A Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP) - These are unsupervised play areas that are equipped for children of early school age. While sharing similar characteristics to LAPs, LEAPs feature a range of

³⁰ Position Paper Seven – Open Space, Recreation and Leisure³⁰ (Mid Ulster District Council, June 2015)

different types of play equipment. The NPFA consider these should be located within 5 minutes walking time of home.

A Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play (NEAP) - These are also unsupervised but they are intended to service a substantial residential area. While sharing similar characteristics to LEAPs, NEAPs feature a significant range of different types of play equipment. It is equipped mainly for older children but also having opportunities for play for younger children. The NPFA recommend these should be located within 15 minutes walking time of home.

Nature of play facility	Walking Time	Pedestrian Route	Straight Line Distance
LAP	1 minute	100 metres	60 metres
LEAP	5 minutes	400 metres	240 metres
NEAP	15 minutes	1000 metres	600 metres

TABLE 7 NATURE OF PLAY FACILITY AND DISTANCE FROM THE HOME

Figure 3 shows the locations of the playparks relative to their classification. Appendix 1 provides a full list of Mid Ulster District Council play areas in terms of their classification.

While the NPFA standard has been formulated essentially for urban areas, it is useful in assessing spatial distribution in the regional towns of Cookstown, Dungannon and Magherafelt and the smaller towns of Coalisland and Maghera.

In addition, in order to help assess the current provision and identify gaps of play provision in more rural areas, Mid Ulster Council has been mapped using population data (Census 2011) to show the distribution of young children aged 0-15 years (Figure 4 Population of Mid Ulster Under 15 Years). This map highlights a number of areas in Mid Ulster that have youthful population. Furthermore Figure 5 shows the areas that have both a youthful population and where play provision is located. In order to further support the analysis for under provision or indeed over provision of play facilities, household pointer data from Land and Property Services (LPS) has been used to indicate the more densely populated areas across the Council area with clusters of data points showing the areas with a greater number of households (see Figure 6). From Figure 6 it can be seen that there is a high concentration of play provision within the towns of Dungannon and Cookstown but in comparison Magherafelt is somewhat lacking in play provision. Despite this, there is a good spread of play provision across the Council area with more rural areas in Clogher Valley catered for as well as the Western side of the region.

However, based on the NPFA standards as well as the supporting population and household pointer data, Council have set out to address the balance of play provision across the 7 DEAs considering capacity and facilities at each site, the presence of a youthful population as well as indicative household data. This analysis is detailed in Section 9 of the report, with the provision of public parks and play provision in each DEA covered in detail.

In addition to its public parks/play parks, Mid Ulster District Council also has a number of open/green space parks within its ownership (see table below). These areas do not necessarily offer an equipped play area but may once have provided play or indeed may facilitate future play or public park opportunities (Figure 8). These sites have also been mapped alongside current play locations as shown in Figure 9.

ID	DEA	Park Site
1	Carntogher	Ballymacombs Road
2	Moyola	Cahore Road
3	Dungannon	Castlehill
4	Carntogher	Clady
5	Carntogher	Coleraine Road
6	Dungannon	Drumglass Wood
7	Magherafelt	Glenburn
8	Moyola	Glenelly Villas
9	Carntogher	Glenone
10	Magherafelt	Greenvale Spires Park
11	Magherafelt	Manor Park
12	Moyola	Newferry Slipway
13	Moyola	O'Neill Park
14	Moyola	Riverside
15	Magherafelt	Sperrin View
16	Moyola	Tradd Point
17	Moyola	Tradd House
18	Dungannon	Windmill Wood
19	Carntogher	Upperlands
20	Torrent	Henderson Park

TABLE 8 OPEN/GREEN SPACE SITES

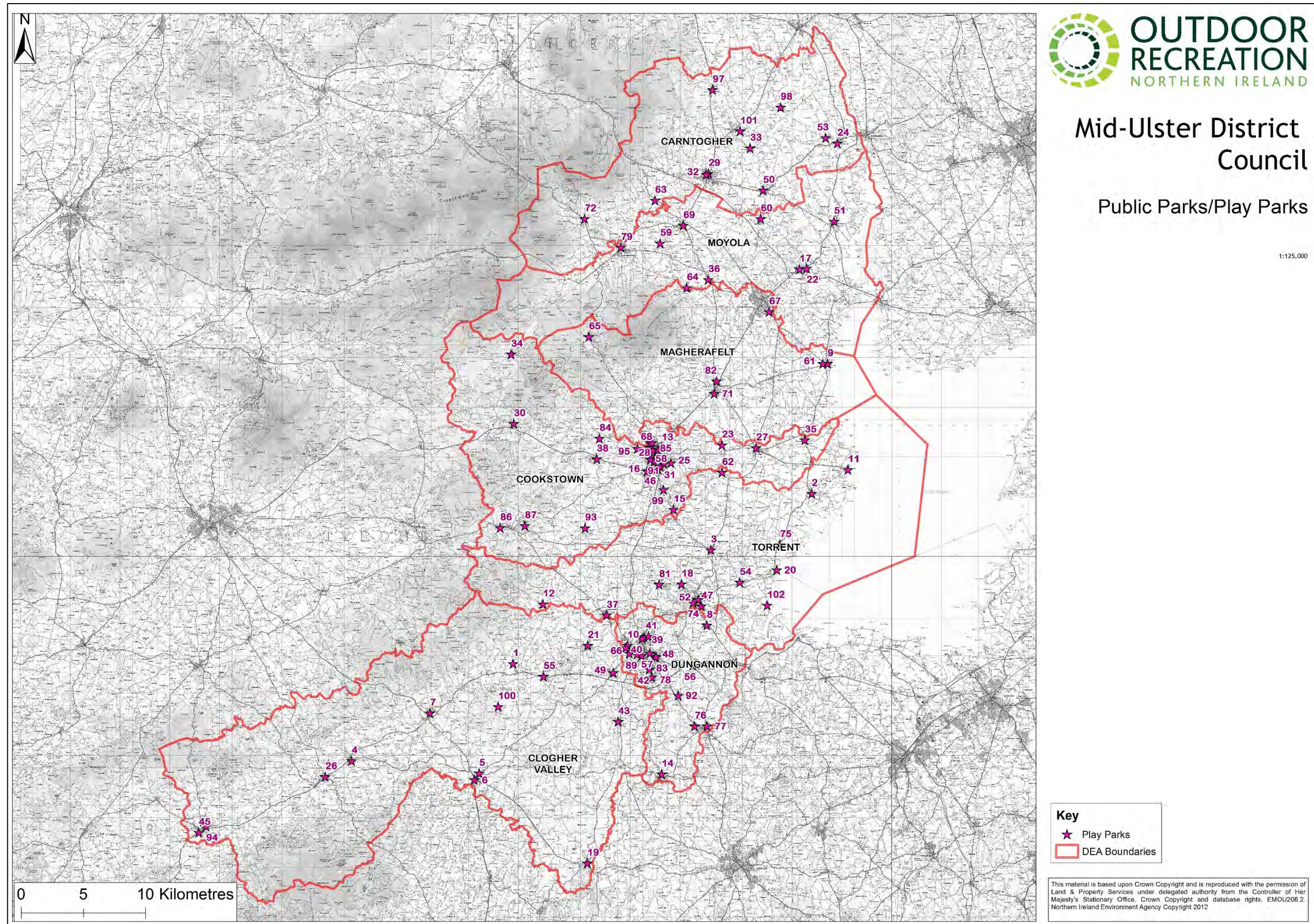


FIGURE 2 CURRENT PLAY PROVISION IN MID ULSTER

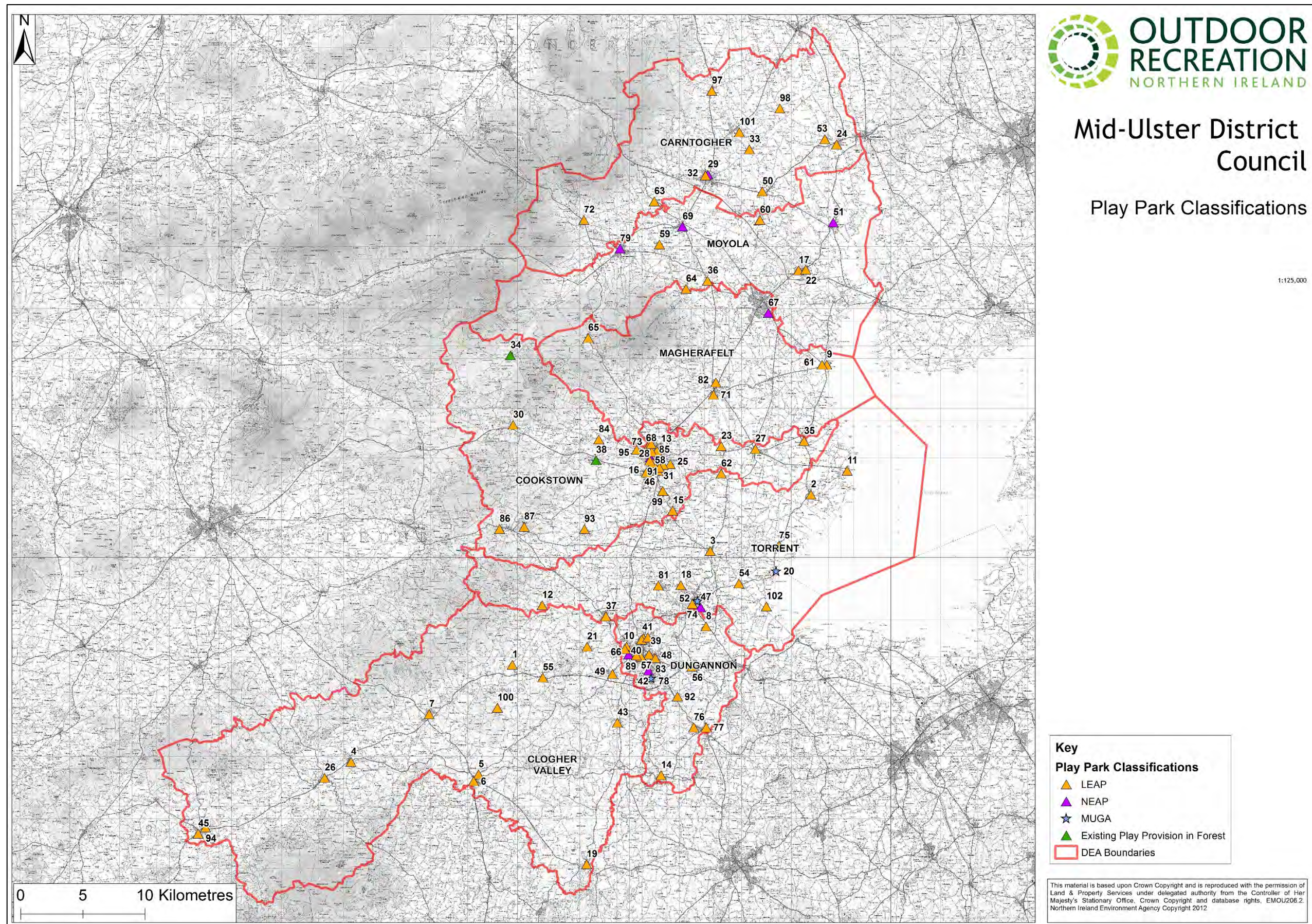


FIGURE 3 PLAY PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

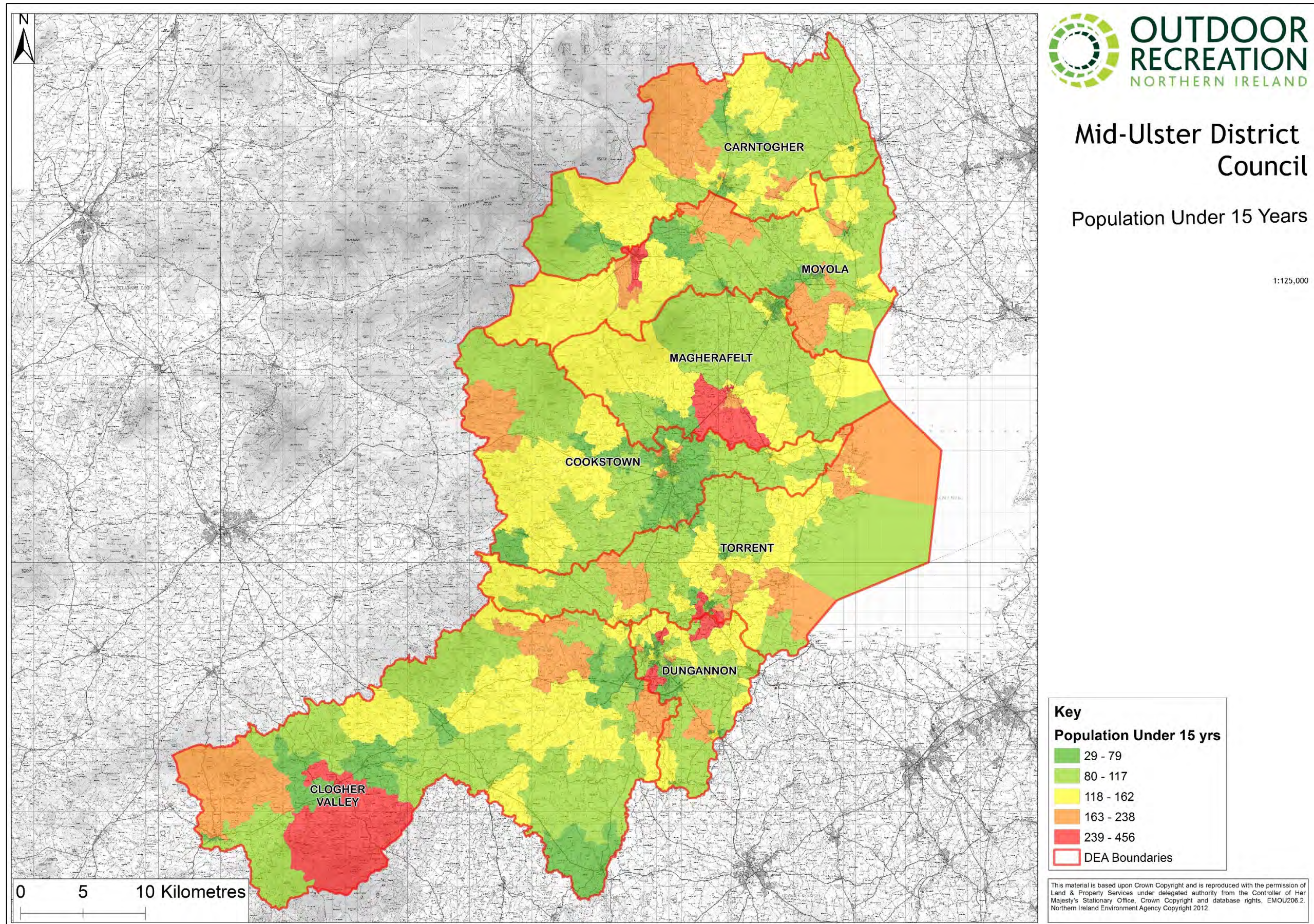


FIGURE 4 POPULATION OF MID ULSTER UNDER 15 YEARS

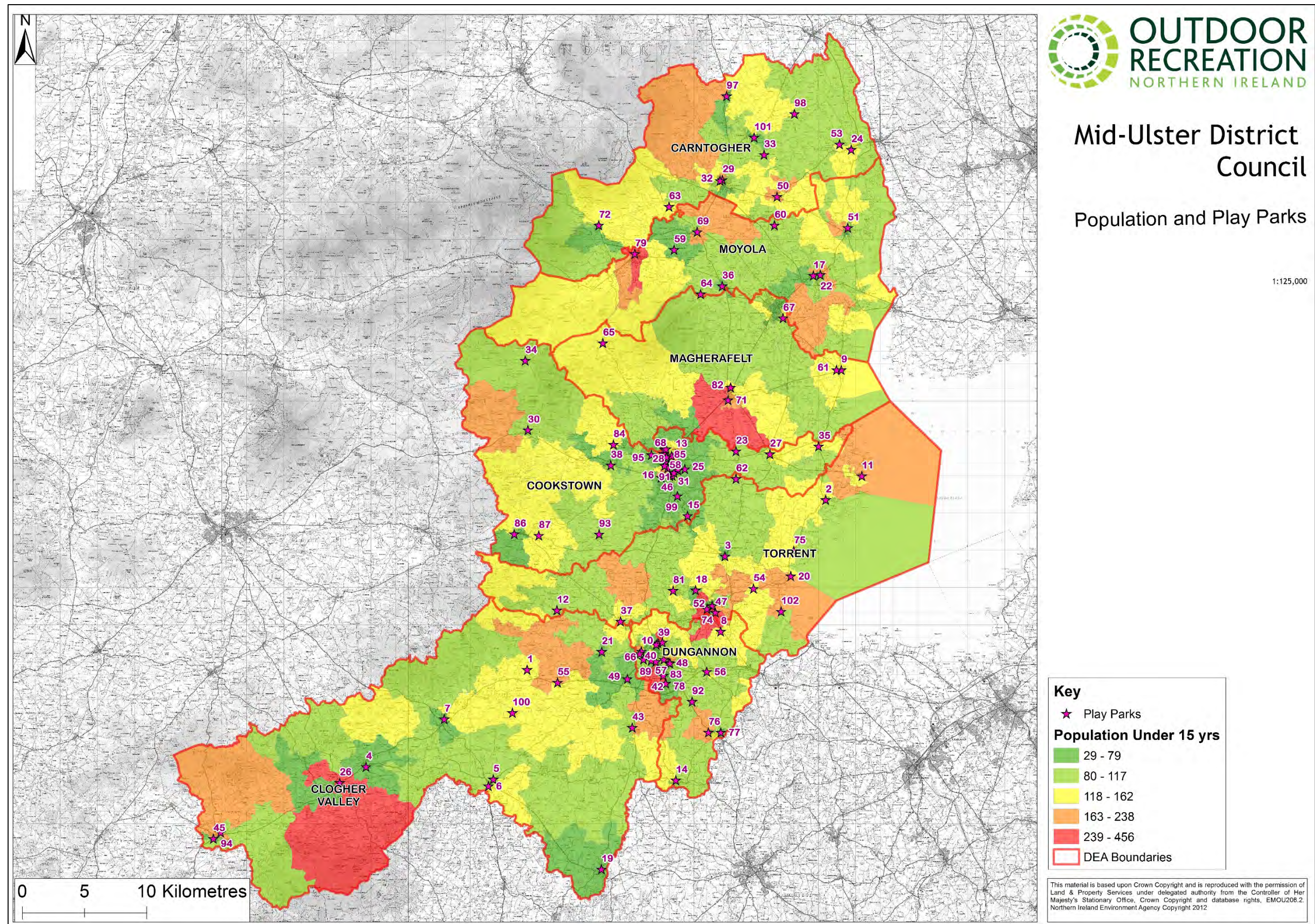


FIGURE 5 POPULATION UNDER 15 YEARS AND PLAY PROVISION LOCATIONS

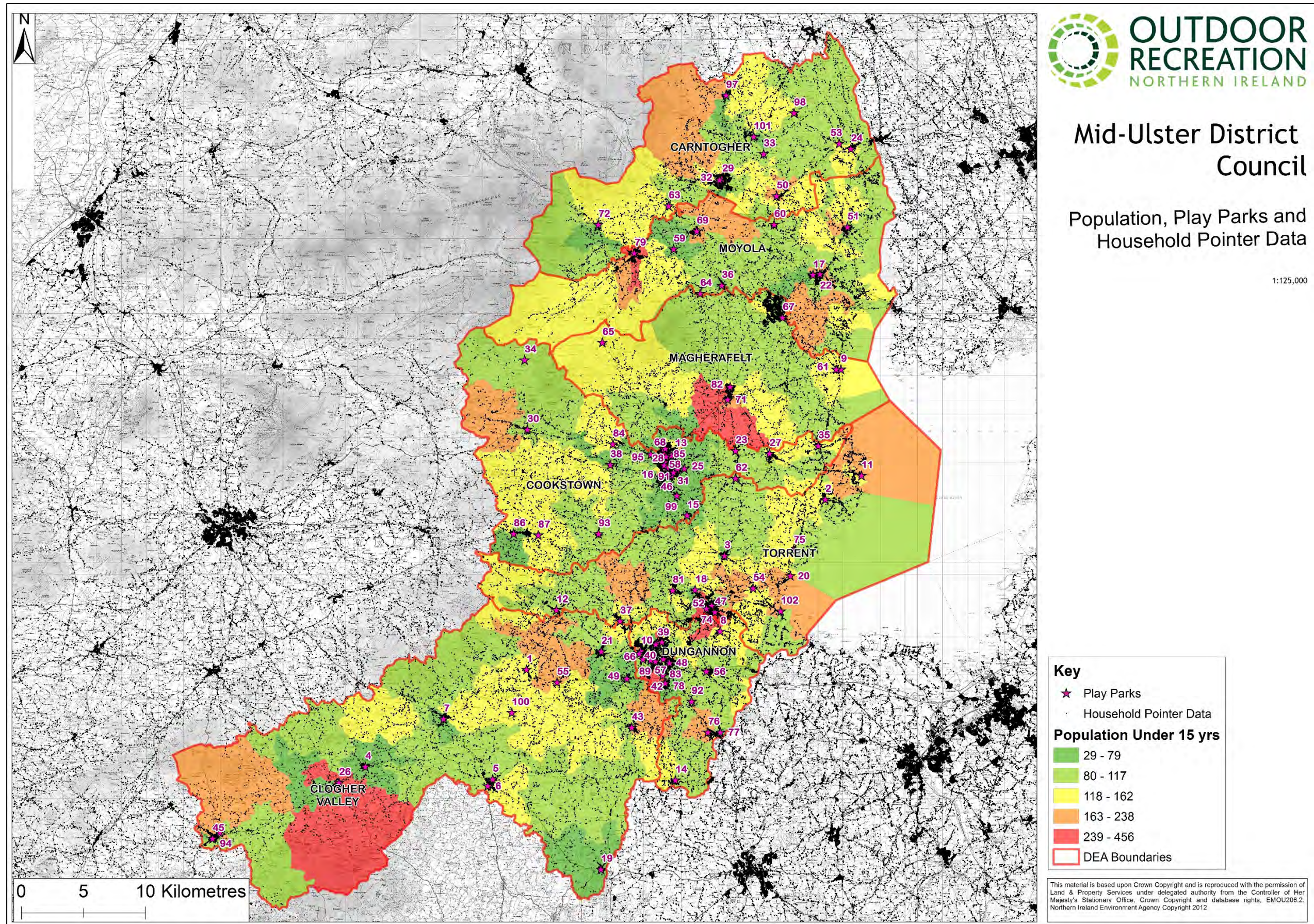


FIGURE 6 POPULATION UNDER 15 YEARS, PLAY PROVISION LOCATIONS AND HOUSEHOLD POINTER DATA

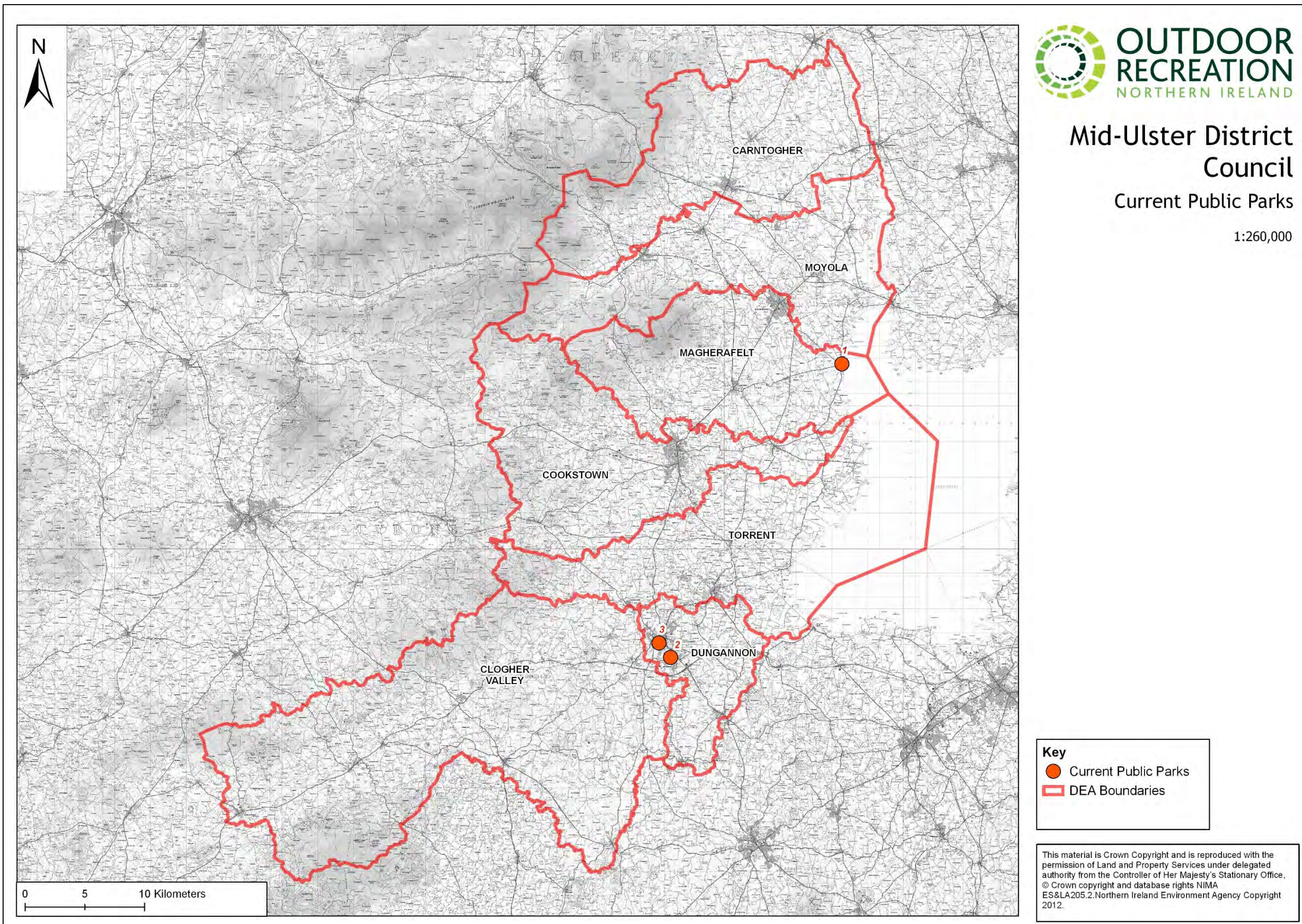


FIGURE 7 CURRENT PUBLIC PARKS

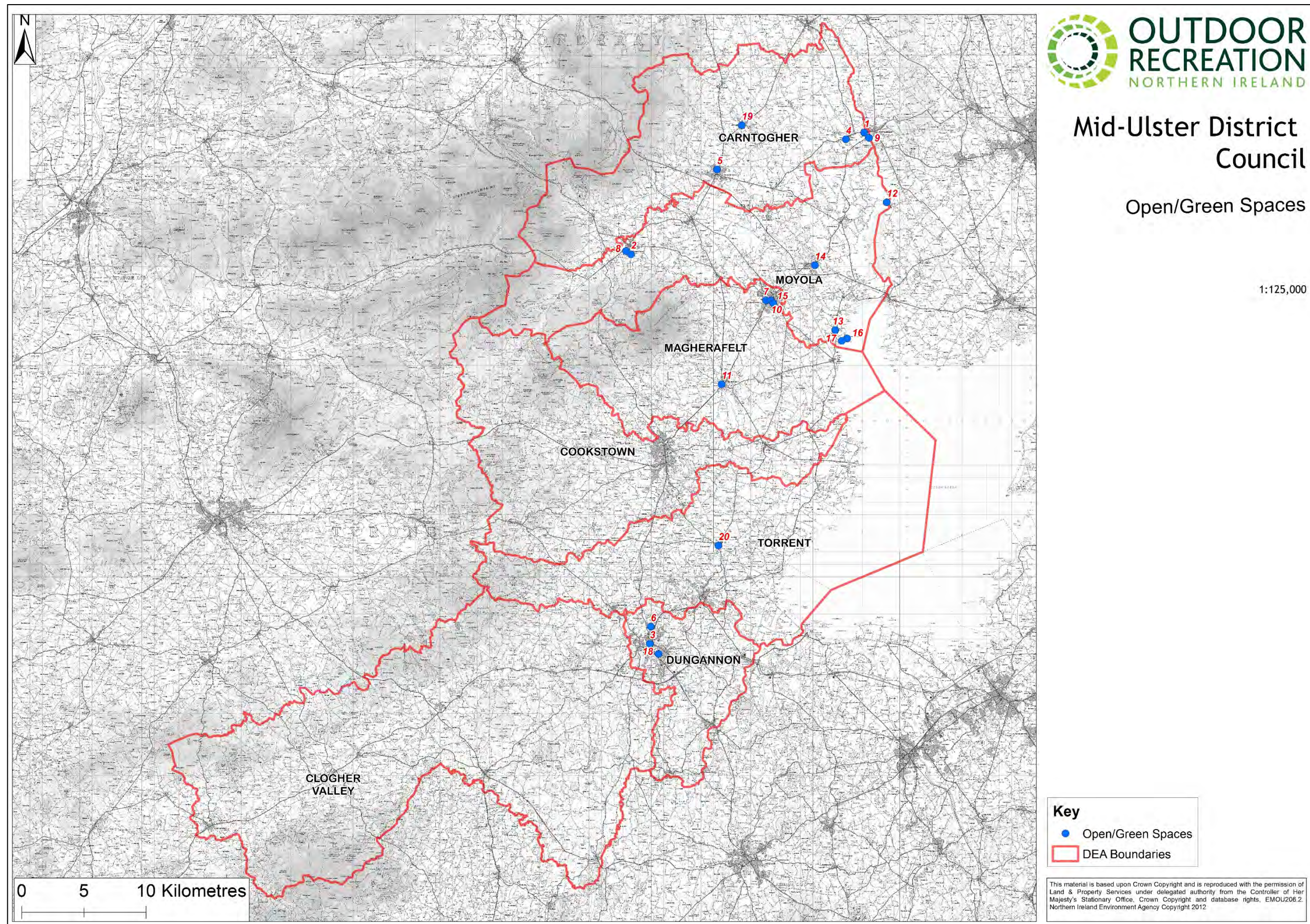


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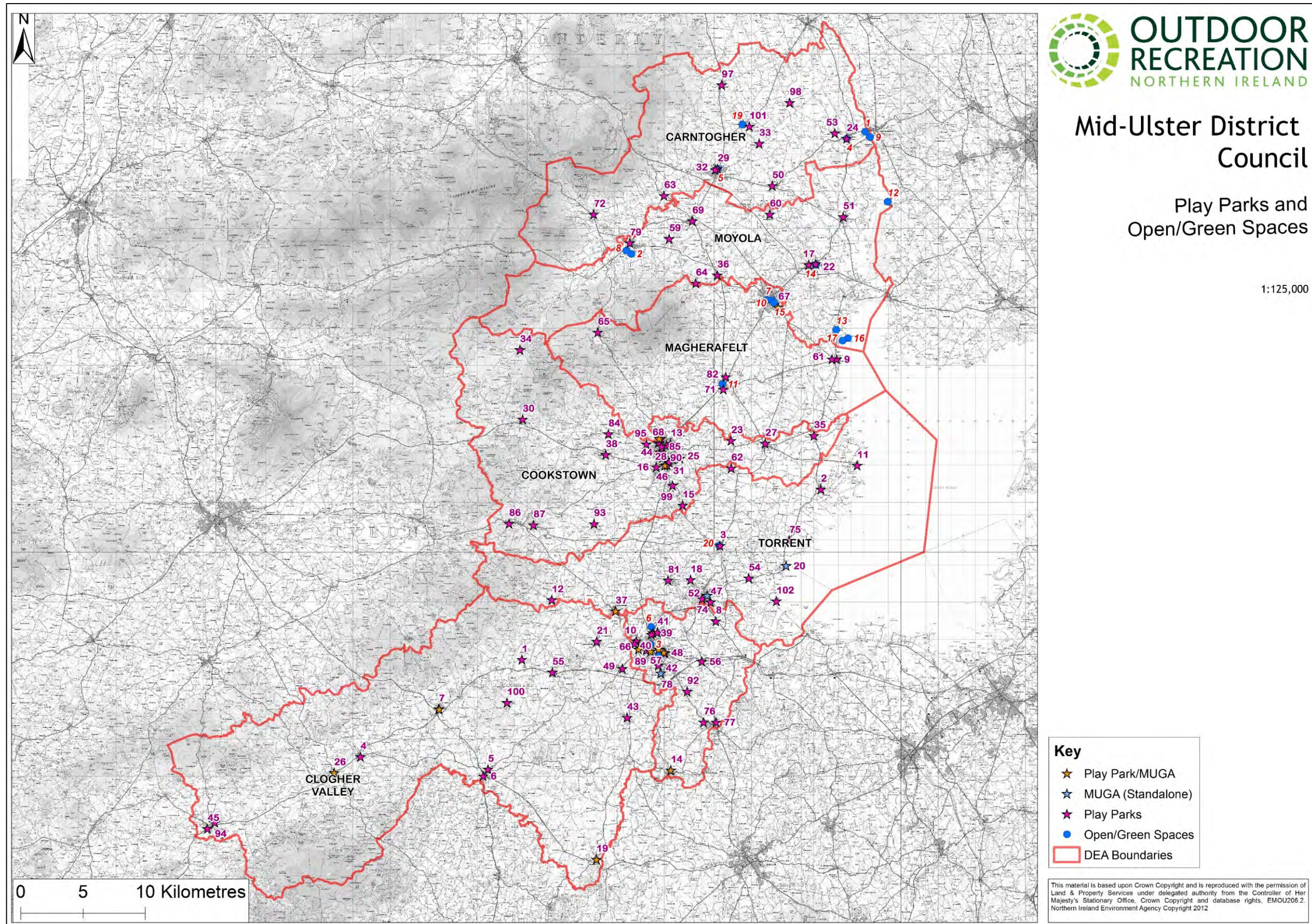


FIGURE 9 PLAY PROVISION AND OPEN/GREEN SPACE LOCATIONS

7.2. Quality of Play Provision

In order to meet the needs of the local population, the play opportunities provided by Mid Ulster District Council need not only be accessible but also maintained to a satisfactory level so they deliver a satisfactory play experience as well as ensuring the safety of the child.

Mid Ulster District Council currently has a team of Park Officers who inspect, maintain and repair play equipment and facilities within the Council area. In addition, Mid Ulster Council recently employed the services of an independent auditor to assess the standard of play provision within the District. Each of the 102 play parks were assessed in terms of the standard of each piece of play equipment, number of inclusive pieces, play surfaces and ancillary items. Each piece was given a score and then an overall mean score provided. Table 9 below provides an overview of the audit:

Overall Results	Play Areas
Total no. of parks with a score of 8+	55
Total no. of parks with a score of 5-7	43
Total no. of parks with a score of 1-4	4
Highest quality scoring parks	Ackinduff Augher Ballynakelly Castledawson Crawfordsburn Drumcoo Green Innishrush Killeen Kilross Lindsayville, Ballyronan Mullaghmore Pomeroy Forest Tamlaght Upperlands
Lowest quality scoring parks	Drumcoo, Killymaddy, Moneyneena
Percentage of inclusive play across the district	13%

TABLE 9 OVERVIEW OF QUALITY AUDIT

The above information has been mapped on Figure 10 showing the location of play parks categorised by their audit score. A full list of scores is detailed in Appendix 1

The audit scores provide an important overview of those facilities which require immediate attention. Indeed those facilities that fall within the lowest band, scoring 1-4, will need to be considered in terms of the quality of equipment they offer the local communities that they serve and indeed if a change of use is required or if these sites should be considered on the basis of their recommended life span.

Play parks scoring 5-7 fall short of the satisfactory quality level indicating a degree of attention and upgrade to prevent them falling into the lower quality level of play provision in Mid Ulster.

Finally play facilities that fall within the uppermost band are those that meet the quality level of play provision that Council aspire that all its facilities should meet. These areas require continued monitoring and maintenance to ensure their standards are retained.

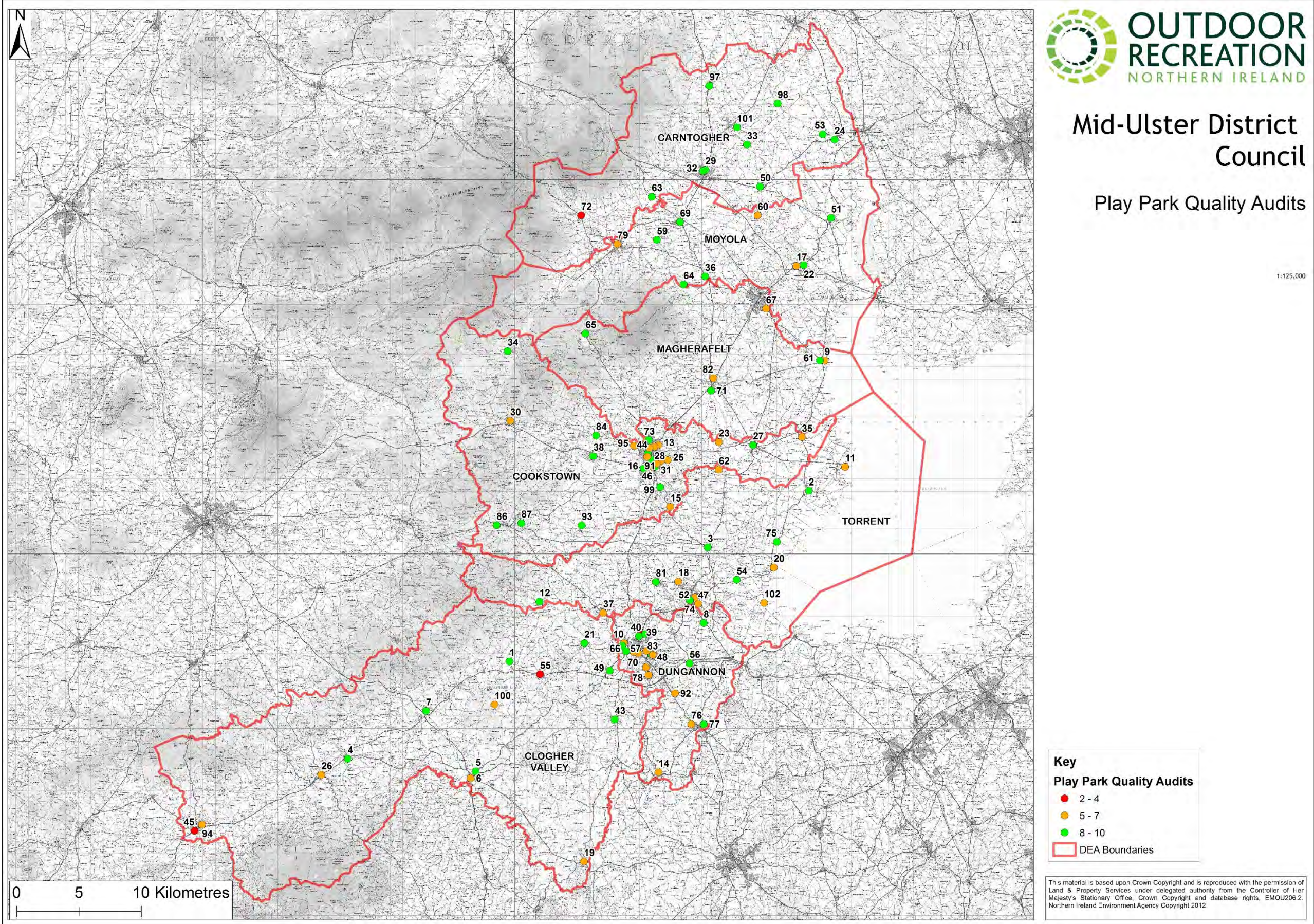


FIGURE 10 PLAY PARK QUALITY AUDIT SCORES

8. Planning

When developing play provision Council should acknowledge the Department's planning policies for achieving quality through *Policy Statement 7 (PPS7) – Quality Residential Environments (2001)* and *Policy Statement 8 (PPS8) Open Space, Recreation and Leisure*.

8.1. Policy Statement 7 (PPS7)

Policy Statement 7 (PPS7) – Quality Residential Environments (2001) sets out the Department's planning policies for achieving quality in new residential development and advises on the treatment of this issue in development plans. All residential developments are expected to conform to certain criteria including:

- adequate provision is made for public and private open space and landscaped areas as an integral part of the development.

More specifically it states that integrating pleasant, attractive and landscaped areas of public open space, including children's play spaces, is as an intrinsic element of any new residential development as open space has not only recreational and social benefits but is also considered vital to the overall design quality of the development. It can help promote biodiversity and contributes to the creation of an attractive, sustainable and varied residential environment, helping to 'green' an area, soften any environmental impact and foster a sense of community.

8.2. Policy Statement 8 (PPS8)

Within Policy Statement 8 (PPS8) - Open Space, Sport and Outdoor Recreation (2004) the Department focuses on planning policies for the protection of open space, the provision of new areas of open space in association with residential development and the use of land for sport and outdoor recreation and advises on the treatment of these issues in development plans. It embodies the Government's commitment to sustainable development, to the promotion of a more active and healthy lifestyle and to the conservation of biodiversity.

Open Space is defined in PPS8, Open Space, Sport and outdoor Recreation as:

'all open space of public value, including not just land, but also inland bodies of water such as rivers, canal, lakes and reservoirs which offer important opportunities for sport and outdoor recreation and can also act as a visual amenity'.

Open space, sport and outdoor recreation are important components of life providing many health, cultural, social, economic and environmental benefits. Open space can enhance the character of residential areas, civic buildings, conservation areas and archaeological sites. It can also help to attract business and tourism and thereby contribute to the process of urban regeneration. The use being made of the countryside for a range of sporting and outdoor recreational activities, particularly where these are associated with farm diversification, can contribute to the process of rural regeneration and help promote natural resource tourism.

8.3. Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy – OS1 Protection of Open Space

Mid Ulster Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy - February 2019 seeks to protect existing areas of open space and encourage the provision of new open space. This will be achieved by

identifying important parcels of open space to be protected, zoning of new open space and by formulating policy to require open space to be provided by the developer in new housing developments. In addition, Council recognise the benefits of dual use of open spaces and are working with the Education Authority to share sports pitches. Mid Ulster Council are also working with NIHE to facilitate children's play provision on land under their control.

Within this Local Development Plan, Council also recognise the link between open space, transport and the environment and as a consequence the strategy is to protect not only parks and gardens but also linear open spaces such as pedestrian walkways. For indoor recreation, the key considerations for any new facilities will be accessibility to the communities that they serve.

Therefore it is suggested that Mid Ulster Public Parks and Play Five Year Strategic Plan adopts *Policy OS 1 - Protection of Open Space* which states development that results in the loss of open space shall not accord with the Plan irrespective of its physical condition and appearance.

An exception can be made where it is demonstrated that it will bring substantial community benefits that outweigh the loss of the open space and it will have no significant detrimental impact on open space provision, amenity, character or biodiversity of an area.

Where appropriate, adequate compensatory measures to include provision for more intensive recreational use (3G sports pitches) on site or in other locations capable of serving the area will be given consideration. Compensatory measures should be comparable to that which is lost.

8.4. Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy – Social Policies

Furthermore retaining open space, creating new open space and promoting more opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation in the future is of significant importance. Mid Ulster Council's Local Development Plan 2030 has adopted *PPS 8: Open Space, Sport and Outdoor Recreation Policy, OS 2 Public Open Space in New Residential Development* as a best practice approach with regards to provision of adequate public and private open space under Social Policy. As a general rule for all residential developments over 25 units or sites of 1 hectare or more, a minimum of 10% of the site area should be allocated to public open space which is adequately equipped, landscaped and well-design to form an integral part of the proposal.

The suggested actions within the Mid Ulster Public Parks and Play Five Year Strategic Plan, should therefore be developed in line with the Mid Ulster Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy - February 2019 adopting the guidelines and best practice measures.

9. Future Park and Play Provision

Mid Ulster Council has utilised four key pieces of research to analyse the current play provision in Mid Ulster:

- Fields In Trust Benchmark Guidelines
- Population data from the 2011 census
- Household pointer data from LPS
- Play Park Quality Inspection Audit

Supporting information was also gathered through consultation and the Mid Ulster Parks and Play and Outdoor Recreation Survey 2017. In addition, consideration was also given to Policy Statement 7 (PPS7) and Policy Statement 8 (PPS8) and Mid Ulster Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy - February 2019.

9.1. Activity Hubs

Through analysis of current provision, feedback from the 7 DEA consultation events and action points from village plans, it is apparent there are a number of parks that require immediate attention but also a demand for new facilities to be provided. This is not uncommon, public parks and play parks are an emotive issue and provide a focal point in the community. Furthermore with regards inclusive play, the percentage of all ability equipment fell short to what Council aspires to provide. Just 13% of play within Mid Ulster District Council is classed as inclusive. While the 3 main special schools (1. Glenview Primary, 2. Kilroroan and 3. Sperrinview) have facilities on site (see Figure 11 for locations in relation to public park/play park facilities) the provision for families of both abled bodied and disabled children to enjoy a day out together as one unit is deficient.

In line with the Mid Ulster Council Community Plan, one the 15 outcomes is to 'give our children and young people the best chance in life'³¹. Within this Strategy, it is the aim of Council to address this deficiency and ensure children of all abilities are adequately provided for. Therefore, a matrix (Table 10) has been devised to assess a number of potential sites within Mid Ulster District Council against set criteria regards their suitability for 'District Hubs' and more specifically investigating suitability of sites for an all ability Activity Centre(s).

It is envisaged that 'Activity Centres' will be a visitor-destination style facility with enhanced all ability play, changing provision and facilities. These sites will also offer a range of other outdoor reaction facilities such as walking and cycling trails, water recreation and camping/caravanning.

'District Play Hubs' will offer enhanced NEAP play provision, catering for all age groups within a designated catchment area. District hubs have been considered based on geographic distribution, capacity of site, current status/classification, existing facilities, footfall and access.

2 Activity Centres have been identified for potential development:

- Dungannon Park, Dungannon
- Ballyronan, Magherafelt

5 District Play Hubs have been identified for potential development:

- Fairhill, Churchview, Cookstown

³¹ Mid Ulster District Council Community Plan – 10 Year Plan for Mid Ulster

- Gortgonis, Torrent
- Maghera Leisure Centre, Carntogher
- Meadow Bank, Magherafelt
- Roundlake, Clogher Valley

These proposed facilities have been mapped in Figure 12. This map shows the geographic distribution of these locations across the Council area with each DEA benefiting from at least one enhanced facility or a facility bordering their DEA.

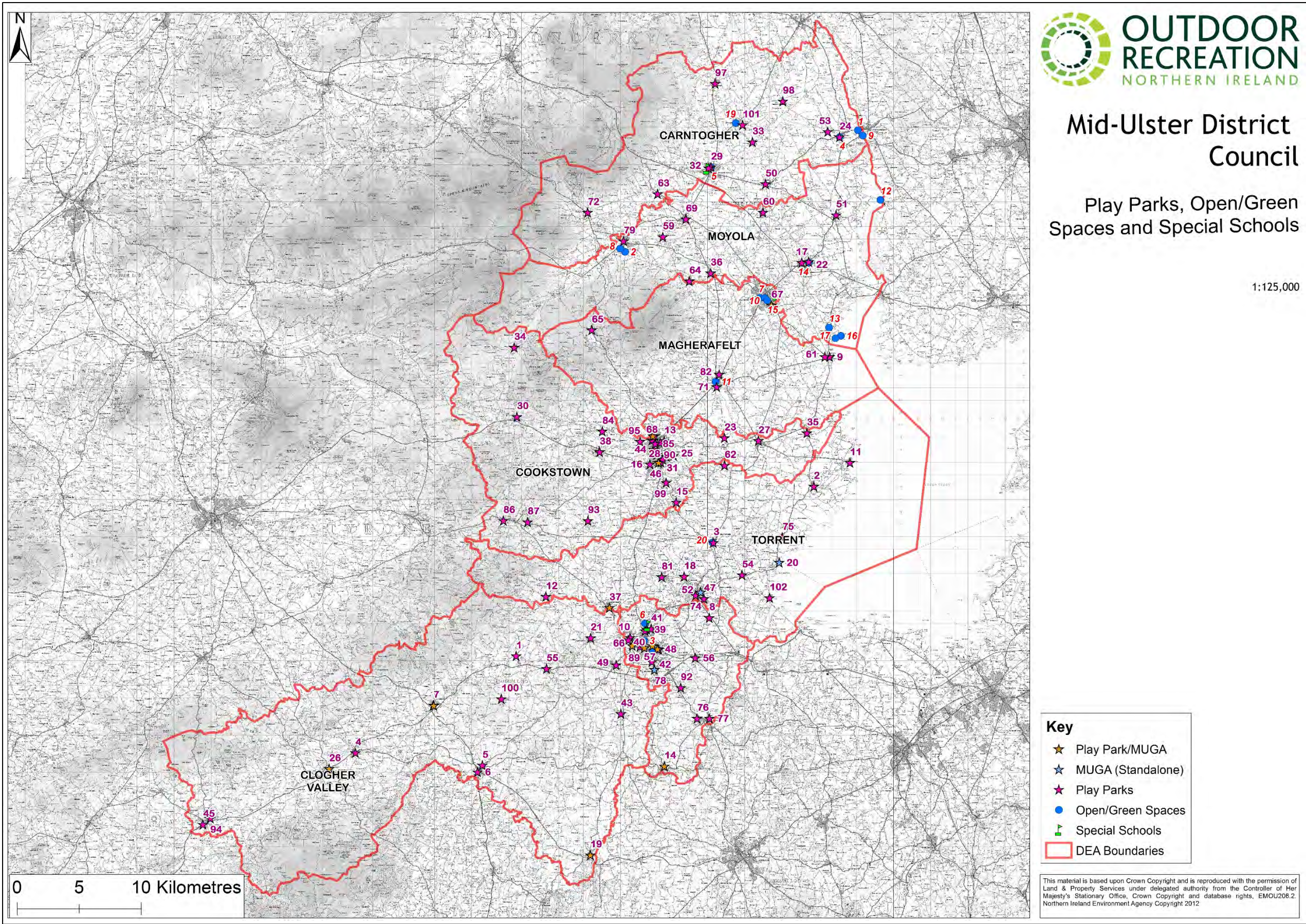


FIGURE 11 LOCATION OF SPECIAL SCHOOLS RELATIVE TO PUBLIC PARK/PLAY PARK FACILITIES

Site Name	Augher	Ballyronan Marina	Ballygawley	Clogher	Dungannon Park	Fairhill, Churchview	Fivemiletown Fairgreen	Gortgonis	Maghera Leisure Centre	Meadow Bank	Roundlake
DEA	Clogher Valley	Moyola	Clogher Valley	Clogher Valley	Dungannon	Cookstown	Clogher Valley	Torrent	Carntogher	Magherafelt	Clogher Valley
Location											
Size of Site (min 0.5 acre)	✖	✓	✓	✖	✓	✓	✖	✓	✖	✓	✓
MUDC Ownership	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Onsite Management/Manned	✖	✓	✓	✖	✓	✖	✖	✓	✓	✓	✓
Potential Planning Issues - Absent	✖	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Potential Specialist Planning - Absent	✖	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Risks											
Protected re Antisocial Behaviour	✖	✓	✓	✖	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ancillary Structures											
Existing Boundary Fencing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
No further fencing required	✓	✖	✖	✓	✖	✓	✖	✖	✖	✓	✖
Gates	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Signs/Seats/Bins	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Protected/Gated/Fenced	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✖
Paths & General Surfaces Good	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Parking											
Adequate Parking Proximity/Number	✖	✓	✓	✖	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Disabled Parking	✖	✓	✓	✖	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Coach/Mini Bus Parking	✖	✓	✓	✖	✓	✓	✖	✓	✖	✓	✓
Potential for Extended Parking	✖	✓	✖	✖	✓	✓	✖	✓	✖	✖	✓
On main road for easy visibility/access	✓	✓	✖	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Facilities											
Existing Toilets	✖	✓	✓	✖	✓	✓	✖	✓	✓	✓	✓
Disabled Toilet	✖	✓	✓	✖	✓	✖	✖	✓	✓	✓	✓
Room for Toilet/Disabled Toilet Expansion	✖	✓	✓	✖	✓	✓	✖	✓	✓	✓	✓
Visitor Services: Coffee shop etc.	✖	✓	✖	✖	✓	✖	✖	✖	✖	✓	✖
Potential for Visitor Services	✖	✓	✖	✖	✓	✖	✖	✓	✖	✓	✓
Visitor/Tourist Destination	✖	✓	✖	✖	✓	✖	✖	✖	✖	✖	✓
Flat Access	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Existing Footfall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recreation facilities on site e.g. walking trails, cycle trails and water recreation	✖	✓	✓	✖	✓	✖	✖	✓	✖	✖	✓




TABLE 10 PLAY HUB MATRIX

Mid-Ulster District Council

Potential Play Hub Provision

1:250,000

Key

-  Potential Activity Centres
-  Potential District Play Hubs
-  DEA Boundaries

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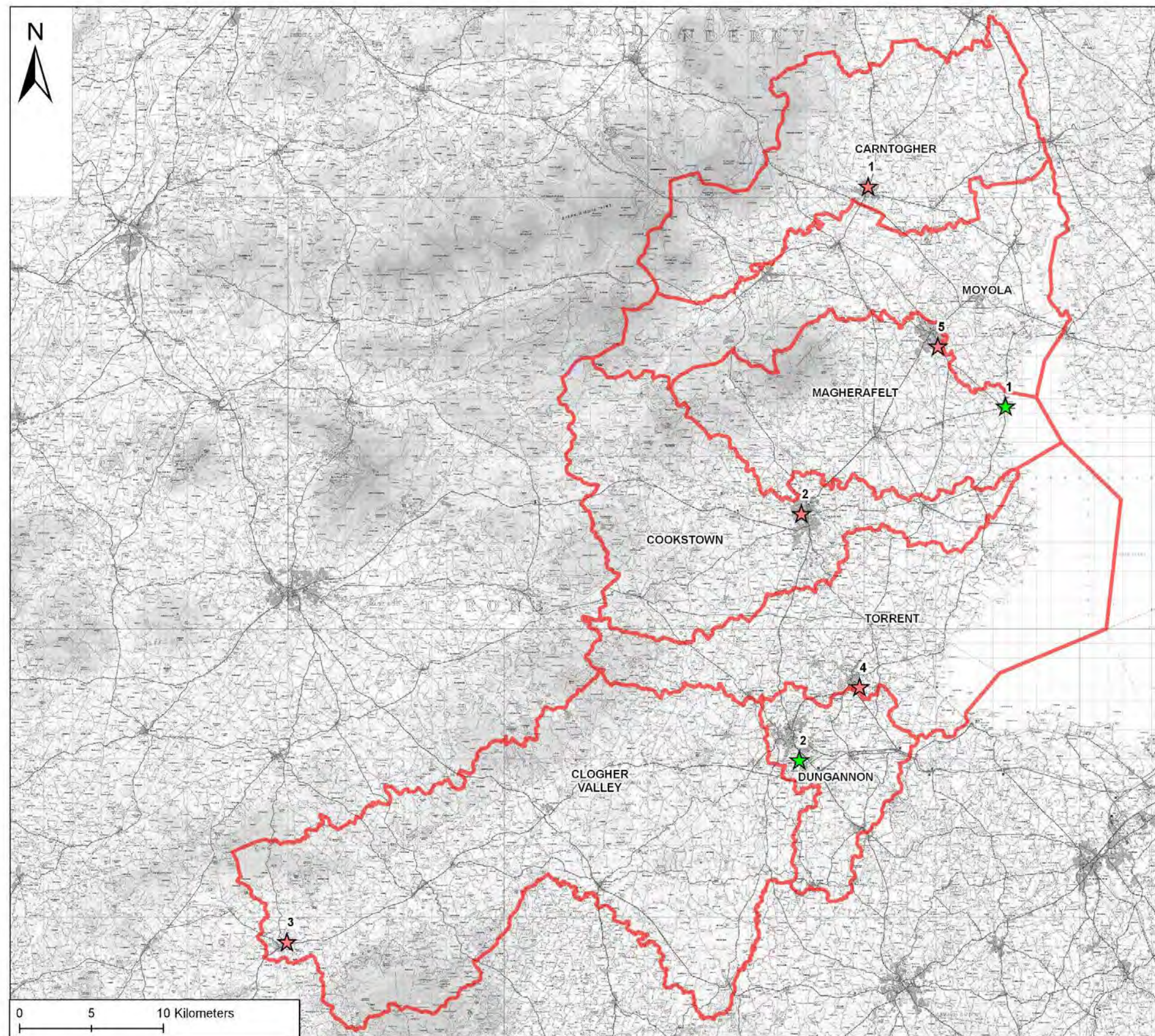


FIGURE 12 MID ULSTER POTENTIAL PLAY HUB PROVISION

9.2. Parks Development

As highlighted in section 7 Mid Ulster has currently 3 public parks offering a wide range of outdoor recreation and visitor facilities. The most notable being Dungannon Park and Ballyronan Marina which also offer water recreation and caravanning and camping. The third location, Railway Park has potential for significant development with proposals for a £1,000,000 project within the strategy period, subject to available funding. These larger park sites attract high footfall and are also well used by the surrounding community. However, there are a number of areas in Mid Ulster that are lacking in open/green space and it is recognised that there is a need for additional public parks particularly in Cookstown and Magherafelt.

Within Cookstown, it is felt that Fairhill has potential to be the flagship park facility with the forthcoming development in Gortgonis offering improved park facilities such as a woodland walk and links to the canal in the neighbouring DEA of Torrent.

Development opportunities in Magherafelt include Polepatrick as well as a potential significant project at Sounding Hill quarry in association with the Trustees of this site. In addition, Council do have a number of open/green space and play sites across the district which offer public park development potential. Table 11 outlines the 14 sites that have been considered for public park development using the Matrix to assess their suitability against set criteria. The sites identified are geographic mapped in Figure 13. Any such development will require Master Planning and match funding to progress. While the below sites hold potential for public park development, it should be noted that O'Neill Park, in line with Council's current Capital Projects, is a potential development site for play with suggestions for a LEAP facility to be installed at this location.

Park ID	Park Site	DEA
1	Ballymacombs	Carntogher
2	Castlehill	Dungannon
3	Clady	Carntogher
4	Fairhill	Cookstown
5	Henderson Park	Torrent
6	Hunters Park	Moyola
7	Manor Park	Magherafelt
8	Mill Park	Moyola
9	Moykeeran	Moyola
10	Railway Park	Dungannon
11	Parkview/Riverside	Moyola
12	Roundlake	Clogher Valley
13	Swatragh	Carntogher
14	Windmill Wood	Dungannon

9.3. Bespoke Woodland Parks

In line with the Mid Ulster District Council Outdoor Recreation Strategy (2017) it is recommended that a number of key forest and woodland locations across Mid Ulster undergo development. The majority are important recreation sites that are well used by the community. Other sites hold potential in terms of creating a much-needed recreation and play facility for the community while increasing Mid Ulster Council's recreation offering for the visitor. Therefore, it is suggested that to further add value and improve the visitor experience, a natural play element should be included alongside the enhanced

recreation provision. Table 12 below shows a list of the relevant sites across the 7 DEAs and suggests a significant or small woodland play element be introduced with these locations mapped in Figure 14.

Site Name	Ballymacombs	Castlehill	Clady	Fairhill	Henderson Park	Hunters Park	Manor Park	Mill Park	Moykeeran	Railway Park	Parkview Riverside	Roundlake	Swatragh	Windmill Wood	
Site ID	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
DEA	Carntogher	Dungannon	Carntogher	Cookstown	Torrent	Moyola	Magherafelt	Moyola	Moyola	Dungannon	Moyola	Clogher Valley	Carntogher	Dungannon	
Location															
Size of Site (min 0.5 acre)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
MUDC Ownership	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Onsite Management/Manned	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	
Potential Planning Issues - Absent	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Potential Specialist Planning - Absent	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	
Risks															
Protected re Antisocial Behaviour	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	
Ancillary Structures															
Existing Boundary Fencing	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
No further fencing required	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	
Gates	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	
Signs/Seats/Bins	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	
Paths & General Surfaces Good	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	
Parking															
Adequate Parking Proximity/Number	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Disabled Parking	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	
Coach/Mini Bus Parking	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	
Potential for Extended Parking	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	
On main road for easy visibility/access	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	
Facilities															
Existing Toilets	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	
Disabled Toilet	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	
Room for Toilet/Disabled Toilet Development	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Visitor Services: Coffee shop etc.	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	
Potential for Visitor Services	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Visitor Destination	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Flat Access	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Existing Footfall	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Recreation facilities on site e.g. walking trails, cycle trails and water recreation	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

TABLE 11 PROPOSED PUBLIC PARK LOCATION

DEA	Small Woodland Play	Ownership	Significant Woodland Play	Ownership
Carntogher			Derrynoyd Forest (1)	<i>Forest Service</i>
Clogher Valley	Knockmany Forest (1)	<i>Forest Service</i>	Parkanaur Forest (2)	<i>Forest Service</i>
	Bantry Lough and Forest (3)	<i>Forest Service</i>		
Cookstown*	Cabin Wood (4)	<i>Council</i>	Drum Manor (4)	<i>Forest Service</i>
			Pomeroy Forest (3)	<i>Forest Service</i>
Dungannon	Windmill Wood (2)	<i>Council</i>		
Magherafelt	Inniscarn Forest (5)	<i>Forest Service</i>		
Moyola	Traad Point (6)	<i>Council</i>	Drumlamph (5)	<i>Development Assoc.</i>

TABLE 12 BESPOKE WOODLAND PLAY LOCATIONS




**Cookstown – Element of play provision already established at Pomeroy and Drum Manor Forest*

Mid-Ulster District Council

Current Public Parks and
Potential Parks Development

1:260,000

Key

-  Potential Park Sites
-  Current Public Parks
-  DEA Boundaries

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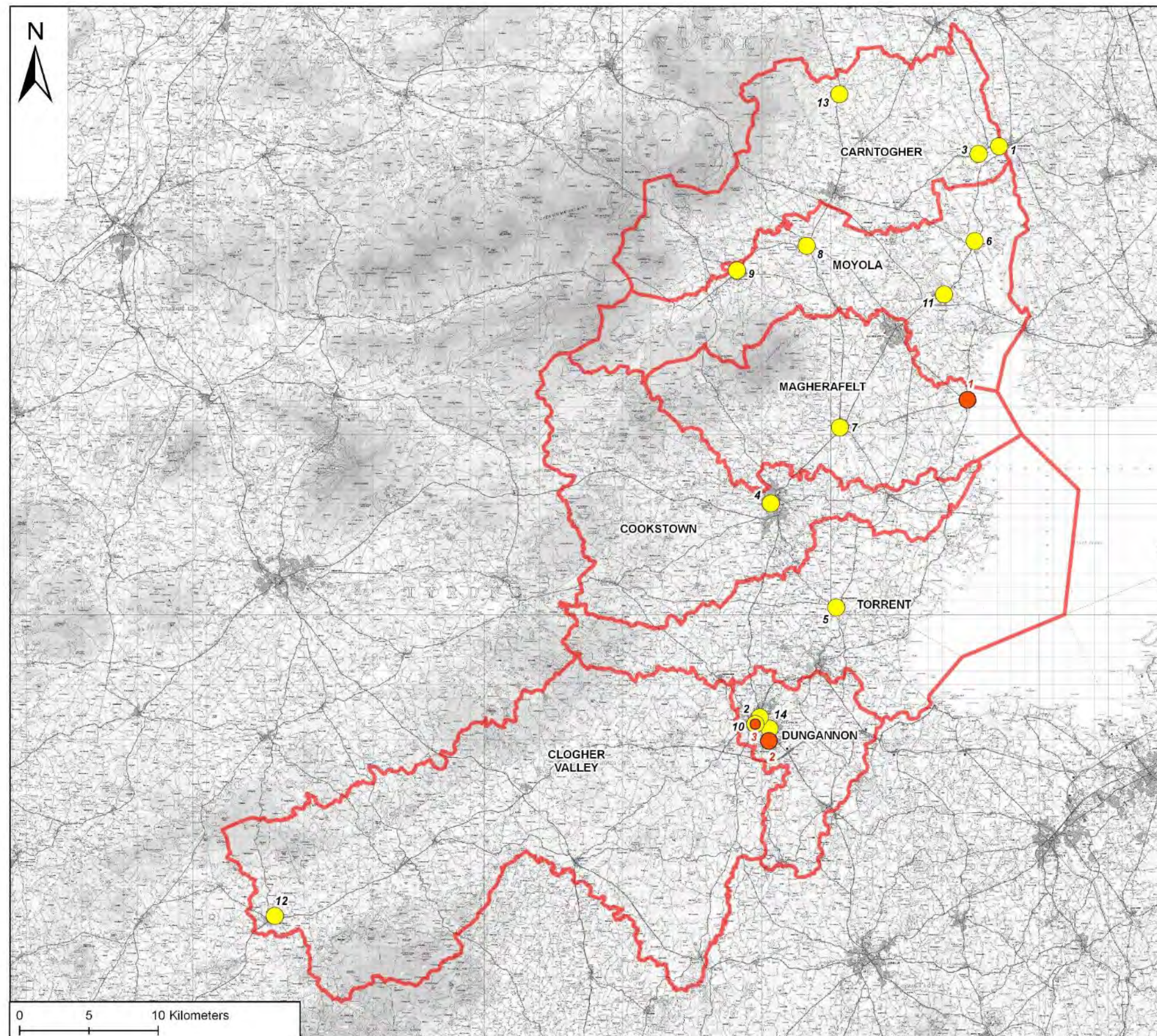
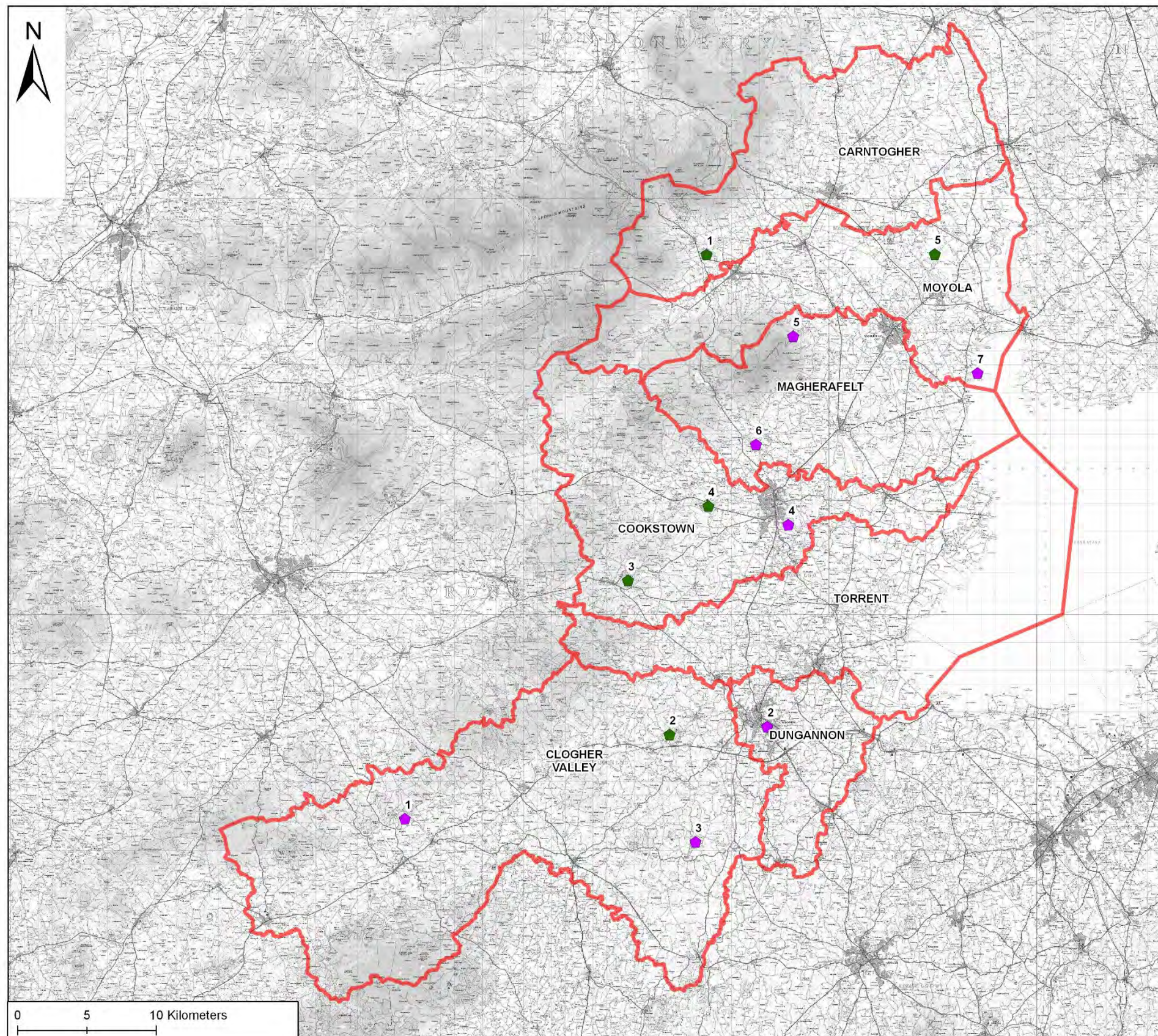


FIGURE 13 POTENTIAL PUBLIC PARK DEVELOPMENT




Mid-Ulster District Council

Bespoke Woodland Play

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Key

-  Small Woodland Play
-  Significant Woodland Play
-  DEA Boundaries

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FIGURE 14 MID ULSTER POTENTIAL WOODLAND PLAY PROVISION

9.4. Dungannon

There are 19 public parks/play parks within Dungannon DEA as well as 3 open/green space sites as shown in Figure 15.

According to Mid Ulster District Council Planning Paper Seven – Open Space, Recreation and Leisure, much of Dungannon is deficient in terms of equipped play provision with no play areas easily accessible from the town centre by foot. It was also noted that the residential areas in the south and west of the town were also deficient in play provision.

Deemed as deficient in the number of equipped play areas, the spatial distribution of play provision in Dungannon is not considered to be strategic. Therefore the proposed recommendations have considered the sites surrounding the town centre as well as utilising the open/green spaces which hold potential for future development.

The 4 zones within Dungannon in Figure 15 are shown in detail in the accompanying ‘Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon’. In this report, maps showing the current provision are mapped against population of 0-15 year olds as well as household pointer data. The recommendations made within Table 10 are then shown to provide a visual of how the recommendations could potentially shape play provision in Dungannon.

Table 13 details the public parks/play parks that fall within the Dungannon DEA boundary along with proposed recommendations. For more detailed analysis, please refer to ‘Mid Ulster Maps Report – Dungannon’ as necessary.

Table 14 details two potential open/green space sites within Dungannon that could potentially be developed into new play locations. In response to the Mid Ulster District Council Planning Paper Seven – Open Space, Recreation and Leisure, it is suggested that the Castlehill (3) is developed into a public park facility with LEAP which will address the gap of park and play provision within the centre of Dungannon. In addition, in line with Mid Ulster’s Outdoor Recreation Strategic Plan 2017, it is suggested that Windmill Wood is further enhanced with regards its outdoor recreation provision. This site holds potential for development of a NEAP as well as a small, bespoke woodland play element site making use of the natural surrounding materials to create animal carvings and other imaginary play pieces.

Table 15 highlights two new potential play locations that have been identified for the DEA of Dungannon. As per Figure 1 & 2 in ‘Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon’, it can be seen that the community of Springfield is not catered for with regards a public park/play facility. In addition, this is an area with a high density of housing and a relatively youthful population. Therefore, it is suggested that Council investigates the potential of suitable land for park/play provision in this catchment area.

Table 16 highlights the proposed parks sites that will receive funding under Rural Development Programme in Dungannon. Some sites are already confirmed while other locations are pending on suitable sites being identified. Where relevant, sites not mapped within this strategy have been labelled as such.

Finally, as part of the wider proposed £1m capital development plan for Railway Park (subject to available funding), it is suggested that the current play provision at Railway Park has the potential to move within the park boundary, thus facilitating the development of a NEAP in the north west of the town. This would address the relatively youthful population while providing an enhanced facility for the area.

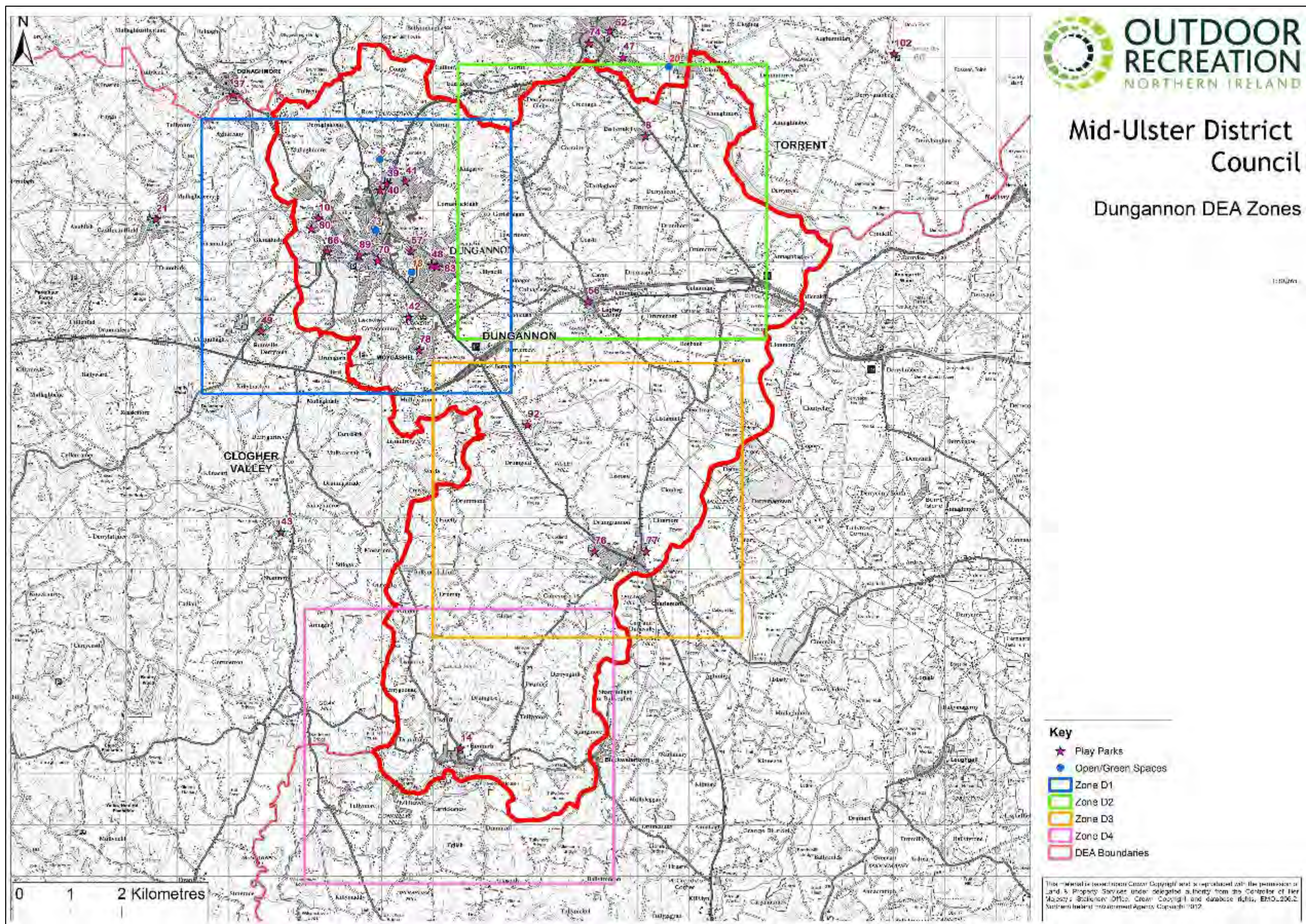


FIGURE 15 DUNGANNON DEA OVERVIEW

Map Zone	Public Park/ Play Park ID	Name of Facility	Quality Score	LEAP/NEAP Current Status	Overview	Indicative Cost	Timing
D1	10	Ballysaggart	6	LEAP	Ballysaggart will remain as a LEAP in support of the wider development plan for Railway Park and the potential development of a NEAP, it is suggested the current play provision is enhanced. (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon').	£20,000	Year 1
D1	39	Drumcoo	2	LEAP	The Drumcoo site no longer exists as an equipped area for play. Further community consultation is required to identify redevelopment potential as part of a wider proposal for Drumcoo Complex, offering a change of use to better serve the surrounding community. General maintenance to be maintained. (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon').	TBC	TBC
D1	40	Drumcoo Green	10	LEAP	The LEAP at Drumcoo Green holds potential to be developed into a NEAP thus providing the surrounding population with a larger equipped play facility (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon').	£50,000	5 Years+
D1	41	Dunavon	8.8	LEAP	It is suggested that Dunavon will continue to exist as a LEAP and will be monitored and maintained to ensure it continues to provide high quality play provision (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
D1	42	Dungannon Park	7.5	NEAP	It is suggested that Dungannon Park is further developed into one of two 'Activity Centres'. These sites aim to offer a visitor destination style facility with enhanced all ability play, changing provision and facilities. Activity Centres offer not only enhanced play but also a range of other outdoor reaction facilities such as walking and cycling trails, water recreation and even camping/caravanning. (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon').	£250,000 (subject to funding)	TBC
D1	48	Gortnasoar	8.8	LEAP	Gortnasoar will remain as a LEAP in support of proposed developments at Windmill Wood with suggested enhancements. (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon').	£20,000	Year 4
D1	57	Killymerron	5	LEAP	Killymerron will remain as a LEAP and support proposed developments at Windmill Wood (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon') it is suggested that current provision is enhanced (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon').	£20,000	Year 1
D1	66	Meadowbank	9.6	NEAP	The NEAP and MUGA facilities at Meadowbank will continue to exist in their current form and will be monitored and maintained to ensure they provide high quality play and recreation (Figure 1 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
D1	70	Milltown	7.5	LEAP	Milltown will continue to exist as a LEAP with MUGA but given the quality score of play equipment, it is suggested that this site undergoes continued maintenance with a degree of enhancement (Figure 1 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon').	£25,000	Year 4
D1	78	Moygashel Jacksonville	7.5	MUGA	It is suggested that the MUGA site at Moygashel Jacksonville holds potential for development into a LEAP (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon').	£50,000	Year 1

D1	80	Mullaghmore	10	LEAP	Mullaghmore will remain as a LEAP in support to Railway Park development proposal. (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
D1	83	Northland Village	6.8	LEAP	Northland Village will remain as a LEAP in support of Windmill Wood development proposal, it is felt that the play provision at Northland Village would not continue in its current form with enhancement (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon').	£25,000	Year 2
D1	89	Railway Park	5	LEAP	Council have a £1,000,000 development proposal for Railway Park offering improved visitor experience, infrastructure and events space and will include improved play provision to NEAP level. (subject to available funding and programming) The current play provision at location 89 has potential to be relocated within the Railway Park boundary, facilitating the development of a NEAP in the north west of the town. This would support existing LEAP play facilities at Mullaghmore and Ballysaggart (see site 89 on Figure 1 with the potential relocation mapped at site 2 on Figure 2) within the 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon'.	(£1,000,000 Development subject to available funding)*	Year 2
D2	8	Ballynakelly	10	LEAP	Ballynakelly will continue to exist as a LEAP and will be monitored and maintained to ensure it continues to provide high quality play provision (Figure 3 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
D2	56	Killyman	9	LEAP	In line with the Rural Development Programme - Village Renewal, it is planned that Killyman will benefit from £38,103 in order to enhance existing play facilities (Figure 3 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon').	RDP*	Year 1
D3	76	Moy Curran's Brae	7.9	LEAP	Moy Curran's Brae has potential to be developed into a NEAP which would better serve the town. It would serve the area that was once catered for by Moy Oakfield (Figures 4 & 5 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon').	£50,000	Year 4
D3	77	Moy Oakfield	9.5	LEAP	Moy Oakfield will remain as a LEAP in support of Curran's Brae NEAP proposal and will collectively cover all current and projected play requirements for the whole of the town (Figures 4 & 5 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
D3	92	Redford	5	LEAP	Redford will continue to exist as a LEAP but given the quality score of play equipment, it is suggested that this site undergoes continued maintenance with a degree of enhancement (Figures 4 & 5 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon').	£25,000	Year 1
D4	14	Benburb	7.8*	LEAP with MUGA	Benburb will continue to exist as a LEAP with MUGA. External Community funding has provided an upgrade at Benburb not reflected in the score rating.* The site will be monitored and maintained ensure it continues to provide high quality play provision (Figure 6 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+

TABLE 13 DUNGANNON PUBLIC PARK/PLAY PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

Map Zone	Park/Play Park ID	Facility Name	Quality Score	LEAP/NEAP Status	Overview	Indicative Cost	Timing
D1	3	Castlehill	n/a	Proposed LEAP	It is suggested that the Castlehill site is developed into a LEAP which will therefore address the gap of play provision within the centre of Dungannon as highlighted in the Mid Ulster District Council Planning Paper Seven – Open Space, Recreation and Leisure. (Figures 1 & 2 ‘Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon’).	£150,000 (subject to funding)	5 Years+
D1	18	Windmill Wood	n/a	Proposed NEAP	It is suggested that Windmill Wood would benefit from a NEAP style play facility made from materials appropriate to the setting (Figures 1 & 2 ‘Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon’). There are a number of sites within this location that Council should consider for this development. Windmill Wood also offers potential to be developed into a public park facility for Dungannon.	£150,000 (subject to funding)	5 Years+
Bespoke Woodland Play	Site 2			Small Woodland Play element	It is suggested that Windmill Wood benefit from a small, bespoke, woodland play element (Figures 1 & 2 ‘Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon’). It is felt that this would complement the recommendations made in the Outdoor Recreation Strategic Plan, 2017 to enhance the outdoor recreation provision at this site (Table 12 Bespoke Woodland Play Locations).	£25,000 (subject to funding)	5 Years+
D1	6	Drumglass Wood	n/a	n/a	This site is currently not open to the Public as there is no access. It has however potential to be a Conservation project for the area.	TBC	TBC

TABLE 14 DUNGANNON OPEN/GREEN SPACE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Map Zone	Park/Play Park ID	Facility Name	Quality Score	LEAP/NEAP Status	Overview	Indicative Cost	Timing
D1	1	Springfield	n/a	Proposed LEAP	Given the high density of households combined with a relatively youthful population, it is suggested that Springfield is considered as an area of need with regards play provision. It is advised that Council seek to acquire land in the Springfield catchment area for a potential LEAP (Figure 2 ‘Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Dungannon’).	TBC	TBC

TABLE 15 DUNGANNON POTENTIAL NEW PLAY LOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Map Zone	Park/Play Park ID	Facility Name	Quality Score	LEAP/NEAP Status	Overview	Indicative Cost	Timing
Site unmapped	n/a	Ballynakelly/Tamnamore	n/a	TBC	In line with the Rural Development Programme - Village Renewal, it is planned that Ballynakelly/ Tamnamore will benefit from £18,000 to develop a new play facility located at the Education Centre.	RDP*	Year 2

TABLE 16 DUNGANNON PROPOSED RDP PARK SITES

Totals							Total
							£300,000

TABLE 17 DUNGANNON INDICATIVE COSTS

*Total excludes RDP expenditure, Railway Park £1m development proposal, contingency @ 10% and those estimated costs occurring after 5 years. Mid Ulster District Council reserve the option to amend or vary specific delivery objectives associated to the Parks and Play Strategy, subject to Council approval.

9.5. Cookstown

Serving a mix of urban and rural communities, there are 28 public parks/play parks within Cookstown DEA as shown in Figure 16. With a number of locations easily accessible by foot, Cookstown town centre is adequately provided for with regards play provision. However, given the high degree of overlap with regards play location catchment, the spatial distribution of fixed play sites is not considered to be strategic. In comparison with the rest of the town, it can be seen that the east and north-east areas are lacking in play provision.

Outside the town centre, Cookstown's play provision is comprised of a number of rural locations. Given the large proportion of households located in these settlements and villages, it is felt that the existence of play facilities in these locations hold social and environmental importance. Indeed this thinking is in line with the Mid Ulster Local Development Plan and the acknowledgement that its policies and the recommendations within this Strategy are subject to Rural Proofing. The Northern Ireland Assembly recently embarked on an exercise to enhance the rural proofing process by placing it on a statutory footing. As a result, the Rural Needs Act received Royal Assent on the 9th May 2016 and will commence for Local Council's on 1 June 2017. The Act seeks to safeguard the needs of rural communities, to promote a fair and inclusive rural society by introducing a duty on government and councils to consider the needs of rural dwellers when developing policies and delivering public services. This new legislation, imposes a statutory duty on Mid Ulster Council to consider rural needs when developing, adopting, implementing or revising policies, strategies and plans and designing and delivering public services³²

The 6 zones within Cookstown in Figure 16 are shown in detail in the accompanying 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown'. In this report, maps showing the current provision are mapped against population of 0-15 year olds as well as household pointer data. The recommendations made within Table 16 are then shown to provide a visual of how the recommendations could potentially shape play provision in Cookstown.

Table 18 details the public parks/play parks that fall within the Cookstown DEA boundary along with proposed recommendations for each. For more detailed analysis, please refer to 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown' as necessary.

Table 19 details three new potential play locations that have been identified for the DEA of Cookstown with regards small or significant woodland play. These include Cabin Wood, Pomeroy Forest and Drum Manor Forest. In line with the Mid Ulster District Council Outdoor Recreation Strategy, it is recommended that a number of key areas including forest sites across Mid Ulster undergo development. These are important recreation sites that are well used by the community while some other locations hold real potential in terms of creating a much-needed facility for the community as well as increasing Mid Ulster Council's recreation offering for the visitor. Therefore, it is suggested that to further enhance these sites and to improve the visitor experience, a natural woodland play element should be included also. As already highlighted, it is envisaged that this would consist of natural animal wood carvings and other imaginary 'play' pieces to add interest and value to the natural surroundings.

³² Local Development Plan 2030 - Preferred Options Paper, Mid Ulster District Council (November 2016)

It should be noted that Cookstown is somewhat deficient in open/green space and Council are advised to investigate the potential of developing a public park. The Sports Recreation Grounds opposite the Fairhill site may hold potential and could provide this much needed provision in the Cookstown DEA. The playing fields could be relocated at the Mid Ulster Sports Area (MUSA) or an alternative suitable location, to allow for redevelopment of the current playing fields into a public park to include an events space with an enhanced play facility opposite this site. It is estimated that development of Fairhill would cost a minimum of £250,000. This proposed development would significantly enhance the current quality of play and open green space in Cookstown.

Finally, Table 20 highlights the proposed parks sites that will receive funding under Rural Development Programme in Cookstown. Some sites are already confirmed while other locations are pending on suitable sites being identified. Where relevant, sites not mapped within this strategy have been labelled as such.

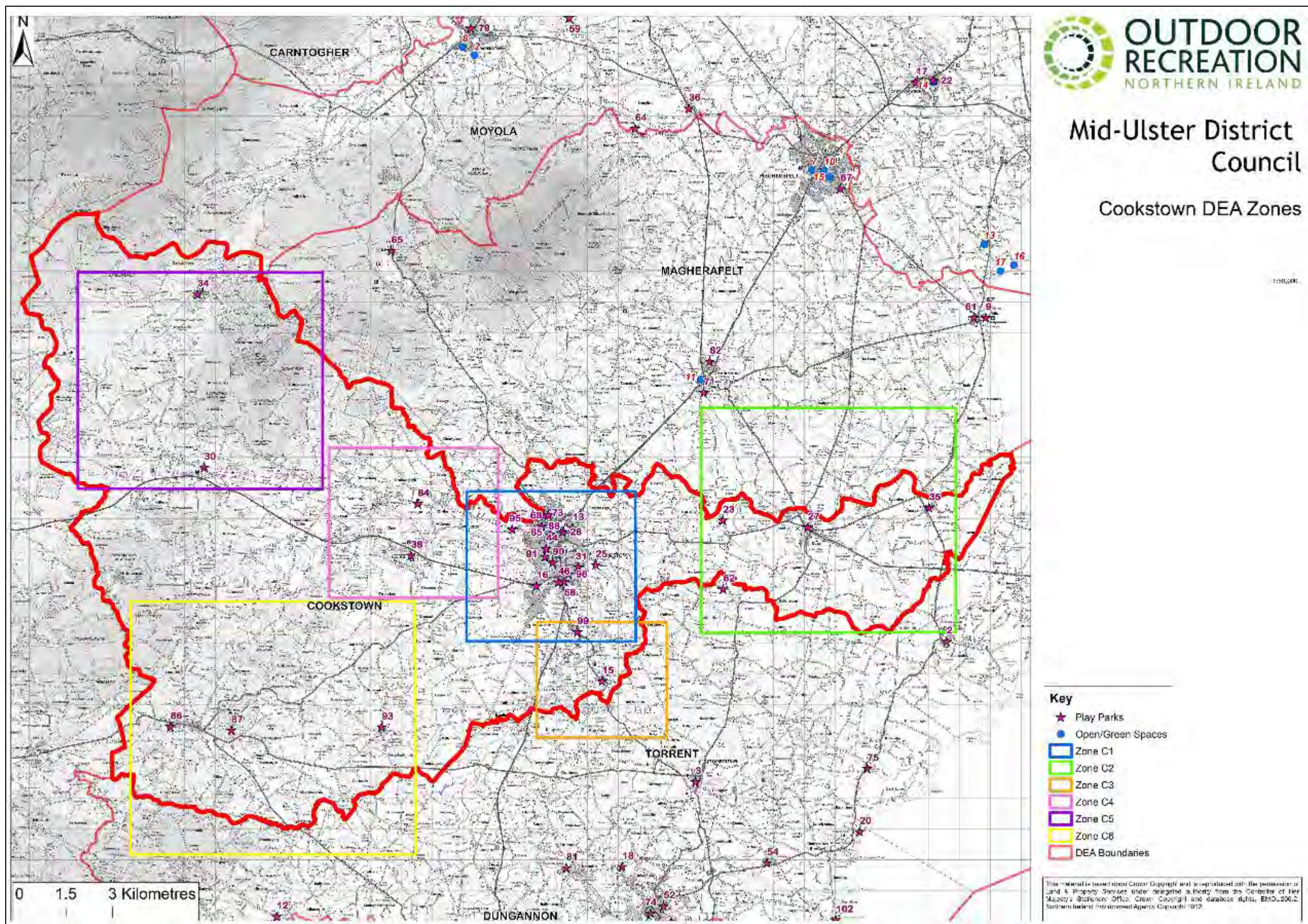


FIGURE 16 COOKSTOWN DEA OVERVIEW

Map Quadrant	Public Park/ Play Park ID	Name of Facility	Quality Score	LEAP/NEAP Status	Overview	Indicative Cost	Timings
C1	13	Beechway	5.8	LEAP	In-keeping with a strategic approach to play provision, it is suggested that the site at Beechway is upgraded to a NEAP in order to serve the larger surrounding area. Taking in site 28 at Coagh Street, this provision would be collectively known as 'Cookstown East'. (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	£50,000	Year 2
C1	16	Blackhill	8.5	LEAP	Blackhill will continue to exist as a LEAP and will be monitored and maintained to ensure it continues to provide high quality play provision. In addition, there is potential for a riverside walk to be developed above Blackhill and an option for the site to benefit from open/greenspace development (Figure 1 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
C1	25	Clare	6.5	LEAP	It is suggested that the play provision at Clare at Festival Park (25) should be reviewed based on its recommended life span. Given the potential to develop the site at Coolnafranky as a NEAP, it is intended that it will provide for the community (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
C1	28	Coagh Street	6	LEAP	It is suggested that the limited play provision at Coagh Street should be reviewed based on its recommended life span to consider the upgrade of the larger facility at Beechway (13) to become a NEAP (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
C1	31	Coolnafranky	5.5	LEAP	The site at Coolnafranky offers potential to be developed into a NEAP. It is intended that this larger facility would be known as 'Cookstown South' and provide for the wider area once served by Stewart Avenue (96) which should be reviewed based on its recommended life span (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	£50,000	Year 2
C1	44	Fairhill	8.5	NEAP	It is proposed that the NEAP status of Fairhill is further enhanced to one of 5 District Play Hubs. District Play Hubs have been considered based on geographic distribution, capacity of site, current status/classification, existing facilities, footfall and access. With regards parkland, the playing fields at Fairhill and redevelopment of existing tennis courts has the potential to offer much needed open/green space provision within 'Cookstown Central'. Such a development may suggest a revised assessment of facilities within the catchment area. (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	£250,000 (subject to funding)	5 Years+
C1	46	Gortalowry	7.7	LEAP	Gortalowry will be retained alongside Killymoon (58) and will be collectively known as Cookstown South. Given the quality score of play equipment at Gortalowry, it is suggested that this site along with Killymoon undergo continued maintenance with a degree of enhancement (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	£25,000	Year 4
C1	58	Killymoon	8	LEAP	Killymoon will be retained alongside Gortalowry (46) and will be collectively known as Cookstown South. The Killymoon site may be subject to a community housing development proposal, which could necessitate a subsequent review. (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	TBC	Year 5+
C1	68	Milburn Close	9.3	LEAP	It is suggested that the play provision at Millburn Close (68) should be retained. Given the potential to develop Monrush as a NEAP and the suggested closure of Princess Avenue, it is essential to retain a site on either side of the main road. These sites will be known as 'Cookstown North' (Figures 1 & 2, 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+

					Report Cookstown'). Proposals to develop a Fairhill as a District Play Hub may necessitate a further review.		
C1	73	Monrush	7.1	LEAP	The existing site at Monrush has potential to be developed into a NEAP. Future development could include land north of this site (over 6 acres) offering significant open/greenspace for Cookstown North. Monrush and Millburn sites will have the collective capacity to provide for the wider area once served by Princess Avenue (88) which will be subject to review based on its recommended life span. Monrush has the capacity to provide play primarily for older children (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	£50,000 (Phase 1) £30,000 (Phase2)	Year 1 Year 1
C1	85	Orritor St.	7.2	LEAP	Orritor St. will continue to exist as a LEAP. There is potential to extend the current provision to cater for wider ages groups utilising the available space. (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	£25,000	Year 3
C1	88	Princess Avenue	8.1	LEAP	In conjunction with the suggested reclassification of Monrush (73) as a NEAP, Princess Avenue should be reviewed based on its recommended life span. Monrush and Millburn will be collectively known as 'Cookstown North'. While Monrush will cater primarily for older children, it is intended that Millburn will continue to provide play opportunities for younger children. While both facilities are located a short distance from each other, their collective offering will serve the area once provided for by Princess Avenue (81) (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
C1	90	Rathbeg	8.9	LEAP	Rathbeg will remain as a LEAP in support of proposed developments at Fairhill (44) NEAP catchment area. (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
C1	91	Ratheen	6.4	LEAP	Ratheen will remain as a LEAP in support of proposed developments for Fairhill. Suggested enhancements are recommended. (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	£25,000	Year 1
C1	95	Sperrinview	6	LEAP	It is felt that the site at Sperrinview should be retained and considered for a change of use subject to further community engagement and consultation (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	Maintenance Budget	Year 1
C1	96	Stewart Avenue	7	LEAP	Stewart Avenue (96) will be retained with suggested enhancement, in support of proposed developments for Coolnafranky (NEAP) (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	£20,000	Year 4
C1	99	Tullywiggan	8.3	LEAP	Tullywiggan will continue to exist as a LEAP. It is suggested that this site is monitored and maintained to ensure it provides high quality play provision. Alternatively, the play provision could be relocated within the MUSA (Mid Ulster Sports Arena). Figure 1 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown'.	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
C2	27	Coagh Park, Coagh	8.3	LEAP	Coagh Park will continue to exist as a LEAP but given the concerns about localised flooding, demarcation between the river and playpark will need to be undertaken with additional protective fencing installed. This site will continue to be monitored and maintained to ensure it provides high quality play provision (Figure 3 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+

C2	35	Derrychrin, Ballinderry	7.2	LEAP	Derrychrin will continue to exist as a LEAP but given the quality score of play equipment, it is suggested that this site undergoes continued maintenance with a degree of enhancement (Figure 3 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
C3	15	Berkeley Square, T'hogue	7.8	LEAP	The play provision at Berkeley Square will be retained as a LEAP. However, given the quality score it is suggested that this site undergoes continued maintenance with a degree of enhancement in line with the Rural Development Programme. It is planned that Berkeley Square will benefit from £38,103 (Figure 4 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	RDP*	Year 2
C4	38	Drum Manor Forest	8.2	Existing play provision in forest	The current play provision at Drum Manor adds value to those who visit the forest. However, it is recognised that this site does not offer inclusive play options. Therefore, it is suggested that this site is reviewed, monitored and maintained to ensure it continues to provide high quality play while acknowledging the need for an element of inclusive play under the Bespoke Woodland Play as highlighted in Section 9.2 (See Figure 5 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	£35,000	Year 1
C4	84	Orritor	9.2	LEAP	Orritor will continue to exist as a LEAP and will be monitored and maintained to ensure it provides high quality play provision (Figure 5 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
C5	30	Conway Close	7.8	LEAP	Conway Close will continue to exist as a LEAP but given the quality score of play equipment, it is intended that this site undergoes continued maintenance with a degree of enhancement (Figure 6 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	£25,000	Year 4
C5	34	Davagh Forest	9.5	Existing play provision in forest	Davagh will continue to offer an element of play provision within the Forest and in line with the Outdoor Recreation Strategic Plan 2019, this site will be positioned as a strategic location with regards outdoor recreation. This will further complement the Observatory Building and Camping within the Davagh Forest Hub as detailed within MUDC Capital Programme 2016 – 2020 (Figure 6 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
C6	86	Parkview, Pomeroy	8.8	LEAP	Parkview at Pomeroy will continue to exist as a LEAP and it is suggested that this site is monitored and maintained to ensure it provides high quality play (Figure 7 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
C6	87	Pomeroy Forest	10	LEAP	As per the village plans, it is suggested that the level of play in Pomeroy Forest is upgraded to raise the status of play to a NEAP. This suggestion is also line with the Outdoor Recreation Strategy, which focuses on enhancing the Council's current forestry offering. Consideration for better pedestrian and cycling access from village to Pomeroy Forest. (Figures 7 & 8, 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	£25,000	5 Years+
C6	93	Rockdale, Rock	8	LEAP	Rockdale will continue to exist as a LEAP. It is suggested that this site is monitored and maintained to ensure it provides high quality play provision. As per the Village Plan, it is acknowledged that this site requires upgrade of its play equipment (Figure 7, 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+

TABLE 18 COOKSTOWN PUBLIC PARK/PLAY PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

Map	Small/Significant Park ID	Facility Name	Quality Score	Proposed Status	Overview	Indicative Cost	Timing
Figure 14 Mid Ulster Potential	Site 4 - Small Woodland Play	Cabin Wood	n/a	Proposed Small Woodland Play	It is suggested that Cabin Wood would benefit from a small, bespoke, woodland play element. It is felt that this would complement the recommendations made within the Mid Ulster District Council Outdoor Recreation Strategy to enhance the outdoor	£25,000 (subject to funding)	5 Years+

Woodland Play Provision					recreation provision at this site (Figure 14 Mid Ulster Potential Woodland Play Provision).		
Figure 14 Mid Ulster Potential Woodland Play Provision	Site 4 - Significant Woodland Play	Pomeroy Forest	n/a	Proposed Significant Woodland Play	In addition to upgrading the play at Pomeroy to NEAP status, it is suggested that Pomeroy Forest would benefit from a small, bespoke, woodland play element. It is felt that this would complement the recommendations made within the Mid Ulster District Council Outdoor Recreation Strategy (2017), enhancing the outdoor recreation provision at this site (Figure 14 Mid Ulster Potential Woodland Play Provision).	£50,000 (subject to funding)	5 Years+
Figure 14 Mid Ulster Potential Woodland Play Provision	Site 5 - Significant Woodland Play	Drum Manor Forest	n/a	Proposed Significant Woodland Play	It is suggested that Drum Manor would benefit from a significant, bespoke, woodland play element. It is felt that this would complement the recommendations made within the Mid Ulster District Council Outdoor Recreation Strategy (2017) to enhance the outdoor recreation provision at this site (Figure 14 Mid Ulster Potential Woodland Play Provision).	£50,000 (subject to funding)	5 Years+

TABLE 19 SIGNIFICANT AND SMALL BESPOKE WOODLAND PLAY RECOMMENDATIONS

Map Zone	Park/Play Park ID	Facility Name	Quality Score	LEAP/NEAP Status	Overview	Indicative Cost	Timing
C2	23	Churchview, Drumullan	7.5	LEAP	In line with the Rural Development Programme - Village Renewal, it is planned that Churchview will benefit from £38,103 in order to enhance existing play facilities (Figure 3 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Cookstown').	RDP*	Year 2

TABLE 20 COOKSTOWN PROPOSED RDP PARK SITES

Totals						Indicative Cost	Total
							£340,000

TABLE 21 COOKSTOWN INDICATIVE COSTS

**Total excludes RDP expenditure, contingency @ 10% and those estimated costs occurring after 5 years. Mid Ulster District Council reserve the option to amend or vary specific delivery objectives associated to the Parks and Play Strategy, subject to Council approval.*

9.6. Magherafelt

There are 6 public parks/play parks within Magherafelt DEA as shown in Figure 17. With only one Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play (NEAP), the centre of Magherafelt is almost entirely deficient in terms of play provision. Therefore, it is suggested that Meadowbank Leisure Centre is further enhanced to one of 5 District Play Hubs. District Play Hubs have been considered on the basis of geographic distribution, capacity of site, current status/classification, existing facilities, footfall and access. This provision would enhance the current fixed play at this site.

While it is acknowledged that the north east of the town is deficient in fixed play provision, it should be noted that the population of 0-15 is relatively low compared to other areas of Magherafelt. However, it is suggested that Council should give consideration toward development at potential sites around Glenburn, Rainey Endowed School and Mid Ulster Hospital. It is felt that land in these areas would address a potentially emerging youthful population as well as serving a number of residential areas.

The 4 zones within Magherafelt in Figure 17 are shown in more detail in the accompanying 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Magherafelt' document. In this report, maps showing the current provision are mapped against population of 0-15 year olds as well as household pointer data. The recommendations made within Table 17 are then shown to provide a visual of how the recommendations could potentially shape play provision in Magherafelt.

Table 22 details the public parks/play parks that fall within the Magherafelt DEA boundary along with proposed recommendations for each. For more detailed analysis, please refer to 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Magherafelt' as necessary.

It should be noted that the centre of the Magherafelt area benefits from a number of open/green spaces which are detailed in Table 23 along with recommendations. Manor Park in Moneymore, is a valuable site with regards its open/green space offering and it is recommended that it should be retained and developed into a public park. While Polepatrick offers the green space for passive leisure in Magherafelt, development opportunities are limited given its proximity to the cemetery. However, the disused 'Sounding Hill' quarry on Tobermore Road could hold development potential and address the under provision of public parks in Magherafelt. Council is therefore advised to initiate discussions with the Trustees of this site. It should be noted that development at the Sounding Hill quarry could result in a development project costing in the region of £1,000,000 - £1,500,000.

Table 24 details recommendations for Woodland Play sites in Magherafelt while Table 25 highlights the proposed parks sites that will receive funding under Rural Development Programme in Magherafelt. Some sites are already confirmed while other locations are pending on suitable sites being identified. Where relevant, sites not mapped within this strategy have been labelled as such.

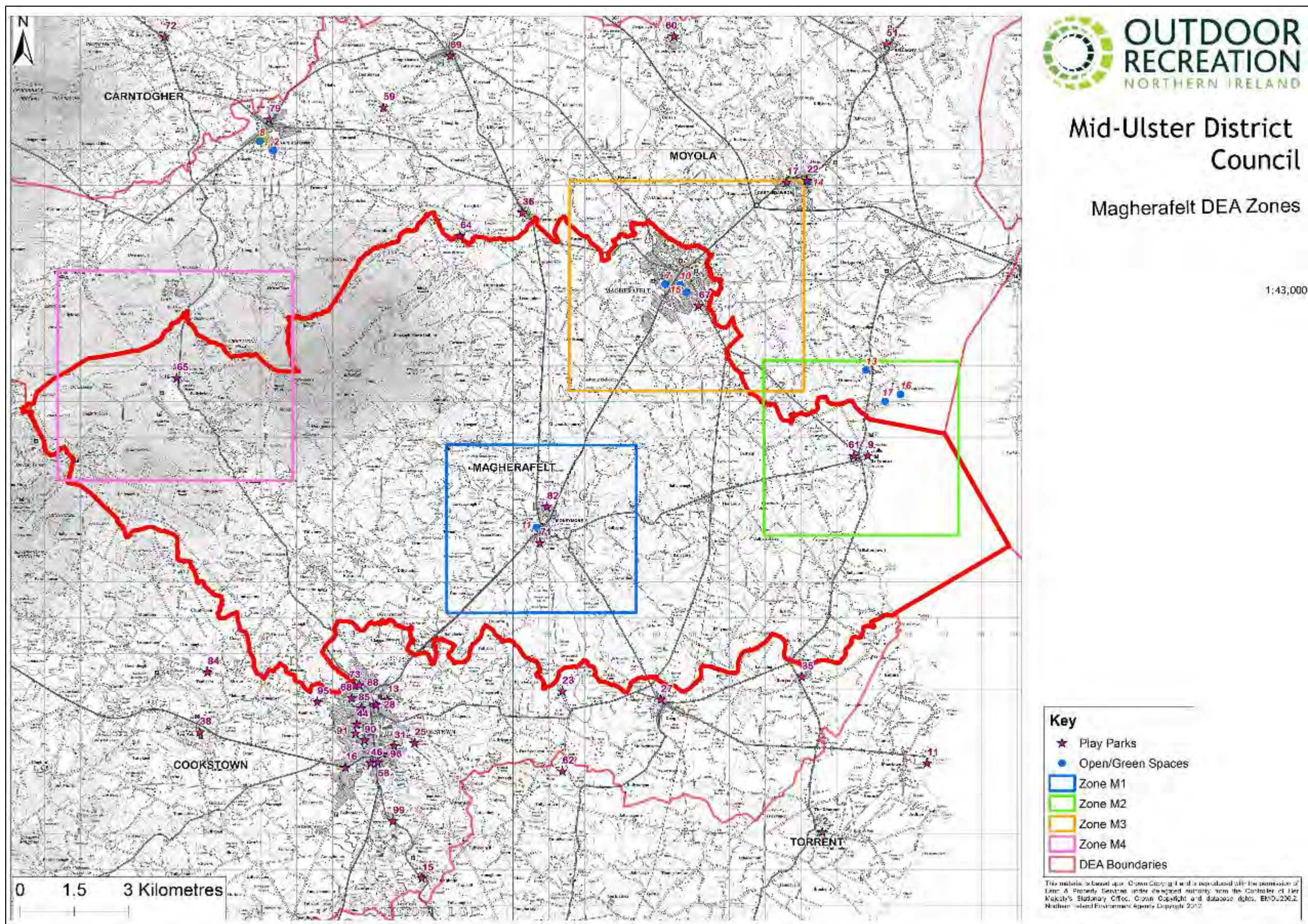


FIGURE 17 MAGHERAFELT DEA OVERVIEW

Map Quadrant	Public Park/ Play Park ID	Name of Facility	Quality Score	LEAP/NEAP Status	Overview	Indicative Cost	Timings
M1	71	Moneymore RC	9.1	LEAP	The LEAP at Moneymore RC will continue to exist as a LEAP and will be monitored and maintained to ensure it provides high quality play provision (Figure 1, 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Magherafelt').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
M1	82	Northland Moneymore	6.1	LEAP	The LEAP at Northland Moneymore will continue to exist as a LEAP and will be monitored and maintained to ensure it provides high quality play provision (Figure 1, 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Magherafelt').	£20,000	Year 1
M2	9	Ballyronan	6.5	LEAP	With several sites having been considered within the play matrix, it is suggested that the facility at Ballyronan is further developed into one of two 'Activity Hubs'. These sites aim to offer a visitor destination style facility with enhanced all ability play, changing provision and facilities. The Activity Hub sites offer not only enhanced play but also a range of other outdoor recreation facilities such as walking and cycling trails, water recreation and even camping/caravanning. This recommendation for Ballyronan is in line with the 'Projects Under Consideration' within the Council Capital Programme 2016 – 2020 (Figure 3, 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Magherafelt').	£250,000 (subject to funding)	5 Years+
M2	61	Lindsayville, Ballyronan	10	LEAP	Lindsayville Ballyronan will be retained in support of the proposed development at Ballyronan Marina. (Figures 2 & 3, 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Magherafelt').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
M3	67	Meadowbank (Leisure Centre)	7.9	NEAP	It is anticipated that the NEAP at Meadowbank Magherafelt is further enhanced to one of 5 District Play Hubs. District Play Hubs have been considered based on geographic distribution, capacity of site, current status/classification, existing facilities, footfall and access (Figures 4 & 5, 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Magherafelt').	£100,000 (subject to funding)	5 Years+
M4	65	Lough Fea	9.6	LEAP	Lough Fea will continue to exist as a LEAP and will be monitored and maintained to ensure it provided high quality play provision (Figure 6, 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Magherafelt').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+

TABLE 22 MAGHERAFELT PUBLIC PARK/PLAY PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

Map Quadrant	Public Park/ Play Park ID	Name of Facility	Quality Score	LEAP/NEAP Status	Overview	Indicative Cost	Timings
M1	11	Manor Park, Moneymore	n/a	n/a	It is suggested that Manor Park (site 11 open/green space parks) is retained as and further developed into a public park for Moneymore, providing a much-needed facility for this DEA.	£150,000 (subject to funding)	5 Years+
M3	7	Glenburn	n/a	n/a	Glenburn is an open green space with potential for play and community development potential. It is suggested initial development of a LEAP should be located at Glenburn.	£45,000	Year 1
M3	10	Greenvale Spires Park	n/a	n/a	Greenvale Spires Park is a disused play site. Future development potential to be considered.	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
M3	15	Sperrin View	n/a	n/a	Sperrinview is a disused play site. Future development potential to be considered.	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+

TABLE 23 MAGHERAFELT OPEN/GREEN SPACE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Map Zone	Park/Play Park ID	Facility Name	Quality Score	LEAP/NEAP Status	Overview	Indicative Cost	Timing
Bespoke Woodland Play	Site 1	Inniscarn Forest	N/A	Small Woodland Play element	It is suggested that Inniscarn Forest would benefit from a small, bespoke, woodland play element. It is felt that this would complement the recommendations made in the Outdoor Recreation Strategic Plan to enhance the outdoor recreation provision at this site (Table 12 Bespoke Woodland Play Locations).	£25,000 (subject to funding)	5 Years+

TABLE 24 MAGHERAFELT SMALL BESPOKE WOODLAND PLAY RECOMMENDATIONS

Map Quadrant	Public Park/Play Park ID	Name of Facility	Quality Score	LEAP/NEAP Status	Overview	Indicative Cost	Timings
Site unmapped	n/a	Loup	n/a	TBC	In line with the Rural Development Programme - Village Renewal, it is planned that Loup will benefit from £38,103.	RDP*	Year 2

TABLE 25 MAGHERAFELT RDP SITES

Totals							Total
							£65,000

TABLE 26 MAGHERAFELT INDICATIVE COSTS

**Total excludes RDP expenditure, contingency @ 10% and those estimated costs occurring after 5 years. Mid Ulster District Council reserve the option to amend or vary specific delivery objectives associated to the Parks and Play Strategy, subject to Council approval.*

9.7. Carntogher

Carntogher has 11 public parks/play parks as well as 5 open/green space sites as shown in Figure 18.

Overall Carntogher scored well on the quality assessment with all but one facility falling into the upper band during the audit. It is anticipated that the NEAP at Coleraine Road is further enhanced to one of 5 District Play Hubs. District Play Hubs have been considered based on geographic distribution, capacity of site, current status/classification, existing facilities, footfall and access.

Given the planned enhancement at Coleraine Road it is anticipated that the play provision at Crawfordsburn is considered for alternative community providing council an opportunity to redevelop this site.

Another key development area in Carntogher is Upperlands. Highlighted in the Outdoor Recreation Strategic Plan as a key recreation site, the community of Upperlands is to benefit from approximately £246,000, along with Innishrush £12k and Tamlaght O'Crilly £12k under Rural Development Programme - Village Renewal. A proportion of the total spend will be allocated to parks and play namely a MUGA at Alexander Park and a play park at the Linehall Centre.

The 5 zones within Carntogher mapped in Figure 18 are shown in detail in the accompanying 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Carntogher' document. In this report, maps showing the current provision are mapped against population of 0-15 year olds as well as household pointer data. The recommendations made within Table 27 are then shown to provide a visual of how the recommendations could potentially shape play provision in Carntogher.

Table 27 details the public parks/play parks that fall within the Carntogher DEA boundary along with proposed recommendations for each. For more detailed analysis, please refer to 'Mid Ulster Maps Report – Carntogher' as necessary.

Carntogher also has a number of open/green space sites which are detailed in Table 28 along with recommendations. Substantial land at Ballymacombs Road holds potential to re-establish a play facility as well as public park development. The informal green space at Clady also has development potential with regards a public park. The site at Swatragh also lends itself to public park development. The infrastructure as well as the riverside walk would contribute to parkland development based on a site assessment. Finally, it should be noted that the Walled Garden and adjacent lands in Maghera should also be considered by Council with regards public park and play development for Carntogher this would complement the Public Realm Programme under MUDC Capital Programme 2016 – 2020 to improve Maghera town centre.

Finally Table 29 details recommendations for potential Woodland Play sites in Carntogher.

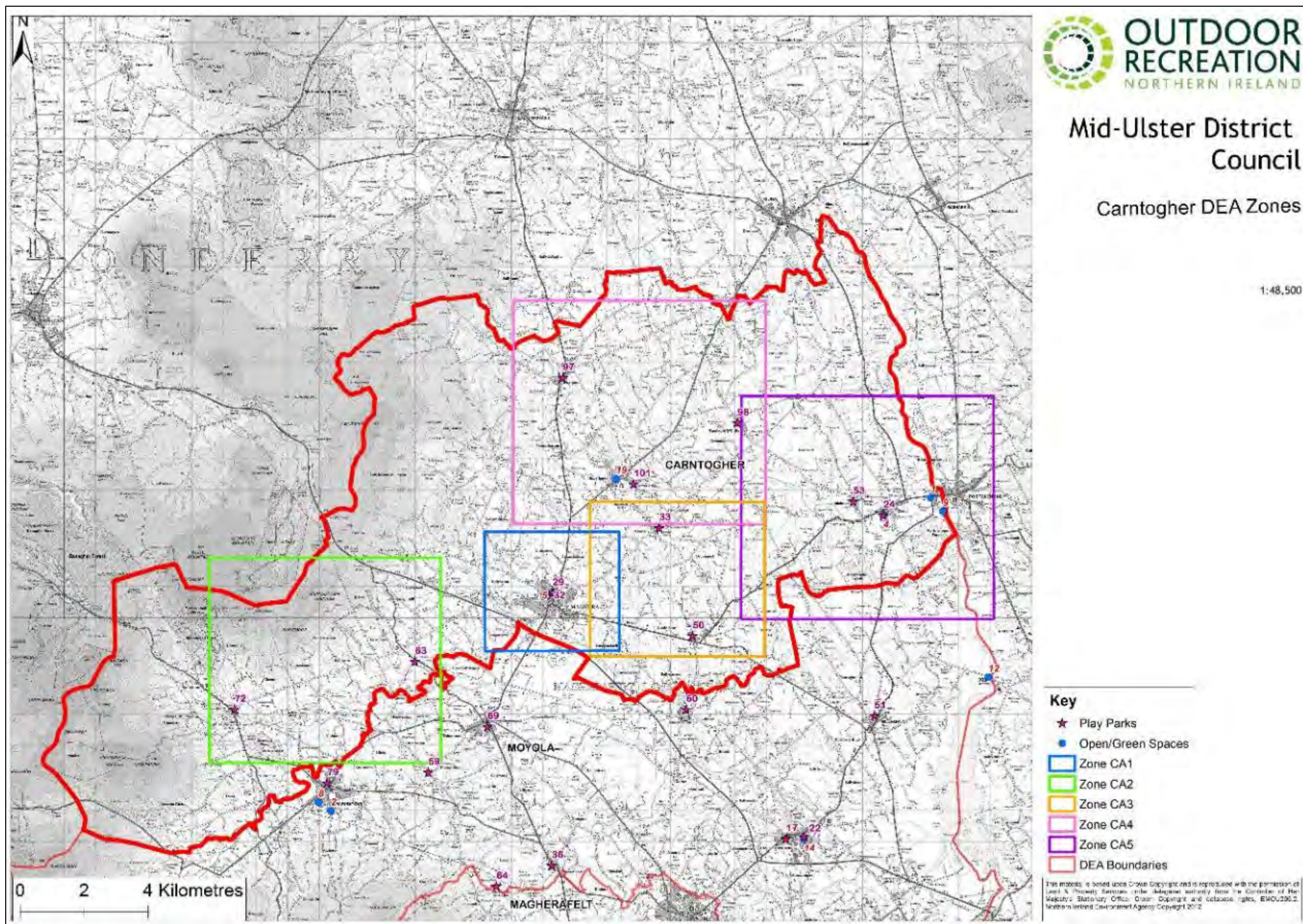


FIGURE 18 CARNTOGHER DEA OVERVIEW

Map Quadrant	Public Park/ Play Park ID	Name of Facility	Quality Score	LEAP/NEAP Status	Overview	Indicative Cost	Timings
CA1	29	Coleraine Road	8.6	NEAP	It is anticipated that the NEAP at Coleraine Road is further enhanced to one of 5 District Play Hubs. The current play provision will be likely to be relocated with in a new configuration planned for the current site. Play hubs have been considered based on geographic distribution, capacity of site, current status/classification, existing facilities, footfall and access (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Carntogher').	£100,000 (subject to funding)	5 Years+
CA1	32	Crawfordsburn	10	LEAP	With the site at Coleraine Road undergoing development to become a District Play Hub, it is suggested that Crawfordsburn (32) should be reviewed for alternative community use as the new play facilities provided at Coleraine Road will serve the catchment area that Crawfordsburn catered for (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Carntogher').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
CA2	63	Lisnamuck	9.3	LEAP	Lisnamuck will continue to exist as a LEAP and will be monitored and maintained to ensure it provides high quality play provision (Figures 3 & 4 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Carntogher').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
CA2	72	Moneyneena	2	LEAP	Given the poor quality rating given to the play at Moneyneena, it is suggested that the fixed play provision is removed and the site used for alternative development dependant on community consultation (Figures 3 & 4 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Carntogher').	Maintenance Budget	Year 1
CA3	33	Culnady	9.3	LEAP	Culnady will continue to exist as a LEAP and will be monitored and maintained to ensure it continues to provide high quality play (Figure 5 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Carntogher').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
CA3	50	Gulladuff	9.7	LEAP	Gulladuff will continue to exist as a LEAP and will be monitored and maintained to ensure it provides high quality play provision. In addition, the site holds potential for the development of a MUGA and further consideration should be given to the expanding needs of the village, given the notable expansion of housing developments. (Figure 5 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Carntogher').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
CA4	97	Swatragh	8.2	LEAP	In line with the Rural Development Programme - Village Renewal, it is planned that Swatragh will benefit from £38,103. It is suggested that the play provision at Swatragh undergo development to become a NEAP. This recommendation is also in line with the feedback gathered at Consultation as it was felt the provision at this site could be upgraded (Figures 6 & 7 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Carntogher'). In addition, the existing infrastructure as well as the riverside walk at Swatragh adds to the potential for this site to be further developed into a larger public park.	RDP* £140,000 (subject to funding)	Year 2 5 Years+
CA4	98	Tamlaght	10	LEAP	In line with the Rural Development Programme - Village Renewal, it is planned that Tamlaght O'Crilly will benefit from £12,000 for play equipment refurbishment. (Figure 6 & 7 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Carntogher').	RDP*	Year 2
CA4	101	Upperlands	10	LEAP	The community of Upperlands is to benefit from £246,000 under Rural Development Programme - Village Renewal. £101,000 will be allocated for a MUGA at Alexander Park with £145,000 allocated for play at the Linenhall Centre community centre (not mapped).	RDP*	Year 1

CA5	24	Clady	8.3	LEAP	Clady will continue to exist as a LEAP and will be monitored and maintained to ensure it continues to provide high quality play. Consideration for suggested community garden development on adjacent open green space to include parking. (Figure 8 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Carntogher').	£25,000	Year 5
CA5	53	Innishrush	10	LEAP	Innishrush will continue to exist as a LEAP and will continue to be monitored and maintained to ensure it provides high quality play provision (Figure 8 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Carntogher').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+

TABLE 27 CARNTOGHER PUBLIC PARK/PLAY PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

Map Quadrant	Public Park/Play Park ID	Name of Facility	Quality Score	LEAP/NEAP Status	Overview	Indicative Cost	Timings
CA1	5	Coleraine Road - Tamney Crescent	n/a	n/a	Given the play hub development at Coleraine Road, Tamney Crescent is considered surplus to requirements.	TBC	TBC
CA4	19	Upperlands	n/a	n/a	Council have returned this site to the former owner. New development established at Enterprise Centre CA 101. (Figure 6 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Carntogher').	N/A	N/A
CA5	1	Ballymacombs Road	n/a	n/a	There is potential to reinstate play a LEAP/NEAP facility at Ballymacombs Road as well as developing a public park facility at this site (Figure 8 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Carntogher'). Ballymacombs will also benefit from £38,103 through Rural Development Programme - Village Renewal.	£100,000 (subject to funding) RDP*	5 Years+ Year 2
CA5	4	Clady	n/a	n/a	There is potential to extend development around the existing play site at Clady to create a public park facility (Figure 8 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Carntogher').	£100,000 (subject to funding)	5 Years+
CA5	9	Glenone	n/a	n/a	The site at Glenone is an active green space including Fishing Stands. Public access and angling currently exists at this location. Public access and Fishing Stand improvements undertaken from MUDC Capital Programme 2016 – 2020 and external funding (Figure 8 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Carntogher').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+

TABLE 28 CARNTOGHER OPEN/GREEN SPACE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Map Zone	Park/Play Park ID	Facility Name	Quality Score	LEAP/NEAP Status	Overview	Indicative Cost	Timing
Bespoke Woodland Play	Site 1	Derrynoyd Forest	N/A	Significant Woodland Play element	It is suggested that Derrynoyd Forest would benefit from a small, bespoke, woodland play element. It is felt that this would complement the recommendations made in the Outdoor Recreation Strategic Plan to enhance the outdoor recreation provision at this site (Table 12 Bespoke Woodland Play Locations).	£50,000 (subject to funding)	5 Years+

TABLE 29 CARNTOGHER SIGNIFICANT AND SMALL BESPOKE WOODLAND PLAY RECOMMENDATIONS

Totals							Total
							£25,000*

TABLE 30 CARNTOGHER INDICATIVE COSTS

*Total excludes RDP expenditure, contingency @ 10% and those estimated costs occurring after 5 years. Mid Ulster District Council reserve the option to amend or vary specific delivery objectives associated to the Parks and Play Strategy, subject to Council approval.

9.8. Moyola

Play provision within Moyola DEA is located in the main towns and villages. With 9 play locations and 7 open/green space sites, this DEA boasts 3 NEAP facilities as shown in Figure 19. The NEAP at Hunters Park is one of the most established Parks in Mid Ulster and dates back to the 1950s. With a significant community footprint, this site continues to be an important location not only in terms of play but also offering an appropriate setting for an Eco-Park development similar to that at Aughnacloy. Hunters Park could also assist in the relocation of the allotments from the Seamus Heaney HomePlace offering a number of additional plots at this site. Hunters Park would require improved access and lighting to facilitate this potential development.

It is planned that Mill Park Tobermore will receive £38,103 from the Rural Development Programme along with funding for Konckloughrim £18.5k and Ballymaguigan (O'Neill Park) £37k under the RDP Village Renewal Programme. It is envisaged this funding will extend the existing play facility with the addition of low level lighting at the site also. Mill Park provides opportunity for development of an open/green space to become a public park that is suitable for walking through an improved path network, landscaping, an events area as well as basic facilities.

The parkland surrounding the Moykeeran site in Draperstown also provides an opportunity for the community to benefit from a public park facility with enhanced walking provision through landscaping, lighting and maintenance of paths. This path network could hold potential for walkers and runners alike and even provide pockets of natural play for younger user groups. With increased recreation potential, there would be a requirement for improved visitor facilities including car park, toilets etc. In the interim, the current play facilities will continue to exist within their current form, with some enhancement to improve the quality score.

The 6 zones within Moyola mapped in Figure 19 are shown in detail in the accompanying 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Moyola'. In this report, maps showing the current provision are mapped against population of 0-15 year olds as well as household pointer data. The recommendations made within Table 31 are then shown to provide a visual of how the recommendations could potentially shape play provision in Moyola.

Table 31 Moyola Public Park/Play Park Recommendation details the public parks/play parks that fall within the Moyola DEA boundary along with proposed recommendations for each. For more detailed analysis, please refer to 'Mid Ulster Maps Report – Moyola' as necessary.

Table 32 also details the open/green space sites within Moyola and associated recommendations.

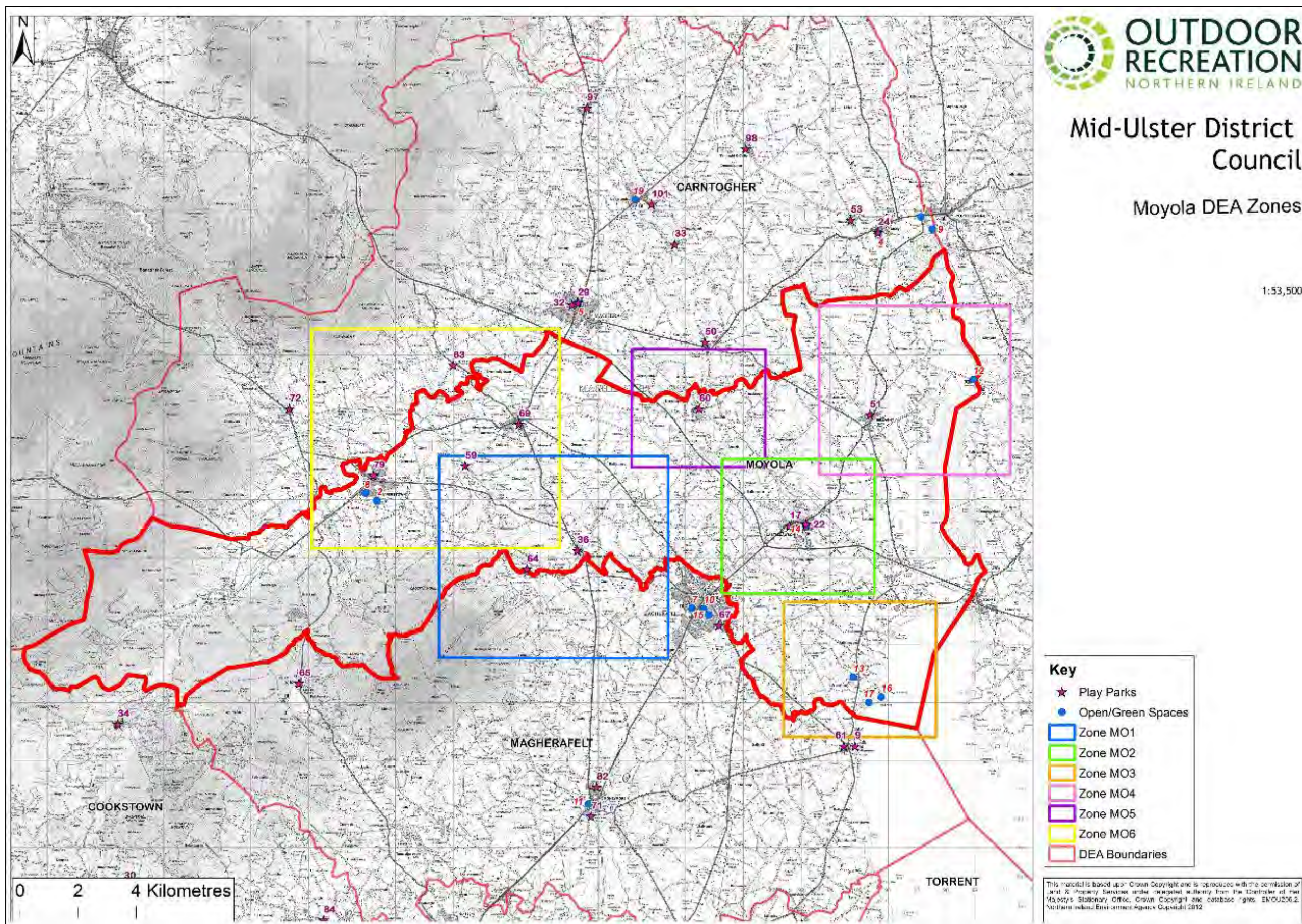


FIGURE 19 MOYOLA DEA OVERVIEW

Map Quadrant	Public Park/ Play Park ID	Name of Facility	Quality Score	LEAP/NEAP Status	Overview	Indicative Cost	Timings
MO1	36	Desertmartin	8.9	LEAP	Desertmartin will continue to exist as a LEAP and will be monitored and maintained to ensure it provides high quality play provision (Figure 1 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Moyola').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
MO1	59	Kilross	10	LEAP	Kilross will continue to exist as a LEAP and will be monitored and maintained to ensure it provides high quality play provision. (Figure 1 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Moyola').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
MO1	64	Longfield	9	LEAP	Longfield will continue to exist as a LEAP. However, a review of current stock is required. This site will be monitored and maintained to ensure it provides high quality play provision. Consideration towards a suggested relocation to neighbouring GAA Club grounds could be further investigated through community consultation. (Figure 1 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Moyola').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
MO2	17	Boyne Row	5	LEAP	Boyne Row will continue to exist as a LEAP but given the quality score of play equipment it is suggested that this site undergoes continued maintenance with a degree of enhancement (Figure 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Moyola').	£25,000	Year 1
MO2	22	Castledawson	10	LEAP	Peace IV funding £100,000 for mini MUGA extension to existing facilities. Castledawson will continue to exist as a LEAP and will be monitored and maintained to ensure it provides high quality play provision (Figure 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Moyola').	Peace IV Maintenance Budget	Year 1/2 5 Years+
MO4	51	Hunters Park	9.2	NEAP	The play provision at Hunters Park will be retained in its current form with a degree of enhancement. However, it is suggested that this site undergoes further development with regards it's open/ green space as detailed in the table below (Figure 5 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Moyola').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
MO5	60	Knockloughrim	6.3	LEAP	Knockloughrim will continue to exist as a LEAP but given the quality score of play equipment, it is suggested that this site undergoes continued maintenance with a degree of enhancement (Figure 6 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Moyola'). In line with the Rural Development Programme - Village Renewal, it is planned that Knockloughrim will benefit from £18,500 contribution to required refurbishment works.	£25,000 RDP*	Year 1 Year 2
MO6	69	Mill Park	9.4	NEAP	In line with the Rural Development Programme - Village Renewal, it is planned that Tobermore will benefit from £38,103 in order to extend the existing play facility with the addition of low level lighting also. Mill Park also provides opportunity for development of its open/green space to become a public park that is suitable for walking through an improved path network, landscaping, an events area as well as basic facilities (Figure 7 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Moyola').	RDP* £100,000 (subject to funding)	Year 1 5 Years+
MO6	79	Moykeeran	7.2	NEAP	Peace IV capital funding £100,000 Moykeeran (Planter Park) offers potential for parkland development with works including landscaping and improvements to existing paths. Future development could include pump cycle track with possible exercise equipment and pockets of natural play. With increased recreation potential, there would also be a requirement for improved facilities including a car park, toilets etc. In the interim, the current play facilities will continue to exist within their current form, with some enhancement to improve the quality score (Figure 7 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Moyola').	Peace IV* £100,000 (subject to funding)	Year 1/2 5 Years+

TABLE 31 MOYOLA PUBLIC PARK/PLAY PARK RECOMMENDATION

Map Quadrant	Public Park/ Play Park ID	Name of Facility	Quality Score	LEAP/NEAP Status	Overview	Indicative Cost	Timings
MO6	2	Cahore Road	n/a	n/a	The Council Playing fields at Cahore Road are leased to local sports clubs (soccer/GAA)	n/a	TBC
MO6	8	Glenelly Villas	n/a	n/a	Glenelly Villas is a disused play site of approximately 3 acres. Open green space will be retained for future recreation/community development.	n/a	TBC
MO4	51	Hunters Park	9.2	NEAP	Hunters Park provides an appropriate setting for an Eco-Park (similar to that provided at Aughnacloy). Enhanced access and lighting would also be incorporated into the suggested works at this site as well as relocating the allotments from the Seamus Heaney HomePlace (Figure 5 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Moyola').	£125,000 (subject to funding)	5 Years+
MO4	12	Newferry West Slipway	n/a	n/a	This is an active public slipway and green space. There is development potential at this site for LEAP play and visitor facilities complimenting the Blueway Trail link to Portglenone.	£75,000	5 Years+
MO3	13	O'Neill Park	n/a	LEAP	In line with the Rural Development Programme - Village Renewal, it is planned that O'Neill will benefit from £37,000 in order to create a new play facility at the Ballymaguigan site. Development may also include for user car parking facilities. (Figures 3 & 4 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Moyola').	RDP*	Year 2
MO2	14	Parkview/Riverside - Castledawson	n/a	n/a	Playing fields and allotments are located at this site. A former Community House and play site are also situated close by which are currently under NIHE ownership. Mid Ulster Council is currently seeking a transfer of land and facility from NIHE to Council (Figure 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Moyola').	£50,000 (subject to funding)	5 Years+
MO3	16	Tradd Point	n/a	n/a	Current Capital development project with potential (Figures 3 & 4 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Moyola').	TBC	TBC
MO3	17	Tradd House	n/a	n/a	Current Capital development project with potential (Figures 3 & 4 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Moyola').	TBC	TBC

TABLE 32 MOYOLA OPEN/GREEN SPACE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Map Zone	Park/Play Park ID	Facility Name	Quality Score	LEAP/NEAP Status	Overview	Indicative Cost	Timing
Bespoke Woodland Play	Site 1	Traad Point	N/A	Small Woodland Play element	It is suggested that Traad Point would benefit from a small, bespoke, woodland play element. It is felt that this would complement the recommendations made in the Outdoor Recreation Strategic Plan, to enhance the outdoor recreation provision at this site (Table 12 Bespoke Woodland Play Locations).	£25,000 (subject to funding)	5 Years+
Bespoke Woodland Play	Site 1	Drumlamph Forest	N/A	Small Woodland Play element	It is suggested that Drumlamph Forest would benefit from a small, bespoke, woodland play element. It is felt that this would complement the recommendations made in the Outdoor Recreation Strategic Plan, to enhance the outdoor recreation provision at this site (Table 12 Bespoke Woodland Play Locations).	£50,000 (subject to funding)	5 Years+

TABLE 33 MOYOLA SIGNIFICANT AND SMALL BESPOKE WOODLAND PLAY RECOMMENDATIONS

Totals							Total
							£50,000*

TABLE 34 MOYOLA INDICATIVE COSTS

**Total excludes RDP and Peace IV expenditure, contingency @ 10% and those estimated costs occurring after 5 years. Mid Ulster District Council reserve the option to amend or vary specific delivery objectives associated to the Parks and Play Strategy, subject to Council approval.*

9.9. Torrent

Torrent benefits from a number of Lough shore public park/play park sites as well as some key in-land locations. Currently a capital development project namely, Gortgonis will incorporate improvements to play provision through further enhancement to one of 5 Play Hubs within the District. As previously stated, play hubs have been considered based on geographic distribution, capacity of site, current status/classification, existing facilities, footfall and access (Figure 1 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Torrent').

In line with Village Plans for the Torrent DEA, there is a development schedule for Henderson Park with the development of a NEAP/LEAP to be included. This development also holds potential for the relocation of the play provision at Stewartstown to a larger site within Henderson Park.

The 6 zones within Torrent are mapped in Figure 20 and are shown in detail in the accompanying 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Torrent' document. In this report, maps showing the current provision are mapped against population of 0-15 year olds as well as household pointer data. The recommendations made within Table 35 are then shown to provide a visual of how the recommendations could potentially shape play provision in Torrent.

Table 35 details the public parks/play parks that fall within the Torrent DEA boundary along with proposed recommendations for each. For more detailed analysis, please refer to 'Mid Ulster Maps Report – Torrent' as necessary.

Table 36 outlines the open/green space recommendations for Torrent, namely Henderson Park while Table 37 details recommendations for potential Woodland Play sites in Torrent.

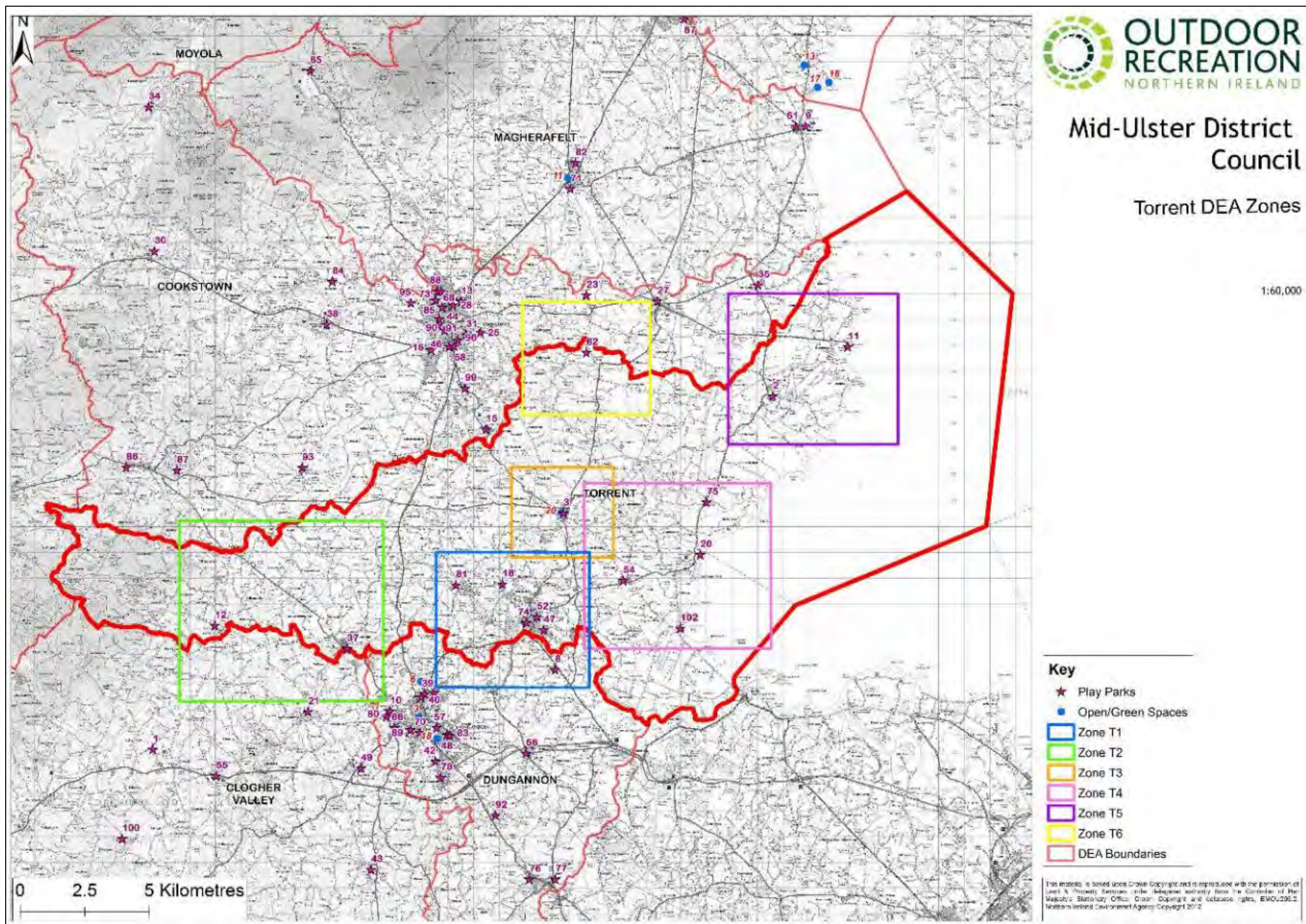


FIGURE 20 TORRENT DEA OVERVIEW

Map Quadrant	Public Park/ Play Park ID	Name of Facility	Quality Score	LEAP/NEAP Status	Overview	Indicative Cost	Timings
T1	18	Brackaville	6.8	LEAP	Brackaville will continue to exist as a LEAP but given the quality score of play equipment it is suggested that this site undergoes continued maintenance with a degree of enhancement (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Torrent').	£25,000	Year 2
T1	47	Gortgonis	7.2	NEAP	Given the future development plans for Gortgonis, it is suggested that Gortgonis is further enhanced to one of 5 play hubs within the District. Play Hubs have been considered based on geographic distribution, capacity of site, current status/classification, existing facilities, footfall and access (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Torrent'). Exiting equipment to be assessed and consideration toward relocation on an alternative site in Coalisland.	£100,000 (subject to funding)	5 Years+
T1	52	Innishmore	6	MUGA	It is suggested that Innishmore undergoes a change of use from a MUGA to a LEAP to better serve the surrounding community (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Torrent').	£45,000	Year 2
T1	74	Mountcairn Coalisland	9	LEAP	Mountcairn will continue to exist as a LEAP and will be monitored and maintained to ensure it provides high quality play provision (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Torrent').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
T1	81	Newmills	9.7	LEAP	Newmills will continue to exist as a LEAP and will continue to be monitored and maintained to ensure it provides high quality play provision (Figures 1 & 2 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Torrent').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
T2	12	Beechline, Galbally	8.3	LEAP	Beechline, Galbally will continue to exist as a LEAP and will be monitored and maintained to ensure it continues to provide high quality play provision (Figure 3 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Torrent').	£25,000	Year 5+
T2	37	Donaghmore	6.7	LEAP	Donaghmore will continue to exist as a LEAP with MUGA but given the quality score of play equipment, it is suggested that this site undergoes continued maintenance with a degree of enhancement (Figure 3 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Torrent').	£25,000	Year 2
T3	3	Ardstewart, Stewartstown	9	LEAP	Ardstewart will remain as a LEAP in support of proposed RDP play development at Henderson Park. (Figures 4 & 5 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Torrent').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
T4	20	Castlebay, Brocagh	7.5	MUGA	In line with the Rural Development Programme - Village Renewal, it is planned that Brocagh will benefit from £38,103 (Figure 6 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Torrent').	RDP*	Year 2
T4	54	Killeen	10	LEAP	Killeen will continue to exist as a LEAP. Additional equipment for older age groups to be investigated. The site will continue to be monitored and maintained to ensure it provides high quality play provision (Figure 6 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Torrent').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
T4	75	Mourneview, Carnan	8.3	LEAP	Mourneview will continue to exist as a LEAP and will be monitored and maintained to ensure it provides high quality play provision (Figure 6 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Torrent').	£25,000	Year 5+

T4	102	Washingbay	7.4	LEAP	Washing Bay will continue to exist as a LEAP but given the quality score of play equipment, it is suggested that this site undergoes continued maintenance with a degree of enhancement (Figure 6 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Torrent').	£25,000	Year 3
T5	2	Ardboe	9.7	LEAP	Retain as LEAP. Relocation of fixed play provision at Ardboe to alternative area within current site. Ardboe site will be monitored and maintained to ensure it continues to provide high quality of play provision (Figure 7 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Torrent').	£25,000	5 Years+
T5	11	Battery Harbour	7.2	LEAP	Battery Harbour will continue to exist as a LEAP but given the quality score of play equipment, it is suggested that this site undergoes continued maintenance with a degree of enhancement (Figure 7 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Torrent').	£25,000	Year 3
T6	62	Lisnahall	6.7	LEAP	Lisnahall will continue to exist as a LEAP but given the quality score of play equipment, it is suggested that this site undergo continued maintenance and enhancement (Figure 8 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Torrent').	£25,000	Year 2
Site unmapped	n/a	Annaghmore/Clonoe	n/a	TBC	In line with the Rural Development Programme - Village Renewal, it is planned that Annaghmore/Clonoe will benefit from £38,103.	RDP*	Year 2

TABLE 35 TORRENT PUBLIC PARK/PLAY PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

Map Quadrant	Public Park/Play Park ID	Name of Facility	Quality Score	LEAP/NEAP Status	Overview	Indicative Cost	Timings
T3	20	Henderson Park	n/a	n/a	Henderson Park will benefit from £38,103 through the Rural Development Programme - Village Renewal. The village plan outlined a development schedule for Henderson Park with the development of a NEAP/LEAP to be included. This development also holds potential for the relocation of the play provision at Stewartstown to a larger site within Henderson Park. There is also future potential to extend development around the play site to create a public park facility at Henderson Park.	RDP* £50,000 (subject to funding)	Year 2 5 Years+

TABLE 36 TORRENT OPEN/GREEN SPACE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Map	Small/Significant Park ID	Facility Name	Quality Score	Proposed Status	Overview	Indicative Cost	Timing
Bespoke Woodland Play	Site 1	Cookstown (Drumcairne) Forest Altmore Forest Cappagh	N/A	Small Woodland Play element	It is suggested that Cookstown (Drumcairne) and Altmore Forest Forest would benefit from a small, bespoke, woodland play element. It is felt that this would complement the recommendations made in the Outdoor Recreation Strategic Plan to enhance the outdoor recreation provision at this site (Table 12 Bespoke Woodland Play Locations).	£25,000 (subject to funding) £25,000 (subject to Funding)	5 Years+ 5 Years+

TABLE 37 TORRENT SMALL BESPOKE WOODLAND PLAY RECOMMENDATIONS

Totals							Total
							£220,000*

Table 38 Torrent Indicative Costs

**Total excludes RDP and Peace IV expenditure, contingency @ 10% and those estimated costs occurring after 5 years. Mid Ulster District Council reserve the option to amend or vary specific delivery objectives associated to the Parks and Play Strategy, subject to Council approval.*

9.10. Clogher Valley

Due to its size and scale, play provision within Clogher Valley is widely dispersed with Granville and Eglis in the east of the DEA and Fivemiletown Fairgreen at the very western edge. However, this DEA currently benefits from a substantial amount of funding from the Rural Development Fund under the Village Renewal measure, improving facilities for its rural communities

Furthermore, in line with the strategic approach to play provision in Mid Ulster, it is suggested that the site at The Roundlake is upgraded to one of the five District Play Hubs. As previously stated, play hubs have been considered based on geographic distribution, capacity of site, current status/classification, existing facilities, footfall and access in comparison with other sites within the DEA and indeed Mid Ulster as a whole. Other sites in Clogher Valley were considered for this provision within the play matrix including Ballygawley. However, it is suggested that Augher and Ballygawley (through RDP) as well as Clogher and Fivemiletown should benefit from enhanced play facilities ensuring equal provision across these villages. In addition, due to the importance of the Roundlake, it is felt that this site should be developed further raising its status to a public park facility for Clogher Valley. It is estimated that development of the Roundlake site would cost in the region of £200,000.

The 7 zones within Clogher Valley are mapped in Figure 21 and are shown in detail in the accompanying 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Clogher Valley' document. In this report, maps showing the current provision are mapped against population of 0-15 year olds as well as household pointer data. The recommendations made within Table 39 are also shown providing a visual of how the recommendations could potentially shape play provision in Clogher Valley.

Table 39 details the public parks/play parks that fall within the Clogher Valley DEA boundary along with proposed recommendations for each while Table 40 outlines the proposals for significant and small bespoke woodland play within Clogher Valley Forests. For more detailed analysis, please refer to 'Mid Ulster Maps Report – Clogher Valley' as necessary.

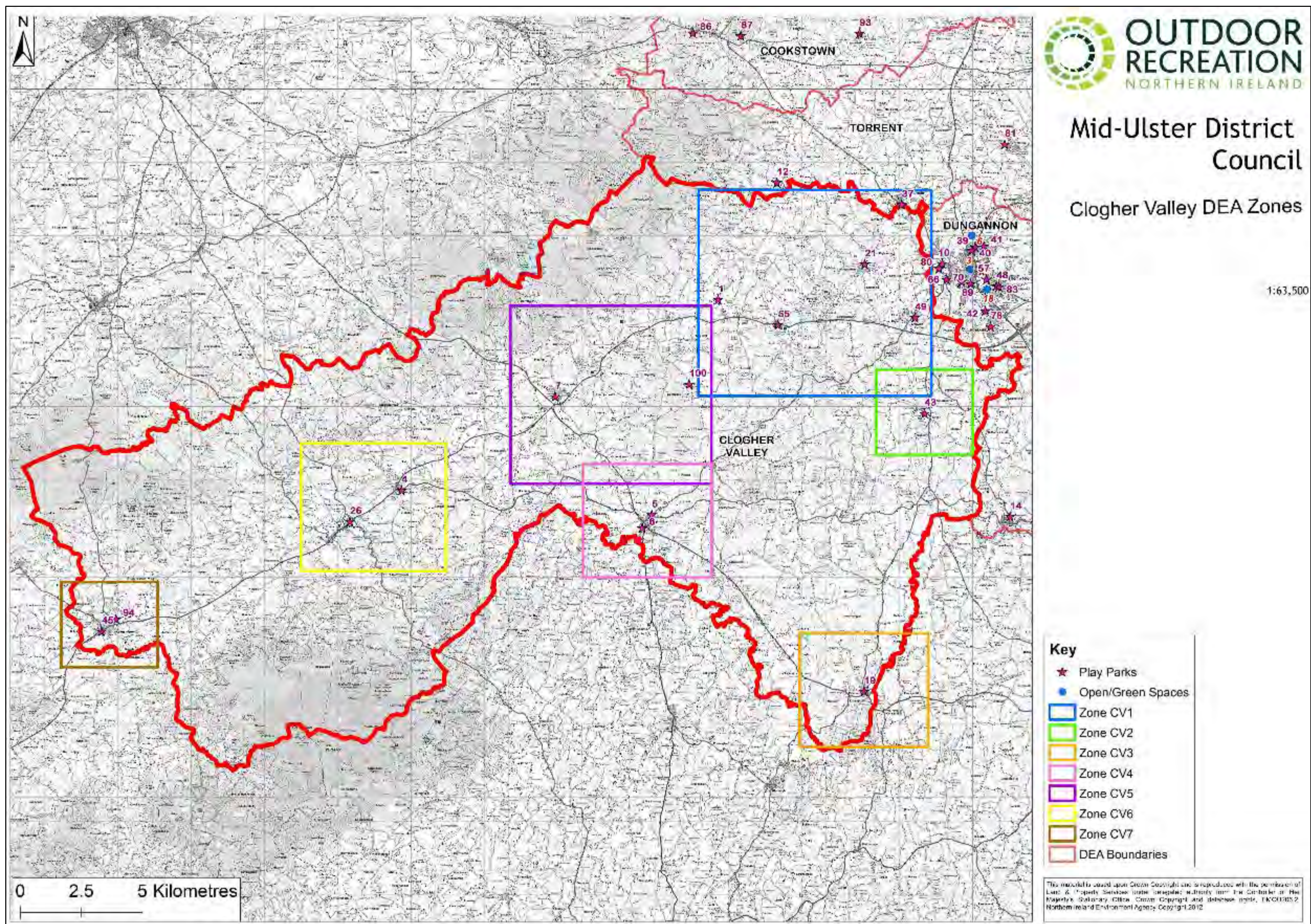


FIGURE 21 CLOGHER VALLEY DEA OVERVIEW

Map Quadrant	Public Park/ Play Park ID	Name of Facility	Quality Score	LEAP/NEAP Status	Overview	Indicative Cost	Timings
CV1	1	Ackinduff	10	LEAP	Ackinduff will continue to exist as a LEAP and will be monitored and maintained to ensure it continues to provide high quality play provision (Figures 1 & 2, 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Clogher Valley').	Maintenance Budget	5 Years+
CV1	21	Castlecaulfield	8.3	LEAP	In line with the Rural Development Programme - Village Renewal, it is planned that Castlecaulfield will benefit from £17,000 (Figures 1 & 2, 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Clogher Valley').	RDP*	Year 1
CV1	49	Granville	9.7	LEAP	In line with the Rural Development Programme - Village Renewal, it is planned that Granville will benefit from £38,103 in order to enhance existing play facilities (Figures 1 & 2, 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Clogher Valley').	RDP*	Year 1
CV1	55	Killymaddy	2	LEAP	Once a Tourist Information Centre (TIC) site, a small area of play was provided at Killymaddy. However with the TIC no longer on site and given the poor quality rating of play at Killymaddy, it is suggested that the fixed play provision is removed and the site undergoes a change of use. It is acknowledged that this proposal should be considered at community consultation (Figures 1 & 2, 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Clogher Valley').	Maintenance Budget	Year 1
CV2	43	Eglish	8.8	LEAP	In line with the Rural Development Programme - Village Renewal, it is planned that Eglish will benefit from £37,000 in order to enhance existing play facilities to provide an all-weather MUGA. Further enhancement of existing surfaces with provision of inclusive play equipment and fencing. (Figure 3 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Clogher Valley').	RDP* £25,000	Year 1 Year 2
CV3	19	Caledon	6.8	LEAP	In line with the Rural Development Programme - Village Renewal, it is planned that Caledon will benefit from £38,103 in order to enhance existing play facilities (Figure 4 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Clogher Valley').	RDP*	Year 1
CV4	5	Aughnacloy	8.6	LEAP	Peace IV Funding £100,000 to develop eco-park and allotments project. The site at Aughnacloy offers potential to be developed into a NEAP close to where the playing fields are located (an Eco Park and sports changing facilities are already located here) Figures 5 & 6, 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Clogher Valley'.	Peace IV* £50,000	Year 1/2 Year 5
CV4	6	Aughnacloy - Coronation Park	7.3	LEAP	Coronation Park should be reviewed based on community requests for relocation to cater for the wider community in Aughnacloy (Figures 5 & 6, 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Clogher Valley').	£40,000	5 Years+
CV5	7	Ballygawley	8.5	LEAP	In line with the Rural Development Programme – Village Renewal, it is planned that Ballygawley will benefit from £51,000 in order to enhance existing play, extension to existing perimeter and carry out resurfacing. This will address the high density of households surrounding the Ballygawley site. It is suggested that this location is further developed into a NEAP (Figures 7 & 8 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Clogher Valley').	RDP*	Year 1
CV5	100	U.S. Grants	7.5	LEAP	Given the quality score of equipment at U.S. Grants, it is suggested that this site undergoes continued maintenance with a degree of enhancement (Figures 7 & 8 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Clogher Valley').	£25,000	Year 3

CV6	4	Augher	10	LEAP	In line with the Rural Development Programme - Village Renewal, it is planned that Augher will benefit from £38,103 in order to enhance existing play (Figures 9 & 10 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Clogher Valley').	RDP*	Year 1
CV6	26	Clogher	7	LEAP	Clogher will be enhanced from a LEAP with MUGA to a NEAP with MUGA to better serve those aged between 0-15 years (Figures 9 & 10 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Clogher Valley'). While capacity is limited at the Clogher site, it is recognised that Council may need to investigate additional land in the area in order to adequately cater for the youthful population.	£50,000	Year 3
CV7	45	Fivemiletown Fairgreen	4.6	LEAP	In line with the Rural Development Programme - Village Renewal, it is planned that Fivemiletown Fairgreen will benefit from £160,000 in order to enhance the current LEAP to a NEAP (Figure 11 & 12 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Clogher Valley').	RDP*	Year 1
CV7	94	Roundlake, Fivemiletown	5.5	LEAP	It is anticipated that the LEAP status of Roundlake is further enhanced to one of 5 play hubs within the District. Play Hubs have been considered based on geographic distribution, capacity of site, current status/classification, existing facilities, footfall and access (Figures 11 & 12 'Public Parks and Play Strategic Plan – Map Report Clogher Valley'). In addition, it is suggested that the Roundlake undergoes additional development to increase its status to a public park for the DEA of Clogher Valley.	£100,000 (subject to funding) £100,000	5 Years+ 5 Years+

TABLE 39 CLOGHER VALLEY PUBLIC PARK/PLAY PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

Map Zone	Park/Play Park ID	Facility Name	Quality Score	LEAP/NEAP Status	Overview	Indicative Cost	Timing
Bespoke Woodland Play	Site 1	Knockmany Forest	N/A	Small Woodland Play element	Sport (NI) and DAERA Funding £260k Forest Community Development Project. It is suggested that Knockmany Forest would benefit from a small, bespoke, woodland play element. It is felt that this would complement the recommendations made in the Outdoor Recreation Strategic Plan to enhance the outdoor recreation provision at this site (Table 12 Bespoke Woodland Play Locations).	Sport (NI)/DAERA* £25,000 (subject to funding)	Year 1/2 5 Years+
Bespoke Woodland Play	Site 2	Brantry Lough and Forest	N/A	Small Woodland Play element	It is suggested that Brantry Lough and Forest would benefit from a small, bespoke, woodland play element. It is felt that this would complement the recommendations made in the Outdoor Recreation Strategic Plan to enhance the outdoor recreation provision at this site (Table 12 Bespoke Woodland Play Locations).	5 Years+ (subject to funding)	5 Years+
Bespoke Woodland Play	Site 3	Parkanaur	N/A	Significant Woodland Play element	It is suggested that Parkanaur would benefit from a significant, bespoke, woodland play element. It is felt that this would complement the recommendations made in the Outdoor Recreation Strategic Plan to enhance the outdoor recreation provision at this site (Table 12 Bespoke Woodland Play Locations).	£50,000 (subject to funding)	5 Years+

TABLE 40 CLOGHER VALLEY SIGNIFICANT AND SMALL BESPOKE WOODLAND PLAY RECOMMENDATIONS

Totals							Total
							£125,000*

TABLE 41 CLOGHER VALLEY INDICATIVE COSTS

**Total excludes RDP, Peace IV and Sport (NI)/DAERA expenditure, contingency @ 10% and those estimated costs occurring after 5 years. Mid Ulster District Council reserve the option to amend or vary specific delivery objectives associated to the Parks and Play Strategy, subject to Council approval.*

10. Case Studies

10.1. Nature Play at Tollymore and Castlewellan

Aim:

The project at Castlewellan was developed to help deliver a strategic vision for the redevelopment of Castlewellan Forest Park positioning it as a key outdoor recreation and activity tourism venue. Designed for four to eleven year olds, 'Animal Wood' in Castlewellan Forest Park and the 'Big Deer' in Tollymore Forest Park are aimed at bringing each park's natural and built heritage to life whilst providing a safe environment for children to play and interact with the outdoors.

Background:

These developments represent a shift away from traditional catalogue play parks which aim to help encourage an important 'early years connection' with nature and woodland environments resulting in a host of health benefits from physical development to mental and emotional well-being.

'Animal Wood' incorporates a short path with wild woodland animals including a badger and its den, a red squirrel and a giant spider. In addition, it boasts a wooden play structure with a tower in the image of The Moorish Tower where children can enjoy the climbing wall, fireman's pole and rope-bridge over to a hollow tree stump slide and Red Kite nest. In Tollymore, the aptly named 'Big Deer' includes a giant timber Fallow Deer, castle turret, folly tower and hollow tree all connected through a series of rope-bridges, tunnels, spider webs, basket swings and slides.

Result:

Both these new play facilities were managed by Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland having secured funding through the NGO Challenge Fund (Forest Service Northern Ireland) administered by NI Environment Link alongside Down District Council. This example shows how a shared vision and effective partnerships between Forest Service Northern Ireland, Down District Council and Outdoor Recreation NI help develop and shape a wealth of recreation facilities across Northern Ireland.

Estimated costs:

£80,000 (across both projects)



FIGURE 22 ANIMAL WOOD AT CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK



FIGURE 23 'BIG DEER' AT TOLLYMORE FOREST PARK

10.2. Diversity Park at Flowerfields – Portstewart

Aim:

In September 2013, the Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council opened Diversity Park in Portstewart. Taking on board the views and needs of consumers and stakeholders in the delivery of Council Services, the decision to develop an all-ability play park suitable for children and young people of all ages was taken.

Background:

Council undertook several research methods, reviewed relevant legislation as well as Council's current Disability Action Plan. The consultation with relevant agencies including governing bodies and a local special school proved to be invaluable in assessing the needs of those with disabilities within the Borough. While Council recognised its playparks included inclusive pieces of equipment, it acknowledged its stock did not address some of the sensory needs highlighted through the consultation process. Further research and analysis of a number of sites within the Borough was carried out within the Council's estate led to Flowerfields Arts Centre being chosen as the preferred

Result:

Council opted to develop a new park with landscaping and sensory paths to provide a suitable inclusive spectrum of sensory experiences for both disabled and non-disabled children. In addition, and of equal importance, Council installed a number of disabled toilets as well a fully equipped changing area to allow all children and young people to avail of (visitor) services in an equal manner as outlined in Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

In the very short time it has been open, Diversity Park has aimed to change how diversity is seen. It is a site that facilitates all who use it and by being inclusive it is not exclusive to those with special or complex needs – the elderly grandparent within the family group, a parent with young child in a buggy, a wheelchair using partner or a group of students with learning difficulties are all accommodated, everyone is welcome and catered for at this facility.

Estimated costs:

£250,000



FIGURE 25 SENSORY APPARATUS AT FLOWERFIELDS



FIGURE 24 PLAY EQUIPMENT AT FLOWERFIELDS

10.3. National Trust – Mount Stewart

Aim:

The 'Magic Ink Pot' aims to provide natural play in a setting in which families can play and learn. Children develop an affinity with nature and let their imagination run wild with balance beams, stepping logs, traversing beams, tree cave, squirrel run, see-saw / teeter-totter, and sea dragon climbing frame.

Background:

Natural play at Mount Stewart has taken on an extra dimension with the structures based around the stories penned by Lady Londonderry. Edith, Lady Londonderry wrote these stories for her children combining ideas from fairy tales and Irish legends. She called it "The Magic Inkpot" after a well-known object in the house. In the book, the inkpot is transformed into Dagda Mor, the ancient Irish King of the fairies and takes two of the children, Mairi and Robin on exciting and marvellous adventures. Dagda Mor is always there to intervene in times of trouble, but the children are also protected by the Stewart Dragon, magically brought to life from the Londonderry coat of arms.

Result:

It is clear to see that the materials used at Mount Stewart are not only in-keeping with its environment within the woodland but it offers challenging, natural play which combined with creative storytelling, inspires children to develop their imaginations which is important in children's cognitive development.

Estimated Costs: Work carried out in-house by National Trust and volunteers.



FIGURE 26 WOODEN CHARACTER CARVINGS FROM THE 'MAGIC INK POT'



FIGURE 27 BALANCE BEAMS AND WOOD CARVINGS AT MOUNT STEWART



FIGURE 28 UPTURNED TREES AND STORY CHAIR FROM THE 'MAGIC INK POT' AT MOUNT STEWART

10.4. National Trust – Bishops Play Trail

Aim:

Part of the Downhill Demesne at Bishop's Gate, this relatively new play development is aimed to entertain the kids during family walks.

Background:

The trail was built mainly from Downhill's resources with the National Trust team at Downhill taking the opportunity to use what they already had on the Estate. As part of their woodland management plan they began thinning out selected trees. This helped encourage greater growth of specialist trees and provide a healthier woodland thus benefiting both projects. Woodchip for the ground was provided by chipping fallen tree branches from across the estate.

Result:

Tackling the spider's web, climbing the causeway stones and challenging the walking see-saw are just some of the adventures on offer at the Bishop's Trail. The Trail is accessible all year round and everyone is encouraged to give it a go, young and old alike. It also links in the National Trust 50 things to do before 11 ¾ activities.

Estimated Costs: Work carried out in-house by National Trust



FIGURE 29 NATURAL SIGNAGE AT BISHOPS PLAY TRAIL



FIGURE 30 BALANCE BEAMS AT BISHOPS PLAY TRAIL



FIGURE 31 NATURAL CARVINGS AT BISHOPS PLAY TRAIL



FIGURE 32 NATURAL CLIMBING STRUCTURES AT BISHOPS PLAY TRAIL

11. Funding

A number of funding schemes have been investigated including Ulster Garden Villages, Land Fill Tax funding (including Ulster Wildlife, Biffa and Groundwork NI) and Everybody Active 20:20 – Outdoor Spaces. Council's non-charitable status however means it does not meet the criteria for the aforementioned schemes. However, Council in association with its community groups and associations may be eligible for Big Lottery and Heritage Lottery funding. In addition, a number of villages highlighted within the Strategy are already benefiting from RDP funding and it is worth noting that some of the development highlighted within this works programme may be eligible for support from RDP in the future.

11.1. Big Lottery

The 'People and Communities' programme is designed to support projects that work with local people to bring about positive changes in a community. Projects must meet the three key themes of –

- **People-led:** local people are meaningfully involved in development, design and delivery
- **Strengths-based:** supports people and communities to build on knowledge, skills and experience they already have to make the changes they want
- **Connected:** projects demonstrate a good understanding of other activities and services in the community and how the project complements these.

Grants range from £30,000 to £500,000 for projects lasting 2-5 years. Grants for small scale capital projects is capped at £100,000 but up to 100% of costs.

Eligible applicants are voluntary or community groups such as a charity, co-operative, social enterprise or community interest company. Partnerships are also eligible where the lead partner is one of the above.

The programme is open for applications all year round. To apply, applicants must phone and discuss the project with a Project Officer. Only if the project is deemed to 'ready' will the applicant be invited to submit an application form. A decision is typically given within 4 months.

For more information see - <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/peopleandcommunities>

11.2. Heritage Lottery Fund

11.2.1. Our Heritage

The Our Heritage open programme is for any type of project related to national, regional or local heritage in the UK.

Under Our Heritage, HLF accept applications from not-for-profit organisations, private owners of heritage and partnerships. If individuals or for-profit organisations are involved, the public benefit from the project must be greater than any private gain.

Grants of £10,000 to £100,000 are available at up to 100%. There are no application deadlines for this programme; applications can be made at any time and are turned around within 8 weeks.

More information is available at: <https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes>

11.2.2. Parks and Places

The Parks for People programme is for projects related to historic parks and cemeteries in the UK.

Under this programme, HLF fund applications from not-for-profit organisations and partnerships led by not-for-profit organisations.

The application process is in two rounds with success at stage 2 involving substantial development work. Funding is available from £100,000 up to £5 million.

For those applying for grants of less than £1million, applicants must provide at least 5% of the development costs and 5% of the delivery phase costs

For those applying for grants of more than £1million, applicants must provide at least 10% of the development costs and 10% of the delivery phase costs

More information is available at: <https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes>

11.3. Rural Development Programme (2014-2020)

The Rural Development Programme (RDP) is jointly funded through the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) and is administered in Northern Ireland by DAERA. It supports a range of projects with the aim of developing the economic potential of rural areas.

11.3.1. Heritage Grants

The Heritage Grants open programme is for any type of project related to the national, regional or local heritage in the UK. Under this programme, HLF fund applications from not-for-profit organisations; and partnerships led by not-for-profit organisations.

The application process is in two rounds with success at stage 2 involving substantial development work.

Funding is available from £100,000 up to £2 million or £5 million.

For those applying for grants of less than £1million, applicants must provide at least 5% of the development costs and 5% of the delivery phase costs

For those applying for grants of more than £1million, applicants must provide at least 10% of the development costs and 10% of the delivery phase costs

More information is available at: <https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes>

11.3.2. Basic Services Scheme

The Basic Services Scheme supports capital investments which provide access to basic services or improvements in social infrastructure to improve the welfare and access of those living in rural areas which are an integral part of and in line with the Council Community Plan.

Capital grants available range from £5,000 to £250,000 up to 75%. Confirmation of match funding must be in place at the time of application with 5% from Council, 5% from the applicant and 15% other.

The following should be taken into consideration –

- to be eligible to apply, applicants must attend a pre-application workshop followed by submission of an Expression of Interest (Eoi) form.
- if the Eoi is successful, application will be asked to submit full application in addition to a business plan
- all procurement must be carried out at time of full application
- projects must relate directly to the MUDC's Community Plan
- projects with a total cost exceeding £250,000 require a greenbook economic appraisal
- evidence in form of a written letter from Planning Service for projects where planning permission is not required
- Mid Ulster Council submitted an EOI for Davagh Forest under 1st call

Decisions are circulated 90 days after deadline closes.

Applicants must attend mandatory workshops, the first round of which have already taken place in Mid Ulster see <http://www.midulstercouncil.org/Business/Rural-Development/Funding-Workshops>. It is anticipated there will be a 2nd call available.

11.3.3. Village Renewal Scheme Summary

At the time of report writing this scheme was still under development by Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership (a recently formed Local Action Group). Full details of the Village Renewal Scheme have still to be confirmed but the following applies –

- the Scheme will provide financial support for the renewal of rural villages through village plans – this infers that any project which is included or specifically mentioned within the Village Plan will be eligible for funding through this scheme
- potential projects must fit with the Council's Community Plan – which this project does
- the purchase or lease of land is not eligible
- only local authorities (i.e. Councils) in partnership with local community associations are eligible to apply
- the maximum grant available is likely to be £200,000 at 75% for capital grants
- match funding of £25% must be provided by the Council
- there will be a call for Expressions of Interest with those successful asked to submit a full application with business case completed and all procurement carried out

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12. Revenue Resourcing

Resourcing the Strategy with appropriate staff is fundamental to its future delivery and ultimate success. Given that suggested Activity Centres, District Play Hubs and New Public Park proposals are heavily dependent on sourcing external funding streams and are scheduled beyond the initial five year delivery programme, immediate staff resources are not a requirement. Suggested staff requirements have been correlated as an indicator in relation to potential revenue costs and could be factored into development projects on a rolling basis

(Appendix 3).

13. Recommendations

13.1. Strategic

This Strategy has afforded the opportunity to review in detail public parks, play and open/green spaces sites across Mid Ulster. While the legacy Councils were committed to providing high quality play and public park provision, on reviewing the District as a whole, it has become apparent that this provision is no longer adequate in serving the population of Mid Ulster. A more strategic approach has led to the following recommendations which should be implemented over the life of the Strategy from 2017-2022. These include:

- **Consultation** – It is recommended that Council place consultation with the community at the centre of any proposed future development regards the recommendations for Activity Centres and District Play development as well as those sites considered on the basis of their recommended life span, change of use, enhancement, upgrade, relocation, new park development and woodland play provision. It is felt the proposals for the Activity Centres and District Play should undergo a thorough public consultation process with input from children and young people as well as representation from those with a disability. The establishment of a Steering Group made up of members of the community, Special Education representation as well as relevant agencies would be beneficial and is recommended (including but not limited to Disability Action, MENCAP, RNIB, Guide Dogs NI). In addition, it is felt that a Statistical Disabilities Analysis of children within Northern Ireland and more specifically Mid Ulster would further determine all-ability, facility need.
- **Inclusive Play** – As highlighted in the Mid Ulster Local Development Plan 2030 - Preferred Options Paper (Mid Ulster District Council, November 2016), planning must: “ensure that new open space areas and sporting facilities are convenient and accessible for all sections of society, particularly children, older people and those with disabilities”. Should Council embark on the process of developing two Activity Centres, it is recommended that these facilities are designed for the groups in need, with consideration being given to the young and those with disabilities. These all ability facilities will not only provide for the community of Mid Ulster but will also enhance the offering for the visitor. Development of the activity centres would be subject to sourcing funding and projected as a 5year + programme. (Development programmes and time scales may vary subject to available funding streams).
- **Public Park Development** – With a lack of open/green space in some DEA’s (e.g. Cookstown, Magherafelt and Moyola), it is suggested that Mid Ulster Council consider developing 14 of its current park sites and its open/green space sites into public parks as well as including a play element in its Forests. Potential new public park sites include: Ballymacombs - Carntogher, Castlehill - Dungannon, Clady - Carntogher, Fairhill - Cookstown, Henderson Park - Torrent, Hunters Park - Moyola, Manor Park - Magherafelt, Mill Park - Moyola, Moykeeran - Moyola, Railway Park - Dungannon, Parkview/Riverside - Moyola, Roundlake - Clogher Valley, Swatragh - Carntogher and Windmill Wood - Dungannon. Council have a £1m development proposal for Railway Park, deliverable within the strategy period subject to funding. Development of Public Parks would be subject to sourcing funding and projected as a 5year + programme. (Development programmes and time scales may vary subject to available funding streams).

- Woodland Play – With a high concentration of woodland and forests across Mid Ulster, it is proposed that a Woodland Play element be developed in some of the key forest sites. This will add value to these locations for the local community and will help support visitor numbers. 8 Small Woodland Play sites and 5 Significant Woodland Play sites have been identified. The 8 Small Woodland Play site identified are: Knockmany Forest, Windmill Wood, Brantry Lough and Forest, Cabin Wood, Inniscarn Forest, Traad Point and Drumcairne Forest. The Significant Woodland Play sites identified include: Derrynoyd Forest, Parkanaur Forest, Pomeroy Forest, Drum Manor Forest and Drumlamph Forest. Development of Woodland Play would be subject to sourcing funding and projected as a 5year + programme. (Development programmes and time scales may vary subject to available funding streams).
- Public Parks and Play Strategy complemented by other Council Strategies – As highlighted above, this Strategy should be considered alongside other relevant Council Strategies including the Outdoor Recreation Strategy, Tourism Strategy, Sports Facility Strategy and the Local Development Plan 2030 – Draft Plan Strategy
- Harness Community Relationships – The consultation process highlighted that Mid Ulster has strong community involvement with a number of groups developing recreational facilities for their own communities and successfully funding these programmes through relevant grants. One of the 5 themes in the Mid Ulster Council Community Plan is: *‘Vibrant and Safe Communities - promote and develop shared space across the area and make more use of existing facilities’*. Therefore, it is recommended that where gaps in provision exist, that Council work alongside the community including established community groups and associations as well as local sports clubs and other bodies such as schools and Forest Service.
- Assessments and Audits – While Quality Inspections take place on an annual basis, it is suggested that a Play Value Assessment takes place alongside the forthcoming Quality Audit. Play Value assessments consider the range of play types and the experiences that children derive from the equipment as well as locational and environmental factors and access issues. A Play Value Assessment will be instrumental when determining the enhancements, upgrades and relocations of play sites.
- Risk-Benefit Approach to Play – When considering future play development in Mid Ulster it is suggested that a Risk-Benefit Approach is adapted. The benefits of challenging play have been highlighted in previous sections but this is a relatively new way of thinking when developing fixed play. Health and safety considerations in the past have meant that play provision is somewhat lacking in challenging play which offers essential developmental skills. However, Council needs to consider that providing a high standard of play means that children and young people are challenged, whilst minimising unnecessary danger through a common-sense approach.
- Land availability – Land availability is at a premium across Mid Ulster, especially in the DEA of Magherafelt. However, this Strategy acknowledges the lack of provision of open/green space in Magherafelt and it is suggested that Council focus its efforts on investigating possible areas for development at Glenburn and work with other statutory bodies to identify potential sites e.g. Education Authority and Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

- **Planning** – In line with Council’s Local Development Plan 2030 – Draft Plan Strategy, Council seek to protect existing areas of open space and encourage the provision of new open space. This will be achieved by identifying important parcels of open space to be protected, zoning of new open space and by formulating policy to require open space to be provided by the developer in new housing developments. In addition, Council recognise the benefits of dual use of open spaces and are working with the Education Authority to share sports pitches. Council are also working with NIHE to facilitate children’s play provision on land under their control. It is suggested that Council adopt a strengthened policy approach to ensure that the loss of open space is prevented unless it can be demonstrated that redevelopment would bring substantial community benefit that outweighs the loss of the open space. This strengthened approach should take account of the Regional Development Strategy, SPSS 7 and 8 and the Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy.
- **Manned/Staff provision** – Park sites that have a staffing element are proven to suffer reduced levels of anti-social behaviour and vandalism. While additional staff resources are not an immediate requirement, suggested staff requirements within the Strategy have been correlated as an indicator in relation to potential revenue costs and should be factored into development projects on a rolling basis. While the development of Activity Centres, District Play and new Public Park proposals are heavily dependent on sourcing external funding streams and are also scheduled beyond the initial five year delivery programme, should the number of these larger facilities develop or increase, staffing will need to be reviewed.

13.2. **Product Development:**

The Strategy has identified a range of actions that have been attributed estimated costs in order to deliver. Timescales have been indicated were possible subject to available funding streams.

Development	DEA	Park Site	Action	Year	Indicative Cost
Activity Centre Development (2)					
	Magherafelt	Ballyronan	Activity Centre	5 Years+	£250,000 (subject to funding)
	Dungannon	Dungannon Park	Activity Centre	5 Years+	£250,000 (subject to funding)
District Play Development (5)					
	Torrent	Gortgonis	District Play	5 Years+	£100,000 (subject to funding)
	Clogher Valley	Roundlake	District Play	5 Years+	£100,000 (subject to funding)
	Cookstown	Fairhill	District Play	5 Years+	£100,000 (subject to funding)

	Carntogher	Coleraine Road	District Play	5 Years+	£100,000 (subject to funding)
	Magherafelt	Meadowbank	District Play	5 Years+	£100,000 (subject to funding)
Relocation (3)					
	Torrent	Ardboe	Relocation	Year 5	£25,000
	Clogher Valley	Aughnacloy - Coronation Park	Relocation	5 Years+	TBC
	Moyola	Longfield	Relocation	5 Years+	TBC
Recommended Life Span/ (3)					
	Cookstown	Clare	Recommended Life Span	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Cookstown	Coagh Street	Recommended Life Span	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Carntogher	Crawfordsburn	Recommended Life Span	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
Development programmes and time scales may vary subject to available funding streams.					
Change of Use/Remove (4)					
	Clogher Valley	Killymaddy	Remove	Year 1	Maintenance Budget
	Carntogher	Moneyneena	Remove	Year 1	Maintenance Budget
	Cookstown	Sperrin View	Remove	Year 1	Maintenance Budget
	Torrent	Innishmore	Change of use MUGA to LEAP	Year 2	£50,000
Maintenance/ Enhancements (54)					
	Moyola	Boyne Row	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Year 1	£25,000
	Moyola	Knockloughrim	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Year 1	£25,000
	Magherafelt	Northland Moneymore	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Year 1	£20,000
	Dungannon	Ballysaggart	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Year 1	£20,000
	Dungannon	Killymerron	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Year 1	£20,000

	Dungannon	Redford	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Year 1	£25,000
	Cookstown	Ratheen	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Year 1	£25,000
	Torrent	Brackaville	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Year 2	£25,000
	Torrent	Donaghmore	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Year 2	£25,000
	Torrent	Lisnahall, Ardtrea	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Year 2	£25,000
	Clogher Valley	Eglis	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Year 2	£25,000
	Dungannon	Northland village	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Year 2	£25,000
	Cookstown	Orritor St.	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Year 3	£25,000
	Torrent	Washingbay	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Year 3	£25,000
	Cookstown	Stewarts Avenue	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Year 3	£20,000
	Clogher Valley	U.S. Grants	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Year 3	£25,000
	Cookstown	Conway Close	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Year 4	£25,000
	Cookstown	Gortalowry	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Year 4	£25,000
	Dungannon	Gortnasaor	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Year 4	£20,000
	Dungannon	Milltown	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Year 4	£25,000
	Torrent	Ardboe	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Year 5	£25,000
	Carntogher	Clady	Maintenance/ Enhancement	Year 5	£25,000
	Clogher Valley	Ackinduff	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Dungannon	Ballynakelly	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Torrent	Beechline, Galbally	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Dungannon	Benburb	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Cookstown	Blackhill	Maintenance/ Enhancement	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Moyola	Castledawson	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Cookstown	Coagh Park, Coagh	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Carntogher	Culnady	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget

	Cookstown	Davagh Forest	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Moyola	Desertmartin	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Cookstown	Derrychrin, Ballinderry	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Dungannon	Dunavon	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Carntogher	Glenone, Ballynacombs	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Carntogher	Gulladuff	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Moyola	Hunters Park	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Torrent	Killeen	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Moyola	Kilross	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Magherafelt	Lindsayville	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Carntogher	Lisnamuck	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Moyola	Longfield	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Magherafelt	Lough Fea	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Dungannon	Meadowbank	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Cookstown	Milburn Close	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Magherafelt	Moneymore RC	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Torrent	Mountcairn Coalisland	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Dungannon	Moy, Oakfield	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Torrent	Newmills	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Cookstown	Orritor	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Cookstown	Parkview, Pomeroy	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Cookstown	Rathbeg	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Cookstown	Rockdale	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget
	Cookstown	Tullywiggan	Maintenance	5 Years+	Maintenance Budget

Upgrades (13)					
	Cookstown	Monrush Phase 1	Upgrade	Year 1	£50,000
	Cookstown	Monrush Phase 2	Upgrade	Year 1	£30,000
	Dungannon	Moygashel Jacksonville	Upgrade MUGA to include LEAP	Year 1	£50,000
	Magherafelt	Glenburn	Upgrade	Year 1	£45,000
	Cookstown	Drum Manor Forest	Upgrade to provide inclusive play options	Year 1	£35,000
	Cookstown	Beechway	Upgrade	Year 2	£50,000
	Cookstown	Coolnafranky	Upgrade	Year 2	£50,000
	Dungannon	Railway	Upgrade Subject to development plan funding	Year 2	£150, 000
	Torrent	Henderson Park	Upgrade/MUGA	Year 2	£40,000
	Clogher Valley	Clogher	Upgrade	Year 3	£50,000
	Torrent	Battery harbour	Upgrade	Year 3	£50,000
	Dungannon	Moy Curran's Brae	Upgrade	Year 4	£50,000
	Clogher Valley	Aughnacloy	Upgrade	Year 5	£50,000
	Dungannon	Drumcoo Green	Upgrade	5 Years+	£50,000
	Cookstown	Pomeroy Forest	Upgrade	5 Years+	£25,000

Park Development	DEA	Park Site	Action	Year	Indicative Cost
RDP Funded (23)					
	Clogher Valley	Caledon	RDP Funded	Year 1	£38,103
	Clogher Valley	Fivemiletown Fairgreen	RDP Funded	Year 1	£160,000
	Clogher Valley	Castlecaullfield	RDP Funded	Year 1	£17,000
	Clogher Valley	Ballygawley	RDP Funded	Year 1	£51,000
	Clogher Valley	Eglis	RDP Funded	Year 1	£37,000
	Dungannon	Killyman	RDP Funded	Year 1	£38,103
	Clogher Valley	Granville	RDP Funded	Year 1	£38,103
	Clogher Valley	Augher	RDP Funded	Year 1	£38,103
	Carntogher	Upperlands	RDP Funded	Year 1	£145,000 Play park £101,000 MUGA
	Moyola	Mill Park Tobermore	RDP Proposal subject to funding	Year 1 5 Years+	£38,103 New Public Park
	Cookstown	Berkeley Square, T'hogue	RDP Funded	Year 2	£38,103
	Carntogher	Swatragh	RDP Proposal subject to funding	Year 2 5 Years+	£38,103 New Public Park
	Carntogher	Ballymacombs	RDP Funded	Year 2	£38,103
	Torrent	Henderson Park	RDP Funded	Year 2	£38,103
	Magherafelt	LOUP	RDP Funded	Year 2	£38,103
	Dungannon	Ballynakelly	RDP Funded	Year 2	£18,000
	Torrent	Annaghmore/Clonoe	RDP Funded	Year 2	£38,103
	Torrent	Castlebay, Brocagh	RDP Funded	Year 2	£38,103
	Cookstown	Churchview, Drumullan	RDP Funded	Year 2	£38,103
	Carntogher	Tamlaght O'Crilly	RDP Funded	Year 2	£12,000
	Carntogher	Innishrush	RDP Funded	Year 2	£12,000
	Moyola	knockloughrim	RDP Funded	Year 2	£18,500
	Moyola	O'Neill Park, Ballymaguigan	RDP Funded	Year 2	£37,000
Peace IV Funded (3)					
	Moyola	Moykeeran	Peace IV Funded	Year 1/2	£100,000
	Moyola	Castledawson	Peace IV Funded	Year 1/2	£100,000
	Clogher Valley	Aughnacloy	Peace IV Funded	Year 1/2	£100,000

Woodland Park Development					
Small Woodland Parks (7)	Clogher Valley	Knockmany Forest	Small Woodland Park (subject to funding)	5 Years+	£25,000
	Clogher Valley	Brantry Lough and Forest	Small Woodland Park (subject to funding)	5 Years+	£25,000
	Dungannon	Windmill Wood	Small Woodland Park (subject to funding)	5 Years+	£25,000
	Moyola	Traad Point	Small Woodland Park (subject to funding)	5 Years+	£25,000
	Cookstown	Cabin Wood	Small Woodland Park (subject to funding)	5 Years+	£25,000
	Magherafelt	Inniscarn Forest	Small Woodland Park (subject to funding)	5 Years+	£25,000
	Torrent	Drumcairne Forest	Small Woodland Park (subject to funding)	5 Years+	£25,000
Significant Woodland Parks (5)					
	Moyola	Drumlamph Forest	Significant Woodland Park (subject to funding)	5 Years+	£50,000
	Carntogher	Derrynoyd Forest	Significant Woodland Park (subject to funding)	5 Years+	£50,000
	Clogher Valley	Parkanaur Forest	Significant Woodland Park (subject to funding)	5 Years+	£50,000
	Cookstown	Pomeroy Forest	Significant Woodland Park (subject to funding)	5 Years+	£25,000
	Cookstown	Drum Manor Forest	Significant Woodland Park (subject to funding)	5 Years+	£50,000

Development programmes and time scales may vary subject to available funding streams.

Park Development	DEA	Park Site	Action	Year	Indicative Cost
New Pocket Park Sites (13)					
	Magherafelt	Manor Park	Park Development (subject to funding)	5 Years+	£150,000
	Moyola	Mill Park	Park Development (subject to funding)	5 Years+	£100,000
	Carntogher	Swatragh	Park Development (subject to funding)	5 Years+	£140,000
	Carntogher	Ballymacombs	Park Development (subject to funding)	5 Years+	£100,000
	Moyola	Parkview/Riverside	Park Development (subject to funding)	5 Years+	£150,000
	Clogher Valley	Roundlake, Fivemiletown	Park Development (subject to funding)	5 Years+	£100,000
	Carntogher	Clady	Park Development (subject to funding)	5 Years+	£100,000
	Cookstown	Fairhill	Park Development (subject to funding)	5 Years+	£250,000
	Dungannon	Windmill Wood	Park Development (subject to funding)	5 Years+	£150,000
	Dungannon	Castlehill	Park Development (subject to funding)	5 Years+	£150,000
	Moyola	Hunters Park	Park Development (subject to funding)	5 Years+	£125,000
	Moyola	Moykeeran	Park Development (subject to funding)	5 Years+	£100,000
	Moyola	Newferry	Park Development (subject to funding)	5 Years+	£75,000

Development programmes and time scales may vary subject to available funding streams.

APPENDIX 1

District Electoral Area (DEA)	Play Park ID Number	Public Park/Play Park	LEAP or NEAP Status	Quality Score
Clogher Valley	1	Ackinduff	LEAP	10
Torrent	2	Ardboe	LEAP	9.7
Torrent	3	Ardstewart, Stewartstown	LEAP	9
Clogher Valley	4	Augher	LEAP	10
Clogher Valley	5	Aughnacloy	LEAP	8.6
Clogher Valley	6	Aughnacloy - Coronation Park	LEAP	7.3
Clogher Valley	7	Ballygawley	LEAP	8.5
Dungannon	8	Ballynakelly	LEAP	10
Magherafelt	9	Ballyronan Marina	LEAP	6.5
Dungannon	10	Ballysaggart	LEAP	6
Torrent	11	Battery Harbour	LEAP	7.2
Torrent	12	Beechline, Galbally	LEAP	8.3
Cookstown	13	Beechway	LEAP	5.8
Dungannon	14	Benburb	LEAP	7.8
Cookstown	15	Berkeley Square, T'hogue	LEAP	7.8
Cookstown	16	Blackhill	LEAP	8.5
Moyola	17	Boyne Row	LEAP	5
Torrent	18	Brackaville	LEAP	6.8
Clogher Valley	19	Caledon	LEAP	6.8
Torrent	20	Castlebay, Brocagh	MUGA/LEAP	7.5
Clogher Valley	21	Castlecaulfield	LEAP	8.3
Moyola	22	Castledawson	LEAP	10
Cookstown	23	Churchview, Drumullan	LEAP	7.5
Carntogher	24	Clady	LEAP	8.3
Cookstown	25	Clare	LEAP	6.5
Clogher Valley	26	Clogher	LEAP	7
Cookstown	27	Coagh Park, Coagh	LEAP	8.3
Cookstown	28	Coagh Street	LEAP	6
Carntogher	29	Coleraine Road	NEAP	8.6
Cookstown	30	Conway Close	LEAP	7.8
Cookstown	31	Coolnafranky	LEAP	5.5
Carntogher	32	Crawfordsburn	LEAP	10
Carntogher	33	Culnady	LEAP	9.3
Cookstown	34	Davagh Forest	Existing play provision in forest	9.5
Cookstown	35	Derrychrin, Ballinderry	LEAP	7.2
Moyola	36	Desertmartin	LEAP	8.9
Torrent	37	Donaghmore	LEAP	6.7
Cookstown	38	Drum Manor Forest	NEAP	8.2
Dungannon	39	Drumcoo	LEAP	2
Dungannon	40	Drumcoo Green	LEAP	10
Dungannon	41	Dunavon	LEAP	8.8
Dungannon	42	Dungannon Park	NEAP	7.5

Clogher Valley	43	Eglis	LEAP	8.8
Cookstown	44	Fairhill	NEAP	8.5
Clogher Valley	45	Fivemiletown Fairgreen	LEAP	4.6
Cookstown	46	Gortalowry	LEAP	7.7
Torrent	47	Gortgonis	NEAP	7.2
Dungannon	48	Gortnasoar	LEAP	8.8
Clogher Valley	49	Granville	LEAP	9.7
Carntogher	50	Gulladuff	LEAP	9.7
Moyola	51	Hunters Park	NEAP	9.2
Torrent	52	Innishmore	MUGA	6
Carntogher	53	Innishrush	LEAP	10
Torrent	54	Killeen	LEAP	10
Clogher Valley	55	Killymaddy	LEAP	2
Dungannon	56	Killyman	LEAP	9
Drumcoo	57	Killymerron	LEAP	5
Cookstown	58	Killymoon	LEAP	8
Moyola	59	Kilross	LEAP	10
Moyola	60	Knockloughrim	LEAP	6.3
Magherafelt	61	Lindsayville, Ballyronan	LEAP	10
Torrent	62	Lisnahall, Ardtrea	LEAP	6.7
Carntogher	63	Lisnamuck	LEAP	9.3
Moyola	64	Longfield	LEAP	9
Magherafelt	65	Lough Fea	LEAP	9.6
Dungannon	66	Meadowbank	NEAP	9.6
Magherafelt	67	Meadowbank (leisure centre)	NEAP	7.9
Cookstown	68	Milburn Close	LEAP	9.3
Moyola	69	Mill Park Tobermore	NEAP	9.4
Dungannon	70	Milltown	LEAP	7.5
Magherafelt	71	Moneymore RC	LEAP	9.1
Carntogher	72	Moneyneena	LEAP	2
Cookstown	73	Monrush	LEAP	7.1
Torrent	74	Mountcairn Coalisland	LEAP	9
Torrent	75	Mourneview, Carnan	LEAP	8.3
Dungannon	76	Moy Curran's Brae	LEAP	7.9
Dungannon	77	Moy Oakfield	LEAP	9.5
Dungannon	78	Moygashel Jacksonville	MUGA	7.5
Moyola	79	Moykeeran	NEAP	7.2
Dungannon	80	Mullaghmore	LEAP	10
Torrent	81	Newmills	LEAP	9.7
Magherafelt	82	Northland Moneymore	LEAP	6.1
Dungannon	83	Northland Village	LEAP	6.8
Cookstown	84	Orritor	LEAP	9.2
Cookstown	85	Orritor St.	LEAP	7.2
Cookstown	86	Parkview, Pomeroy	LEAP	8.8
Cookstown	87	Pomeroy Forest	LEAP	10
Cookstown	88	Princess Avenue	LEAP	8.1
Dungannon	89	Railway	LEAP	5
Cookstown	90	Rathbeg	LEAP	8.8
Cookstown	91	Ratheen	LEAP	6.4

Dungannon	92	Redford	LEAP	5
Cookstown	93	Rockdale, Rock	LEAP	8
Clogher Valley	94	Roundlake, Fivemiletown	LEAP	5.5
Cookstown	95	Sperrinview	LEAP	6
Cookstown	96	Stewart Avenue	LEAP	7
Carntogher	97	Swatragh	LEAP	8.2
Carntogher	98	Tamlaght	LEAP	10
Cookstown	99	Tullywiggan	LEAP	8.3
Clogher Valley	100	U.S. Grants	LEAP	7.5
Carntogher	101	Upperlands	LEAP	10
Torrent	102	Washingbay	LEAP	7.4

TABLE 42 PLAY PROVISION CLASSIFICATION

APPENDIX 2

Details of the seven public consultation events:

- 23 rd January, Cookstown Leisure Centre	Cookstown DEA
- 31 st January, Maghera Leisure Centre	Carntogher DEA
- 31 st January, Seamus Heaney Homeplace, Bellaghy	Moyola DEA
- 2 nd February, Dungannon Park	Dungannon DEA
- 2 nd February, Cornmill Centre, Coalisland	Torrent DEA
- 6 th February, Ballygawley BADA Community Hall,	Clogher Valley DEA
- 8 th February, Meadowbank Sports Arena	Magherafelt DEA

Additional Members Workshops

- **31st July Dungannon Park**
Dungannon Torrent and Cloghervalley DEA's
- **2nd August Meadowbank Leisure Centre**
Cookstown, Carntogher, Moyola and Magherafelt DEA's

APPENDIX 3

Revenue Resourcing Activity Centres

Activity Centre	Site	Contract	Gross Cost to Council
	Ballyronan Marina	1x 15hr per week post	£11,645
District Play Hub	Site	Contract	Gross Cost to Council
	Fairhill	1 x 37hr per week post	£28,571
	Fairhill	1 x 25hr per week posts	£19,414
	Roundlake	1x 25hr per week post	£19,414
			£79,044

Revenue Resourcing New Public Park and Play sites

Public Park	Site	Contract	Gross Cost to Council
	Ballymacombs	1 x 7hr per week post	£4,784
	Parkview/Riverside	1 x 7hr per week post	£4,784
			£9,568
Total Gross Cost			£88,612

Activity Centres

One part-time staff post at Ballyronan Marina, one full-time and one part-time posts at Fairhill and one part-time post at The Roundlake are proposed in order to support existing part-time resources at these proposed hub sites. It is suggested that the newly appointed staff at Fairhill will be based at the central public park site (Cookstown Central) and also provide supervisory services to all of the proposed NEAPs in Cookstown North, Cookstown South and Cookstown East and also the LEAP at Blackhill. Current staff provision at Dungannon Park, Gortgonis, Maghera Leisure Centre and Meadowbank Magherafelt will manage the hub provision at these sites, without any additional cost.

New Public Park and Play sites

Council currently has a number of play park Caretaker roles in place at Clady, Hunters, Moykeeran, Swatragh, Manor Park and Upperlands. It is envisaged that this resource would assist in the management of the public park proposals at these sites. Therefore it is anticipated that two similar posts would be created for Ballymacombs and Parkview/Riverside

APPENDIX 4

Questionnaire and Questionnaire Results

Outdoor Recreation NI has recently been engaged by Mid Ulster Council to develop a Parks and Play Strategy and an Outdoor Recreation Strategy for the Mid Ulster area.

The Strategic Plans will provide direction for the Council in managing and developing parks and play facilities, programs, infrastructure, resources and investment over the next three-year period that reflects the Corporate Priorities of the Council and also the needs of the community.

Outdoor Recreation NI has developed this short survey to gain your views on the current provision and opportunities for development.

The survey should take no longer than 10 minutes.

All responses are completely confidential and will remain anonymous. Please rest assured that any information made available will be combined in aggregate to give a view of the park and play and outdoor recreation provision in Mid Ulster.

Section 1 Most frequented park

Q1. In which village/town of Mid Ulster do you live?

Q2. Do you use public parks/play parks in Mid Ulster? (please note this excludes National Trust properties including Springhill and Wellbrook Beating Mill)

Yes

No

(if no please state why from the options below. Thank respondent and close)

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Q6. Why do you not use public parks/play parks in Mid Ulster?

Have no need to go to a park

No personal transport to travel to park

No public transport available to park

No safe off road route to walk to park

Presence of anti-social behaviour within the park

Poor facilities (toilets, parking, bins, café)

Lack of inclusion (limited or non-existent facilities for special needs)

Lack of facilities for those with limited mobility

Q3. If yes (at Q1b), please can you state which park/play park you use **most often**? (If you cannot locate the park you require from the drop down list please state name or street name)

- Q4. How often would you use this park/play park?
- Everyday
 - A few times/week
 - Once/week
 - Few times/month
 - Once/month
 - Few times per year
- Q5. Who do you normally visit this park/play park with?
- Partner/Spouse
 - Family/Children
 - Friends
 - Group/Club (Formal e.g. Running or cycling club, formal/arranged event)
 - Group/Club (Informal e.g. Members of a club arrange to go and run/cycle of their own accord)
 - Just myself
- Q7. How far approximately is this park/play park from your home? (miles)
- Less than 0.5 mile
 - 0.5 < 1 mile
 - 1 < 1.5 miles
 - 1.5 < 2 miles
 - 3-5 miles
 - 5 miles+
- Q8. How do you travel to this park/play park?
- Walk
 - Bike
 - Car
 - Public Transport
 - Mini Bus (Club/Group)
 - Other (please state)

- Q9. What is your **primary** reason for visiting this park? (choose 1)
- To get the children outdoors for half an hour
 - Have a fun day out with the family
 - To enjoy a stroll/get some fresh air
 - Take the dog for a walk
 - Exercise
- Q10. What do you do at this park/play park?
- Make use of playpark facilities
 - Running
 - Walking
 - Cycling
 - Water sports
 - Sports club/training
 - Nature/wildlife observation
 - Have a picnic
 - Attend an event
 - Other (please state)
- Q11. On a scale of 1-5 (1 meaning Poor and 5 meaning Excellent) how would you **rate** this park/play park on each of the following (include a DK and n/a option for each):
- Provision of play equipment
 - Provision of toilets
 - Provision of parking
 - Provision of bins
 - Provision of dog Bins
 - Café
 - Provision of off road family cycle trails
 - Accessible paths for those with limited mobility/wheelchair user
 - Access to green space (for walking or running)
 - Provision of events
 - Feeling safe
 - Cleanliness/well maintained
 - Ambience

Q12. On a scale of 1-5 (1 being not important at all and 5 very important), how **important** are the following in relation to this park/play park (include a DK option for each):

Provision of play equipment

Provision of toilets

Provision of parking

Provision of bins

Provision of dog Bins

Café

Provision of off road family cycle trails

Accessible paths for those with limited mobility/wheelchair user

Access to green space (for walking or running)

Provision of events

Feeling safe

Cleanliness/well maintained

Ambience

Section 2 Favourite Park

Q13. Please can you state which park/play park is your favourite park? (If you cannot locate the park you require from the drop down list please state name or street name)

Q14. How often would you use this park/play park?

Everyday

A few times/week

Once/week

Few times/month

Once/month

Few times per year

Q15. Who do you normally visit this park/play park with?

Partner/Spouse

Family/Children

Friends

Group/Club (Formal e.g. Running or cycling club, formal/arranged event)

Group/Club (Informal e.g. Members of a club arrange to go and run/cycle of their own accord)

Just myself

Q16. How far approximately is this park/play park from your home? (miles)

Less than 0.5 mile

0.5 <1 mile

1 < 1.5 miles

1.5 < 2 miles

3-5 miles

5 miles+

Q17. How do you travel to this park/play park?

Walk

Bike

Car

Public Transport

Mini Bus (Club/Group)

Other (please state)

Q18. What is your **primary** reason for visiting this park? (choose 1)

To get the children outdoors for half an hour

Have a fun day out with the family

To enjoy a stroll/get some fresh air

Take the dog for a walk

Exercise

Q19. What do you do at this park/play park?

Make use of playpark facilities

Running

Walking

Cycling

Water sports

Sports club/training

Nature/wildlife observation

Have a picnic

Attend an event

Other (please state)

- Q20. On a scale of 1-5 (1 meaning Poor and 5 meaning Excellent) how would you rate this park/play park on each of the following (include a DK and n/a option for each):

Provision of play equipment

Provision of toilets

Provision of parking

Provision of bins

Provision of dog Bins

Café

Provision of off road family cycle trails

Accessible paths for those with limited mobility/wheelchair user

Access to green space (for walking or running)

Provision of events

Feeling safe

Cleanliness/well maintained

Ambience

- Q21. On a scale of 1-5 (1 being not important at all and 5 very important), how important are the following in relation to this park/play park (include a DK option for each):

Provision of play equipment

Provision of facilities:

Provision of toilets

Provision of parking

Provision of bins

Provision of dog Bins

Café

Provision of off road family cycle trails

Accessible paths for those with limited mobility/wheelchair user

Access to green space (for walking or running)

Provision of events
Feeling safe
Cleanliness/well maintained
Ambience

Section 3 Other Parks

- Q22. Which park/play park outside the Council district have you visited in the last 12 months?
(please chose from options below)

Loughgall Country Park, Loughgall
Castle Archdale Country Park, Fermanagh
Carnfunnock Country Park, Larne
The Peoples Park, Ballymena
Wallace Park, Lisburn
Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park, Belfast
Stormont Park, Belfast
Other (please state)

- Q23. Who did you visit this park/play park with?
Partner/Spouse
Family/Children
Friends
Group/Club (Formal e.g. Running or cycling club, formal/arranged event)
Group/Club (Informal e.g. Members of a club arrange to go and run/cycle of their own accord)
Just myself

- Q24. What was your **primary** reason for visiting this park/play park? (choose 1)
It was somewhere different to go
Good range of play facilities for all ages
Provided a 'day out' for the family
Good visitor service facilities e.g. Visitor Centre, café, toilets etc.
Well maintained
Themed park/play park visitor attraction

Q25. What did do you do at this park/play park?

Make use of playpark facilities

Walking

Cycling

Water sports

Nature/wildlife observation

Have a picnic

Attend an event

Other (please state)

Section 4 Playpark Facilities:

Q26. Please can you state **again** which park/play park is your **favourite** park in Mid Ulster? (If you cannot locate the park you require from the drop down list please state name or street name)

Q27. Did you have children accompanying you who used the play park?

Yes (go to Q28)

No (go to section 5)

Q28. What age were the children who used this play park?

Children under 4yrs

Children 5-8yrs

Children 9-12yrs

Children 13yrs and over

Q29. On a scale of 1-5 (1 meaning Poor and 5 meaning Excellent) how would you rate this park/play park on each of the following (include a DK and n/a option for each):

Provision of play equipment

Provision of toilets

Provision of parking

Provision of bins

Provision of dog Bins

Café

Provision of off road family cycle trails

Accessible paths for those with limited mobility/wheelchair user

Access to green space (for walking or running)

Provision of events

Feeling safe

Cleanliness/well maintained

Ambience

Q30. On a scale of 1-5 (1 being not important at all and 5 very important), how important are the following in relation to this park/play park (include a DK option for each):

Provision of play equipment

Provision of facilities:

Provision of toilets

Provision of parking

Provision of bins

Provision of dog Bins

Café

Provision of off road family cycle trails

Accessible paths for those with limited mobility/wheelchair user

Access to green space (for walking or running)

Provision of events

Feeling safe

Cleanliness/well maintained

Ambience

Q31. How could this playpark be improved? (please state)

Section 5: Future Provision

Q32. What other outdoor recreation facilities would you like to see in your local public park/play park in Mid Ulster (You can choose more than one option)

Walking Trails

Park Run

Park Walk

Bike Trails/Pump Track

Water sports (including Angling)

Improved play facilities

Alternative play facilities e.g.

- Nature Play (the provision of a play opportunity using something from the natural environment rather than a purpose-built piece of equipment. For example, the use of a tree trunk as a climbing frame or balance beam. The piece is usually modified to provide safer access)
- Wild Play (opportunistic play with the visitor using something they would expect to encounter in the environment e.g. climb a tree)

Other (please state)

None

Q33. How far would you travel from your home address if the above was provided in a public park in Mid Ulster

0-10 miles

11-20 miles

21-30 miles

31 - 40 miles

Section 6: Additional Comments

Q34. Please provide any further comments or observations you feel are important to the future development of outdoor recreation and parks and play provision in Mid Ulster.

Section 7: Demographics

Q35. Please select your age bracket

- ☐ Under 16
- ☐ 16 - 25
- ☐ 26 -35
- ☐ 36 -45
- ☐ 46 - 55
- ☐ Over 55

Q36. Please select your gender

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

Q37. Can you please tell me which of the following best describes your working status

- Working full time
- Working part time
- Parent or carer
- Self employed
- Unemployed
- In full time education
- Retired
- Not working due to illness or disability

Q38. What is your approximate total annual income in your household (before tax)

- Under 10,000
- £10,000 – £20,000
- £21,000 - £30,000
- £31,000 - £50,000
- £51,000 - £75,000
- £76,000 or more

Q39. Please state the number of children in your household in the age brackets below (if relevant)

Under 4 years

5-8 years

9-12 years

13 years and over

Q40. Do one of your children have a disability?

Yes

No

Q41. What age is the child who has a disability?

0-4 years

5-8 years

9-12 years

13 years and over

Q42. What is their disability?

Physical

Hearing

Sight

Learning

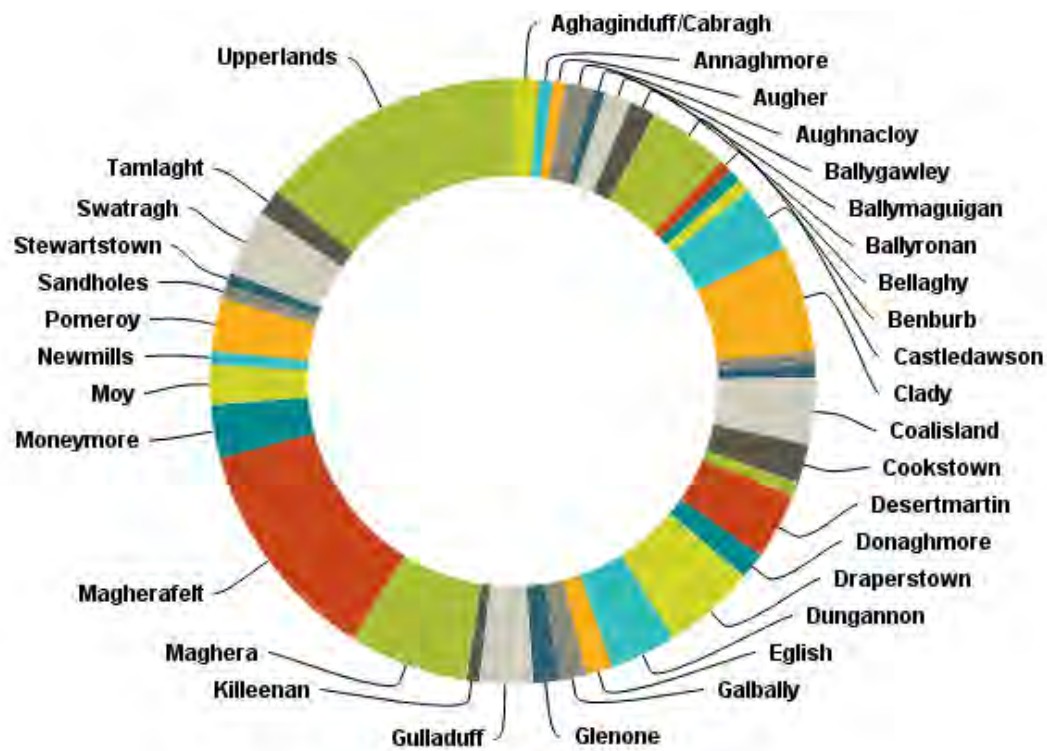
Mental Health

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Other (please specify)

Q1 In which village/town of Mid Ulster do you live?

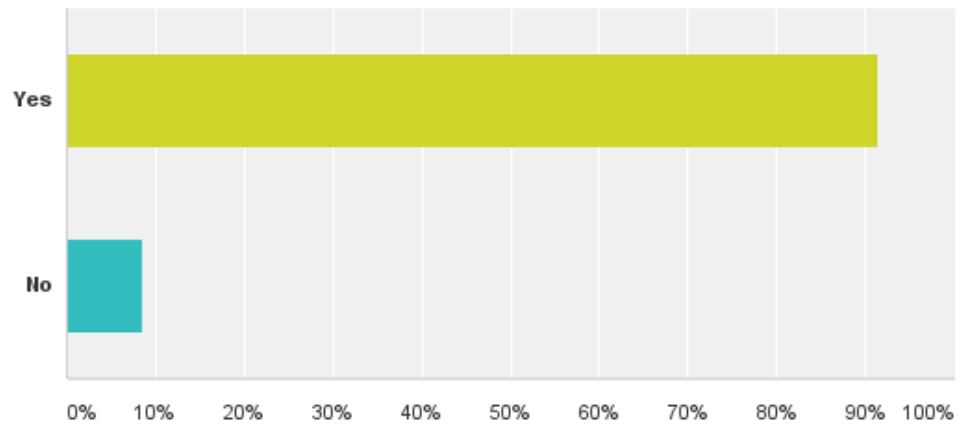
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Answer Choices	Responses
➤ Aghaginduff/Cabragh	1.42% 2
➤ Annaghmore	0.71% 1
➤ Augher	0.71% 1
➤ Aughnacloy	1.42% 2
➤ Ballygawley	0.71% 1
➤ Ballymaguigan	1.42% 2
➤ Ballyronan	1.42% 2
➤ Bellaghy	4.26% 6
➤ Benburb	0.71% 1
➤ Brockagh/Mountjoy	0.71% 1
➤ Caledon	0.71% 1
➤ Castledawson	3.55% 5
➤ Clady	5.67% 8
➤ Clogher	0.71% 1
➤ Coagh	0.71% 1
➤ Coalisland	3.55% 5
➤ Cookstown	2.13% 3
➤ Creagh	0.71% 1
➤ Desertmartin	3.55% 5
➤ Donaghmore	1.42% 2
➤ Draperstown	4.96% 7
➤ Dungannon	3.55% 5
➤ Eglish	1.42% 2
➤ Galbally	1.42% 2
➤ Glenone	1.42% 2
➤ Gulladuff	2.84% 4
➤ Killeenan	0.71% 1
➤ Maghera	6.38% 9
➤ Magherafelt	12.06% 17
➤ Moneymore	2.84% 4
➤ Moy	2.13% 3
➤ Newmills	0.71% 1
➤ Pomeroy	2.84% 4
➤ Sandholes	0.71% 1
➤ Stewartstown	0.71% 1
➤ Swatragh	3.55% 5
➤ Tamlaght	1.42% 2
➤ Upperlands	14.18% 20
Total	141

Q2 Do you use public parks/play parks in Mid Ulster?

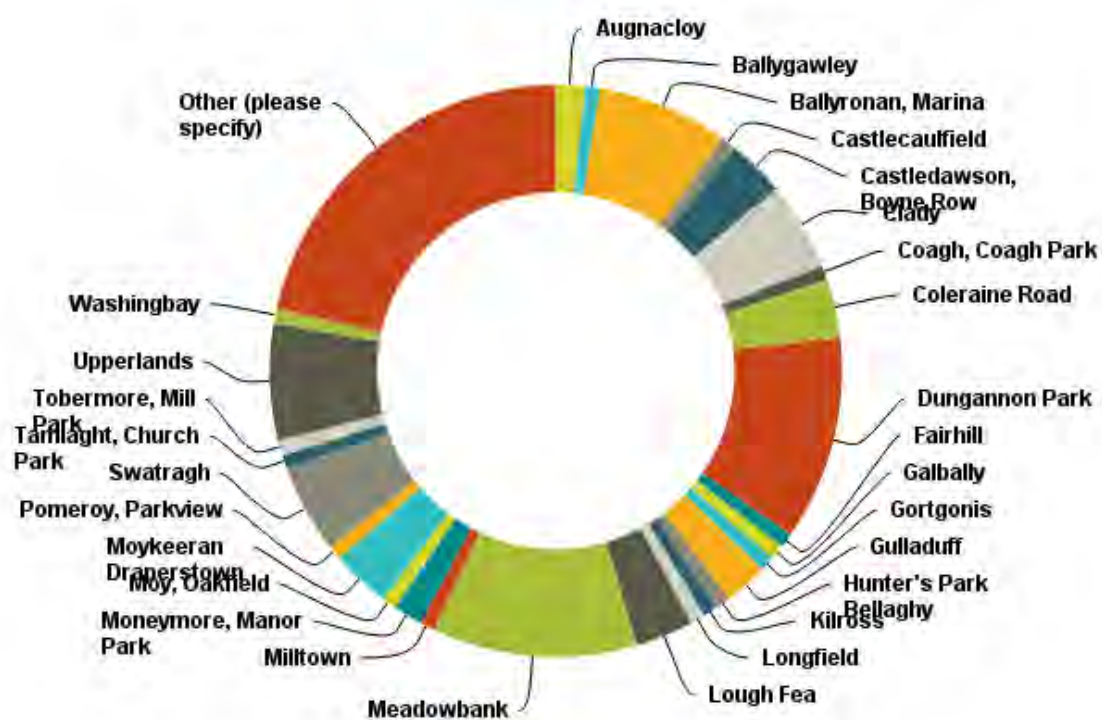
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	91.49%	129
No	8.51%	12
Total		141

Q3 Please can you state which park/play park you use most often? (If you cannot locate the park you require from the drop down list please state name or street name under 'Other' at bottom of the drop down list).

Answered: 121 Skipped: 28



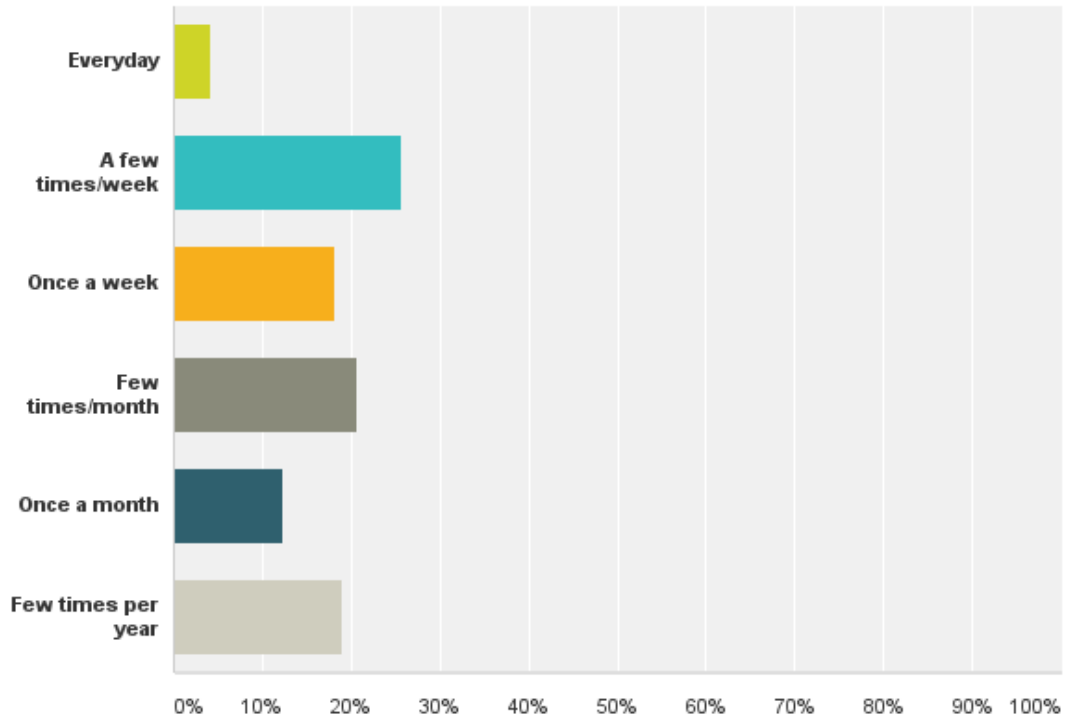
Answer Choices	Responses	
➤ Augnacloy	1.65%	2
➤ Ballygawley	0.83%	1
➤ Ballyronan, Marina	7.44%	9
➤ Castlecaulfield	0.83%	1
➤ Castledawson, Boyne Row	3.31%	4
➤ Clady	4.96%	6
➤ Coagh, Coagh Park	0.83%	1
➤ Coleraine Road	3.31%	4
➤ Dungannon Park	11.57%	14
➤ Fairhill	0.83%	1
➤ Galbally	0.83%	1
➤ Gortgonis	0.83%	1
➤ Gulladuff	2.48%	3
➤ Hunter's Park Bellaghy	0.83%	1
➤ Kilross	0.83%	1
➤ Longfield	0.83%	1
➤ Lough Fea	3.31%	4
➤ Meadowbank	11.57%	14
➤ Milltown	0.83%	1
➤ Moneymore, Manor Park	1.65%	2
➤ Moy, Oakfield	0.83%	1
➤ Moykeeran Draperstown	3.31%	4
➤ Pomeroy, Parkview	0.83%	1
➤ Swatragh	4.96%	6
➤ Tamlaght, Church Park	0.83%	1
➤ Tobermore, Mill Park	0.83%	1
➤ Upperlands	6.61%	8
➤ Washingbay	0.83%	1
➤ Other (please specify)	Responses 21.49%	26

OTHER PARKS/PLAY PARKS

Drum Manor - 3; Polepatrick, Magherafelt -3; and Maghera – 3; Maghera Leisure Centre – 2; Pomeroy Forest – 2; Glenone – 2. Other singular mentions: Kilrea; Antrim; Killylea, County Armagh; Moorside Villas; Maghera Rec; Glenmore Walk; Gortgonis; Knockmany; Moneymore; U.S. Grant homeplace; Drumnaph; Windmill Wood.

Q4 How often would you use this park/play park?

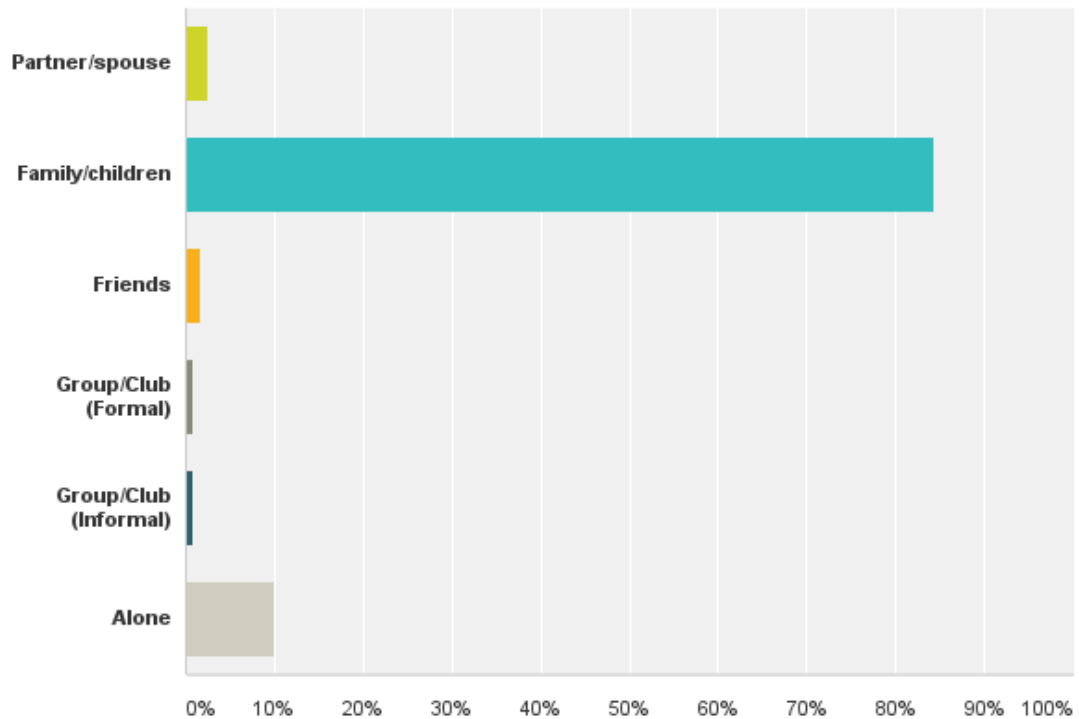
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Everyday	4.13%	5
A few times/week	25.62%	31
Once a week	18.18%	22
Few times/month	20.66%	25
Once a month	12.40%	15
Few times per year	19.01%	23
Total Respondents: 121		

Q5 Who do you normally visit this park/play park with?

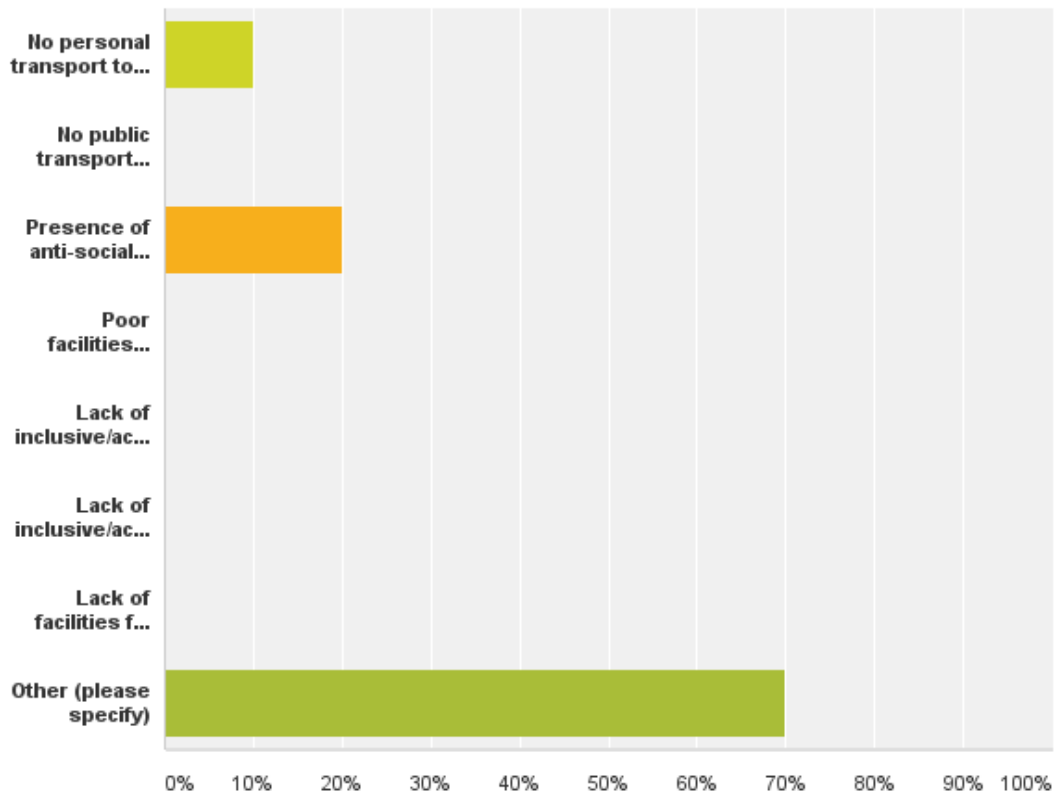
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Answer Choices	Responses
Partner/spouse	2.48% 3
Family/children	84.30% 102
Friends	1.65% 2
Group/Club (Formal)	0.83% 1
Group/Club (Informal)	0.83% 1
Alone	9.92% 12
Total	121

Q6 What is your primary reason for not using public parks/play parks in Mid Ulster?

Answered: 10 Skipped: 131



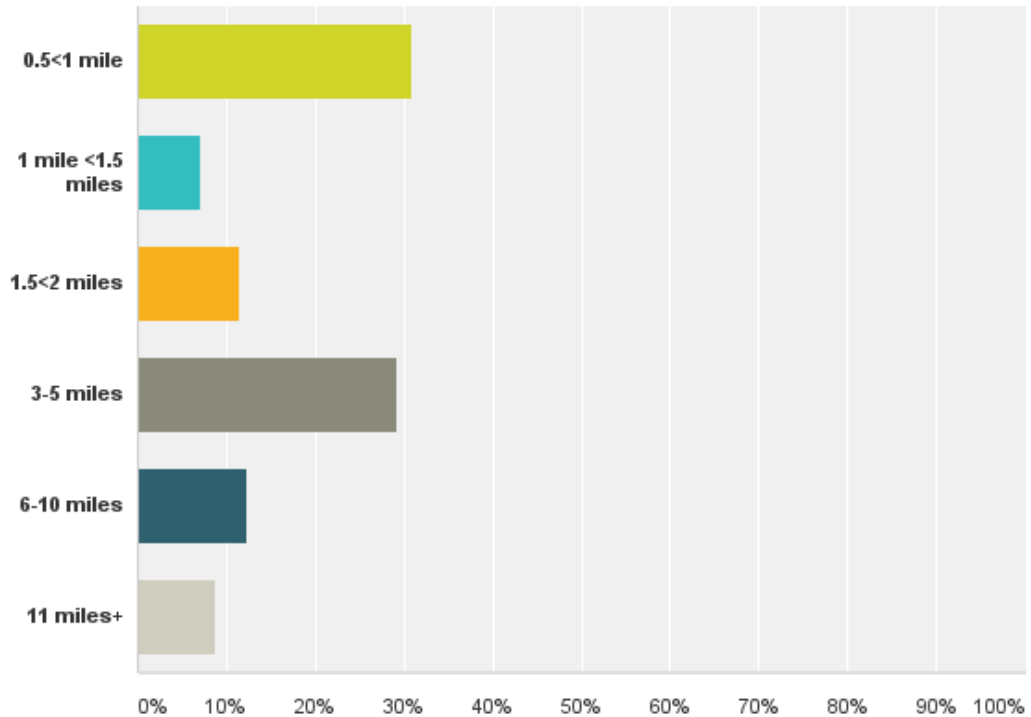
Answer Choices	Responses
▼ No personal transport to travel to park	10.00% 1
▼ No public transport available to park	0.00% 0
▼ Presence of anti-social behaviour within the park	20.00% 2
▼ Poor facilities (toilets, parking, bins, café)	0.00% 0
▼ Lack of inclusive/accessible play (limited or non-existent play facilities and changing for people with a disability - Physical, hearing, sight, learning, mental health or hidden)	0.00% 0
▼ Lack of inclusive/accessible toilet/changing facilities (facilities for those people with a disability - Physical, hearing, sight, learning, mental health or hidden)	0.00% 0
▼ Lack of facilities for those with limited mobility	0.00% 0
▼ Other (please specify) Responses	70.00% 7
Total Respondents: 10	

OTHER REASONS

Outdated equipment – 1; Distance – 1; Lack of parkland - 1; Nothing of interest/no reason to – 3.

Q7 How far approximately is this park/play park from your home? (miles)

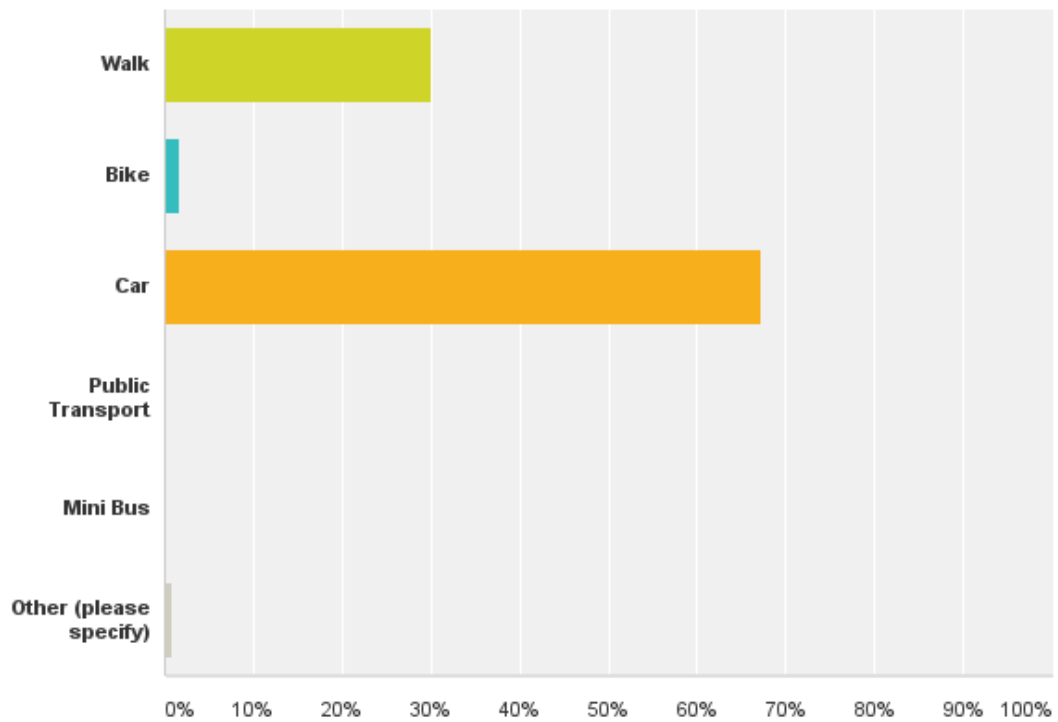
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Answer Choices	Responses	
0.5<1 mile	30.97%	35
1 mile <1.5 miles	7.08%	8
1.5<2 miles	11.50%	13
3-5 miles	29.20%	33
6-10 miles	12.39%	14
11 miles+	8.85%	10
Total		113

Q8 How do you travel to this park/play park

Answered: 113 Skipped: 28



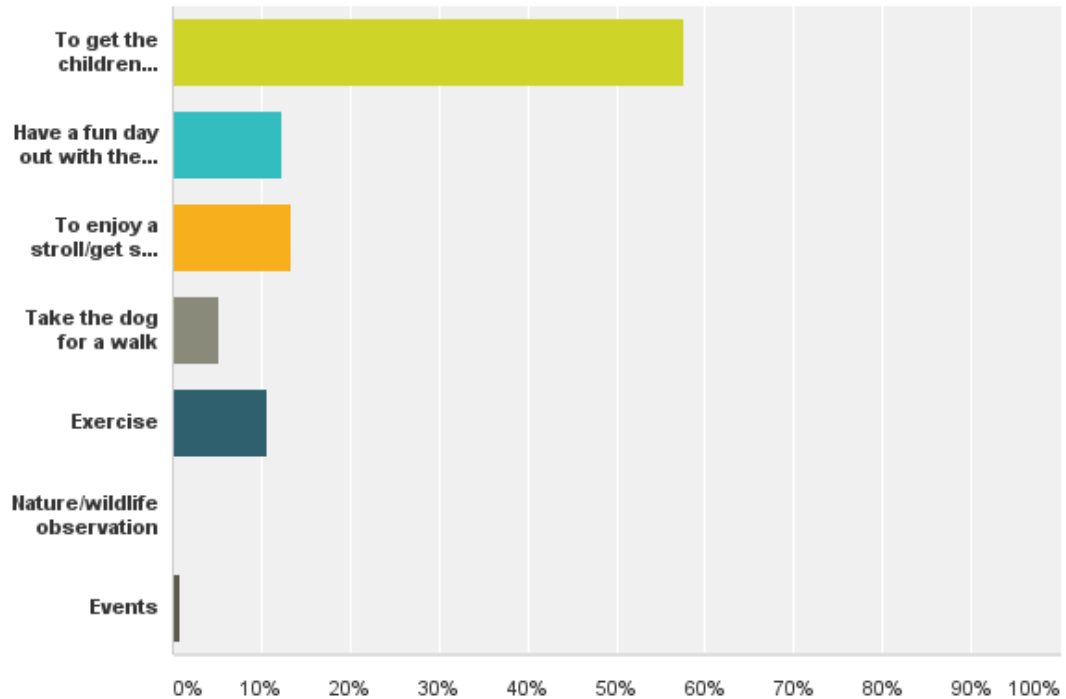
Answer Choices	Responses	
Walk	30.09%	34
Bike	1.77%	2
Car	67.26%	76
Public Transport	0.00%	0
Mini Bus	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	0.88%	1
Total		113

OTHER RESPONSES

The other response indicated that they walk but that the route was not ideal

Q9 What is your primary reason for visiting this park/play park?

Answered: 113 Skipped: 28



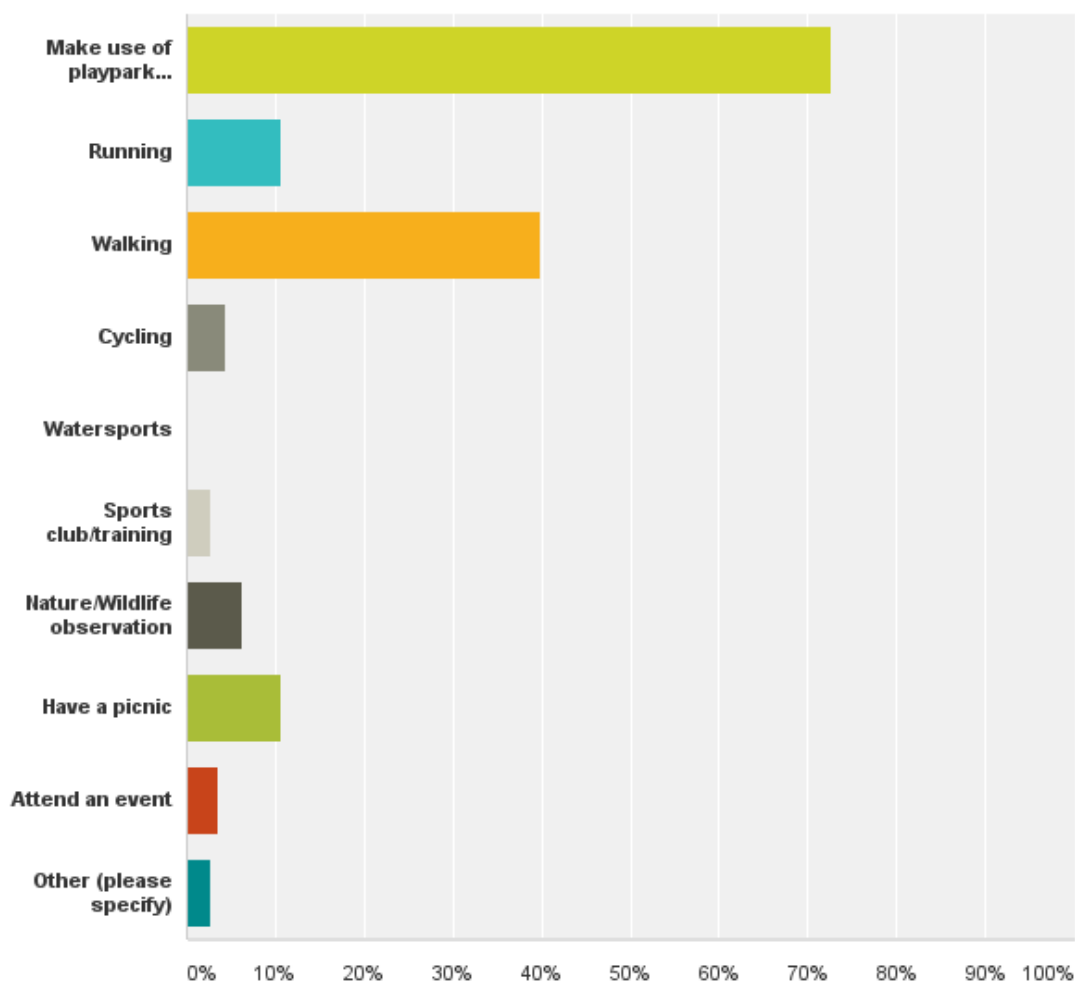
Answer Choices	Responses	
▼ To get the children outdoors for half an hour	57.52%	65
▼ Have a fun day out with the family	12.39%	14
▼ To enjoy a stroll/get some fresh air	13.27%	15
▼ Take the dog for a walk	5.31%	6
▼ Exercise	10.62%	12
▼ Nature/wildlife observation	0.00%	0
▼ Events	0.88%	1
Total	113	

ADDITIONAL COMMENTARY

Also, to kill time between school runs.
The closest play park for the children.
With my granddaughter.
To walk my disabled child.

Q10 What do you do at this park/play park?

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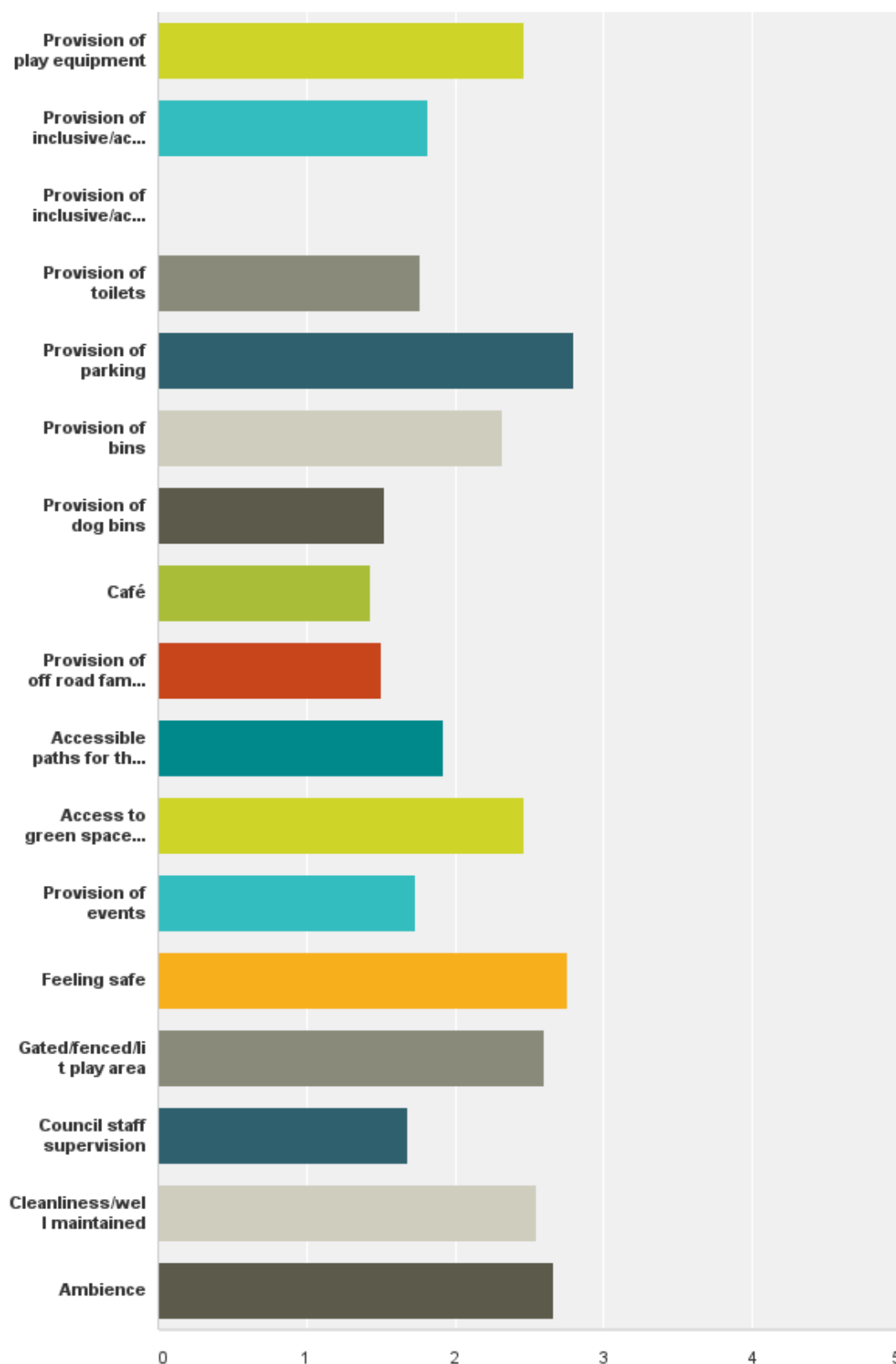
Answer Choices	Responses	
Make use of playpark facilities	72.57%	82
Running	10.62%	12
Walking	39.82%	45
Cycling	4.42%	5
Watersports	0.00%	0
Sports club/training	2.65%	3
Nature/Wildlife observation	6.19%	7
Have a picnic	10.62%	12
Attend an event	3.54%	4
Other (please specify)	2.65%	3
Total Respondents: 113		

OTHER ACTIVITIES

It is perfect for walking laps and we can choose to bring our young nephews to enjoy the river and small maze. Let the children play on the only 2 swings that are there. Just sit for a while nothing, there is for children with special needs to do.

Q11 On a scale of 1-5 (1 meaning Poor and 5 meaning Excellent) how would you rate this park/play park on each of the following?

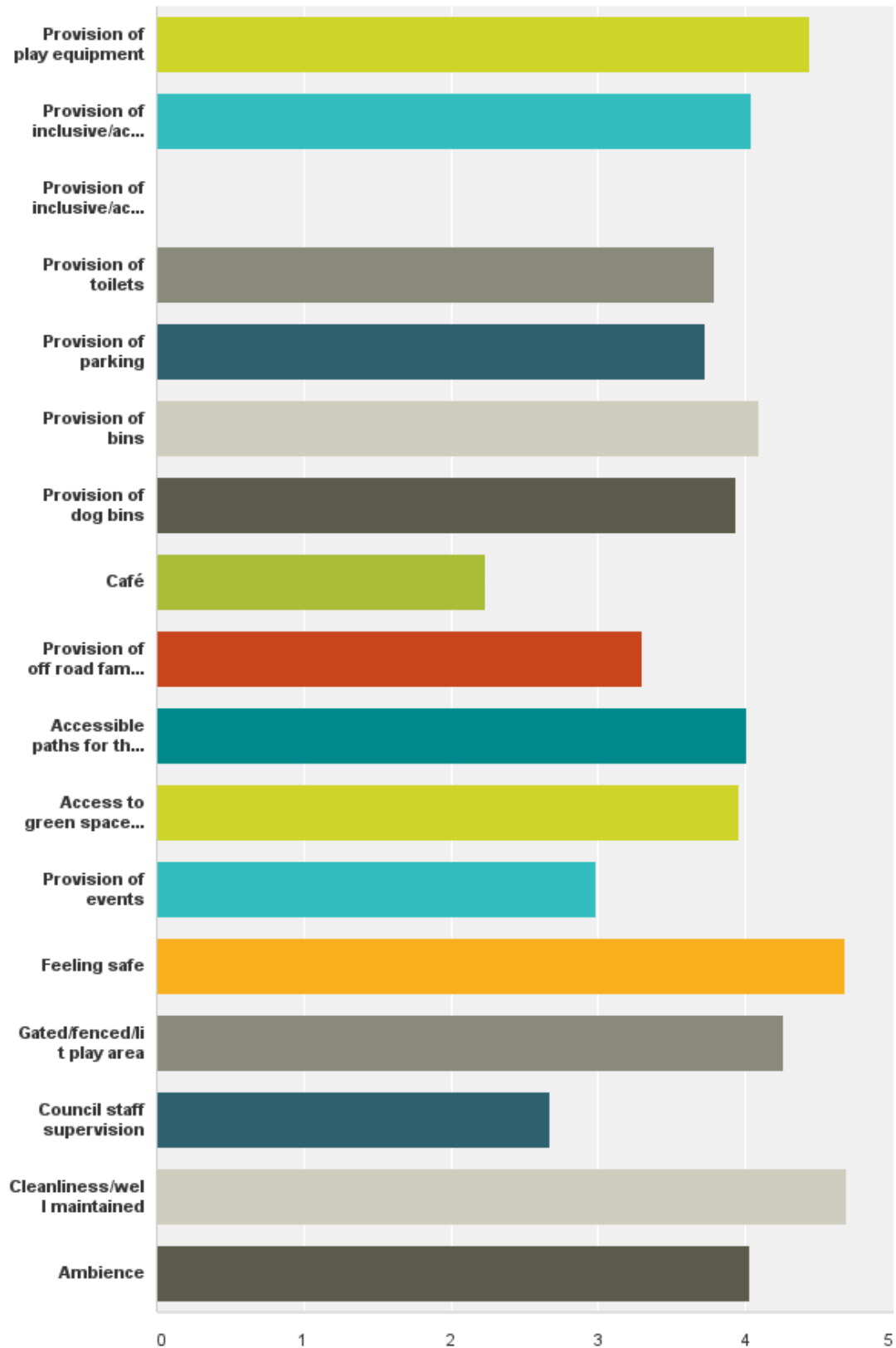
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	Poor	Satisfactory	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
Provision of play equipment	25.25% 25	27.27% 27	21.21% 21	16.16% 16	5.05% 5	5.05% 5	99	2.46
Provision of inclusive/accessible play equipment (play facilities and changing for people with a disability - Physical, hearing, sight, learning, mental health or hidden)	54.55% 54	14.14% 14	10.10% 10	11.11% 11	2.02% 2	8.08% 8	99	1.82
Provision of inclusive/accessible toilet/changing facilities (facilities for people with a disability - Physical, hearing, sight, learning, mental health or hidden)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0	0.00
Provision of toilets	53.54% 53	12.12% 12	13.13% 13	5.05% 5	3.03% 3	13.13% 13	99	1.76
Provision of parking	18.18% 18	20.20% 20	33.33% 33	15.15% 15	11.11% 11	2.02% 2	99	2.80
Provision of bins	19.19% 19	40.40% 40	29.29% 29	6.06% 6	3.03% 3	2.02% 2	99	2.32
Provision of dog bins	49.49% 49	19.19% 19	7.07% 7	1.01% 1	1.01% 1	22.22% 22	99	1.52
Café	48.48% 48	8.08% 8	4.04% 4	1.01% 1	2.02% 2	36.36% 36	99	1.43
Provision of off road family cycle trails	57.58% 57	6.06% 6	2.02% 2	2.02% 2	5.05% 5	27.27% 27	99	1.50
Accessible paths for those with limited mobility/wheelchair user	45.45% 45	15.15% 15	16.16% 16	2.02% 2	6.06% 6	15.15% 15	99	1.92
Access to green space (for walking or running)	24.24% 24	27.27% 27	19.19% 19	11.11% 11	8.08% 8	10.10% 10	99	2.46
Provision of events	44.44% 44	13.13% 13	9.09% 9	6.06% 6	1.01% 1	26.26% 26	99	1.73
Feeling safe	14.14% 14	28.28% 28	32.32% 32	18.18% 18	7.07% 7	0.00% 0	99	2.76
Gated/fenced/lit play area	23.23% 23	21.21% 21	29.29% 29	13.13% 13	8.08% 8	5.05% 5	99	2.60
Council staff supervision	41.41% 41	17.17% 17	10.10% 10	1.01% 1	2.02% 2	28.28% 28	99	1.68
Cleanliness/well maintained	18.18% 18	33.33% 33	27.27% 27	15.15% 15	5.05% 5	1.01% 1	99	2.55
Ambience	19.19% 19	30.30% 30	19.19% 19	18.18% 18	9.09% 9	4.04% 4	99	2.66

Q12 On a scale of 1-5 (1 meaning Poor and 5 meaning Excellent) how important are each of the following at this park/play park?

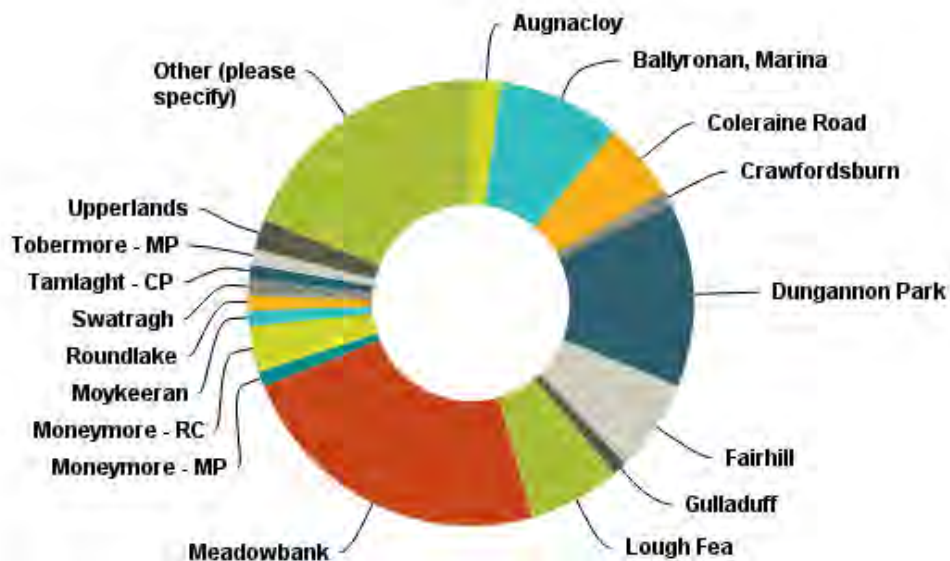
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	Not important at all	Slightly important	Important	Very important	Extremely important	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
Provision of play equipment	2.02% 2	2.02% 2	11.11% 11	18.18% 18	63.64% 63	3.03% 3	99	4.44
Provision of inclusive/accessible play equipment (play facilities and changing for people with a disability - Physical, hearing, sight, learning, mental health or hidden)	2.02% 2	6.06% 6	21.21% 21	21.21% 21	43.43% 43	6.06% 6	99	4.04
Provision of inclusive/accessible toilet/changing facilities (facilities for people with a disability - Physical, hearing, sight, learning, mental health or hidden)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0	0.00
Provision of toilets	7.07% 7	11.11% 11	17.17% 17	22.22% 22	40.40% 40	2.02% 2	99	3.79
Provision of parking	1.01% 1	12.12% 12	30.30% 30	24.24% 24	31.31% 31	1.01% 1	99	3.73
Provision of bins	1.01% 1	4.04% 4	19.19% 19	35.35% 35	39.39% 39	1.01% 1	99	4.09
Provision of dog bins	2.02% 2	2.02% 2	28.28% 28	29.29% 29	32.32% 32	6.06% 6	99	3.94
Café	36.36% 36	22.22% 22	14.14% 14	11.11% 11	7.07% 7	9.09% 9	99	2.23
Provision of off road family cycle trails	9.09% 9	12.12% 12	30.30% 30	16.16% 16	20.20% 20	12.12% 12	99	3.30
Accessible paths for those with limited mobility/wheelchair user	4.04% 4	2.02% 2	25.25% 25	21.21% 21	42.42% 42	5.05% 5	99	4.01
Access to green space (for walking or running)	3.03% 3	5.05% 5	25.25% 25	20.20% 20	40.40% 40	6.06% 6	99	3.96
Provision of events	14.14% 14	16.16% 16	25.25% 25	19.19% 19	12.12% 12	13.13% 13	99	2.99
Feeling safe	0.00% 0	1.01% 1	6.06% 6	16.16% 16	75.76% 75	1.01% 1	99	4.68
Gated/fenced/lit play area	2.02% 2	3.03% 3	16.16% 16	22.22% 22	53.54% 53	3.03% 3	99	4.26
Council staff supervision	17.17% 17	27.27% 27	26.26% 26	11.11% 11	10.10% 10	8.08% 8	99	2.67
Cleanliness/well maintained	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3.03% 3	24.24% 24	70.71% 70	2.02% 2	99	4.69
Ambience	1.01% 1	3.03% 3	29.29% 29	21.21% 21	41.41% 41	4.04% 4	99	4.03

Q13 Please can you state which park/play park is your favourite park/playpark in Mid Ulster? (If you cannot locate the park you require from the drop down list please state name or street name under 'Other' at bottom of the drop down list).

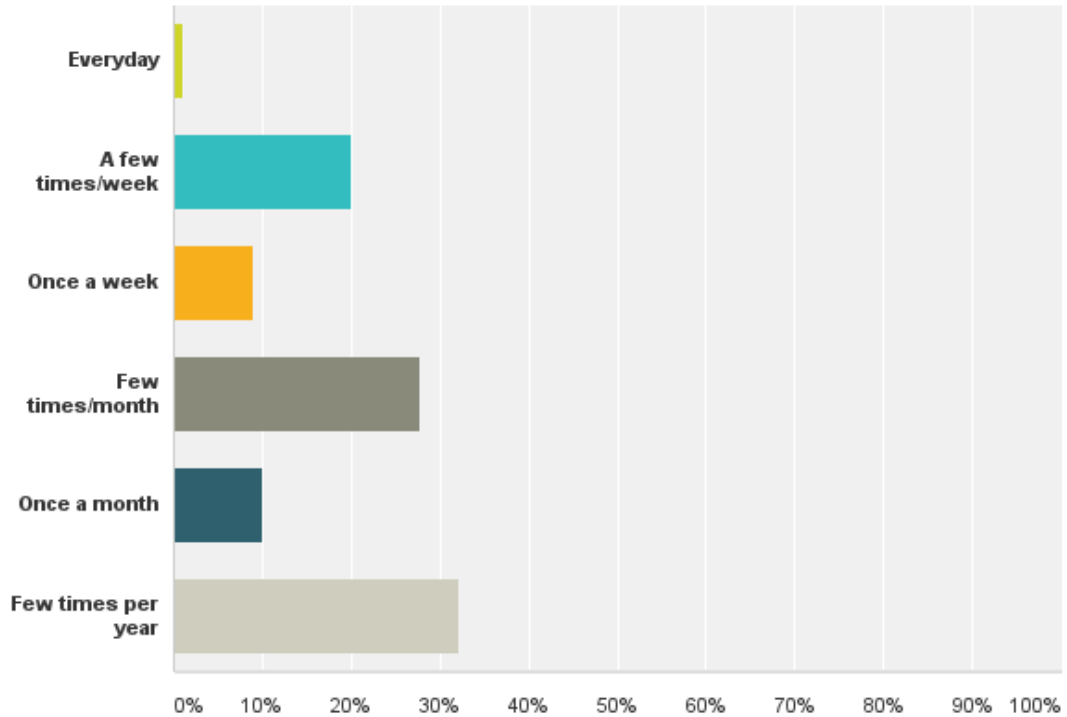
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Answer Choices	Responses	
➤ Augnacloy	2.22%	2
➤ Ballyronan, Marina	8.89%	8
➤ Coleraine Road	5.56%	5
➤ Crawfordsburn	1.11%	1
➤ Dungannon Park	13.33%	12
➤ Fairhill	6.67%	6
➤ Gulladuff	1.11%	1
➤ Lough Fea	6.67%	6
➤ Meadowbank	23.33%	21
➤ Moneymore, Manor Park	1.11%	1
➤ Moneymore, Recreation Centre	3.33%	3
➤ Moykeeran Draperstown	1.11%	1
➤ Roundlake Fivemiltown	1.11%	1
➤ Swatragh	1.11%	1
➤ Tamlaght, Church Park	1.11%	1
➤ Tobermore, Mill Park	1.11%	1
➤ Upperlands	2.22%	2
➤ Other (please specify)	Responses 18.89%	17
Total		90

Q14 Thinking about your favourite park/playpark, how often would you use this park/play park?

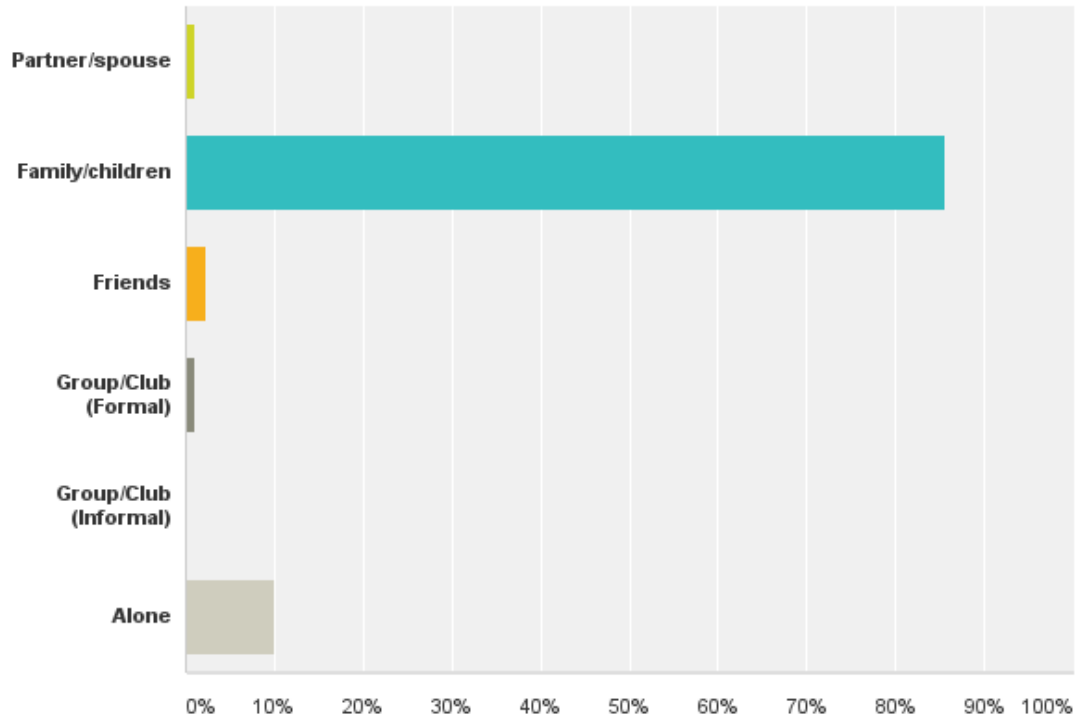
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Everyday	1.11%	1
A few times/week	20.00%	18
Once a week	8.89%	8
Few times/month	27.78%	25
Once a month	10.00%	9
Few times per year	32.22%	29
Total		90

Q15 Who do you normally visit this park/play park with?

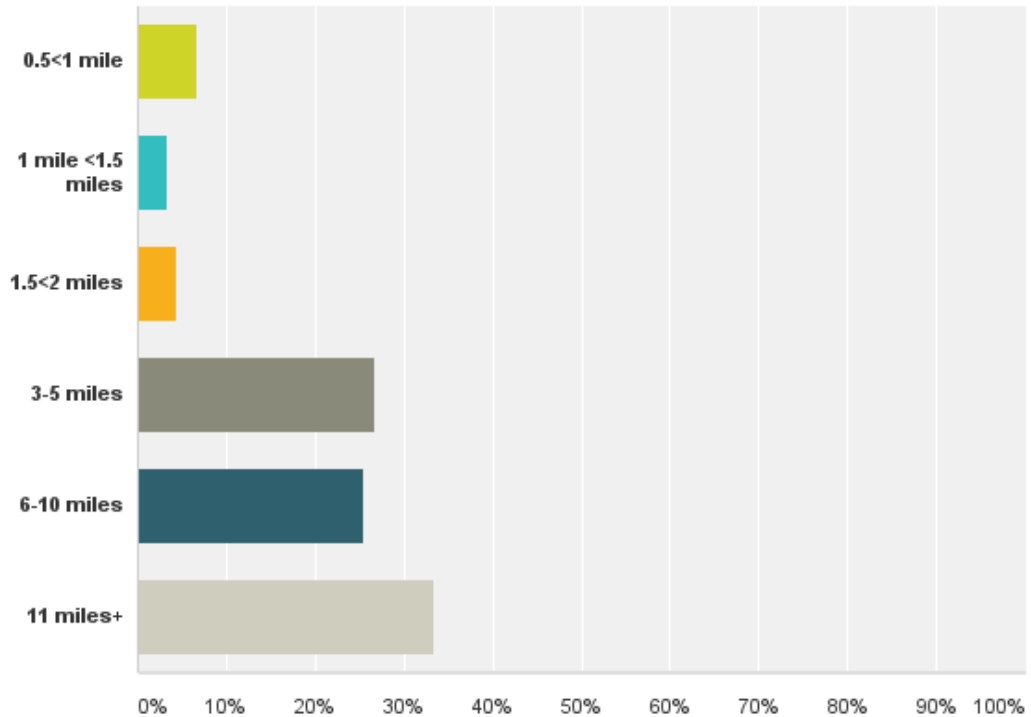
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Partner/spouse	1.11%	1
Family/children	85.56%	77
Friends	2.22%	2
Group/Club (Formal)	1.11%	1
Group/Club (Informal)	0.00%	0
Alone	10.00%	9
Total		90

Q16 How far approximately is this park/play park from your home? (miles)

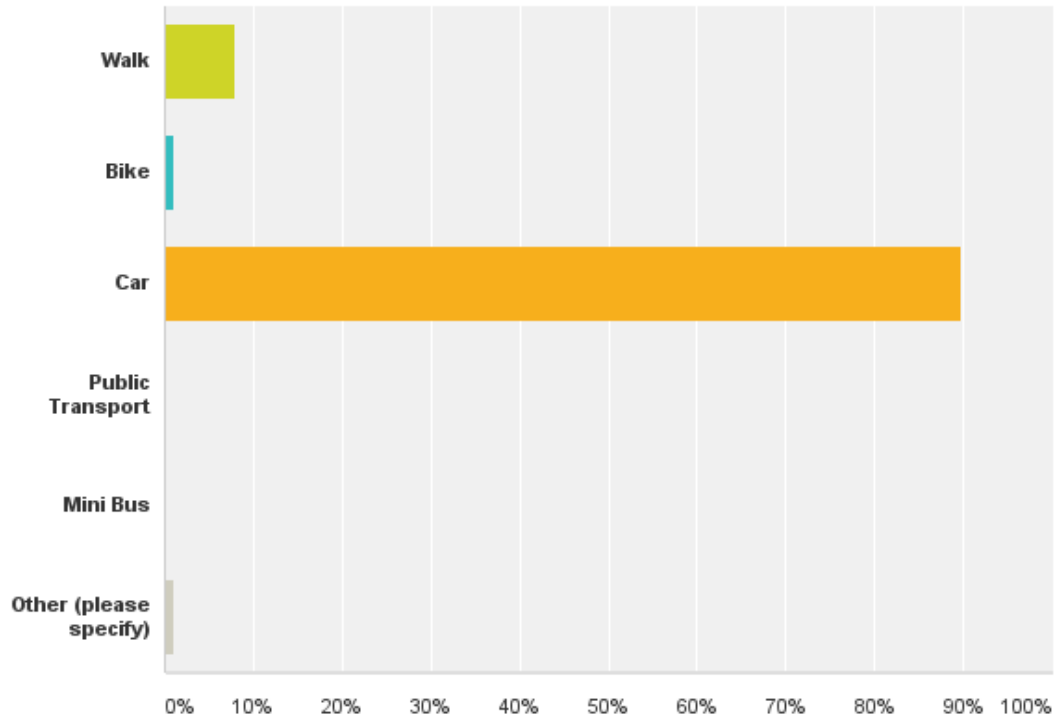
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Answer Choices	Responses	
0.5<1 mile	6.67%	6
1 mile <1.5 miles	3.33%	3
1.5<2 miles	4.44%	4
3-5 miles	26.67%	24
6-10 miles	25.56%	23
11 miles+	33.33%	30
Total		90

Q17 How do you travel to this park/play park

Answered: 88 Skipped: 53



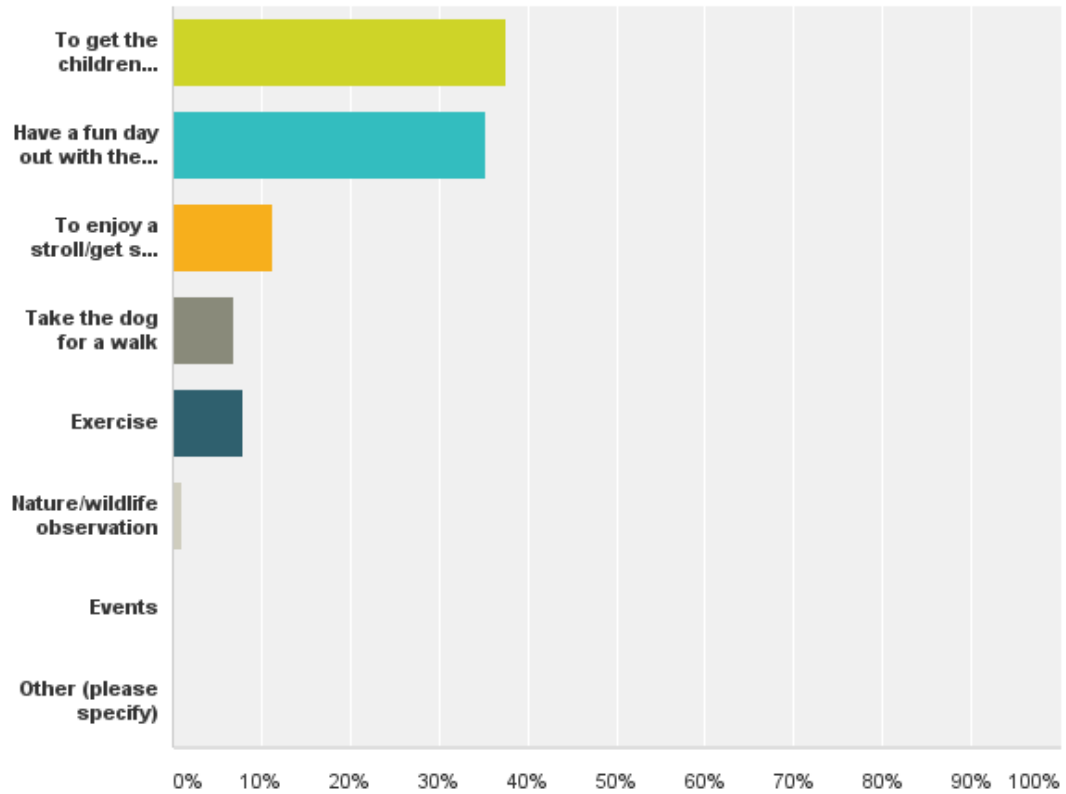
Answer Choices	Responses
Walk	7.95% 7
Bike	1.14% 1
Car	89.77% 79
Public Transport	0.00% 0
Mini Bus	0.00% 0
Other (please specify)	1.14% 1
Total	88

OTHER COMMENTS

Irrelevant as it highlights only a lack of a good local park.

Q18 What is your primary reason for visiting this park/play park?

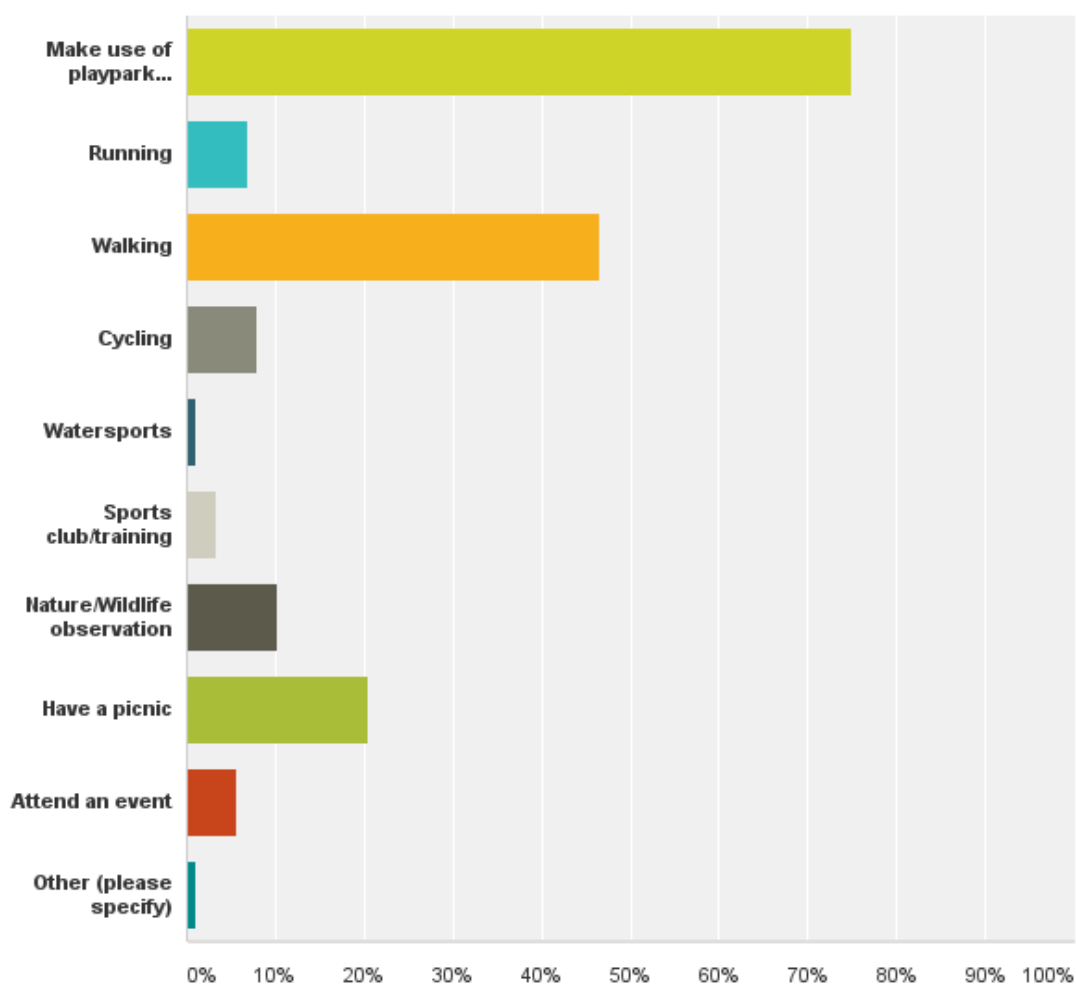
Answered: 88 Skipped: 53



Answer Choices	Responses	
▼ To get the children outdoors for half an hour	37.50%	33
▼ Have a fun day out with the family	35.23%	31
▼ To enjoy a stroll/get some fresh air	11.36%	10
▼ Take the dog for a walk	6.82%	6
▼ Exercise	7.95%	7
▼ Nature/wildlife observation	1.14%	1
▼ Events	0.00%	0
▼ Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
Total		88

Q19 What do you do at this park/play park?

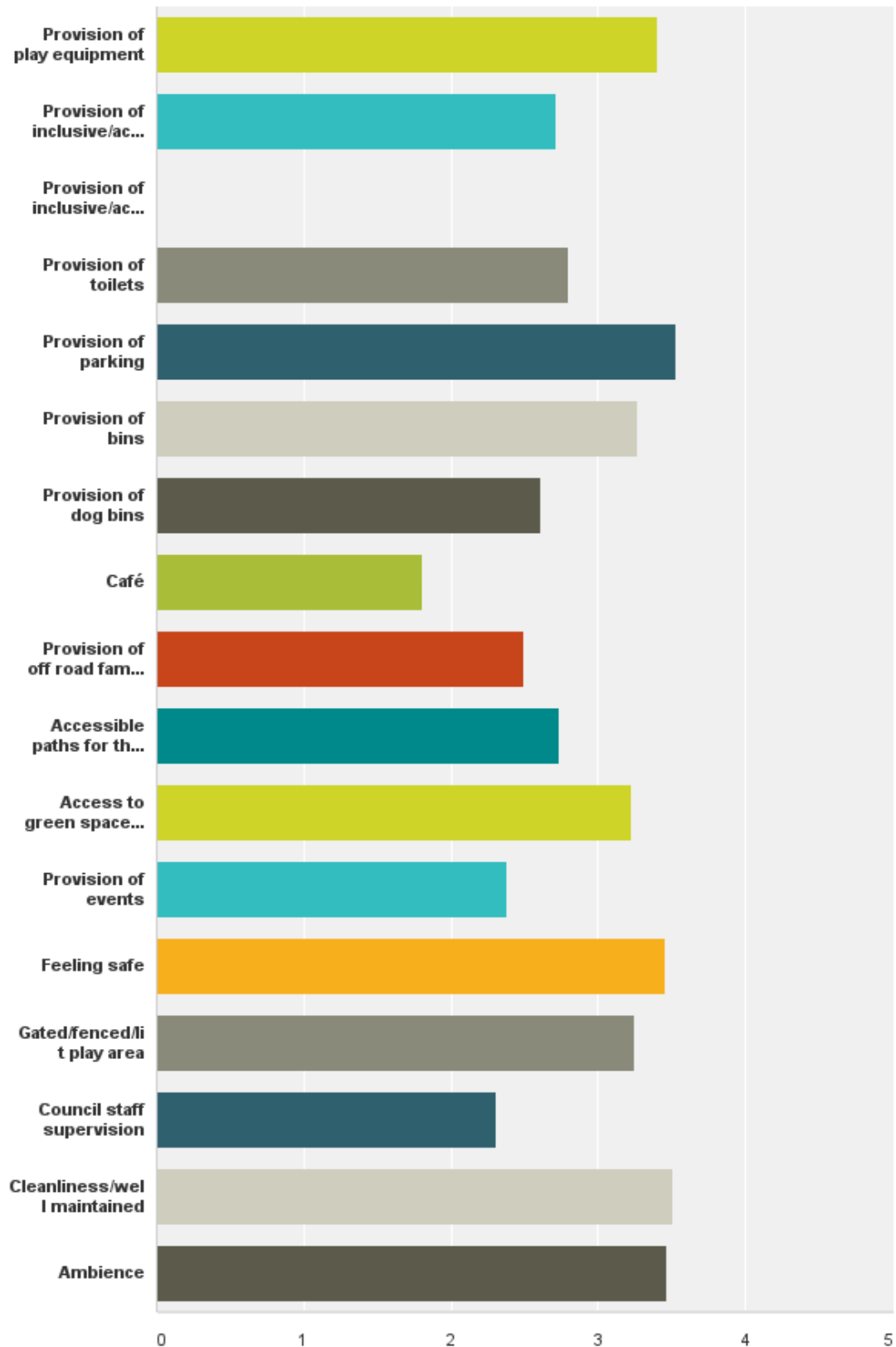
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Make use of playpark facilities	75.00%	66
Running	6.82%	6
Walking	46.59%	41
Cycling	7.95%	7
Watersports	1.14%	1
Sports club/training	3.41%	3
Nature/Wildlife observation	10.23%	9
Have a picnic	20.45%	18
Attend an event	5.68%	5
Other (please specify)	1.14%	1
Total Respondents: 88		

Q20 On a scale of 1-5 (1 meaning Poor and 5 meaning Excellent) how would you rate your favourite park/play park on each of the following

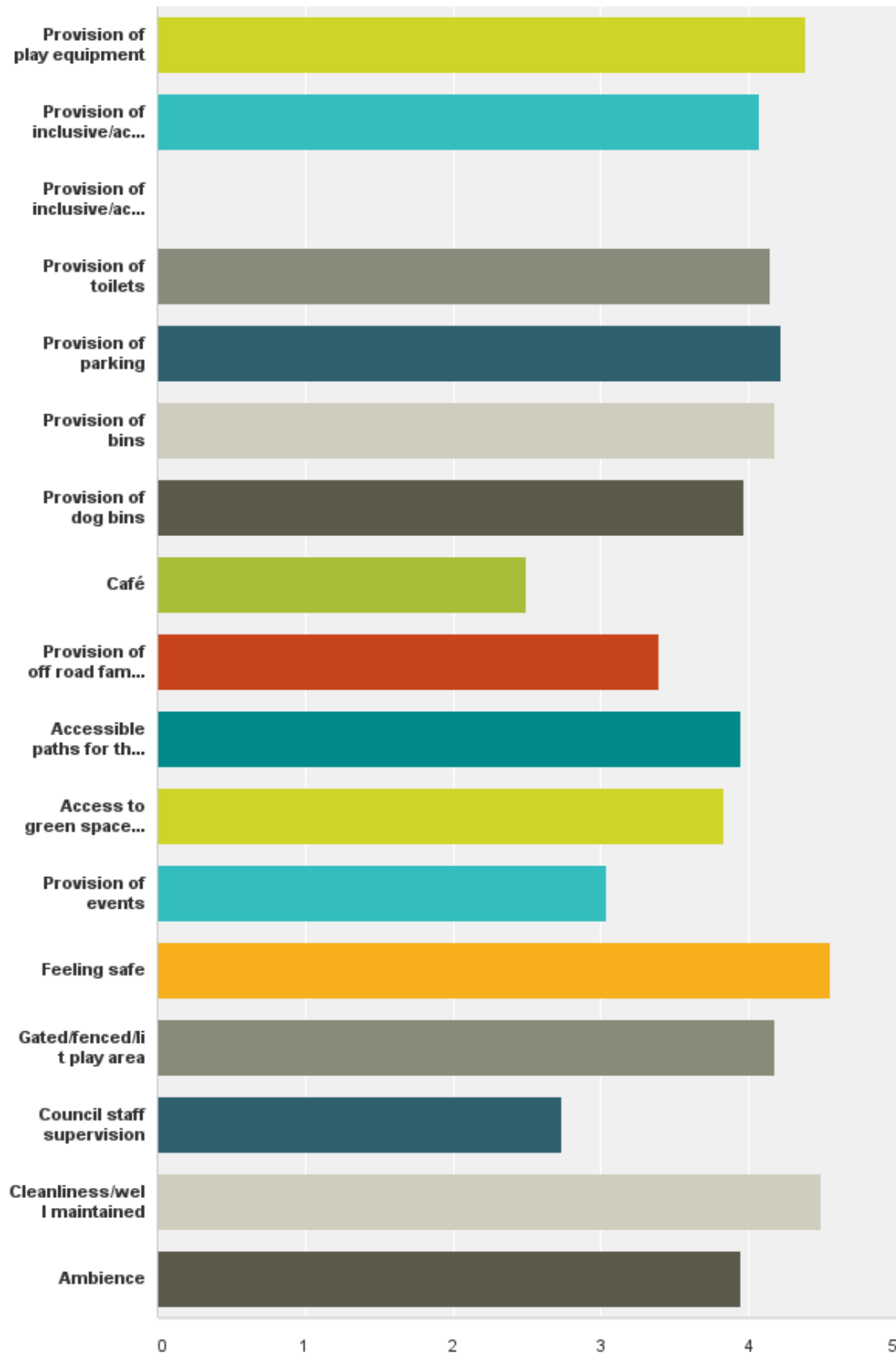
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	Poor	Satisfactory	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
Provision of play equipment	8.97% 7	15.38% 12	23.08% 18	25.64% 20	23.08% 18	3.85% 3	78	3.40
Provision of inclusive/accessible play equipment (play facilities and changing for people with a disability - Physical, hearing, sight, learning, mental health or hidden)	24.36% 19	17.95% 14	24.36% 19	11.54% 9	14.10% 11	7.69% 6	78	2.71
Provision of inclusive/accessible toilet/changing facilities (facilities for people with a disability - Physical, hearing, sight, learning, mental health or hidden)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0	0.00
Provision of toilets	25.64% 20	8.97% 7	26.92% 21	16.67% 13	12.82% 10	8.97% 7	78	2.80
Provision of parking	5.13% 4	11.54% 9	33.33% 26	23.08% 18	25.64% 20	1.28% 1	78	3.53
Provision of bins	1.28% 1	20.51% 16	43.59% 34	16.67% 13	16.67% 13	1.28% 1	78	3.27
Provision of dog bins	16.67% 13	20.51% 16	25.64% 20	7.69% 6	7.69% 6	21.79% 17	78	2.61
Café	33.33% 26	7.69% 6	7.69% 6	3.85% 3	2.56% 2	44.87% 35	78	1.81
Provision of off road family cycle trails	28.21% 22	11.54% 9	11.54% 9	6.41% 5	12.82% 10	29.49% 23	78	2.49
Accessible paths for those with limited mobility/wheelchair user	20.51% 16	17.95% 14	23.08% 18	12.82% 10	11.54% 9	14.10% 11	78	2.73
Access to green space (for walking or running)	15.38% 12	11.54% 9	21.79% 17	19.23% 15	21.79% 17	10.26% 8	78	3.23
Provision of events	21.79% 17	23.08% 18	20.51% 16	3.85% 3	7.69% 6	23.08% 18	78	2.38
Feeling safe	2.56% 2	17.95% 14	34.62% 27	19.23% 15	24.36% 19	1.28% 1	78	3.45
Gated/fenced/lit play area	11.54% 9	20.51% 16	21.79% 17	16.67% 13	25.64% 20	3.85% 3	78	3.25
Council staff supervision	24.36% 19	24.36% 19	14.10% 11	5.13% 4	7.69% 6	24.36% 19	78	2.31
Cleanliness/well maintained	2.56% 2	12.82% 10	32.05% 25	32.05% 25	17.95% 14	2.56% 2	78	3.51
Ambience	3.85% 3	12.82% 10	33.33% 26	28.21% 22	19.23% 15	2.56% 2	78	3.47

Q21 On a scale of 1-5 (1 meaning Poor and 5 meaning Excellent) how important to you are each of the following at your favourite park/play park?

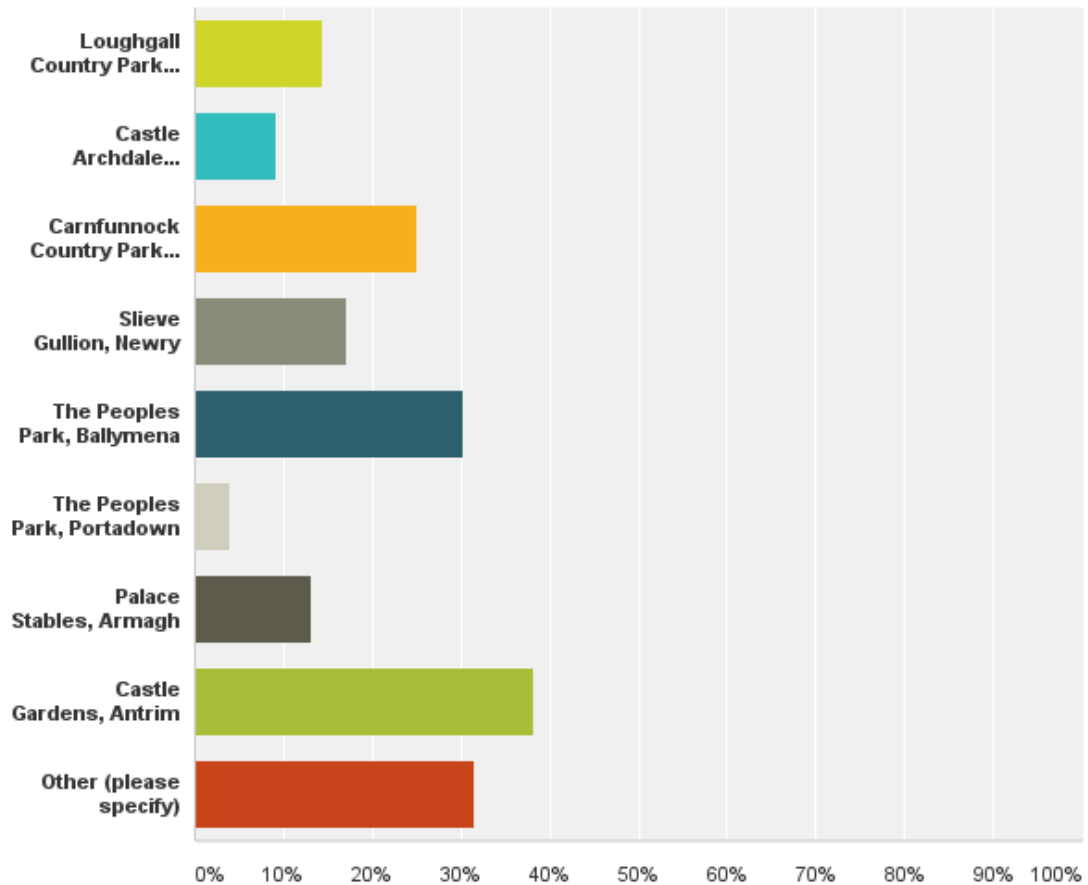
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	Not important at all	Slightly important	Important	Very important	Extremely important	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
Provision of play equipment	2.56% 2	5.13% 4	7.69% 6	19.23% 15	62.82% 49	2.56% 2	78	4.3
Provision of inclusive/accessible play equipment (play facilities and changing for people with a disability - Physical, hearing, sight, learning, mental health or hidden)	2.56% 2	5.13% 4	15.38% 12	33.33% 26	39.74% 31	3.85% 3	78	4.0
Provision of inclusive/accessible toilet/changing facilities (facilities for people with a disability - Physical, hearing, sight, learning, mental health or hidden)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0	0.0
Provision of toilets	3.85% 3	1.28% 1	17.95% 14	29.49% 23	46.15% 36	1.28% 1	78	4.1
Provision of parking	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	19.23% 15	38.46% 30	41.03% 32	1.28% 1	78	4.2
Provision of bins	0.00% 0	2.56% 2	17.95% 14	35.90% 28	41.03% 32	2.56% 2	78	4.1
Provision of dog bins	0.00% 0	5.13% 4	24.36% 19	32.05% 25	32.05% 25	6.41% 5	78	3.9
Café	26.92% 21	19.23% 15	21.79% 17	8.97% 7	10.26% 8	12.82% 10	78	2.5
Provision of off road family cycle trails	7.69% 6	14.10% 11	28.21% 22	16.67% 13	24.36% 19	8.97% 7	78	3.3
Accessible paths for those with limited mobility/wheelchair user	1.28% 1	5.13% 4	26.92% 21	24.36% 19	35.90% 28	6.41% 5	78	3.9
Access to green space (for walking or running)	1.28% 1	3.85% 3	35.90% 28	24.36% 19	30.77% 24	3.85% 3	78	3.8
Provision of events	14.10% 11	15.38% 12	32.05% 25	11.54% 9	17.95% 14	8.97% 7	78	3.0
Feeling safe	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	11.54% 9	21.79% 17	65.38% 51	1.28% 1	78	4.5
Gated/fenced/lit play area	2.56% 2	6.41% 5	14.10% 11	21.79% 17	52.56% 41	2.56% 2	78	4.1
Council staff supervision	19.23% 15	17.95% 14	30.77% 24	10.26% 8	11.54% 9	10.26% 8	78	2.7
Cleanliness/well maintained	1.28% 1	1.28% 1	8.97% 7	23.08% 18	64.10% 50	1.28% 1	78	4.4
Ambience	2.56% 2	0.00% 0	34.62% 27	23.08% 18	37.18% 29	2.56% 2	78	3.9

Q22 Which park(s)/play park(s) outside the Council district have you visited in the last 12 months?

Answered: 76 Skipped: 65



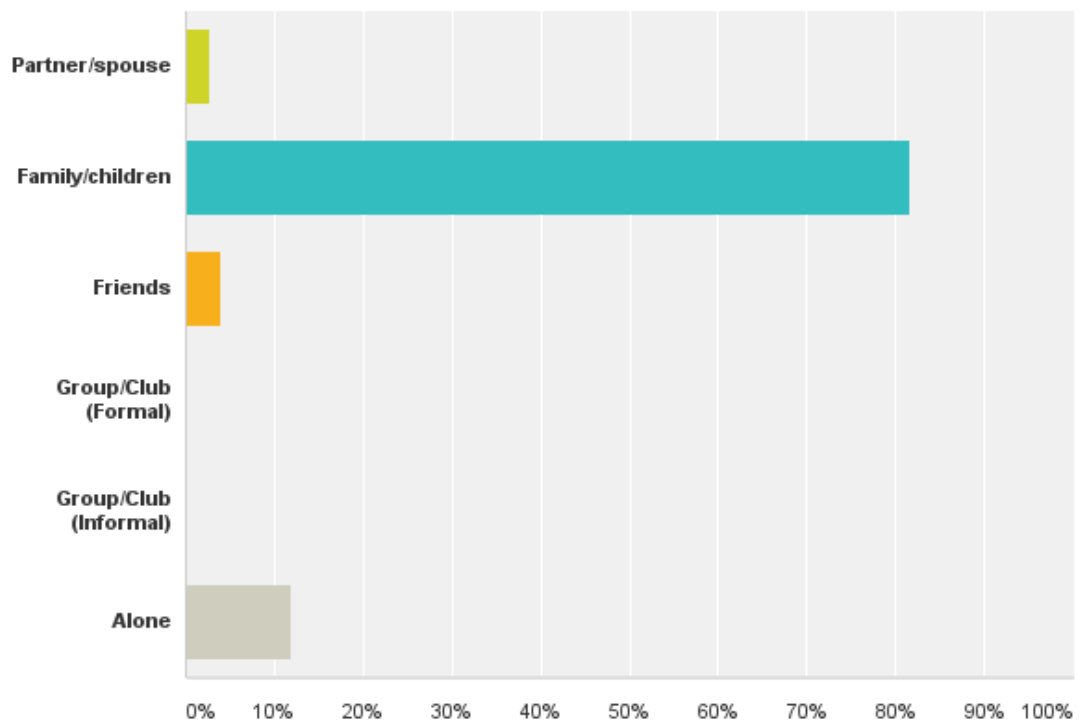
Answer Choices	Responses	
▼ Loughgall Country Park, Loughgall	14.47%	11
▼ Castle Archdale Country Park, Fermanagh	9.21%	7
▼ Carnfunnock Country Park, Larne	25.00%	19
▼ Slieve Gullion, Newry	17.11%	13
▼ The Peoples Park, Ballymena	30.26%	23
▼ The Peoples Park, Portadown	3.95%	3
▼ Palace Stables, Armagh	13.16%	10
▼ Castle Gardens, Antrim	38.16%	29
▼ Other (please specify)	31.58%	24
Total Respondents: 76		

OTHER PARKS

No parks outside District – 7; Peatlands Park – 2; Singular mentions: Ballycastle; Victoria Park; Banagher Dam; Cranfield Play Parks; Lurgan; Craigavon Lakes; Portrush; Claudy; Kilrea; Roe Valley Country Park; Ballymoney; Address; Navan; Portglenone; Marine Gardens Carrickfergus; Flower Arts Centre Portstewart.

Q23 Who did you visit this park/play park with?

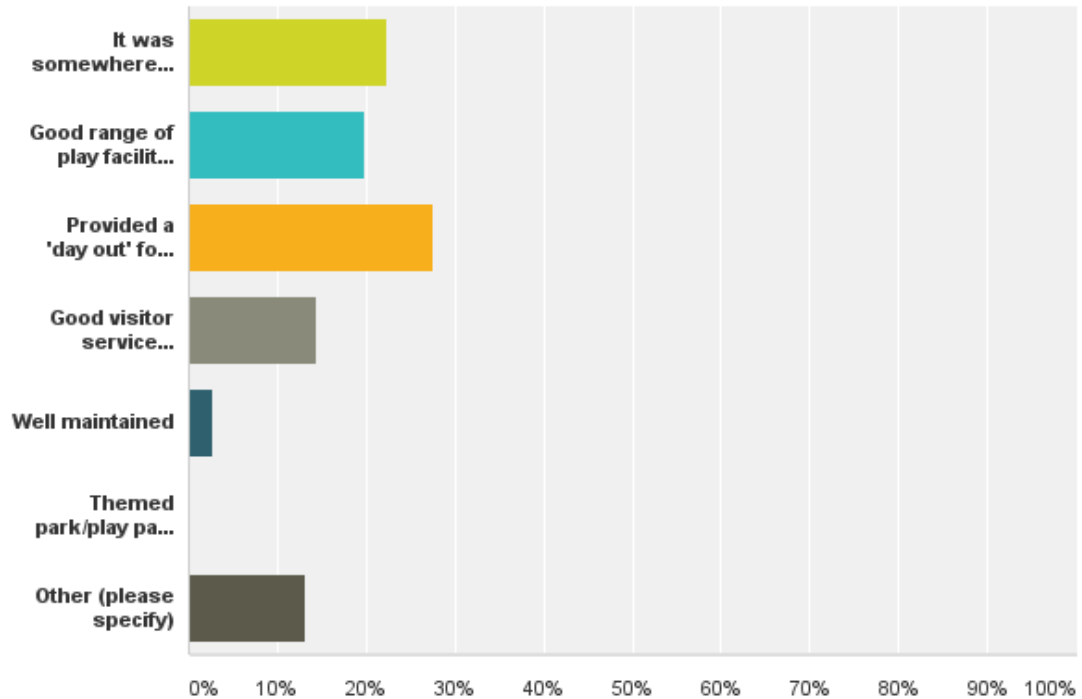
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Partner/spouse	2.63%	2
Family/children	81.58%	62
Friends	3.95%	3
Group/Club (Formal)	0.00%	0
Group/Club (Informal)	0.00%	0
Alone	11.84%	9
Total		76

Q24 What was your primary reason for visiting this park(s)/play park(s)?

Answered: 76 Skipped: 65



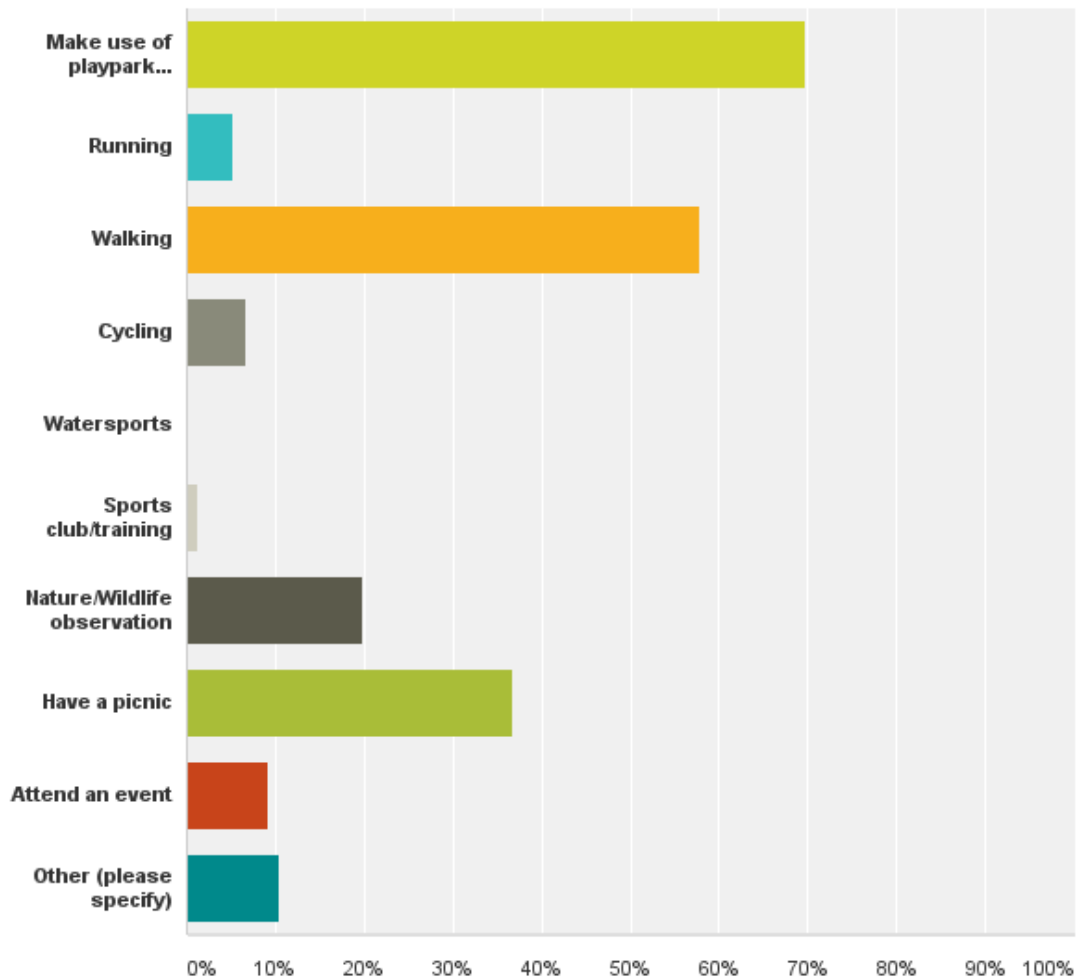
Answer Choices	Responses	
▼ It was somewhere different to go	22.37%	17
▼ Good range of play facilities for all ages	19.74%	15
▼ Provided a 'day out' for all the family	27.63%	21
▼ Good visitor service facilities e.g. Visitor Centre, café, toilets etc.	14.47%	11
▼ Well maintained	2.63%	2
▼ Themed park/play park visitor attraction	0.00%	0
▼ Other (please specify) Responses	13.16%	10
Total		76

OTHER RESPONSES

Not applicable – 6; Nature and natural unkempt features – 2. Singular responses: event such as Park Run; Close to home; changing facilities for disabled person.

Q25 What did do you do at this park/play park?

Answered: 76 Skipped: 65



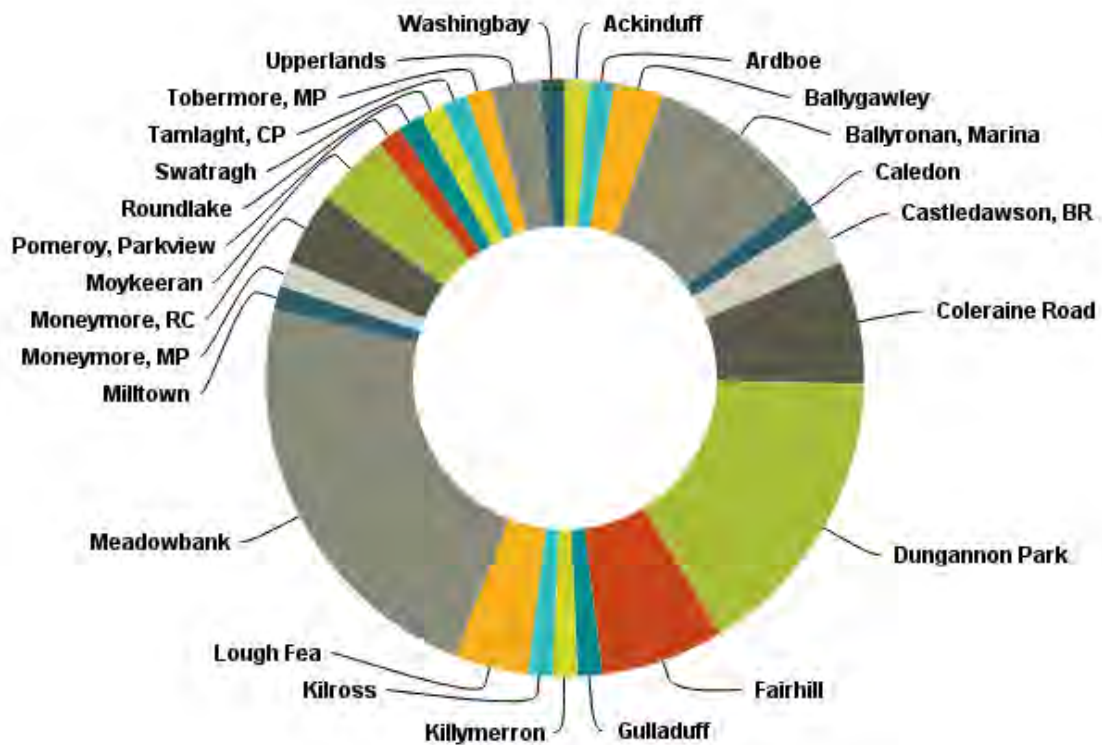
Answer Choices	Responses	
Make use of playpark facilities	69.74%	53
Running	5.26%	4
Walking	57.89%	44
Cycling	6.58%	5
Watersports	0.00%	0
Sports club/training	1.32%	1
Nature/Wildlife observation	19.74%	15
Have a picnic	36.84%	28
Attend an event	9.21%	7
Other (please specify)	10.53%	8
Total Respondents: 76		

OTHER RESPONSES

Nothing – 5; walked the dog -2; Singular response - It has full range of disabled facilities and inclusive play for my disabled daughter to play with others with no disabilities together, it has also got sensory garden and disabled picnic tables for wheelchair use.

Q26 Can you please can you state again which park/play park is your favourite park in Mid Ulster? (If you cannot locate the park you require from the drop down list please state name or street name).

Answered: 75 Skipped: 66



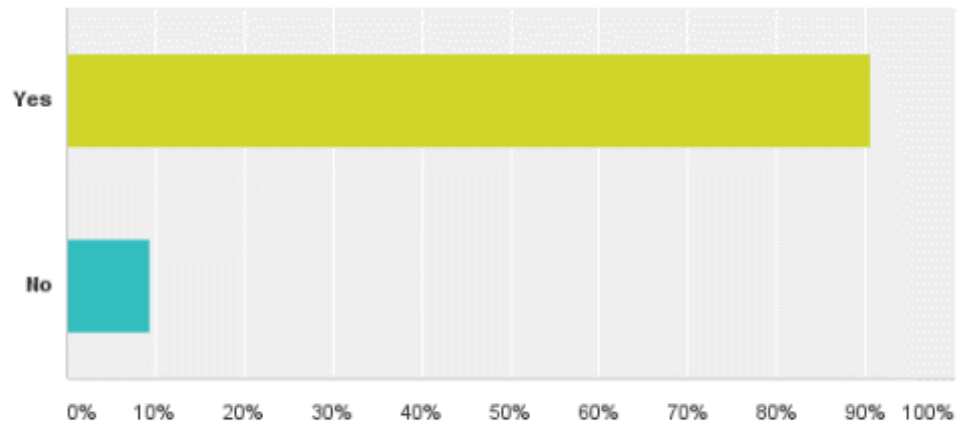
Answer Choices	Responses	
Ackinduff	1.33%	1
Ardboe	1.33%	1
Ballygawley	2.67%	2
Ballyronan, Marina	9.33%	7
Caledon	1.33%	1
Castledawson, Boyne Row	2.67%	2
Coleraine Road	6.67%	5
Dungannon Park	16.00%	12
Fairhill	6.67%	5
Gulladuff	1.33%	1
Killymerron	1.33%	1
Kilross	1.33%	1
Lough Fea	4.00%	3
Meadowbank	22.67%	17
Milltown	1.33%	1
Moneymore, Manor Park	1.33%	1
Moneymore, Recreation Centre	4.00%	3
Moykeeran	4.00%	3
Pomeroy, Parkview	1.33%	1
Roundlake	1.33%	1
Swatragh	1.33%	1
Tamlaght, Church Park	1.33%	1
Tobermore, Mill Park	1.33%	1
Upperlands	2.67%	2
Washingbay	1.33%	1
Total		75

OTHER PARKS/PLAY PARKS

Drum Manor - 3; Pomeroy Forest – 2. Other singular mentions: Glenmore Walk; Maghera; Maghera Leisure Centre.

Q27 Did you have children accompanying you who used the play park?

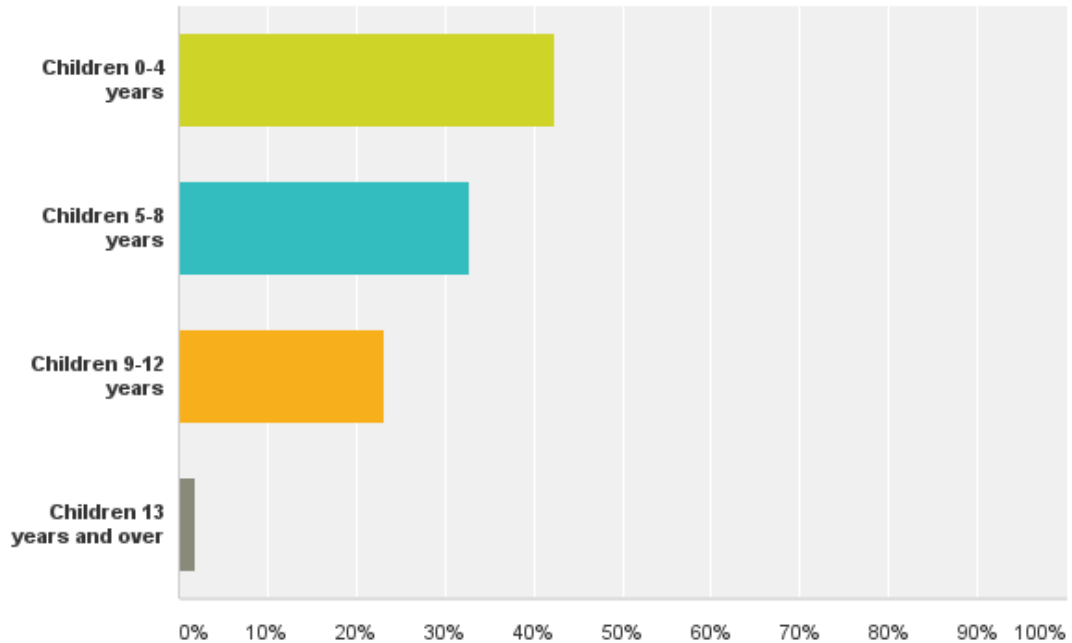
Answered: 75 Skipped: 66



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	90.67%	68
No	9.33%	7
Total		75

Q28 What age were the children who use this play park?

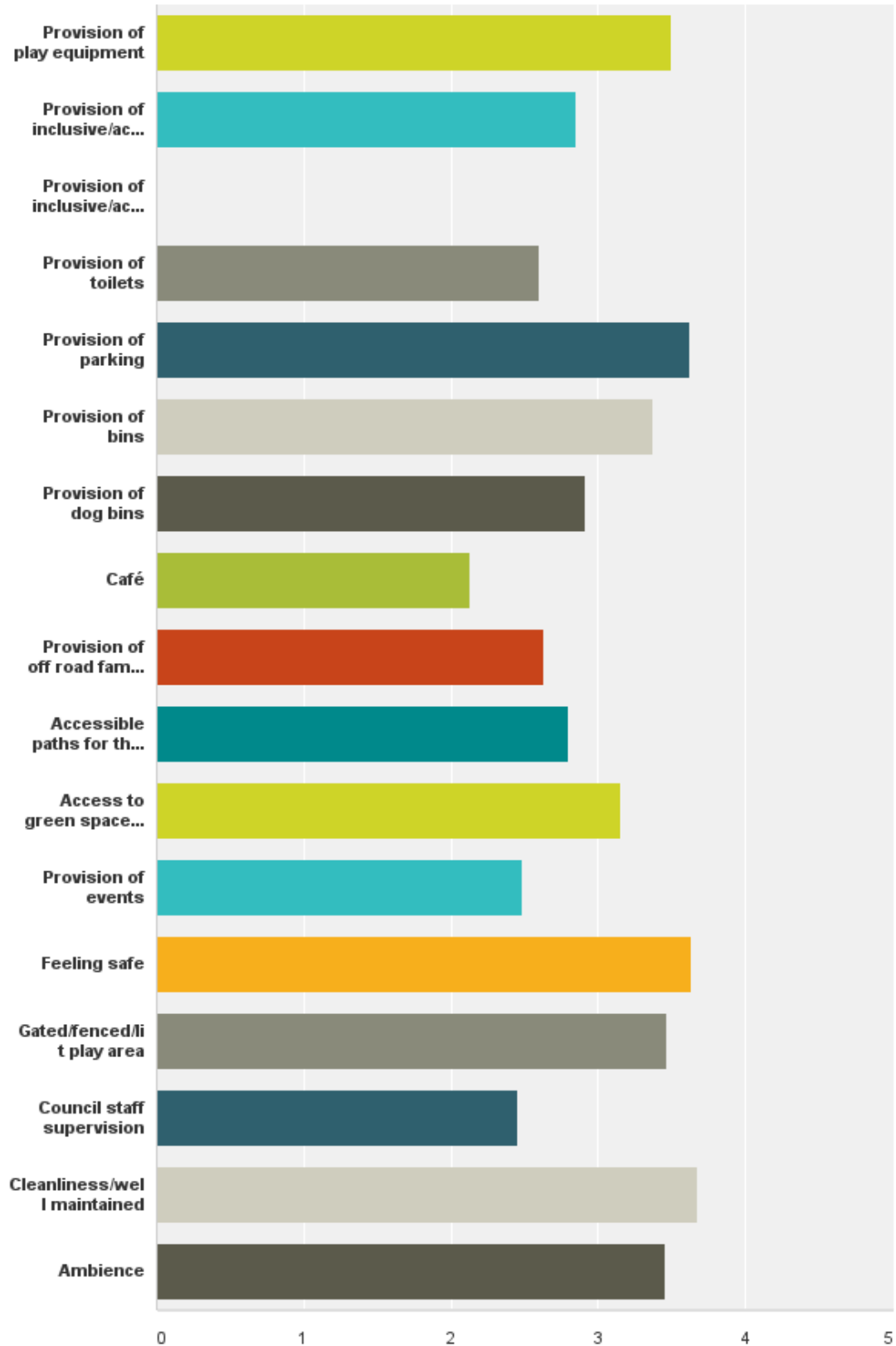
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Children 0-4 years	42.31%	22
Children 5-8 years	32.69%	17
Children 9-12 years	23.08%	12
Children 13 years and over	1.92%	1
Total		52

Q29 On a scale of 1-5 (1 meaning Poor and 5 meaning Excellent) how would you rate this play park on each of the following

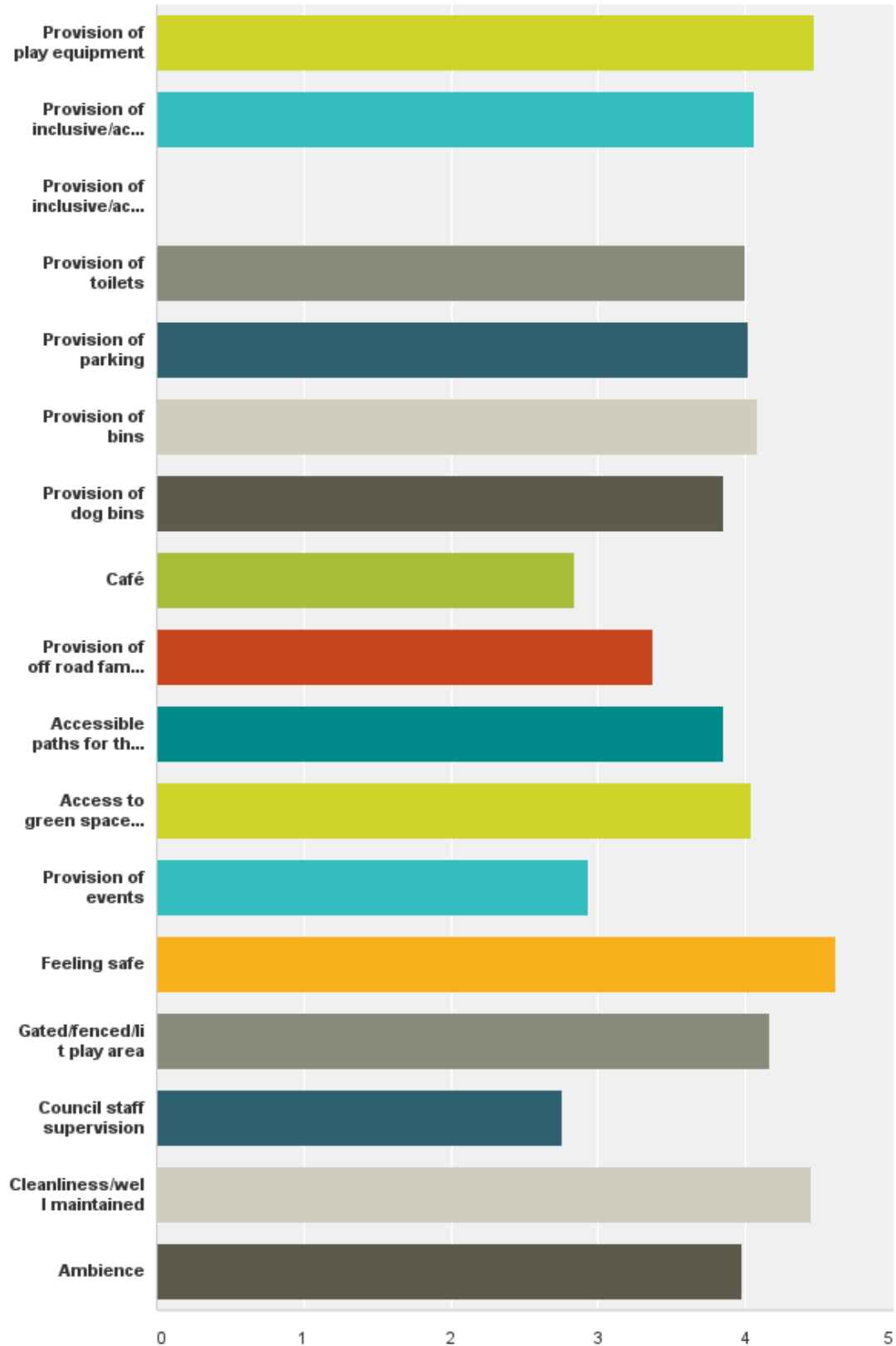
Answered: 52 Skipped: 89



	Poor	Satisfactory	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
Provision of play equipment	9.62% 5	13.46% 7	19.23% 10	32.69% 17	25.00% 13	0.00% 0	52	3.50
Provision of inclusive/accessable play equipment (play facilities and changing for people with a disability - Physical, hearing, sight, learning, mental health or hidden)	28.85% 15	9.62% 5	13.46% 7	23.08% 12	15.38% 8	9.62% 5	52	2.85
Provision of inclusive/accessable toilet/changing facilities (facilities for people with a disability - Physical, hearing, sight, learning, mental health or hidden)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0	0.00
Provision of toilets	34.62% 18	11.54% 6	21.15% 11	15.38% 8	13.46% 7	3.85% 2	52	2.60
Provision of parking	7.69% 4	9.62% 5	19.23% 10	40.38% 21	23.08% 12	0.00% 0	52	3.62
Provision of bins	7.69% 4	13.46% 7	26.92% 14	38.46% 20	13.46% 7	0.00% 0	52	3.37
Provision of dog bins	11.54% 6	17.31% 9	30.77% 16	13.46% 7	9.62% 5	17.31% 9	52	2.91
Café	28.85% 15	9.62% 5	13.46% 7	5.77% 3	3.85% 2	38.46% 20	52	2.13
Provision of off road family cycle trails	30.77% 16	3.85% 2	17.31% 9	13.46% 7	11.54% 6	23.08% 12	52	2.63
Accessible paths for those with limited mobility/wheelchair user	21.15% 11	15.38% 8	23.08% 12	13.46% 7	13.46% 7	13.46% 7	52	2.80
Access to green space (for walking or running)	17.31% 9	3.85% 2	28.85% 15	25.00% 13	13.46% 7	11.54% 6	52	3.15
Provision of events	26.92% 14	9.62% 5	25.00% 13	7.69% 4	7.69% 4	23.08% 12	52	2.48
Feeling safe	3.85% 2	7.69% 4	30.77% 16	34.62% 18	21.15% 11	1.92% 1	52	3.63
Gated/fenced/lit play area	9.62% 5	9.62% 5	25.00% 13	32.69% 17	21.15% 11	1.92% 1	52	3.47
Council staff supervision	19.23% 10	21.15% 11	19.23% 10	7.69% 4	5.77% 3	26.92% 14	52	2.45
Council staff supervision	19.23% 10	21.15% 11	19.23% 10	7.69% 4	5.77% 3	26.92% 14	52	2.45
Cleanliness/well maintained	3.85% 2	9.62% 5	21.15% 11	46.15% 24	19.23% 10	0.00% 0	52	3.67
Ambience	5.77% 3	11.54% 6	30.77% 16	28.85% 15	19.23% 10	3.85% 2	52	3.46

Q30 On a scale of 1-5 (1 meaning Poor and 5 meaning Excellent) how important are each of the following at this play park?

Answered: 52 Skipped: 89



	Not important at all	Slightly important	Important	Very important	Extremely important	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
Provision of play equipment	1.92% 1	3.85% 2	5.77% 3	21.15% 11	65.38% 34	1.92% 1	52	4.47
Provision of inclusive/accessible play equipment (play facilities and changing for people with a disability - Physical, hearing, sight, learning, mental health or hidden)	1.92% 1	3.85% 2	21.15% 11	26.92% 14	40.38% 21	5.77% 3	52	4.06
Provision of inclusive/accessible toilet/changing facilities (facilities for people with a disability - Physical, hearing, sight, learning, mental health or hidden)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0	0.00
Provision of toilets	1.92% 1	5.77% 3	19.23% 10	32.69% 17	36.54% 19	3.85% 2	52	4.00
Provision of parking	0.00% 0	3.85% 2	23.08% 12	38.46% 20	32.69% 17	1.92% 1	52	4.02
Provision of bins	0.00% 0	1.92% 1	17.31% 9	48.08% 25	28.85% 15	3.85% 2	52	4.08
Provision of dog bins	1.92% 1	5.77% 3	23.08% 12	32.69% 17	26.92% 14	9.62% 5	52	3.85
Café	15.38% 8	21.15% 11	21.15% 11	15.38% 8	11.54% 6	15.38% 8	52	2.84
Provision of off road family cycle trails	9.62% 5	13.46% 7	21.15% 11	23.08% 12	21.15% 11	11.54% 6	52	3.37
Accessible paths for those with limited mobility/wheelchair user	1.92% 1	5.77% 3	30.77% 16	19.23% 10	34.62% 18	7.69% 4	52	3.85
Access to green space (for walking or running)	0.00% 0	3.85% 2	21.15% 11	34.62% 18	32.69% 17	7.69% 4	52	4.04
Provision of events	15.38% 8	13.46% 7	30.77% 16	11.54% 6	13.46% 7	15.38% 8	52	2.93
Feeling safe	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	9.62% 5	19.23% 10	69.23% 36	1.92% 1	52	4.61
Gated/fenced/lit play area	1.92% 1	5.77% 3	13.46% 7	30.77% 16	46.15% 24	1.92% 1	52	4.16
Council staff supervision	19.23% 10	17.31% 9	28.85% 15	11.54% 6	11.54% 6	11.54% 6	52	2.76
Cleanliness/well maintained	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	15.38% 8	23.08% 12	59.62% 31	1.92% 1	52	4.45
Ambience	3.85% 2	0.00% 0	25.00% 13	32.69% 17	34.62% 18	3.85% 2	52	3.98

Q31 How could this play park be improved?

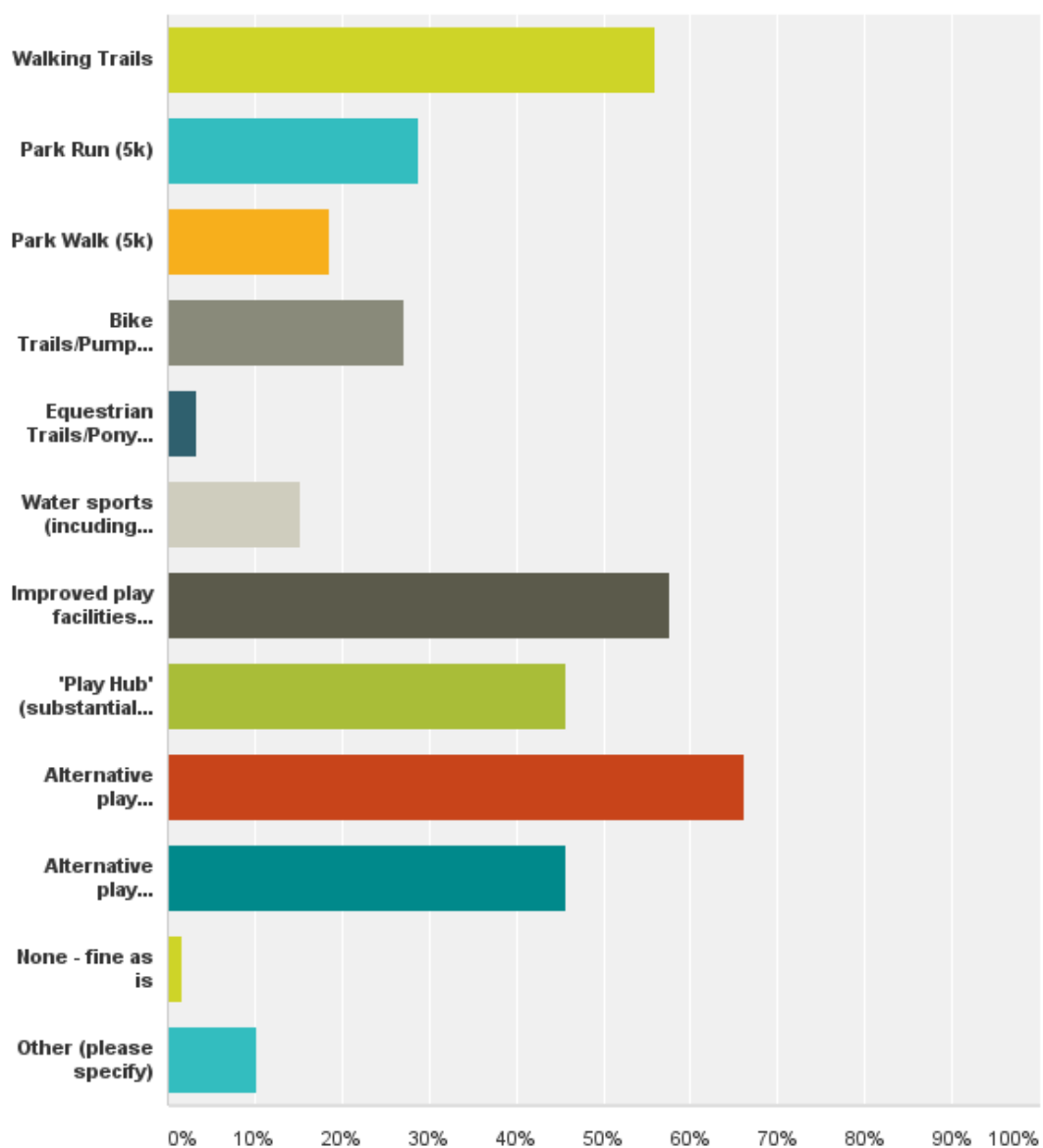
Response Number	Verbatim Response
1	<i>It is quite good I think improvements needed to be focused and made instead to parks that aren't good in the likes of smaller villages like mine Upperlands</i>
2	<i>Couldn't</i>
3	<i>It could be covered so it could be used all year round as we do not have the weather in this country for parks in general. There should also be more provision in Upperlands.</i>
4	<i>It's a disgrace that drum manor play park is not meeting the needs of disabled children in this community.</i>
5	<i>It couldn't I just wish we didn't have to travel so far to this standard of park and we had something more local for our children to play in more regularly</i>
6	<i>Improved????? How about planning on putting a park onsite please? There are 2 useable swings for older children. I had to answer N/A for most of the questions as there is no park to answer the questions too!!! Personally, i think it's a disgrace what the children in and around Caledon have! As a mum of quite a large family of a big age range i know my kids, as are other children from the 3 schools in Caledon are missing out!</i>
7	<i>Excellent playground but could have more equipment for toddler age range</i>
8	<i>cycling routes toilets changing rooms Events better equipment Ball well swing rope More for older children</i>
9	<i>More lamps (evening time) safety</i>
10	<i>It's fine as it is</i>
11	<i>More play facilities. Play area fenced in. Seats for adults when children playing.</i>
12	<i>More challenging equipment for age 10 plus. E.g. Sandwell play park in West Bromwich, Lake Windermere play park. There is no green space, cycle paths areas to walk, picnic tables. No opportunity for a day out in the area - apart from to the local cemetery. No thanks</i>
13	<i>Tables for picnic</i>
14	<i>More seating</i>
15	<i>More walks</i>
16	<i>Better lighting</i>
17	<i>Extra trails orienteering tracks water sports</i>
18	<i>The green area is always saturated when it rains. Park green therefore can experience limited use. Park is not lit at night which could limit potential use in evening for at least 4months of the yr.</i>
19	<i>n/a</i>
20	<i>Put in a play park.</i>
21	<i>More parking better toilets</i>
22	<i>Dungannon park - the grass gets very muddy between the play spaces. There are a few very steep/sudden steps off the soft areas that could hurt someone (esp. if you're standing watching you could tumble off - at the edge of the large climbing frame especially). There also is a lack of facilities for children between toddlers and those 6/7+ who can use the larger equipment.</i>
23	<i>Improved play park facilities</i>
24	<i>Toilets</i>
25	<i>More facilities for infants</i>

26	<i>Made bigger. More use of the green space beside it</i>
27	<i>Space for family fun</i>
28	<i>Moneymore main park needs to protected more between anti-social behaviour and children trying to cross what is an extremely dangerous fast road and the park being locked it's not an accessible place to let the children go to</i>
29	<i>We need more than one park in Magherafelt. We need adventure type parks made with wood and rope etc., not all metal. The park is closed on bank holidays and at other times when we would be likely to use it.</i>
30	<i>Made much larger to accommodate for the population of Cookstown the same goes for Coagh park.</i>
31	<i>Better parking. Kids can run out straight to carpark which is very busy</i>
32	<i>made bigger</i>
33	<i>Gravel carpark beside play park extended and tarmacked. Toilet provision.</i>
34	<i>MADE BIGGER</i>
35	<i>It seems unwelcoming of the Protestant/ unionist community. The staff are cold, suspicious and uninterested. It appears to run NYA small group of people that run the Maria centre for themselves. It needs new staff and managers.</i>
36	<i>More seats and modern equipment</i>
37	<i>More walking trails nearby</i>
38	<i>more equipment, facilities, paths and disabled access</i>
39	<i>Meadowbank is quite good which I have answered these questions for. Castledawson park is very small and quite basic</i>
40	<i>None</i>
41	<i>Water safety for children events</i>
42	<i>It's very good</i>
43	<i>I don't think it needs to be improved however better provision in smaller villages would be better</i>
44	<i>Supervised play</i>
45	<i>I would love a park with this mix of play equipment, green space and shared walking/cycling paths nearer my home in Maghera.</i>
46	<i>Keep working with local groups and clubs and let them input into the development of the park.</i>
	<i>Too many parks are over manicured, Windmill wood is great for both kids and adults.</i>
47	<i>This park is excellent compared to our local park it's a shame our local park isn't better. We need a more central to the village of Upperlands rather than just the residents of Alexander park. The park in Alexander park is treat like it is owned by the residents of that estate as it is so close to the estate and is not very welcoming to those from outside the estate and those from outside the village would certainly not go down there to use it. Our village for being rural has a big intake of children in Ampertaine and also little amps and there are also children nearby in Culnady, St John's Swatragh, crossroads, Maghera and Kilrea. I would love to see a mutual park in the centre of the village near the main Kilrea road open and welcoming to all as the coffee shop is also near that road and walks around nearby dams so people could make more of a day out</i>
48	<i>No dogs allowed in this or any parks or play parks in Mid Ulster. Instead introduce dog walking fields, secured/fenced in so those without dogs can get peace to actually enjoy our parks</i>
49	<i>Further development</i>

50	N/A
51	Replicated elsewhere in the District!
52	Knock it down and rebuild a fully inclusive play park. Add changing places toilet to Meadowbank building. Or find new location in Magherafelt for a fully inclusive play park with green area for picnics/ walking too.

Q32 What other outdoor recreation facilities would you like to see in your local public park/play park in Mid Ulster (You can choose more than one option)

Answered: 59 Skipped: 82



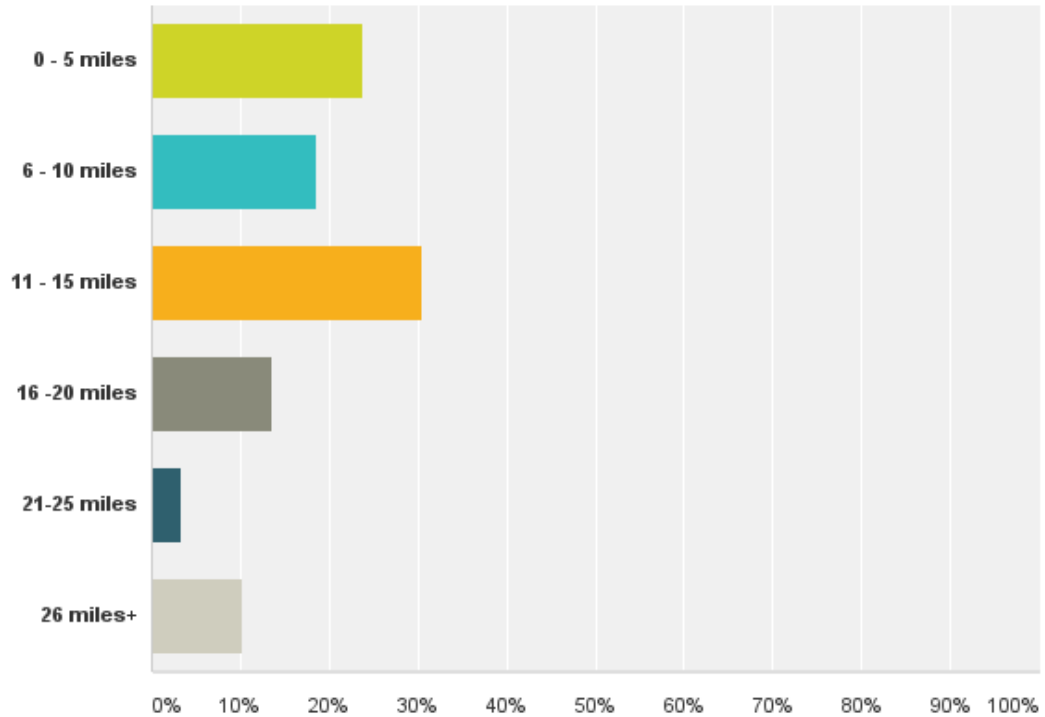
Answer Choices	Responses
▼ Walking Trails	55.93% 33
▼ Park Run (5k)	28.81% 17
▼ Park Walk (5k)	18.64% 11
▼ Bike Trails/Pump Track	27.12% 16
▼ Equestrian Trails/Pony Trekking Trails	3.39% 2
▼ Water sports (including Angling)	15.25% 9
▼ Improved play facilities (better swings, slides etc)	57.63% 34
▼ 'Play Hub' (substantial, equipped play resource catering for all age groups and abilities on a single site with in a designated catchment area)	45.76% 27
▼ Alternative play facilities: Nature Play (the provision of a play opportunity using something from the natural environment rather than a purpose-built piece of equipment. For example, the use of a tree trunk as a climbing frame or balance beam. The piece is usually modified to provide safer access)	66.10% 39
▼ Alternative play facilities: Wild Play (opportunistic play with the visitor using something they would expect to encounter in the environment e.g. climb a tree)	45.76% 27
▼ None - fine as is	1.69% 1
▼ Other (please specify) Responses	10.17% 6
Total Respondents: 59	

OTHER RESPONSES

Add inclusive play – 2; Singular mentions: build a playpark; green gym for adults; refurbish Swatragh; build toilets at Clady.

Q33 How far would you travel from your home address if the above was provided in a public park in mid Ulster? (miles)

Answered: 59 Skipped: 82



Answer Choices	Responses	
0 - 5 miles	23.73%	14
6 - 10 miles	18.64%	11
11 - 15 miles	30.51%	18
16 -20 miles	13.56%	8
21-25 miles	3.39%	2
26 miles+	10.17%	6
Total		59

Q34 Finally, please provide any further comments or observations you feel are important to the future development of outdoor recreation and parks and play provision in Mid Ulster.

Response Number	Verbatim Response
1	<i>We need more money spent on a proper park for our village of Upperlands. I have 3 children of varying age ranges and we don't have a fit for purpose park for them. I feel our village of Upperlands and children are forgotten although we are a smaller village we have a lot of children locally with nowhere to go and nothing to do in their village which isn't fair, they should get the same chances as others regardless of where they live. I hope our council can start to invest in a proper park facility and events etc. in our village and small villages like ours as I have to drive for miles for a park facility to suit them all and therefore can't take them to the park as much as they want to go. I hope to see a cap and less investment in already good standard parks and more in developing the same or similar for all children.</i>
2	<i>The park in Upperlands is awful that's why we visit so little as the children from that estate feel they have ownership of it and sometimes you don't feel very welcome we need a park for all the children of the village and outside it, it's not fair that only alexander park has their own park, we need a better bigger park that all can use on neutral ground in the village. I hope something can be done as this is a big issue locally and lots of people have this same opinion. Meadowbank etc. does not need any more money spent on it we need money in rural parks now to make a fit for purpose park in our village for all to use and events shouldn't always have to be held in just Meadowbank they should be spread about the smaller villages too so everyone gets a chance to attend something local and other people can come into each other's villages.</i>
3	<i>I feel that the questionnaire is a bit leading and not enough focus put on where you would like future provision being placed. The questions I answered were about parks I used and if I liked them or not. I did not feel that I was able to contribute to the debate that Upperlands is held within a high deprivation area and has a vast walkable area and space for a play park for old and young. This could also be used for allotments and wheelchair friendly picnic tables.</i>
4	<i>These areas need to be able to meet the diverse needs of all children and family and include play equipment for children with special needs.</i>
5	<i>Our nearest park is Upperlands and it is in one of the housing estates which I don't think is fair to those who don't live in that estate, we need a larger fit for purpose park that all people around the village and outside of the village can comfortably use. We have to travel quite a distance to allow our children to use good standard and variety park facilities like Meadowbank and would like to see that our Council can now focus and invest in the more rural parks outside of the council area to improve them and make them fit for purpose for all the local children.</i>
6	<i>We NEED a playpark for our children in Caledon! There are 2 useable swings (which can only be used by older children), what is there has been there for over 30 years! We need something for our children!!</i>
7	<i>Feedback from tourists to the area commented on lack of cycleways.</i>

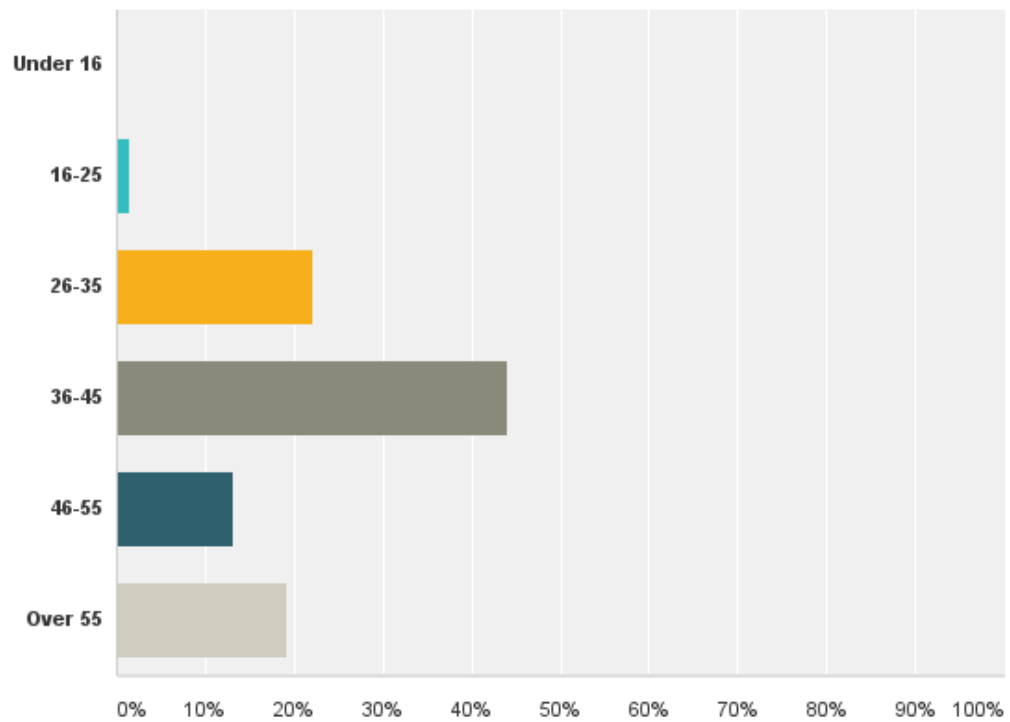
8	<i>I think we need to improve our parks in our local areas so we can get children outside into parks away from electronic games etc. and get fresh air have fun and meet their friends Also football pitches for older boys and girls to play football hurling rugby etc.</i>
9	<i>Would love to see a running track at the Marina.</i>
10	<i>More run/ walk tracks.</i>
11	<i>I generally use my local roads to walk my dog.</i>
12	<i>Events at weekends as we are always trying to go somewhere to entertain our children.</i>
13	<i>There are no safe walking routes on the roads around Moneymore, in fact the volume of traffic in the village itself means that it is difficult for a pensioner like me to get to the Manor Park.</i>
14	<i>Provision for open spaces is really poor in our local area. The new sports facilities at Meadowbank and Greenvale are outstanding, but there is nowhere close to go for a safe walk, bike ride with family. Current play parks are only suitable for up to 9 years of age. We need some beautiful outdoor space for our community with challenging play equipment. Polepatrick cemetery but not an option for my family - feels totally disrespectful.</i>
15	<i>None.</i>
16	<i>The area of Slaughtneil / Carntogher has a great centre in An Carn and the Drumlamph Woodland Trust but no play area which would be very popular.</i>
17	<i>More areas for walking / cycling (kids) in Magherafelt.</i>
18	<i>A play park for Sandholes village.</i>
19	<i>A green way for walking and cycling.</i>
20	<i>More adventures. Make orienteering available to all.</i>
21	<i>Most of the timber structure within the park is coming out of its build for purpose state. There are two bridges for viewing water and they are in need of attention.</i>
22	<i>N/A.</i>
23	<i>More walkways.</i>
24	<i>Look at options around water for water sports etc.</i>
25	<i>Overall quality is good. Moy park seems totally underused and a bit lonely at times. Dungannon park is brilliant, a bit of an upgrade to the play area would make it perfect!</i>
26	<i>Please improve the basic facilities at Knockmany Forest Park to that we continue to safely use them as a running group and as a family with young children. Thank you.</i>
27	<i>Nicer green space with events like Antrim castle garden.</i>
28	<i>Parkrun is great for any community and should be helped.</i>
29	<i>Bigger selection of swings slides or climbing frames for older children.</i>
30	<i>'Open space' parks are needed for walking/ running/picnics etc. in each locality</i>
31	<i>Stop anti-social behaviour at kids play area it's a disgrace.</i>
32	<i>We need more than one park in Magherafelt. We need a park that is not located as an afterthought within a car park. We need other facilities around the park. We need equipment created from natural resources such as wood and rope in an adventure playground style, not metal equipment. We need a facility that is open on bank holidays and at other times when we would like to use it, not closed because council staff are off.</i>

33	<i>The Parks in the Dungannon area tend to be very well kept and are a great asset for the MUD area to develop further.</i>
34	<i>To attract tourists, we need modernised play parks that are open to everyone and not situated in housing estates. If we had modernised play parks and green gyms families would be much healthier and it would suit all those on low incomes, but need to be locked at night time to prevent anti-social behaviour with floral decorations and plants like what we see in other countries.</i>
35	<i>More equipment.</i>
36	<i>Play areas should be enclosed for safety.</i>
37	<i>Parks must be clean and free for rubbish.</i>
38	<i>Toilet provision is very important and safe.</i>
39	<i>Swatragh playpark has been neglected for years and has been 'improved' in bits and pieces but it stands out, in contrast to places like Kilrea, Money more and Maghera that have seen very significant investment and vision!! and Maghera.</i>
40	<i>No mention of Davagh Forest Park in this survey.</i>
41	
42	<i>Just 4 swings in any play area is inadequate.</i>
43	<i>More open green spaces and forests with walking trails is needed closer to Bellaghy and Castledawson area.</i>
44	<i>More local play areas without leaving that area.</i>
45	<i>Castledawson park needs updated and improved. There are virtually no safe walk trails in Castledawson.</i>
46	<i>Upperlands needs a park most villages have a park in a central location.</i>
47	<i>Encouraging children to be active in the environment is critical to protecting our environment and our children health.</i>
48	<i>A play park in Upperlands would be excellent.</i>
49	<i>Simple basic equipment is what our children look for a good swing a slippery slide etc.</i>
50	<i>Upperlands needs a better park safer away from main road.</i>
51	<i>The town of Maghera is sorely missing green space and walking/cycling/running paths.</i>
52	<i>Kids need to be challenged and not wrapped in cotton wool. They need to learn to assess and manage risk at an early age.</i>
53	<i>Our local park in Upperlands is no good; it is not open and accessible to all. We need a park more central to the village of Upperlands rather than just the residents of Alexander park. The park in Alexander Park is treat like it is owned by the residents of that estate as it is so close to the estate and is not very welcoming to those from outside the estate and even less welcoming to those from outside the village would certainly not go down there to use it. Our village for being rural has a big intake of children in Ampertaine and also little amps approximately 170 kids not all of whom live in that estate and there are also children nearby in Culnady, St. John's Swatragh, Crossroads, Maghera and Kilrea. I would love to see a mutual park in the centre of the village near the main Kilrea road open and welcoming to all as the coffee shop is also near that road and walks around nearby dams so people could make more of a day out, I hope the council can take all this feedback on board as every child and parent from inside and outside the village should be provided with a neutral park that they can freely use and mix with other children regardless of background.</i>

54	<i>Please, please return play equipment of some shape or form to Glenone Park, located at the junction of Clady Road and Ballymacombs Rd. Even swings would be great as a start. This small settlement had seen a significant rise in population with the development of The Orchards, housing development, yet incrementally over the years all the play equipment had been removed. For the sake of the significant of young children living in close proximity to this park please put something back into it so they can play e.g. mounded grass, puzzles or roads painted on the pavers so kids can be entertained on foot or on small bikes. Also, please ban dogs from Glenone Park and all other parks in Mid Ulster, they are a safety hazard to children & adults and foul over pitches, grass play areas, and footpaths which is disgusting.</i>
55	<i>None</i>
56	<i>Clady park would be nice if it was well maintained.</i>
57	<i>I would like to see my other local play park in Glenone being restored to somewhere families can take their children to. I played there as a child and would love my child to have this opportunity. There is currently only an open space where a park once was. It was used by so many was slowly got less and less play equipment over years until none at all. Now a football pitch is only functional thing. Now council workers waste time blowing leaves and cutting grass.</i>
58	<i>In regard to the park in Glenone, which is very close to my house, it used to be a well-equipped play park with a skateboard rink. The rink and all the equipment has incrementally been removed over 20 years, so all that is left is a bricked surface, with no equipment whatsoever. This is the only public green space in the small settlement of Glenone, which currently has a large housing development under construction (with no green space, thanks to the Developer manipulating to avoid Planning Policy Statement 8 requirements!), namely the Orchards (where there is a high number of young families). In addition to the car park and playing field in this park, it needs either gated children's play equipment reinstated, even the most basic equipment would be welcomed. Gated because the previous equipment was vandalised by teenagers in the past, particularly on a Friday night when they gathered to get a bus to a teenage disco. If at present the council cannot afford a full equipped play park, natural play equipment (logs, balance beam, contoured surface) would even be an improvement. Come on new council, get your act together and give this park the TLC it has missed for so many years (once people came from all over the Magherafelt District to use the park - now council workers brush up leaves and trim trees in a space devoid of anything for children to play on/with, which just seems such a waste). On a wider note, and no doubt this will be controversial, I do not think dogs (either on or off leads) should be permitted in ANY park due to the danger to children and dog fouling. Council should provide dedicated agricultural fields/areas for those who have to walk their dogs, clearly signed, so the rest of us know to avoid these areas. Our parks, forests and woods in the District (including Glenone Woods) have been taken over by dogs making them an unattractive location for everyone else to walk- this is extremely unfair as I pay my rates and do not feel safe using a local amenity to walk and am forced to walk on public roads following a number of dog attacks in Glenone Wood/Molloys Ford. Let's look after the people and children of the Borough NOT the give the dogs priority.</i>

Q35 Please select your age bracket

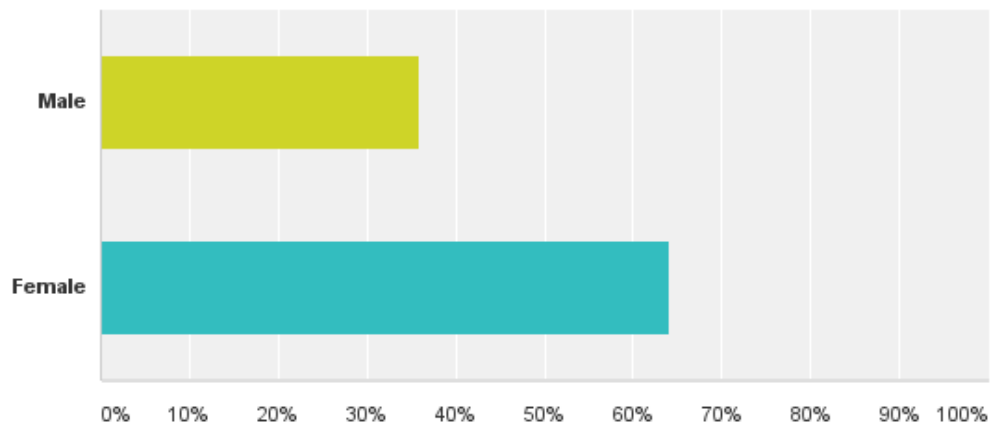
Answered: 68 Skipped: 73



Answer Choices	Responses
Under 16	0.00% 0
16-25	1.47% 1
26-35	22.06% 15
36-45	44.12% 30
46-55	13.24% 9
Over 55	19.12% 13
Total	68

Q36 Please select your gender

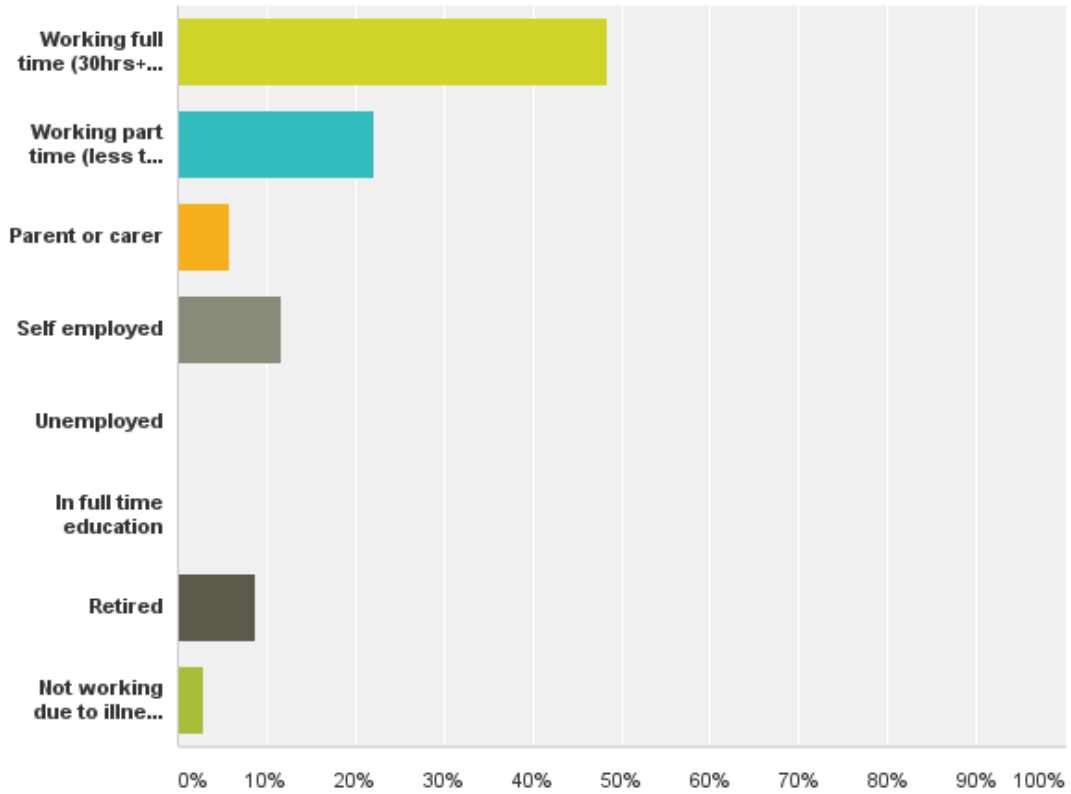
Answered: 67 Skipped: 74



Answer Choices	Responses	
Male	35.82%	24
Female	64.18%	43
Total		67

Q37 Can you please tell me which of the following best describes your working status?

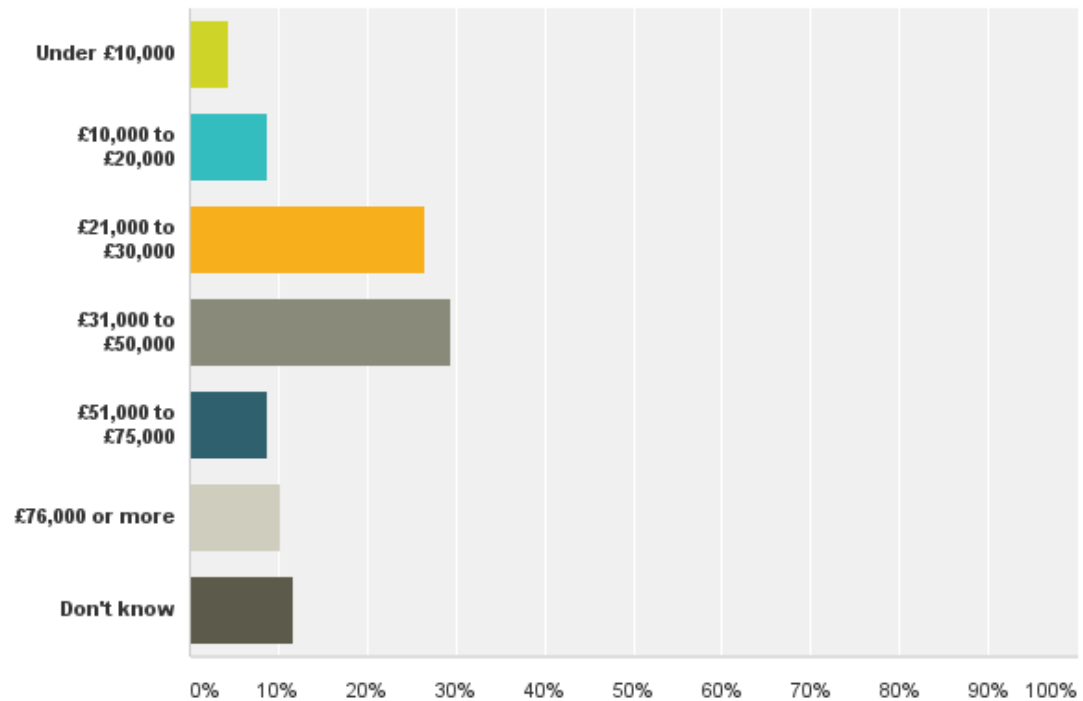
Answered: 68 Skipped: 73



Answer Choices	Responses	
Working full time (30hrs+ per week)	48.53%	33
Working part time (less than 30hrs per week)	22.06%	15
Parent or carer	5.88%	4
Self employed	11.76%	8
Unemployed	0.00%	0
In full time education	0.00%	0
Retired	8.82%	6
Not working due to illness or disability	2.94%	2
Total		68

Q38 What is your approximate total annual income in your household (before tax)?

Answered: 68 Skipped: 73



Answer Choices	Responses	
Under £10,000	4.41%	3
£10,000 to £20,000	8.82%	6
£21,000 to £30,000	26.47%	18
£31,000 to £50,000	29.41%	20
£51,000 to £75,000	8.82%	6
£76,000 or more	10.29%	7
Don't know	11.76%	8
Total		68

Q39

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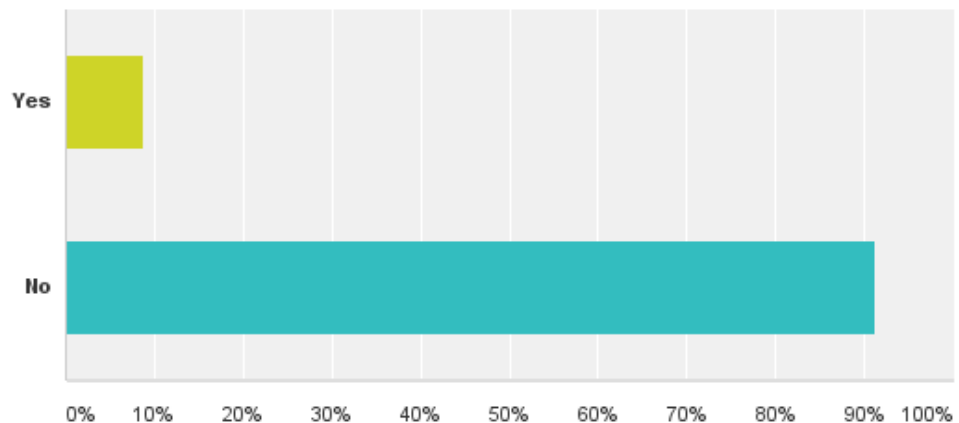
Please state the number of the children in your household in the age brackets below (if relevant)

Answered: 68 Skipped: 73

Answer Choices		Responses	
Under 4 years	Responses	64.71%	44
5-8 years	Responses	58.82%	40
9-12 years	Responses	39.71%	27
13 years and over	Responses	47.06%	32

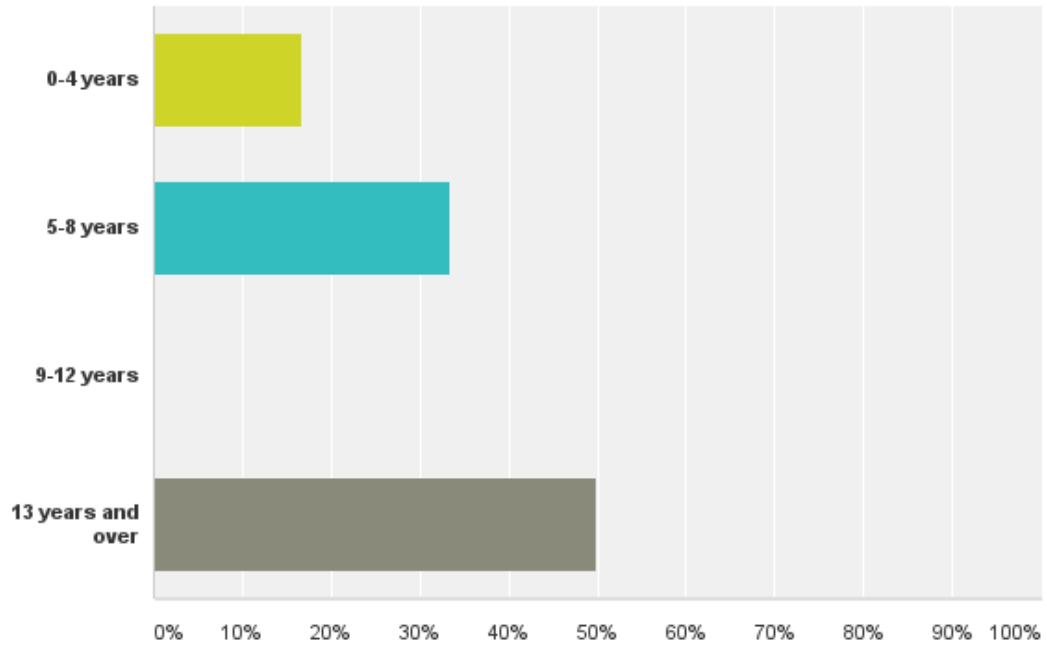
Q40 Do one of your children have a disability?

Answered: 68 Skipped: 73



Q41 What age is the child who has a disability?

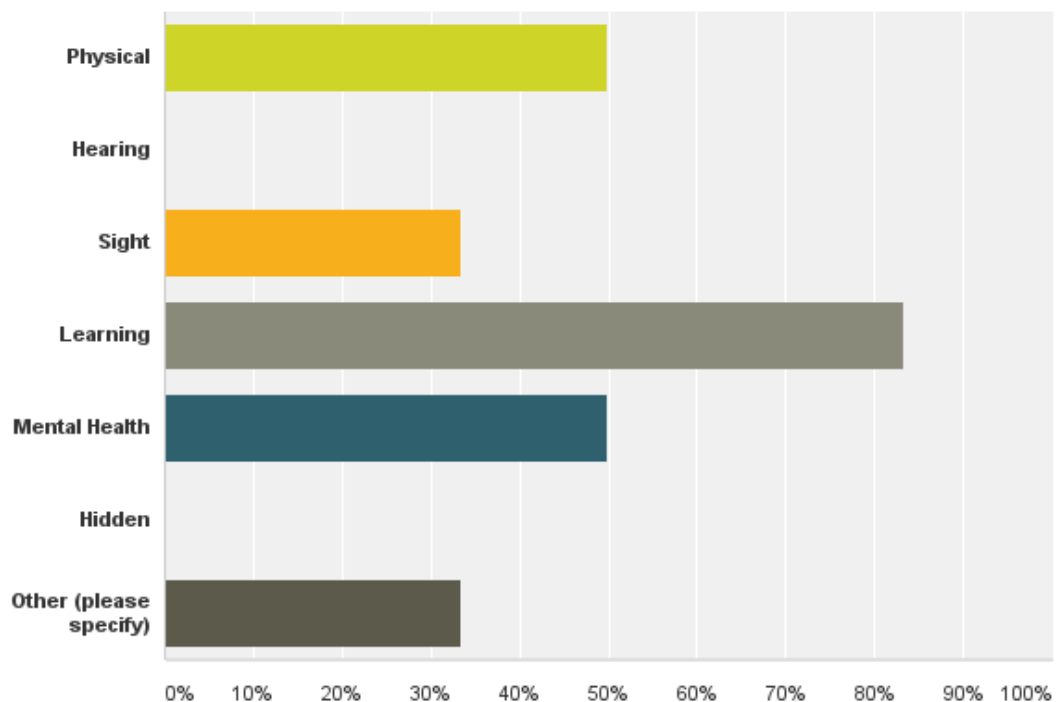
Answered: 6 Skipped: 135



Answer Choices	Responses	
0-4 years	16.67%	1
5-8 years	33.33%	2
9-12 years	0.00%	0
13 years and over	50.00%	3
Total		6

Q42 What is their disability?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 135



Answer Choices	Responses
Physical	50.00% 3
Hearing	0.00% 0
Sight	33.33% 2
Learning	83.33% 5
Mental Health	50.00% 3
Hidden	0.00% 0
Other (please specify)	33.33% 2
Total Respondents: 6	

OTHER RESPONSES

Add inclusive play – 2; Singular mentions: build a playpark; green gym for adults; refurbish Swatragh; build toilets at Clady. ☐

- Cerebral palsy and blind. Benefits from sensory garden smells, sounds and movement in a wheelchair swing etc.
- Autism

APPENDIX 5

45 villages in the Mid Ulster area have had Village Community Plans completed.

The table below provide an overview of each of the village plans in relation to the current and future opportunities for outdoor recreation and play development.

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Village Plan	Current status	Future potential
Annaghmore (Clonoe) Dungannon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insufficient community provision and existing facilities are oversubscribed• New signage required - The area has a rich heritage and has potential to attract visitors• Insufficient range of activities to help Older People stay healthy and active. Need to increase access to transport for older people• Insufficient recreational facilities for women and families	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of off-road cycle tracks, walkways, sensory garden, allotments, additional sporting area• Signage would improve information for visitors and define Clonoe as a definite destination• Develop a range of events and activities in Clonoe Community Centre to encourage an active lifestyle. Make better use of community transport scheme• Range of events and activities in Clonoe Community Centre: Play park at football pitch grounds
Ardboe Cookstown	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Green in Lakeview is being used for bonfire• Existing play park needs updates• Eco projects and ecotourism potential not developed• No centre community greenspace• Lack of provision for the elderly• Loss of tourism potential from key sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop green as potential play for older children• Update existing play park to include disability and older children• Develop eco-tourism with the help of RSPB and site on the shores of the Lough at Brookend through nature walks• Develop a community greenspace as centre point of the village• Establish older person's group that will run activities including a walking group

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ardboe Cross no toilets, car parking, security 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Lough Shore mini guide to support the wider tourism development of water and land based recreation – charter boating, fishing, walking, cycling, wildlife, birdwatching trails. • Develop toilets and car parking at Abbey.
Augher Clogher Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpaths in poor condition around the village • Upgrade sections of walkway along the river • Basic facilities at Knockmany need improved • New social housing developments are being planned for the village 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpaths need to be maintained on a regular basis and replaced where there are problems • Conduct survey on the walkway along River Blackwater and identify areas where work is needed • Investment needed at Knockmany to bring facility up to standard for local people and visitors. • Ensure social housing schemes complement area
Aughnacloy Clougher Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current play park needs upgrading • Orange Hall requires additional provision to meet need of young people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrading of play park to provide new play equipment and safety surface • Provision of a playpark outside the Orange Hall to service the rural community of the Bawn.
Ballinascreen (Ballinascreen, Moneyneany, Straw and Sixtowns) Moyola	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Park for Moneyneena had been earlier identified • No safe place to go off road walking or running in Straw and the 'Big bridges' • No play park in Straw • Development of Derrynoyd Forest and Rural College • Tourism potential is not utilised 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate further • Provision of safe off-road walking and cycling track – Old railway line considered a possibility. • Develop a play park in the area • Look at options to revive the facility and its surroundings • Natural assets in the local areas need to be developed and promoted
Ballinderry Cookstown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of suitable and appropriate play areas • Loss of tourism potential from key sites of Ballinderry River and Cott Lane (fishing, walking, etc) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to upgrade play park facilities • Creation of a Tourism Strategy for the Loughshore area

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angling facilities inadequate • Canoeing facilities inadequate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Cot Lane and Gortmoss Walkway and better signage at Cott Lane • Information boards at key sites • Develop a walkway along the Ballinderry River • Angling infrastructure needs improved • Develop a canoe trail along the Ballinderry River
Ballygawley Dungannon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting around walkway at playing field is a major concern particularly in dark evenings • Walkway is prone to flooding at times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erect floodlights around walkway • Install proper drainage along pathway
Ballymaguigan Moyola	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Tourism potential • Lack of footpaths and cycle lanes • No children's play park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of soccer pitch to include walkway and running track • Health and wellbeing activities – sports activities and walks cross country • New Cross Community play park at TRAAD point.
Ballyronan Magherafelt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathway from Ballyronan to Ballinderry required • Tourism potential of Lough and Marina need to be maximised 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to develop between legacy Councils to be resurrected • Tourism Strategy/Marketing Plan needed for the area
Bellaghy Moyola	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate access from Bawn to Church of Ireland • Inadequate signage • No heritage trail linking Seamus Heaney landmarks noted in his poetry • More health and well-being projects required • Wetlands underused 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and link Bawn by path to Church of Ireland • New signage of heritage sites e. Lough Beg, Toners Bog • Develop Seamus Heaney Trail • Develop cross country walks and walking group • Development of famous wetlands

Benburb Dungannon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade to playground required • Family walking and cycling trails needed • Need to develop community facilities • Require a safer environment for the children and elderly • Improved infrastructure at Benburb Playing Fields • To improve spaces for people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redevelop Benburb playing fields using funding secured from Big Lottery 'Space & Place' • Develop walking and cycling routes in Benburb Valley Park along Ulster Canal Greenway • Develop a community fishing hub at River Black Water • Develop a park ranger service to manage the eco system in Benburb Valley and River Blackwater • Car park development at recreational area • To develop a Good Relations Programme for Benburb Playing Fields
Brocagh Torrent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boats cannot access the quay because of sandbars • Need to develop permissive paths and Greenway • Exploit Heritage Sites • Little opportunity for older people to stay healthy and active as well as no recreational facilities for women and families • Develop play park and 3G games area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract to dredge channel into the quay and maintain on an annual basis • Develop off-road cycle tracks to allow young people and families to walk and cycle safely between shops, school and Brocagh Community Centre • Develop tours, walks and events for visitors to the area • Develop range of events and activities in Brocagh Community Centre to encourage active lifestyle • Develop play park, site to be confirmed
Broughderg Cookstown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximization of use of Davagh Forest and increased visitor services and experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bird watching facilities - Development of Forest Garden / Nature Trail (link schools) - More walking trails, geared towards families, challenging and non-challenging - Angling Facilities, stock river, salmon spawn/sea trout - Incorporate disability access where possible - Showers / changing area

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for evening classes/activities for community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - camping facility / glamping pods - Brick built BBQ facilities (Island in middle of carpark suggested for picnic are / tables) - Activities / Equipment for older children outside of play park, e.g. Zip lines - Seating in/near play park - Cycle rental / repair (consistent times) - GPS App of Forest developed (dependent on broadband) • Sessions on natural local environment, heritage, astronomy (link to tourism opportunities)
Bush Dungannon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant development in village for necessary footpaths. Potential for a settlement mini Greenway with pedestrian/cycle path around the village • Lack of recreational amenities – play park, MUGA facilities need upgraded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath link to Dungannon/Tamnamore/Clairefields required • Play park required (pending site availability)
Caledon Clogher Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of footpaths in the village need improvements • Caledon has a wealth of natural resources which could be promoted as a valuable rural tourism tool. The Blackwater River, and Ulster Canal, represent a vital part of Caledon's fabric and are a valuable resource to the village and its heritage – Glaslough/Caledon walkway and famine wall project • Upgrade need to play park facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paving flags on Main Street need repaired – footpath require on Carricklane with lighting and signage • Opportunities to promote natural resource tourism – potential for Greenway/Riverside/Outdoor Gym/Cross Border walk way project – needs ongoing maintenance needed to check over growth on riverbank – picnic area spruce-up, - dog fouling provision of scoop-bag and waste bin • Play park in state of neglect and needs to be re-vamped to meet growing need for the village
Churchtown/Lissan Magherafelt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No play provision in the area for the wider community. Play area in Lissan House closed due to vandalism and insurance • Lissan House and grounds is a key asset – yet little evidence of buy in from the local community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play area required • Establish a Working Group with reps from Lissan House Trust and Community. Local needs analysis to be undertaken. • Learning journey to other successful community/heritage projects

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited disability access for anglers and ramblers at Lough Fea • Valuable local assets are under developed, under-promoted and under-utilised due to access and wider knowledge • Inadequate infrastructure support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase accessibility at Lough Fea • Project development and feasibility associated with Lissan House, Lough Fea and Slieve Gallion • Accommodation provision within the area to be further investigated (including B&B, bunk barns, bothys glamping etc)
Clady Carntogher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of footpath from Fisherman's Walk to Portglenone. Lacking facilities also. • Opportunity for walkway/Greenway circuit from Clady -Innishrush-Glenone-Clady. Highway to Health route • Council playing fields at Ballymacombs well used but lack of facilities including play park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of river walkways and Bann (walk from Bann Bridge to Molloy's Ford) • Walkway to be investigated • Potential for 3G pitch at playing fields, play park, access to water and toilets
Clogher Clogher Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpaths in poor condition around the village • Basic facilities at Fardross Forest need improved • The caravan park brings a lot of visitors to the Clogher Valley area and needs to be promoted • New social housing developments are planned for the village • Play park in Clogher requires upgrading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpaths need to be maintained and replaced where there are problems • Investment needed at Fardross to bring facility up to standard for local people and visitors • Encourage maintenance of the caravan park and encourage greater usage through MUDC tourism information • Ensure social housing schemes are in-keeping with local developments and that the local community can access • Identify sources of funding for upgrade or refurbishment of play facilities
Coagh Cookstown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximisation of the area's natural resources in developing a rural tourism product to support the local village economy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop walks including Hanover House to the old mill, linking up with Ballinderry along the River and creating a

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inadequate angling facilities Safety concerns in play park – low fencing, swing gate given proximity to river, when river floods it leaves waste deposits Need for safe route for walking trails to encourage health and well being 	<p>circuit from Hanover House to the football club and back into Coagh along the Ballinderry Road (CP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve existing infrastructure Identification of potential routes and liaison with local landowners Develop names and signage for walks Liaise with Rivers Agency re provision of angling facilities in Ballinderry River Liaise with local angling club to confirm requirements regarding use of anglers' huts Play park fencing and upgrade of facilities to include disability friendly equipment Development of an all-weather walking track around the perimeter of the Sports Centre grounds
Culnady, Innisrush and Tamlaght Carntogher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stone bridge linking Innisrush to Clade needs maintained and enhanced as part of a walking trail River walk along Clady River consistently floods Lack of opportunities for activities within the three villages and limited provision of space for development of activities Existing play facilities in the 3 villages need upgrading. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop points of interest board for users of the walk Walk needs better protected to allow users full access Develop green space for recreational walking and cycling. Potential for creation of allotments. Dedicated space for Mother and Toddler provision Upgrading of the play facilities
Desertmartin Moyola	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Iniscarn Forest has minimal development but has high potential for tourism. There are few health and well-being projects outside mainstream sports Elderly isolated Loss of tourism potential from Slieve Gallion and surrounding Sperrins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of Iniscarn Forest. Establish community allotments, walkway circuit (CP) Establish walking group Develop a walking trail from Lough Fea to Slieve Gallion

Drummullan Cookstown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximise potential of the area's natural resources in developing a rural tourism product to support the local village economy • Increasing interest in walking and cycling in the area - need for safe routes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop walking routes identifying local beauty sports/historical places of interest e.g. Ballinderry River/St Patrick's Well/The Drummullan Giant – link to Springhill • Tourism signage and interpretation developed • Develop floodlit walkway around football pitch • Development of footpath to link up two rural roads providing a safe walk (CP) • Support plans for Greenway Development and connect Drummullan
Edendork Dungannon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cullion Lake under developed in terms of local wetland/heritage/ecosystem resource • No footpath provision off the Coalisland Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential development as local amenity/educational resource with access pathways and signage • Lobby DfI for provision of adequate foot paving off the main Coalisland Road
Eglis Clogher Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing play park is well used • Very few areas for open recreation in the village 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade existing play park and minor planting • Identify potential Greenways and walking routes in the area
Fivemiletown Clogher Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Round Lake is a major asset • The play park is well used but needs to be improved/updated • Heritage Tourism product in the area is good but could be developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Round Lake is maintained on a regular basis • Additional equipment would be welcomed • Look towards enhancing tourism product in the area to include Brantry Lough/ Brantry Woods/Cowans House
Galbally and Cappagh Torrent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reservoir is an asset that should be enhanced and developed • The area has many natural resources which should be enhanced as potential tourism products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out feasibility study on potential development at Cappagh Reservoir in relation to environmental and tourism potential • Carry out scoping exercise of local natural resources with tourism potential

Granville Clogher Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council football pitch in the area is a valuable asset but is not kept up to a reasonable standard • The current play park needs repair and updating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure pitch is maintained throughout the year • Update of play park
Gulladuff / Termoneeny Carntogher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for safer routes for walking and cycling • Not enough green space and play park provision around housing estates • Lack of developed walkways - Scullions Cross/chapel walk and others • Cycling/running/walking clubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - St Brigid's Cross making - Gymnastics-additional activities to GAA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to roadways, footpaths and roadside verges. • The creation of a cycle lane network, specifically from the Termoneeny centre to Gulladuff village. • Look at the potential for developing off road cycling. • Not enough green space and play park provision around housing estates • Developing walkways - Scullions Cross/chapel walk, Dreenan Road and others • Continue to develop social and sporting activities within Lavey/TCA
Killeeshill and Ackinduff Clogher Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little or poor play provision for children in the area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update existing play park and investigate potential new play park at the community centre
Killyman Dungannon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpaths in the village are wholly inadequate - Significant development in the village without necessary footpaths • Potential for a settlement mini Greenway with pedestrian/cycle path around the village • Street lighting needs to be improved – some areas are poorly lit and places with no lighting • Lack of Recreational amenities – Play park, MUGA facilities need upgraded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobby DfI for provision of adequate foot paving – need a footpath link to Dungannon / Tamnamore, Clairefields, safe routes to schools initiative. • Need a dropped kerb at Cavanagh Rd • Tamnamore Rd • Enhance the provision children's play park – potential to open-up the 3G facility at the local school for wider community use.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilise existing village assets such as the MUGA at local school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaise with school to explore potential for usage of MUGA outside of core time and school facilities for community use.
Moortown Torrent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HLF Landscape Partnership produced a three part report including cross country walking and heritage trails with key points within the village Lack of suitable and appropriate play areas No secure outdoor recreational space for young people Loss of tourism potential from key sites of Airfield, The Battery Harbour and the Old Cross Lack of water based recreation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information sharing with key agencies and Council Tourism Strategy. Join up all initiatives to ensure a strategic approach to planning Need to upgrade play park facilities – provision for teenagers Create secure outdoor recreation space at the Youth centre Exploit the area's water and land base outdoor recreation, charter boating, fishing, walking, cycling wildlife, birdwatching trails – links to Kinturk centre Progress ORNI report on water based recreation at the Battery Harbour
Moygashel Dungannon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entrance to Dungannon Park at Moygashel end isn't aesthetically pleasing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tidy up entrance and ensure it is maintained. Need to maintain and enhance the area at Bleach Field that links the village to Dungannon Park
Newmills Torrent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited play space for families and children Provide opportunity for local people to walk and cycle safely on an off-road path. Develop permissive paths and Greenway to aqueduct 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of off-road cycle tracks
Orritor Cookstown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instilling a greater sense of pride in the local area as well as helping contribute to the health and well-being of local residents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play area/MUGA developed
Pomeroy Cookstown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximising the use of Pomeroy Forest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension and development of pathways, signage and information boards, picnic tables Install toilet facilities with open access for playpark use Additional bins installed

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car parking needed beside play park • Develop access path and lighting linking the forest entrance at front and rear back to the village • Suitable area for various outdoor activities • Develop campsite facilities /glamping • Safe access route between Queen Elizabeth II Primary school and the Forest (CP) • Re develop old forestry school building and out building as a multi-use shared assets of the community • Redevelop old forestry school building and out buildings as a multi-use shared assets of the community e.g. toilets and accommodation for forest users
Sandholes Cookstown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No play provision in the area despite increasing number of under 16 year olds • Local recreation assets under developed, promoted and under utilised 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop play facility at Church Hall for wider community use • Develop river walkways along the Tullylagan River • Develop access to Tullylagan House and gardens
Stewartstown Torrent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almost ¼ of population have a limiting long term illness, health problem of disability • Few opportunities for walking and cycling • Henderson Park play facility not catering for children 10+ years • Local recreation assets under developed, promoted and under utilised 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop play facilities at GAA pitch • Develop walking routes at Drumcairne Forest • Map walking and cycling routes around the Village • NCN route at Drumcairne • Walking routes at Drumcairne • Consider new play facility for 10+ years at Henderson Park • Link both areas together and create a shared space 'village green' • Develop access trail to Crieve Lough and erect interpretation panels, signage etc • Explore feasibility of improving Stuart Hall • Develop walking, cycling and play infrastructure at Drumcairne Forest

Swatragh Carntogher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play park equipment in need of an upgrade. Play equipment for children with physical disabilities is required. • Playing fields at park in poor condition • Railings at play park entrance need repaired • River Walkway cycle route/nature walk along the river. Extend cycle lane throughout the village to connect with Maghera • Activities for older people required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play park upgrade and additional piece of equipment for those with disabilities. • Upgrade playing fields to an 'All Weather Surface' • Railings to be repaired in line with Health and Safety standards • Informal walkway could be developed between Swatragh and Upperlands – a substantial amount of works required including installation of stiles and crossings • Undertake consultation to establish level of interest in walking group.
The Loup Cookstown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of footpath linkage between key sites in village • Need for safe walking routes • Need for safe route for walking trails to encourage health and well-being • Young population but no play/games area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop footpaths and lighting from Primary School and village to Loup GAC sports and community facilities Extend footpath on Loup Road on to end of 40mph zone • Develop all weather path around football pitch as this is already lit • Development of an all-weather walking track around the perimeter of the Football pitch as lighting already in place • Investigate funding opportunities for development – Football area suggested as possible site to include tennis/outdoor games. •
The Rock & Slatequarry Cookstown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is demand for access and improvement to The Church Moss as a safe walking route • Upgrading of play park • Road Safety Issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance and extension of walkway at Church Moss (problem with Japanese Knotweed) needs removed • Play park at Rockdale Close requires upgrade of play equipment for younger and older children • Tullyodonnell Bridge and footpath (extremely dangerous for school children using this route between school, chapel and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of youth provision, leisure facilities • Lack of organized activity for those over 50 – issues around rural and social isolation 	<p>football pitch) - extend existing path and lighting, footbridge on the outside of bridge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lights and kerbing on Rockdale Road • Engage young people in community activity, sports etc - assess need for youth club and link key agencies. • Feasibility study to assess local need. Proactively link with other areas and initiatives – Pomeroy, Agewell project, outreach provision.
Tamnamore Ballinakelly Dungannon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of play facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New play park at Education Centre
Tobermore Moyola	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement for youth facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to investigate provision of recreational facilities with MUDC and play park upgrade.
Tullyhogue Cookstown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to enhance village environment • Current play provision is small • Valuable local assets are under promoted and under-utilised such as Tullyhogue Fort 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop footpaths to Tullyhogue Fort • Opportunity to upgrade the play area for the community including security fencing, parking, signage and change of entrance • Project development and feasibility associated with access to Tullyhogue Fort and associated walkways and trails
Upperlands Carntogher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amphitheatre area opposite the enterprise centre has become run down and derelict • Existing play facility (Alexander Park) in Upperlands need upgrading and installation of new equipment. Not enough facilities for younger children. Access to the play facility also needs to be improved • Lack of recreational space in the village 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redevelopment of the amphitheatre area as a park and recreational space for the village with links to the pathways along the river and redevelopment of the civic space entrance area • Upgrading of play park with suitable facilities – refurbished recently but some equipment too high (monkey bars) • Look at potential to develop all weather pitch at Alexander Park with green surface

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People of the village need to be presented with a range of options to participate in healthy and physical activity • The village's strong heritage and valuable built fabric must be retained and respected • Natural resources in the area that are not being used could be promoted as a valuable rural tourism tool. The village's natural resources need to be capitalised upon. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify accessible routes for walk/cycle paths. Develop waymarked walking routes, allotments, walking clubs – possible linkages with Dams project • Develop a scheme for the development of the Beetling Dams as a natural asset providing green accessible space, water based activities, walking and fishing • Phased project required. Phase 1 to involve the completion of a feasibility study and development plan, phase 2 – securing the necessary funding and phase 3 – implementation of the Plan.
Washing Bay Torrent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to develop small scale capital infrastructure to retain and attract visitors • Lack of accessible and useable Walkways is an issue especially for families potentially linking with other areas - Coalisland etc • The Wetlands are a local resource that should be enhanced and developed • The bogland area at Washingbay need preserved to ensure longevity • The nature walk is an asset that needs to be kept clear and clean for visitors • The beach area at Washingbay is in need of developing and linking in with pathway • • Footpaths to and from community buildings are either non-existent or of poor quality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathways, street lighting street lighting, softening of hard areas, flower beds, community gardening, green, camping site redevelopment, cycle store, hire of boats, quayside and beach development • Create a fully accessible and safe walkway for residents which will potentially link in current pitch at Derrylaughan with nature walk and canal / river and Greenways • Investigate better ways to enhance the wetland features including better access to the Lough • Initiate a scheme to preserve the existing bogland • Clear shrubbery and tidy nature walk area and develop an appropriate management plan for same • Develop sandy beach and open up to link in with existing pathway • Identify priority areas that need addressed to include Washingbay Road to football field Prioritizing footways for high risk areas.

Report on	Sport NI Multi Facility Fund Application
Date of Meeting	14 th November 2019
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members of the outcome of the Sport NI Multi Facility Fund Application
2.0	Background
2.1	Sport NI launched its Multi Facility Fund in March 2018 and on advice MUDC Officers took the opportunity to make an application for the proposed upgrade of facilities at the Mid Ulster Sports Arena.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Multi-Facility Fund is a new capital grants programme managed and administered by Sport Northern Ireland. The programme is financed by National Lottery funds.
3.2	<p>The proposed aim of the capital investment programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To partially address identified sports facility deficits; • To positively contribute to targets outlined in The Northern Ireland Strategy for Sport and Physical Recreation (2009-2019) – Sport Matters; • To positively contribute to objectives of Sport Northern Ireland's Corporate Plan.
3.3	<p>The Multi-Facility Fund prioritised projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a multi-facility environment (with a mixture of indoor and / or outdoor provision). Sport NI defines 'multi-facility' as: Four or more different sports facility types located on a single site. An example of a multi-facility project could include a natural turf pitch; synthetic pitch, sports hall, and a fitness suite. • Address identified sports facility deficits. • Can demonstrate consultation/support from three or more Sport NI recognised Governing Bodies of Sport and deliver against their local priorities. • Have a long-term sustainable sports development plan which details programmed activity, aimed at significantly increasing participation.

3.4	<p>Sport NI had indicated previously that the project had been successful at Stage 1 and we were invited to submit a stage 2 application, this included a detailed Sports development plan. On the 15th October Sport NI advised that we have been successful at Stage 2 of the process and that we have been invited to work with them to develop our project. However they did caveat the letter by saying,</p> <p><i>"I would also like to highlight that this letter is not a monetary offer of award nor does it guarantee that your organisation will be successful in securing an award. This letter merely gives your organisation approval to move to the next stage of the process".</i></p>
3.5	<p>The indicative budget for the programme is £6.75m and 10 applicants have been invited to the next stage. This will involve an initial meeting with Sport NI and CPD who will require a Green Book Economic Appraisal to be carried out on the proposed project, this is NOT an eligible cost for Local Authorities under the terms and conditions of the grant and will mean that MUDC will have to proceed at risk and commission this work.</p> <p>District councils are eligible for 60% of the costs up to a maximum of £1million. The estimated cost of the project will be in the region of £2,500,000.</p> <p>The application for MUSA included an 8 lane running track and pitch in the middle of the track both with floodlights. Other facilities to be considered but ineligible as part of the funding would be spectator accommodation, large meeting room, improved Strength and Conditioning facility and additional changing rooms.</p>
3.6	Negotiations with CAFRE are ongoing in relation to the land transfer.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>Project is dependent on funding being secured and land transfer from Department. The cost of developing and Economic Appraisal is estimated at £15,000 with budget available in existing 2019/20 leisure revenue budgets.</p> <p><u>Human</u> N/A</p>
	Human: N/A
	Risk Management N/A
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications
	Equality Impact Screening will be required
	Rural Needs Implications:

	Rural Needs assessment will be required
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	<p>That members note the success of the Stage 2 application and agree to work with Sport NI towards developing the project.</p> <p>Members are asked to agree that Council procure a consultant to complete a Green Book Economic Appraisal for the project as required at an estimated cost of £15,000.</p>
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Copy of the letter from Sport NI confirming stage 2 application has been successful.

Date: 15th October 2019

Ref No: MFF/18/11402

Oliver McShane
Mid Ulster Sports Arena
Tullywiggan Road
Cookstown
Co. Tyrone
BT80 8SG

Dear Oliver

Multi-Facility Fund- Mid Ulster District Council (MUSA)

Thank you for your application to the above programme.

I am pleased to inform you that your Stage 2 Application has been successful and Sport NI now wishes to work with you towards developing your project.

I would also like to highlight that this letter is not a monetary offer of award nor does it guarantee that your organisation will be successful in securing an award. This letter merely gives your organisation approval to move to the next stage of the process.

We look forward to working more closely with you in the coming months to progress your scheme and your Development Officer will be in touch to arrange a meeting to discuss your requirements in more detail.

In the interim, i would request that you complete the attached proforma and return to kevincourtney@sportni.net

Yours sincerely

William Devlin
Capital Investments Manager

Enc. CPD Grant Funded – Project Information Details form.

Report on	Sports Representative Grants
Date of Meeting:	14 th November, 2019
Reporting Officer	Oliver McShane
Contact Officer	Oliver McShane

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To present to members the proposed community grant allocations for the range of Sports Representative Grant ~ Team and Individuals.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>The Sports Representative Grants (Individual and Team) is a continuous rolling programme.</p> <p>Eligibility criteria compliance was completed by officers followed by grant programme assessment.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Detailed analysis of the proposed grant awards are attached for your information.
3.2	<p>Summary detail is as follows: The Sports Representative Grant:</p> <p>5 Individual applications were received and awarded a total of £1,050</p> <p>2 Team applications were received, both deemed ineligible as one event was in Northern Ireland and the other was retrospective.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	<p>Financial: Total finance allocated:</p> <p>The Sports Representative Grant is a continuous rolling programme with a revised annual allocation for 19/20 of £16,000 with £12,400 already allocated this leaves a balance of £3,600 available as at 30.09.19</p>
	Human: None.
	Risk Management: N/a

4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications N/a
	Rural Needs Implications: N/a
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To agree the recommendation for sports grant allocations.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Grant recipients and amount of grant award.

Sportsperson Representative on eligible cost to a max of £250

Name		Project Title	Amount Requested	Band	Amount Awarded
Glenn	Donnelly	British & Irish Masters International Cross Country	£250	2	£225
Hayden	Gibson	NI Motorcross	£740	2	£225
Natalie	Hall	Masters Cross Country International	£250	3	£200
Darcey	Harkness	British National Cyclocross	£250	3	£200
Jason	Haughey	European Outdoor Tug of War Championships 2019	£250	3	£200
Total					£1,050

Band	Amount
1	£250.00
2	£225.00
3	£200.00
4	£175.00
5	£150.00

Sports Team Representative 75% grant on eligible cost to a max of £500

Name	Project Title	Amount Requested	Band	Amount Awarded
Total				

Band	Amount
1	£500.00
2	£450.00
3	£400.00
4	£350.00
5	£300.00

Ineligible Sports Representation

Derrylaughan Kevin Barrys Camogie	Ulster Camogie Championships	£1,520	Event in Northern Ireland therefore not eligible
Eoghan Ruadh Hurling Club U14s	All Ireland Feile NaGael	£1,000	Application submitted retrospectively therefore not eligible

Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 10 October 2019 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present	Councillor Wilson, Chair Councillors Ashton, Black, Burton, Clarke, Corry, Cuddy, Doris, Elattar, Hughes, Kearney, Kerr, McNamee, Milne, Molloy, Monteith
Officers in Attendance	Mrs Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities Mr Browne, Head of Tourism Mr Hill, Head of Parks Ms Linney, Head of Community Development Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts Ms McKeown, Head of Economic Development Miss Thompson, Democratic Services Officer
Others in Attendance	Agenda Item 4 – Parenting NI Mr Eisenstadt, Policy and Research Officer, Parenting NI

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

D159/19 Apologies

None.

D160/19 Declaration of Interests

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility with regard to declarations of interest.

D161/19 Chair's Business

DAERA Micro Business Capital Grants Scheme

The Head of Economic Development advised that DAERA have been engaging with Council on the delivery of a pilot micro business capital grant scheme within the District which will focus on supporting rural micro enterprises. It was advised this scheme will be piloted across all rural Councils in Northern Ireland simultaneously.

Funding for the scheme will be provided through the TRPSI programme (Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation Programme) and is only open to micro businesses with under 10 employees. The maximum grant available will be up to £4,999.

The Head of Economic Development advised that Council are in receipt of a formal contract from DAERA which will provide administration funding of up to 15% of grant spend incurred for associated delivery costs. The overall budget for the ten Council

areas involved is in the region of £500,000 in total which will equate to approximately £50,000 for Mid Ulster to target ten projects.

Members were advised that Council staff would be responsible for the assessment of applications, issuing letters of offer, processing claims for grant aid from successful promoters and monitoring of project delivery. Council would not be responsible for making payments to grant recipients as this will be performed by DAERA direct to project promoters.

The indicative timescale for delivery of this pilot scheme is set out below –

- Calls for applications by 25 November 2019
- Close for applications on 20 December 2019
- Assessment of applications and issue of letters of offer by 14 February 2020
- All spend by successful promoters incurred by 31 March 2020

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to participate in the DAERA Micro Business Capital Grants Scheme and to accept the funding contract from DAERA, dated 7 October 2019 to the value of £7,874 to administer the scheme, subject to satisfactory legal review by Council's Solicitor.

D162/19 Deputation – Parenting NI

The Chair, Councillor Wilson welcomed Mr Eisenstadt, Policy and Research Officer with Parenting NI, to the meeting and invited him to present to Members.

Mr Eisenstadt stated that the purpose of his presentation (Appendix 1) was to seek support from Council to engage with and empower parents in local council areas, for Council to take the initiative in dealing with parenting challenges and to sign up to the four promises and commitments as detailed below –

Promises

- Promise to invest in parent employees wellbeing in the workplace.
- Promise to put in place community based, evidence informed programmes to build parenting confidence and skills.
- Promise to train Council staff in the importance of working in partnership with parents and how to engage parents.
- Promise to seek the opinion of parents explicitly when consulting on services for children or young people.

Commitments

- Committing to specifically name parents (or those in a parenting role) whenever a policy, strategy or initiative mentions children.
- Committing to explore strategies to support parents specifically and practically, including inclusion in community plans.
- Committing to working with other Councils, departments and the third sector to make Northern Ireland as parent friendly as possible.

- Nominating an elected member on every Council to serve as a “Parent Champion”.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson thanked Mr Eisenstadt for his presentation following which he withdrew from the meeting.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson stated that there were a number of organisations who have requested to present to the Development Committee and that a Special Development Committee meeting had been arranged for 23 October 2019 to deal solely with presentations.

In relation to the presentation made tonight the Chair advised that the presentation would be forwarded to the Community Planning Officer with a view to seeing where it fits in with Council’s Community Plan.

Matters for Decision

D163/19 Community Development Report

The Head of Community Development presented previously circulated report and provided an update on the following:

- **Rolling Grants Awards – Good Relations and Local Community Festivals**

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the Rolling Grant Awards – Good Relations and Local Community Festivals as per grant recommendations at Appendix 1 of report.

Councillor Black asked if officers had any concerns in relation to the level of funding available and what had changed between last month and this month.

The Director of Business and Communities stated that he may have misunderstood the question last month as he thought the query was in relation to budgets instead of grants. The Director advised that grants are always under pressure and that there was a review of grant streams ongoing at the moment, the Director continued that if Members felt that grants could be adjusted it was a decision for them to make and officers will deliver accordingly. The Director highlighted that budgets for grants had not increased over the last four years.

Councillor Ashton stated that the local community festivals grant was one of the more popular grants and that it was too quick to cut this grant as it would hit grass roots organisations. Councillor Ashton requested that a report come back to Committee on whether there was scope to move money around in order to keep the local community festivals grant open.

Councillor Milne declared an interest in Bellaghy Village Regeneration.

Councillor Black asked if the applications already submitted for this grant but had not been scored would now be null and void.

The Head of Community Development stated that applications submitted since last scoring would have to be honoured.

Councillor Monteith requested that between now and the October Council meeting officers explore the possibility of moving monies in order to keep the local community festivals open, the Councillor felt it was too soon to close this grant and it was a bad message to send out to the public. Councillor Monteith stated that year on year this grant is oversubscribed and there was a responsibility on everyone to ensure that enough monies are made available for this grant.

In response to question from Councillor Molloy the Head of Community Development advised that approximately £15,000 would be required to keep the local community local festivals grant open until the end of the year.

- **Peace IV**

Councillor Burton referred to project in Aughnacloy and stated that neighbouring residents are concerned about the development and its proximity to their home as there is ongoing anti social behaviour. Councillor Burton stated she appreciated that the current play facilities need to be upgraded but asked officers to be mindful of the concerns of residents.

The Head of Community Development advised that the provision of the new bitmac paths will be to access the second play area. The officer advised that the facility will be designed without lighting and any seating overlooked at the roadside so as not to encourage any anti social behaviour. She confirmed once the final design is in place they will liaise again with the resident.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Corry and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council -
(I) To approve the shared space concept designs for the six villages as set out at appendix 2 of report.
(II) To request SEUPB to transfer surplus Shared Space Grant funding to Shared Space Capital Projects.

- **Community Planning**

Members noted update on Community Planning poverty strategic actions.

Councillor Monteith stated that Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) had been in attendance at the last Council meeting and had agreed to meet with Council in relation to the housing crisis in Dungannon. Councillor Monteith proposed that Council should act immediately and seek a meeting with NIHE at the earliest opportunity.

Councillor Kerr seconded Councillor Monteith's proposal.

Councillor Elattar proposed that the local MP should also be provided with the information to assist in addressing the issues relating to social and affordable housing in Mid Ulster.

Councillor Ashton seconded Councillor Elattar's proposal on the basis that the MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone also be included.

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- (I) To seek meeting with Northern Ireland Housing Executive at the earliest opportunity to discuss housing crisis in Dungannon.
 - (II) To provide Mid Ulster MLAs and MPs with information to assist in addressing the issues relating to social and affordable housing in Mid Ulster.

- **Community Development Update**

Members noted Community Development Update.

D164/19 Economic Development Report

The Head of Economic Development presented previously circulated report which provided an update on key activities as detailed below -

- **Caledon Regeneration Partnership**

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to invite Caledon Regeneration Partnership to make a presentation at the next available Development Committee Meeting where representatives from the group can provide more details on their funding proposal to develop the Wool Store as outlined at Appendix 1 of report.

- **Donaghmore Traders Meeting Update**

Members noted progress.

- **Dungannon Regeneration Partnership Proposal**

Councillors Cuddy, Molloy and Monteith declared interest an interest in this item.

Proposed by Councillor Doris
Seconded by Councillor Milne and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the Revised Proposal from Dungannon Regeneration Partnership (as per Appendix 2 of report) to reduce vacancy levels in Dungannon town centre, making provision of Council funding of £125,000 broken down as follows, subject to Department for Communities match funding of providing £120,000.
- 2019/20 - £5,000
 - 2020/21 - £40,000

- 2021/22 - £40,000
- 2022/23 - £40,000

- **Dungannon Town : Branded Merchandise and Jute Shopping Bags**

Proposed by Councillor Milne
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council -

- (I) To approve up to £20,000 (excluding Vat) from the Economic Development budget for officers to tender and purchase new town centre merchandise for Dungannon.
- (II) To approve up to £20,000 (excluding Vat) from the Economic Development budget for officers to tender and purchase new jute shopping bags for Dungannon.

- **Interreg VA Faster Project**

Proposed by Councillor Kerr
Seconded by Councillor Corry and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that Mid Ulster District Council act as an Associate Partner within the East Border Region's Interreg VA Faster Project and supply a letter of support as requested and as set out at Appendix 3 of report.

- **Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes – 1.7.19**

Members noted minutes of Coalisland Town Centre Forum held on 1 July 2019.

- **Mid Ulster Skills Forum Minutes - 8.3.19**

Members noted minutes of Mid Ulster Skills Forum meeting held on 8 March 2019.

- **Mid Ulster Brexit Working Group Minutes – 27.2.19**

Members noted minutes of Mid Ulster Brexit Working Group meeting held on 27 February 2019.

In response to Councillor Monteith's question the Director of Business and Communities advised that due to policy and financial implications the consultation in relation to the Department of Finance Business Rates Review was being taken through the Policy and Resources Committee.

Councillor Molloy advised that the matter had been discussed at last week's Policy and Resources meeting and it was agreed to delegate authority to the Policy and Resources Committee to make a formal response to the consultation at its November meeting.

Councillor Corry referred to the announcement of the Brexit Support Fund and asked if any monies would be coming towards Mid Ulster District Council.

The Head of Economic Development advised that Council was not eligible to bid for monies but that officers did inform business organisations that the fund existed. The officer stated she was aware that Manufacturing Northern Ireland and Enterprise Northern Ireland had applied for funding and that Manufacturing Northern Ireland had been successful but as yet had received no formal update from Enterprise Northern Ireland regarding their bid.

Councillor Corry asked if community/voluntary groups are able to apply for the funding.

The Director of Business and Communities stated that the Brexit Support Fund was focused on supporting businesses, but that the Department for Communities was developing a multi-agency response on the impact of the EU Exit on Vulnerable Communities and to date, a Vulnerable People Working Group had been established and when more information becomes available, it would be shared.

Councillor McNamee asked if Killymoon Golf Club was included on the list of presentations to be made at Special Development Committee. The Councillor stated that, at the July Development Committee, he had requested a meeting with DfI Roads in relation to Cookstown Bypass but this had not progressed.

The Head of Economic Development stated that a request to present to Development Committee had been received from Killymoon Golf Club and was passed to Democratic Services Section.

Councillor McNamee felt that Council should keep pressure on DfI Roads in relation to Cookstown Bypass.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that a meeting would be requested for Cookstown DEA Members to meet with DfI Roads in relation to Cookstown Bypass.

D165/19 Town Centre Information Digital Points

The Head of Tourism presented previously circulated report which sought approval for the locations for Town Centre Information Digital Points.

Councillor Cuddy referred to digital screen that was erected as part of the public realm works in Market Square, Dungannon and had never worked.

The Head of Tourism advised that it is proposed to erect the information point for Dungannon outside Ranfurly House Arts and Visitor Centre.

Proposed by Councillor Milne
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve three visitor information kiosks to be located as follows (subject to planning and DfI approval) –

- (I) Cookstown – Outside Burnavon Arts Centre, Cookstown
- (II) Dungannon – Outside Ranfurly House Arts and Visitor Centre, Market Square, Dungannon
- (III) Magherafelt – Outside Specsavers, Meeting Street, Magherafelt

D166/19 Parks and Play Five Year Strategic Plan

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report which sought approval for the Parks and Play Five Year Strategic Plan.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson advised he had received several requests to speak in relation to the content of the plan and suggested that DEA meetings be held in order for Members to discuss issues with a view to bringing this item back for decision next month.

Councillor McNamee stated that there was plenty of good work being done however there were some problems to be resolved. Councillor McNamee proposed that this item be brought back to the November meeting of Development Committee and that DEA meetings take place in the interim for Members to discuss issues relating to the plan.

Councillor Milne seconded Councillor McNamee's proposal.

Councillor Cuddy stated that this plan had been in the pipeline for nearly two years and that it was a five year programme. The Councillor felt that sometimes Members just needed to make a call and move on.

Councillor Ashton stated that DEA meetings had already taken place. Councillor Ashton referred to page 83 of the plan and referenced disabled parking and toilets and that there appeared to be room to accommodate same and that this should be prioritised.

Councillor Monteith felt that what was within the plan was not reflective of discussion at the Dungannon DEA meeting, that the DEA meeting had taken place in February and it was now October and that he did not feel there was anything in the plan overall that Council officers could not have done themselves. The Councillor felt that the plan was uninspiring and was not what Councillors would have foreseen being brought forward and requested a report outlining the cost in preparing the plan.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation agreed to provide this.

Councillor Burton stated that there had been some good work done in relation to Fivemiletown. Councillor Burton also felt that Council should have a play park at the President Grant Homestead, the Councillor stated that Council are seeking to bring more tours to the Homestead and that families visiting the facility could make use of a play park at this location.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson reminded Members that there was no budget for developing play parks and that Members needed to consider and approve a plan so that budgets are approved for next year.

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- (I) To arrange DEA meetings for Members to discuss issues relating to the Parks and Play Plan and that report and plan be brought back to November Committee meeting.
 - (II) To provide details of costs in developing the Parks and Play Strategy.

D167/19 Outdoor Recreation Five Year Strategic Plan

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report which sought approval for the Outdoor Recreation Five Year Strategic Plan.

Councillor McNamee proposed that DEA meetings also be held in relation to this plan to discuss issues.

Councillor Milne seconded Councillor McNamee's proposal.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson stated there was not as much urgency with this plan and that DEA meetings could wait until the New Year.

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- (I) To arrange DEA meetings in the New Year for Members to discuss issues relating to the Outdoor Recreation Plan and that report and plan be brought back to a future Committee meeting.

D168/19 Solar Walk, Davagh – Landowner Lease Agreements

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report which sought to formalise a lease agreement between Mid Ulster District Council and two individual landowners in respect of the Solar Walk at Davagh Forest.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to establish two individual Lease Agreements with the relevant landowners in respect of lands crossed by the Solar Walk as part of the Davagh Forest Dark Skies development project.

D169/19 Sandford Awards Ceremony 2019

The Head of Culture and Arts presented previously circulated report which advised that the Education Programme at Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House Arts & Visitor Centre had been awarded a Sandford Award 2019 and sought approval for two representatives from Council (one officer and Chair or Deputy Chair) to attend the Sandford Awards Ceremony in London on Monday 18 November 2019.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that two representatives (one officer and Chair or Deputy Chair) attend the Sandford Awards Ceremony taking place at the Victoria and Albert Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, Bethnal Green, London E2 9PA on 18 November 2019, in line with Council's established practice and protocol regarding representation of elected members at events.

D170/19 Enhanced Accessibility and Proposed Tree Works at Tullaghoge Fort

The Head of Culture and Arts presented previously circulated report which advised of essential tree works at Tullaghoge Fort to be undertaken by Historic Environment Division of Department for Communities and sought approval to progress a tree planting scheme and a tree sculpture project at Tullaghoge Fort to be led by Culture and Arts Services and funded by Historic Environment Division.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to note the essential tree works required at Tullaghoge Fort which will be undertaken by Historic Environment Division of Department for Communities and to progress a tree planting scheme and a tree sculpture project at Tullaghoge Fort to be led by Culture and Arts Services and funded by Historic Environment Division of Department for Communities.

Councillor McNamee referred to manhole covers stolen at Tullaghoge and asked if there was an update.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that he had been informed that manhole covers had been stolen from the car park at Tullaghoge Fort on the Thursday night, the Director advised that Council staff replaced the covers on the Friday however these were again stolen on the Saturday night. At this point, the Director stated that the gates at Tullaghoge Fort had to be closed and remained closed until the Monday when the manhole covers had again been replaced.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that these incidents did not solely affect Tullaghoge Fort as manhole covers were also stolen in Stewartstown and Coalisland around the same time however officers and police were monitoring the situation as the Fort is a widely used Council facility.

Matters for Information

D171/19 Minutes of Development Committee held on 12 September 2019

Members noted Minutes of Development Committee held on 12 September 2019.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson referred to previous discussions in relation to VE Day Commemorations and that a report was to be brought before Members on the matter but that this was still outstanding.

The Head of Tourism advised that discussions are ongoing between officers and Killeeshil Historical Society and that a report will be brought before Members at the November Development Committee.

Councillor Cuddy stated it was important to note that Killeeshil and Clonaneese Historical Groups had come together and that both names should be included when they are being addressed.

D172/19 Dungannon Halloween Event 2019

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the change of format for the Halloween Event scheduled to be held at Ranfurly House and Hill of The O'Neill on Wednesday 30 October 2019.

D173/19 Heritage Outputs 2019

Members noted previously circulated report which set out the Heritage Outputs for 2019.

D174/19 Dungannon Park Parkrun

Members noted previously circulated report which set out the success of Dungannon Park Parkrun, on the first anniversary since its launch in 2018.

D175/19 Leisure Services Update

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the progress being made regarding activities in Leisure Services and highlighted a number of key events/activities.

Councillor Monteith stated it would also be useful to include detail of any issues relating to facilities within the leisure services update and referred to Drumcoo Playing Fields in which Council removed play equipment and he felt had left the area a disgrace. Councillor Monteith referred to ongoing problems and that members of the community wanted a wall to be knocked down at the playing fields, the Councillor stated that the community could not wait on the play park strategy being adopted and that action needed to be taken now. Councillor Monteith proposed that Dungannon DEA Councillors along with officers and the community meet in relation to the issues at Drumcoo Playing Fields as soon as possible.

Councillor Kerr seconded Councillor Monteith's proposal.

Councillor Molloy agreed with Councillor Monteith's comments and stated that there had been an incident at the playing fields last week. The Councillor stated that Members had previously been advised that a meeting would be arranged however he was not aware if this had been progressed.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to arrange meeting in relation to ongoing issues at Drumcoo Playing Fields. Dungannon DEA Councillors, officers and community to be in attendance.

Councillor Kerr referred to one to one swimming lessons for autistic children and stated that he had been contacted by a parent of an autistic child who had previously availed of one to one lessons. The Councillor stated that the parent had advised him that there were no longer any one to one lessons for their child and that they could only be accommodated in group sessions which was not suitable. Councillor Kerr proposed that this matter be reviewed with a view to reinstating one to one lessons for autistic children.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation stated that it was her understanding that this child had been attending one to one lessons in Dungannon but that during refurbishment works in Dungannon, arrangements had been put in place to facilitate lessons in Cookstown. The Director agreed to investigate what arrangements are in place for the child in question.

Councillor Kerr stated that staff had advised this was an ongoing problem and asked that it be looked at in the long term.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation stated that officers were proactively looking at ways to improve the delivery of the Council's swimming lesson programme and that staff were doing their best to facilitate needs in the interim.

Councillor Doris stated she had been approached by the same parent and asked that the Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation get back to the parent on the matter.

Councillor Monteith stated it was his belief that there had been agreement in the past that there would be a review of provision of facilities/lessons etc for children with special circumstances. The Councillor also referred to request made by Sperrinview to use facilities at Dunganon Leisure Centre and that it was not the first time a request had been received from them. Councillor Monteith proposed that a report be brought forward on what services are provided for children with disabilities.

Councillor Kerr stated that he had received comments from parents with autistic children that their needs are not accommodated at Council run family events.

Councillor Corry enquired as to what activities there are for older people in leisure centres.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation stated that there were various activities including 50+ groups and agreed to conduct an audit to include in report for next month's Committee.

Councillor Doris seconded Councillor Monteith's proposal.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council –
(I) To provide update in relation to provision of leisure facilities/lessons for children with special needs.

- (II) To provide report outlining provision of activities for older people at Leisure Centres.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Resolved In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items D176/19 to D180/19.

Matters for Decision

- D176/19 Pilot Arts, Health and Wellbeing Project
D177/19 Tender report for the appointment of Café concessions for Seamus Heaney HomePlace, Cookstown Leisure Centre and Dungannon Park Pavillion
D178/19 Wi-Fi Tender Report
D179/19 Town Centre Enhancement Scheme Report

Matters for Information

- D180/19 Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on 12 September 2019

D181/19 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 8.13 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Report on	Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working Group minutes of meeting of 21 st October 2019
Date of Meeting	Thursday 14th November 2019
Reporting Officer	Tony McCance, Head of Culture & Arts
Contact Officer	Tony McCance, Head of Culture & Arts

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To receive and consider for approval the minutes of the Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working Group held on 21 st October 2019.
2.0	Background
2.1	Mid Ulster District Council previously resolved to establish a Language Working Group to assist with policy development and to support the implementation of Mid Ulster District Council's Irish Language and Ulster Scots language policies and associated work.
2.2	The Working Group Terms of Reference confirms that the business of the Regional and Minority Language Working Group be reported through Mid Ulster District Council's Development Committee.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The report of the meeting of 21 st October 2019 is attached for members' consideration.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: As per approved Council budgets for Regional and Minority Languages
	Human: N/a

	<p>Risk Management: All risks identified and arising from the delivery of the Regional and Minority Language Programme are discussed and addressed through the Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working Group</p>
4.2	<p>Screening & Impact Assessments</p>
	<p>Equality & Good Relations Implications:</p> <p>The language policies are implemented in a way that is sensitive to the concerns of certain sections of the community, that is inclusive, and that aspires to promote good relations between all sections of the community in the longer term.</p> <p>The language policies are introduced so as to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the promotion of a good and harmonious environment, either among Council staff or within the District as a whole.</p>
	<p>Rural Needs Implications: Rural needs implications are considered as part of the implementation and delivery of the regional and minority language programme of activity</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to note the minutes of the Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working group minutes of 21 st October 2019
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Minutes of the Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working Group of 21 st October 2019.

Minutes of Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working Group of Mid Ulster Council held on Monday 21st October 2019 in the Council Offices, Cookstown.

Attendees **Members:** Cllr John McNamee (Chair), Cllr Seán McPeake, Cllr Martin Kearney, Cllr Rónán McGinley.

Officers: Tony McCance, Déaglán Ó Doibhlin.

AGENDA	MATTERS AGREED	ACTIONS & RESPONSIBILITY
1.0	Apologies	
	Adrian McCreesh, Cllr Seán McGuigan, Cllr Trevor Wilson	
2.0	Declarations of Interest	
	No declarations of interest submitted.	
3.0	Minutes of previous meeting held on 8th October 2018.	
	Cllr McGinley highlighted that given this was the first meeting of the Working group since the Council elections that it would be appropriate to elect a chair for the term of the Council. This was agreed, Cllr McGinley proposed Cllr McNamee be re-elected, seconded by Cllr McPeake unopposed. Cllr McNamee was duly re-elected chairperson of the RML Working Group.	

	A report of the minutes of the previous meeting was presented to the Working Group.	
4.0	Signage Programme update	
	<p>T. McCance provided an update on the progress of the signage programme. With regard to road signage, 92 bilingual signage applications have been received to date, for which 72 household surveys have been completed, a further 6 are ongoing with the remainder to be completed by the end of December.</p> <p>T. McCance highlighted the issue of vandalism to signage - 2 sign locations in particular, Gulladuff Hill and Ballyriff Road which have been repeatedly vandalised. The Chair of the meeting, Cllr J. McNamee expressed his disappointment at the response of the PSNI to the ongoing vandalism of bilingual signage and stated that PSNI needed to prioritise repeated episodes of criminality. The Chair added that all councillors were invited to a meeting with the police on the 5th November to discuss this issue. Cllr R McGinley expressed his disappointment with the PSNI with regard to the vandalism of bilingual signs in contrast to other types of criminal behaviour.</p> <p>Cllr. S McPeake asked if waiting times for road signage had reduced following the highlighting of complaints from members of the public due to the length of the process. T. McCance stated that it was his understanding that the process was now more streamlined than what had previously been the case however he agreed to contact the Head of Service with responsibility for processing the road name signage requests to determine if the processing period had reduced.</p> <p>T. McCance advised the Working Group that internal building signage was currently in the process of being procured.</p>	T. McCance
5.0	Ulster Scots Language and cultural activity update	
	<p>T. McCance presented to the group an update on the proposal previously approved by the Working Group on 8th October 2018. Classes had been scheduled to take place at the Burnavon, Hill of the O'Neill and at RCN offices in Cookstown, and additional events may take place in the District as part of Ulster Scots Language Week which will run from 25th - 30th of November.</p>	T. McCance

6.0	Irish Language Programme update	
	<p>D. Ó Doibhlin provided the meeting with an update on the Irish Language Programme with the following information:</p> <p>Opportunities to Learn: Monthly Tús / Nasc Bootcamps continue to be popular with the public and are attracting large numbers on the Hill of the O'Neill. Adult night classes have recommenced at 7 locations across the District.</p> <p>Activity Funding 22 organisations have been awarded activity funding this year and projects are ongoing across the District.</p> <p>Primary School Project 46 schools across the District are taking part in the project this year and the officers continue to receive excellent feed-back from school principals.</p> <p>RML Bursary Scheme 186 awards have been made this year, an increase of 42 from last year. Cllr S McPeake questioned whether there is sufficient budget to deal with the increase in demand. T McCance stated that the current budget is sufficient to meet current demands, however it was also recognised that in any given year there could be an increase in demand. T McCance agreed to keep the RML Bursary Scheme budget allocation under review.</p> <p>Report on Irish Language Provision in Local Govt. D Ó Doibhlin reported on a report produced by Conradh na Gaeilge on Irish Language provision in local government; <u>Local Councils, Obligations and the Irish Language: A Framework for Compliance.</u></p> <p>In summary, it was reported that Mid Ulster was found to be compliant under the framework with Conradh na Gaeilge stating "The Council has shown a commitment to progressively realise their obligations under the framework"</p>	T. McCance, D. Ó Doibhlin

	<p>The chair of the meeting, Cllr J McNamee commended the officers tasked with the promotion of the Irish Language on behalf of Mid Ulster Council. Cllr J McNamee requested an update on staffing.</p> <p>T McCance responding that there was currently one Irish language officer in place and that he hoped that Council would be back to its full compliment of Officers very soon.</p>	
7.0	A.O.B.	
	Next meeting agreed for January 2020. T McCance to confirm dates and times at a later date	
<i>Meeting concluded at 6.30pm</i>		

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Report on	1) Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes – 2.9.19 2) Heels on the Hill - Evaluation Report 2019 3) Manufacturing & Engineering Growth and Advancement (MEGA) Feature 4) NI Business Start Programme 2017-21 Update 5) ICBAN Report: The Border into Brexit: Interim Findings 6) Mid Ulster Enterprise Week (18-22 Nov 2019) 7) Cookstown Market Rights
Date of Meeting	14 November 2019
Reporting Officer	Fiona McKeown, Head of Economic Development

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To provide Members with an update on key activities as detailed below.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes – 2.9.19 Coalisland Town Centre Forum was established in March 2019 along similar lines to the Forums / Partnerships already operating in Cookstown, Dungannon, Magherafelt and Maghera. The Forum acts as a strategic body providing advice and guidance to town centre stakeholders on the development of Coalisland town centre.</p>
2.2	<p>Heels on the Hill - Evaluation Report 2019 Heels on the Hill fashion show was held Friday 27th September 2019, in the event Space, Hill of The O'Neill, Dungannon. The fashion show was delivered in association with Style Academy and featured local fashion retailers in Dungannon.</p>
2.3	<p>Manufacturing & Engineering Growth and Advancement (MEGA) Feature The new Manufacturing & Engineering Growth and Advancement (MEGA) programme originated from within the Mid Ulster Skills Forum. The MEGA Programme is funded by Invest NI and Mid Ulster Council and primarily focuses on skills shortages within the region's manufacturing and engineering sectors. The 2½ year industry led programme is supported by a collaborative network of businesses representative of the sector.</p>

2.4	<p>NI Business Start Programme 2017-21 Update</p> <p>This current NI Business Start Programme is led by Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council (L&CCC) on behalf of the 11 Councils. Following the successful 11 Council collaborative application to the EU Growth and Jobs Programme in 2016 and subsequent procurement exercise, this Programme was awarded to Enterprise NI and is being delivered through a range of their enterprise partners. The Programme has been operational since 1 September 2017 and is delivered in Mid Ulster by Cookstown Enterprise Centre, Marketing (NI) in Dungannon and Workspace Enterprises Ltd.</p>
2.5	<p>ICBAN Report: The Border into Brexit Interim Findings</p> <p>This Report outlines the results from the first part of 'The Border into Brexit' project run by Queen's University Belfast in conjunction with the Irish Central Border Area Network of 8 local authorities in the Central Border Region of Ireland / Northern Ireland.</p>
2.6	<p>Mid Ulster Enterprise Week (18-22 Nov 2019)</p> <p>Mid Ulster has consistently been named as Northern Ireland's most entrepreneurial region. The district has more than 9,000 VAT-registered companies and is the largest business base outside of Belfast. Mid Ulster's first ever Enterprise Week will take place from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd November 2019. Spearheaded by the Council with support from other key stakeholders, the week long programme will see a wide range of events taking place across the district.</p>
2.7	<p>Cookstown Market Rights</p> <p>Cookstown Market Rights are owned by Mr & Mrs P Orr. Each Saturday in Cookstown market stalls are located in the parking bays from Loy Hill in the town to Oldtown.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes – 2.9.19</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting of Coalisland Town Centre Forum held on the 2nd September 2019 are attached at Appendix 1.</p>
3.2	<p>Heels on the Hill - Evaluation Report 2019</p> <p>An Evaluation Report on the Heels on the Hill Fashion Event held on 27th September 2019 in the Event Space, Hill of the O'Neill, Dungannon is attached on Appendix 2.</p>
3.3	<p>Manufacturing & Engineering Growth and Advancement (MEGA) Feature</p> <p>Maria Curran has been appointed as the Project Director and work is progressing at pace. The MEGA Network has held two monthly meetings in which governance structures have been agreed and plans are in place for a launch and engagement event involving schools and businesses as part of Council's first ever Enterprise Week in November 2019. A MEGA representative has been invited to join DfE's Sectoral Skills Partnership. A feature to showcase the work of the MEGA Programme was published by Council in the Agenda NI Magazine in October 2019. A copy is attached for information on Appendix 3.</p>

3.4	<p>NI Business Start Programme 2017-21 Update</p> <p>Programme performance in Mid Ulster for the period 1 April – 30 September 2019 is good. To achieve the year’s statutory target of 210 jobs promoted by 31 March 2019, 342 Plans are required and by 30 September 2019, 158 had been delivered (46%), promoting 97 jobs.</p> <p>In terms of the ERDF Programme Year 2, (September 2018-August 2019) the Mid Ulster delivery agents exceeded their target of 287 Plans, delivering 359 Plans promoting 220 jobs.</p>
3.5	<p>ICBAN Report: The Border into Brexit Interim Findings</p> <p>The Report offers preliminary analysis and a summary interim findings of a large online survey of residents across the region, from both sides of the border. The survey asked people living and working in the region about their experiences of Brexit already, their anticipation of a hard border and their views on a No Deal Brexit, as well as the unique nature of the border region. A copy of the report is attached on Appendix 4.</p>
3.6	<p>Mid Ulster Enterprise Week (18-22 Nov 2019)</p> <p>Mid Ulster’s first ever Enterprise Week will take place from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd November 2019. An extensive series of free events to support local businesses will take place right across Mid Ulster, focusing businesses from start-up activity through to growth. More than 25 events will be staged across the week, from drop-in business advice clinics and workshops focused on everything from financial fitness to developing a compelling sales pitch, with several large scale events also on the agenda, including a major Mid Ulster Job Fair, a New Business Showcase and a Business Funding and Support event.</p> <p>Organised by the Council, with support from partners which include Mid Ulster Enterprise Partnership, Mid Ulster Skills Forum, Invest NI, Business in the Community, Department for Communities, Network Personnel and a number of other business leaders, the week’s focus is on allowing people to explore their enterprising potential, whether they’re at pre-start, start or growth stage.</p> <p>A full programme of events taking place during Mid Ulster Enterprise Week is attached on Appendix 5 and we would encourage Members to raise awareness of these events with any business you come into contact with and come along yourselves to witness what is expected to be a very exciting week of activity for businesses in Mid Ulster.</p>
3.7	<p>Cookstown Market Rights</p> <p>Members requested an update on Cookstown Market Rights following a delegation from Cookstown Town Centre Forum to meet Mr P Orr in November 2017 to determine his intentions regarding the sale of the market rights in Cookstown. At that juncture, Mr Orr indicated that a decision would be taken relatively soon on whether he wished to sell the market rights after he had fully discussed the matter with his family. Cookstown Regeneration Manager has subsequently been in liaison with Mr Orr regarding the sale of the market rights and Mr Orr indicated that whilst the market rights are not for sale at present, he notes Council’s expression of interest</p>

	in any future sale of the market rights and will not overlook such interest should he decide to sell the rights in the future.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: MEGA Feature in Agenda NI Magazine (Oct 2019) £3,196 + vat. <i>(The price included a longer promotional piece to showcase Mid Ulster co-ordinated by Council's Comms Section).</i>
	Human: Officer Time
	Risk Management:
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications:
	Rural Needs Implications:
5.0	Recommendation(s)
	It is recommended that Members:
5.1	Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes – 2.9.19 Note minutes of Coalisland Town Centre Forum held on 2.9.19.
5.2	Heels on the Hill - Evaluation Report 2019 Note Heels on the Hill - Evaluation Report 2019.
5.3	Manufacturing & Engineering Growth and Advancement (MEGA) Feature Note MEGA feature in Agenda NI magazine (October 2019).
5.4	NI Business Start Programme 2017-21 Update Note update on the NI Business Start Programme year to date performance.
5.5	ICBAN Report: The Border into Brexit Interim Findings Note interim findings of ICBAN's Report - The Border into Brexit.
5.6	Mid Ulster Enterprise Week (18-22 Nov 2019) Note details of events taking place during Mid Ulster's first ever Enterprise Week from 18-22 November 2019.
5.7	Cookstown Market Rights Note update

6.0	Documents Attached & References
	<p>Appendix 1 - Minutes of Coalisland Town Centre Forum – 2.9.19</p> <p>Appendix 2 - Heels on the Hill - Evaluation Report 2019</p> <p>Appendix 3 – Manufacturing & Engineering Growth and Advancement (MEGA) Feature</p> <p>Appendix 4 – ICBAN Report: The Border into Brexit (Oct 2019)</p> <p>Appendix 5 – Mid Ulster Enterprise Week Programme of Events (18-22 Nov 2019)</p>

APPENDIX 1

Minutes of Coalisland Town Centre Forum Meeting **Monday 2nd September 2019 at 5.30pm** **Cornmill Heritage Centre** **Coalisland**

Present

Cllr Niamh Doris	Mid Ulster District Council (Chair)
Cllr Robert Colvin	Mid Ulster District Council
Cllr Ronan McGinley	Mid Ulster District Council
Cllr Malachy Quinn	Mid Ulster District Council
Patrick Anderson	Department for Communities
Melanie Campbell	Coalisland & District Development Association
Paul Loughran	Translink
Ursula Marshall	Mid Ulster Disability Forum
Francie Molloy MP	Coalisland Residents & Community Forum
Dermot McGirr	Translink
Raymond O'Neill	Coalisland Traders Association

In Attendance

Oliver Donnelly	Mid Ulster District Council
Colin McKenna	Mid Ulster District Council

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2	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting 1st July 2019</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr M Quinn Seconded by U Marshall and agreed</p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2019 was a true and accurate record of proceedings.</p>																		

3.	<p>Introduction</p> <p>C McKenna updated members that the agenda was amended removing the Business Rates Review Presentation. He advised, that as the Department of Finance had not yet formally commenced their public consultation exercise, this matter was deferred for discussion at a future meeting. C McKenna advised when the Business Rates Review consultation opens, businesses and members of the Town Centre Forum will be invited to attend a meeting in Mid Ulster where the Department of Finance will be present, to hear the views from local stakeholders.</p> <p>Notice to be forwarded to Town Centre Forums when a date is known for Business Rates Review Consultation. CF</p>
4	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Meeting</p> <p>M Campbell updated that at present there are no vacant units in Coalisland Enterprise Centre and they are unable to accommodate the Glass Blowing business. R O'Neill had also tried to find premises for the Glass Blowing business and had checked out potential premises in Coalisland town but was unsuccessful.</p> <p>Cllr N Doris gave an update on the road crossing near the Supervalu shop. Cllr Doris had held a meeting with DFI Roads Service regarding the issue in an attempt to progress the issue.</p> <p>O Donnelly updated members that C Fox had contacted DFI Roads Service relating to signage within the town. For example, Fr Campbell Park which is home to Coalisland Fianna GFC is a designated GAA County ground which is not signposted and they are going to contact DFI directly to request signage.</p>
5	<p>Coalisland Project Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coalisland Public Realm Scheme <p>O Donnelly provided an update on behalf of MUDC Technical team stating the scheme will commence at the end of September 2019. The materials for the scheme have been agreed and once the programme of works is finalised it is hoped the scheme will commence towards the end of September 2019.</p> <p>R O'Neill enquired as to the status of the approval to amend Main Street to a one-way system. O Donnelly informed members that the decision was currently with the DFI Permanent Secretary to sign off on the final decision.</p> <p>F Molloy asked regarding the types of material to be used in the Coalisland scheme because in Dungannon Public Realm scheme a granite stone was used which in some areas turned out to be slippery. O Donnelly updated that the material for the Coalisland scheme will be a sandstone which has undergone technical tests for slip resistance. P Anderson stated that sandstone paving is not as slippery as granite and whilst it wears faster, there is less potential for slipping when walking on it.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gortgonis Recreation Centre Redevelopment <p>O Donnelly provided an update on behalf of the MUDC Technical Team stating that enabling works for the Gortgonis project will commence January/February 2020 with a proposed completion date in May 2020. Works on the main build on the site will commence June 2020.</p> <p>F Molloy asked what was happening to the play park during the construction phase asking if the play equipment could be removed to the Apex Housing Development on the Gortgonis Rd.</p> <p>Action: C McKenna to contact MUDC Parks Dept. to ascertain if play park equipment could be relocated to Apex Housing Development. CMK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer, Halloween & Christmas Events <p>O Donnelly updated that a Halloween Working Group meeting will be organized in the coming weeks similar to last year. This is to ensure the event has the buy-in from local community organisations as part of a successful partnership arrangement within the area.</p> <p>Action: O Donnelly to organise a meeting of the Halloween Working Group to finalise plans for the event. OD</p> <p>R O'Neill gave a summary of how Coalisland Fianna GFC managed the situation at the bonfire location last year. The bonfire was located in a local field close to the football grounds. Stewards from the cub were present on the night to ensure that anti-social behavior was kept to a minimum.</p> <p>However, there were concerns regarding the legality of bonfires and especially the issue of burning of tyres. It was agreed that the matter be referred to Council to investigate.</p> <p>Action: C McKenna to refer matter to Council to investigate. MUDC</p>
6	<p>Town Centre Graffiti</p> <p>F Molloy raised the issue of the mural at Greenagh Bridge Road which has become unsightly. M Campbell mentioned that there is a youth group working through the Coalisland Training Services Assist programme that could potentially look at this for an art project.</p> <p>Action: M Campbell to request Assist Youth Group look at mural on Greenagh Bridge Rd as an art project under their programme M Campbell</p>
7	<p>CCTV Cameras</p> <p>M Campbell updated that she has been liaising with the Council in relation to the specification for the CCTV Cameras. There was an incident recently where a window was broken which cost £570 to fix.</p>

8	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>C McKenna provided an update on the Town & Village Business Spruce Up Scheme which will close on Wednesday 18th September 2019 @ 4.00pm. An information session will be held on Tuesday 3 September from 10.00am-1.00pm in the Cornmill Heritage Centre and businesses were encouraged to attend.</p> <p>M Campbell raised the issue of the town boundary which currently excludes businesses within Coalisland Enterprise Centre from applying. It was agreed that C McKenna will relay the issue back to the Council and get a response for the next meeting. However, at present this was the boundaries agreed for this scheme.</p> <p>R O'Neill asked if those within the Town Centre boundary pay higher rates than those in Coalisland Enterprise Centre.</p> <p>P Anderson informed members that the <i>draft</i> Mid Ulster Local Development Plan 2030 will allow scope for amending town centre boundaries and encouraged Forum Members to feed into this process.</p> <p>Action: C McKenna to raise issue of Town Centre Boundary with the relevant Council Department to ascertain if the boundary can be amended. CMcK</p> <p>M Campbell mentioned that the Museum at Coalisland Enterprise Centre will be open for the European Heritage Days on 14th and 15th September 2019. The BBC Radio Programme 'Your Place and Mine' will also be doing a feature on the Heritage of Coal Mining in the town.</p>
9	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Date of next meeting will be 7th October 2019 @ 5.30pm</p>
10	<p>Meeting Duration</p> <p>Meeting ended at 6.50pm</p>



Comhairle Ceantair
Lár Uladh
Mid Ulster
District Council

HEELS ON THE HILL EVENT

27th SEPTEMBER 2019

EVALUATION REPORT



1.0 Introduction

Mid Ulster District Council, in partnership with Style Academy Model Agency Ltd hosted the Heels on the Hill Event on Friday 27th September 2019 at The Dome, Hill of The O'Neill Ranfurly House Culture and Arts. This was the eighth consecutive year Mid Ulster District Council hosted the Dungannon style extravaganza event. The former Miss NI Joanne Salley performed MC at the event, which featured the latest Autumn / Winter collections from local retailers within Dungannon such as: - 14th Avenue, Aurora, BTSeventy, Digg Childrenswear, Bella Bleu, Cuba, Diva Accessories, Horace McMullan, Marie Curie, New Look, Tux and Tower (see Annex 1).



Tickets to the event cost £8.00 and these could be purchased from shop premises or at the ticket office in Ranfurly House, this year the event was booked to capacity. The fashion show gave guests an opportunity to view the collections and accessories up close and personal with pop-up shops on display, as models took to the catwalk.

Guests were greeted with complimentary drinks reception and received a Discover Dungannon shopping bag packed full of freebies, musical entertainment was provided during the interval.

2.0 Background

Mid Ulster is a geographically large and diverse region with equally diverse communities living and working within it. The Council straddles two counties running from Swatragh in the north to Fivemiletown in the south covering an area of some 1714km². Mid Ulster District Council's aim is to maximise opportunities to enhance the vibrancy of its district, as a place to live, do business and visit.

Mid Ulster District Council's Corporate Plan 2015 - 2019, at the heart of our community, is a blueprint for setting out the Council's strategic direction for its first term (2015-2019) detailing guidance for Councillors, staff, residents, customers, visitors, businesses and partners where we plan to go and how we plan to get there. The themes and priorities have emerged from a range of consultative events and engagement activities, which reflect the collective voice of local



people, their identified needs and their issues of importance.

Our Community Plan consists of five key themes, one of which is Economic Growth. It is essential that our towns and villages are vibrant and competitive, attracting visitors, in turn resulting in local spend. Mid Ulster District Council Corporate Plan, Sustaining Our Environment a key theme strives to create and build a sense of civic pride in towns and villages across Mid Ulster. Our Plan for Growth, Mid Ulster's Economic Development Plan (2015-2020), theme 3 Enabling Town and Village Regeneration contains the action to 'Deliver and promote key signature events'.

An integral element of the aforementioned plans highlights the need to deliver signature events to create and sustain civic pride within the community. A key signature event for Dungannon was the delivery of Heels on the Hill. This event is now in its eighth year of delivery and over the years has grown and developed into an event which has created and enhanced the civic pride within the community. The fashion event aims to promote high street fashion available through local traders operating within Dungannon. This was the first year that a Charity shop had taken part in the show.

3.0 Heels on the Hill Event 2019 Outputs

- ❖ 220 attended the event
- ❖ 15 traders participated
- ❖ Social Media:-

Pre – Event

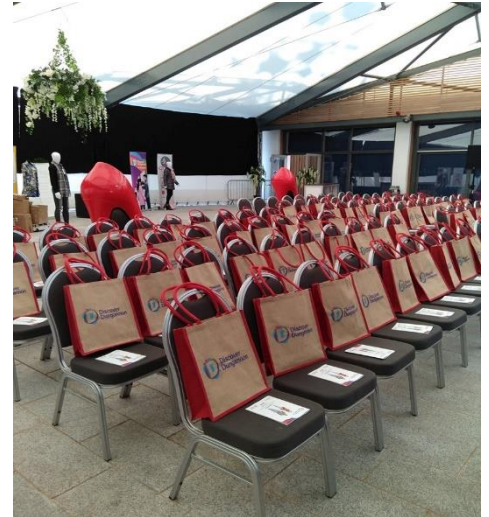
- Day event was released – 5,197 reached and 569 engagements, 43 comments and 18 shares.
- Visit Dungannon Facebook – Promoted post – 6075 reached with 214 engagements
- Visit Dungannon Facebook event page – reached 5100 people
- The Launch post of the Chair of MUDC had 1892 views with 65 engagements
- Facebook Competition - 5,197 reached on the day the competition details were released with 569 engagements, 43 comments and 18 shares.



Post - Event

- On MUDC Facebook page, the photo album was viewed by 1,923 people with 14 likes.
- On Discover Dungannon Facebook page, the album was viewed by 2,980 people with 25 likes.
- This was the 1st event profiled via MUDC's new Instagram account

- ❖ 7 trader stalls located within the event space
- ❖ 220 Goody bags with gifts and discounts supplied by local traders were given out to attendees.
- ❖ Spot Prizes with further discounts for local shops for audience.
- ❖ Best Dressed competition on the night.
- ❖ Musical entertainment was provided during the interval
- ❖ Total Cost of Delivery £6,000



4.0 Marketing & Promotion

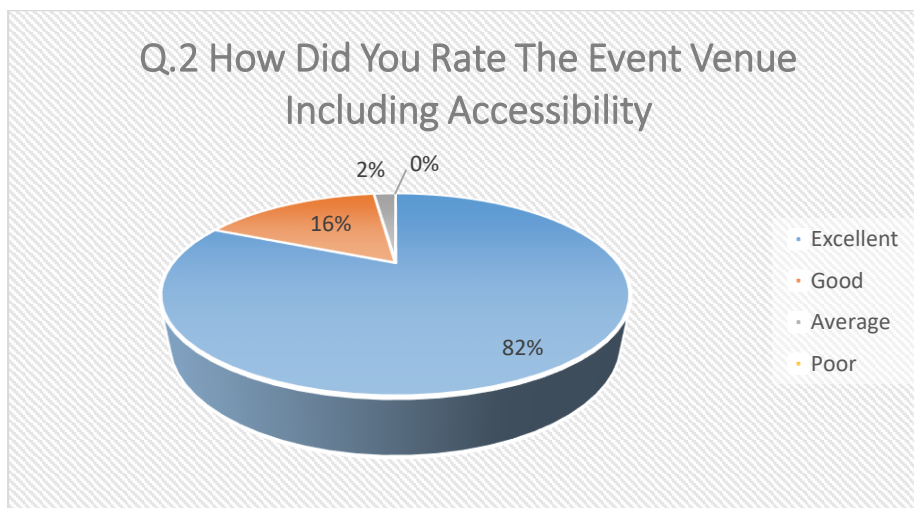
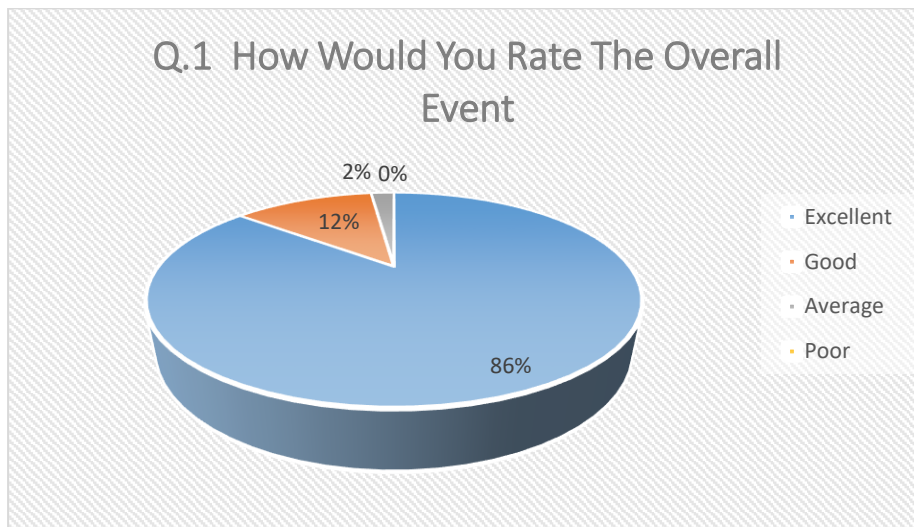
The marketing and promotion campaign was delivered over a four week period commencing 1st September 2019. A variety of marketing channels were implemented:-

- ❖ Press Release (Tyrone Courier)
- ❖ Ulster Tatler
- ❖ Local Woman
- ❖ Letter issued to local retailers (*see Annex 2*)
- ❖ Social media channels of Facebook and Twitter. Regular posts were conducted pre/during/post the event. A competition was also run with the opportunity of winning 2 tickets for entry.

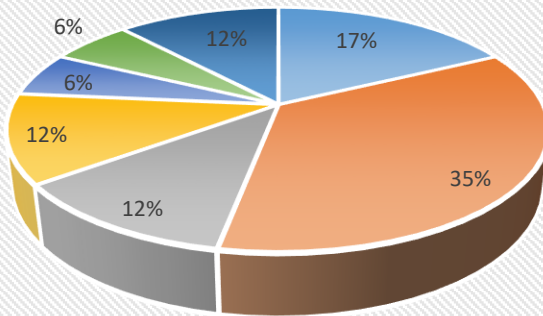
5.0 Event Planning of Heels on the Hill Event 2019

Heels on the Hill is in its eighth year and the staff of Mid Ulster District Council Economic Development department have acquired extensive knowledge of promoting, organising and managing a wide variety of events. Throughout the planning stage which commenced in early July, staff developed a good rapport with retailers in Dungannon town whilst working closely with The Style Academy Model Agency who were appointed to create a theatrical production and entertaining night out, with the aim to generate a positive vibe for Dungannon whilst maximising exposure for each participating business. Key to the success of the event was the co-ordination of the venue layout to ensure the safety of all in attendance on the night, the safe delivery and collection of goods and bulky equipment such as stages, lighting, props, clothing rails etc. This involved daily liaison with key staff from Ranfurly House and The Style Academy.

6.0 Feedback / Evaluation of Heels of the Hill (see Annex 3)

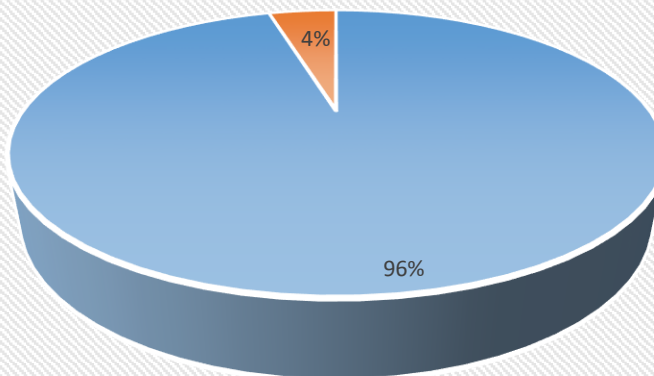


Q.4 Do You Have Any Suggestions For Improvement To Next Years Event That You Would Like To See Included



- Include more retailers
- Include local, plus size models & all ages
- Additional pop-up shops
- Makeup / skin tutorial
- Email attendees in advance of future events
- Chocolate Fountain
- Include Formal Dresses

Q.5 Where have you travelled from to attend the event



- Travel local
- Travel >30miles

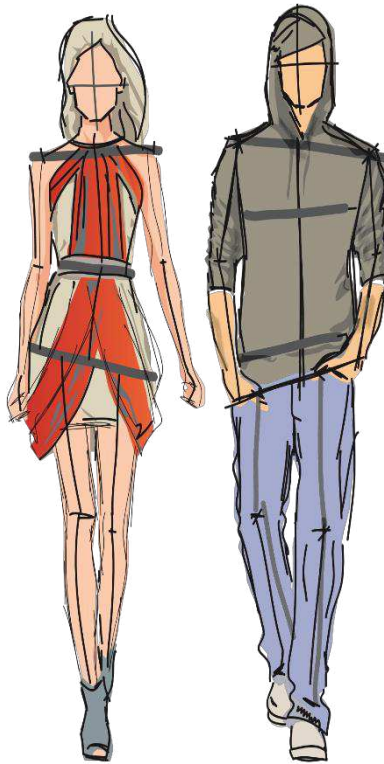
Q6. 100% of respondents stated that they would attend the event next year.

7.0 Recommendations

The majority of attendees and businesses gave positive feedback and have made a few suggestions to help improve Heels on the Hill returning next year. The following recommendations were submitted through the evaluation form:-

- ❖ 35% suggested including more retailers
- ❖ 17% suggested including local models, plus size and different ages
- ❖ 12% suggested including more pop ups
- ❖ 12% suggested makeup / skin tutorials possibly during the interval
- ❖ 12% suggested email attendees in advance of event next year
- ❖ 6% suggested a chocolate fountain
- ❖ 6% suggested including formal wear
- ❖ Friday not an ideal night for hairdressers/makeup artists as it is a busy day.





Programme

Heels on the Hill, Dungannon

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DIGG CHILDRENS WEAR		
MODEL	DESCRIPTION	ADD TO MY SHOPPING LIST
Ruby	Little lord and lady unique print blouse (£48) Plum velvet skirt (£45)	
Lilly	Little lord and lady unique print dress & headband (£60)	
Bobbi	Tommy Hilfiger navy skinny jeans (£60) 1880 club white shirt (£30), grey waistcoat (£33) Bow tie (£18), mustard flower (£10)	
Luke	Little Lord and lady grey trousers (£45), white shirt with grey bowtie (£49), maroon velvet waistcoat (£53), blue checked blazer (£70)	
Molly	Guess gold black dress (£29), Guess ivory padded coat (£119)	
Aoife	Guess Marciano reversible sequin dress (£85) Guess Faux leather jacket (£69), Guess black velvet bag (£49)	
Karol	Little lord and lady green trousers (£48), unique print shirt with bowtie (£53). Brown checked waistcoat (£50)	
Jakub	Tommy Hilfiger jeans (£55), Teal checked shirt (£55) Green jumper (£55), Camel coat (£110)	

MENARYS		
MODEL	DESCRIPTION	ADD TO MY SHOPPING LIST
Sean	Jeans (£30), check shirt (£22), navy bomber jacket (£29) (Burtons)	
Michael	Navy suit (three piece) (£99) (plus £34), white shirt (£20) yellow tie (£8) (Burtons)	
Gemma	Leather look brown skirt (£24), green print blouse (£35) (Dorothy Perkins)	
Fiona	Black /animal print cat suit (£34.99) (Quiz), purple bag (£40) (Envy)	
Laurnyn	Red print dress (£33) Biker jacket (£35) (Vero Moda)	
Aine	Cream blouse (£38) Check skirt (£45), pink- purple jumper (£45) (Vero Moda)	
Sara K	Red floral blouse (£25), black skinny leathers (£30) (Quiz)	
Alice	Leather look skirt (£22), yellow jumper (£24), yellow purse (£10) Animal print coat (£70) (Dorothy Perkins)	
Jahnassa	Blue trousers (£70), zebra top (£70), red bag (£30), scarf (£30), red necklace (Betty Barclay)	
Sarah C	Red flow skirt (£25), JDY T-shirt (£10), navy puffa- (£38) (Vero Moda)	

Molly	Sparkling dress (£38) cream fur coat (£49.99) (Quiz)	
Eileen	Check trousers (£95), red wrap (£45), print scarf (£35) (Betty Barclay)	

BTSEVENTY		
MODEL	DESCRIPTION	ADD TO MY SHOPPING LIST
Sean	Navy velvet jacket (£50), beige trouser (£25), blue/beige shirt (£25), brown brogues (£25) and belt	
Michael	Navy bomber jacket (£40), navy print shirt (£25) Orange jumper (£15), jeans (£40), navy lace up boots (£35)	

BELLA BLEU		
MODEL	DESCRIPTION	ADD TO MY SHOPPING LIST
Gemma	Black jeans, red jacket, animal print logo T-shirt	
Fiona	Blue coat, detail jeans, green print blouse	
Lauryn	Check trouser, vogue T-shirt, orange cardigan	
Aine	Leather trousers, red print blouse, grey coat, black print scarf	
Sara K	Pink dress, sparkle belt, blue fur gilet	
Alice	Black check dress, red sleeveless coat	
Jahnassa	Blue print dress	
Sarah C	Jeans with pearl detail, green blouse, pink bag, pink fur wrap	
Molly	Green animal print skirt, green jumper	
Eileen	Green / black animal print dress	

BTSeventy		
MODEL	DESCRIPTION	ADD TO MY SHOPPING LIST
Sean	Check grey coat (£60), white shirt (£25), black jeans (£40), check scarf (£10), grey hat (£10)	
Michael	Green blazer (£50), white shirt (£25), navy chinos-(£25), Floral dickie bow (£10), brown brogues (£40)	

HORACE MCMULLAN		
MODEL	DESCRIPTION	ADD TO MY SHOPPING LIST
Gemma	Signature orchid jacket (£74.95) Brandtex blouse (£57.95) Anna Montana Jump in Jean (£55.95) Beret Lime (£9.95)	
Fiona	Sheep by the Sea Long Woollen Waistcoat (£85.95) Marble polo neck (£32.50) Anne Smith Trouser (£37.95) Marble scarf (£22) Jane Anne hat (£21.95)	
Lauryn	Sheep by the Sea Poncho (£72.95) Marble Turtle neck (£49.95) Azay jeans (£64.95) Hat (£44.95)	
Aine	Marble Rib collar jumper (£58.95) Sheep by the Sea Jacket (£105) Necklace (£23.50) Robell Trousers (£4.95) Hat (£44.95)	
Sara K	Brandtex Lace Jumper – (£49.99) Scarf (£14.9)5 Brandtex check trouser (£59.95) Inside out umbrella (£21.95)	
Alice	Scorzzo Tassel Trim Jacket (£85.95) Emreco Fine Polo (£18.95) Robell Trousers (£54.95)	
Jahnassa	Hermann Lang Dress (£162.95) Necklace (£9.95) Fascinator (£33.95) Occasion Bag (£16.95)	
Sarah C	Signature Top (£58.95) Brandtex Burnt Orange Cardigan (£64.95) Kallison Jeans (£36.95) Bulaggi Handbag (£68.95)	
Molly	Marble Fine Polo (£32.50) Marble Check Cardigan (£69.95) Anna Montana Magic Shape Trouser (£42.95) Sheep by the Sea Hat (£44.95)	
Eileen	Femme Top (£55.95) Barbara Lebek Coat (£199) Dents Leather Glove (£39) Brandtex Trouser (£68.95)	
Sean	Selinac Shirt (£32.95) Selinac Waistcoat (£45) Selinac - Jacket (£89.95) Kam Jeans (£29.95)	
Michael	Brooke Tavener Jacket (£225) Peter England Shirt (£34.95) Bruhl Trousers (£74.95)	

MARIE CURIE		
MODEL	DESCRIPTION	ADD TO MY SHOPPING LIST
Gemma	Peach dress (£20), Biker jacket (£6.95) Animal print shoes (£15)	
Fiona	Strapless red dress (£30), ankle boots (£15)	
Lauryn	Backless pearl blue dress (£25), silver sandals (£10)	

Aine	Maxi two tone dress (£25), red shoes (£15)	
Sara K	Feathered dress (£25), black velvet jacket (£20), black boots (£20)	
Alice	Rose gold skirt (£10), cream T-shirt (£12), black shoes (£10)	
Jahnassa	Jeans-£20, Pink and gold blouse (£15) Frank Usher jacket-(£40), Sparkle shoes (£10)	
Sarah C	Multi coloured dress (£25)	
Molly	Strappy dress (£20), Cream jacket (£35)	
Eileen	Burgundy trousers (£10), Black shirt (£7) Cream cardigan (£18) Black fur coat (£20), burgundy shoes (£15)	

BTSeventy		
MODEL	DESCRIPTION	ADD TO MY SHOPPING LIST
Sean	Navy hooded bomber-£40, Green T-shirt-£8, jeans-£40	
Michael	Pink half zip jumper-£20, white T-shirt-£8 Jeans- £40, scarf-£10	

Bella Bleu		
MODEL	DESCRIPTION	ADD TO MY SHOPPING LIST
Gemma	Navy/orange print pleated dress with GG belt	
Fiona	Dark denim jeans, baby blue tweed jacket with pearl detail, white lace bardot style top. Blue GG belt.	
Lauryn	Powder blue wrap dress with pleat detail, baby blue stole	
Aine	Black sleeveless jumpsuit with silver belt, cream nude/black red stripe coat. Silk scarf in black and red.	
Sara K	Oversized print hoodie, leather look black jeans	

Aurora		
MODEL	DESCRIPTION	ADD TO MY SHOPPING LIST
Alice	Pleat skirt & top set (£75) Hairband (£10)	
Jahnassa	Funky maxi print dress (£50) Hairband (£10)	
Sarah C	'Tara' wrap print dress (£50) Hairband (£10)	
Molly	Black day dress (£55) Hairband (£10)	

Eileen	Leopard print top & pleated skirt set (£75) Best-seller coat (£45) Hairband (£10)	
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BTSeventy		
MODEL	DESCRIPTION	ADD TO MY SHOPPING LIST
Sean	Brown jumper (£16) white shirt (£25) navy jeans (£40) check scarf (£10)	
Michael	Mustard jumper (£15) navy/white print shirt (£25) Jeans (£40), yellow print scarf (£10)	

INTERVAL

Cuba		
MODEL	DESCRIPTION	ADD TO MY SHOPPING LIST
Sean	Guess jeans (£70) Remus shirt (£55) Remus jumper (£75) Remus coat (£265)	
Gemma	Rant and Rave 2-piece bottle green suit with velvet lapels Guess black top	
Fiona	Love & Joy 2 piece floral velvet	
Lauryn	Rant and Rave blue powder coat Guess navy printed blouse with embellished collar	
Aine	Jenerique multi tonal wrap dress	
Sara k	Guess leopard Cardigan Guess Animal printed logo top Guess leather look trousers	
Sean	XV Kings (Tommy Bowe) Jeans (£75) Shirt (£50) Jumper- (£55) Sip Up (£70) Guess Scarf (£35)	
Alice	Salsa oatmeal coat, Guess leopard print blouse with leather collar, Guess Jean's with leopard print turn ups, Guess red scarf	
Jahnassa	Guess Burgundy velvet trousers (£85) Guess Logo T-shirt (£35) Guess Wet look coat with (£190)	
Sarah C	Guess tartan blazer, Guess white logo zebra print, Black leather mid-rise freddy's	
Molly	Guess pleated red and white skirt, Guess white shoe print tee, Guess leather biker jacket with scarf	

Tux & Power		
MODEL	DESCRIPTION	ADD TO MY SHOPPING LIST
Michael	Cavani Light Blue Blazer with Fine Gold Check (£89) Vichi Tailored Shirt, Blue, Brown and White Floral Print (£69) White Label Navy Chino (£55) Cavani Tan Shoe, leather shoe with memory foam (£79.99)	
Sean	Cavani Grey Blazer with blue, orange and light grey check. (£89) White Label Print Shirt, blue with a design of orange birds (£39) Cavani Slim Fit Navy Jeans (£39) Navy Check Flat Cap (£20) Cavani– Brown leather brogue with memory foam (£79.99)	

New Look		
MODEL	DESCRIPTION	ADD TO MY SHOPPING LIST
Gemma	Red print dress (£22.99), black leather jacket (£39.99) Flat black boots (£27.99)	
Fiona	Check suit (£32.99), red lace body (£17.99) Red bag (£9.99)	
Lauryn	Black leather look skirt (£22.99), logo T-shirt (£12.99) Grey fur coat (£45.99), black lace up boots (£22.49)	
Aine	Camel coat (£35.99), leather look trouser (£27.99) Grey logo T shirt (£6), burgundy boots (£27.99), beret	
Sara K	Black/White skirt (£19.49), logo T shirt (£9.99) Red puffa jacket (£35.99), white gold trainers (£27.99) Hat (£9.99)	
Alice	Polka dot jumpsuit (£24.99), red bag (£15.99), red block heel (£23.99)	
Jahnassa	Green print blouse (£17.99), skirt (£19.99) Pink bag (£9.99), black boots (£27.99)	
Sarah C	Denim jumpsuit (£32.99), silver shoes (£27.99) Bag (£15.99), print scarf (£7.99)	
Molly	Burgundy lace dress (£25.99), cream fur coat (£45.99) Silver block heel (£23.99)	
Eileen	Animal print skirt (£25.99), yellow blouse (£12.99) Black boots with gold trim (£27.99), belts x3 (£9.99)	

Tux & Power		
MODEL	DESCRIPTION	ADD TO MY SHOPPING LIST

Sean	Cavani Light Blue Blazer with large dark blue and beige check (£89) Cavani Plain Navy Waistcoat (£49) Cavani Navy Slim Fit Trousers (£49) Cavani Blue and White Check Slim Fit Shirt (£39) Cavani– Brown leather brogue with memory foam (£79.99)	
Michael	Cavani Brown/Cream check tweed jacket with brown velvet detail at collar (£89) Match waistcoat to jacket (£49) Vichi Tailored Fit Flower Print Shirt (£69) Cavani Brown/ Cream Check Tweed flat cap to match jacket (£20)	
	Pocket Watch (£20) Cavani Tan Shoe, leather shoe with memory foam (£79.99)	

<i>Diva Accessories</i>		
MODEL	DESCRIPTION	ADD TO MY SHOPPING LIST
Gemma	Terracotta print skirt (£22.50), print trouser (£25) Champagne brogue (£15)	
Fiona	Navy print dress (£30), navy fur stole (£17.50) Navy shoe (£20), navy bag (£20)	
Laurnyn	Animal print blouse (£25), leather look jeans (£30) Red court shoe (£20)	
Aine	Pink dress (£30), matching gold clutch (£15), shoe (£20)	
Sara K	Animal print skirt (£25), orange T-shirt (£15), white with colour stripe (£35)	
Alice	Yellow frilled jumper (£27.50), navy jeans (£30) Animal shoe (£20), Animal bag (£15)	
Jahnassa	Print shirt dress (£25), fur gilet (£30) Wine bag (£15), wine boot (£25)	
Sarah C	Denim sequinned jacket (£35), blue denim jeans (£30) White Planet T-shirt (£15), silver shoe (£35)	
Molly	Black two tone skirt (£25), sequinned black top (£22.50) Black shoe (£20)	
Eileen	Animal print brown matching skirt (£25) and blouse (£22.50), black court shoe (£20)	

Tux & Power

MODEL	DESCRIPTION	ADD TO MY SHOPPING LIST
Sean	White Label Navy wool jacket- (£139.99) White Label Burgundy Texture Waistcoat (£59.99) White Label Navy Slim Fit Wool Trouser (£59.99) Navy Soprano Polyester Tie (£20) Pocket Watch (£20) Cavani– Brown leather brogue with memory foam (£79.99)	
Michael	Cavani Navy Poly/Wool jacket with cream stitch detail on lapel and pockets (£89) Cavani Wool Beige Waistcoat (£49) Cavani Slim Fit Navy Trousers (£49) Burgundy Tie and Pocket Square Set from Soprano (£25) Flower Pin for Lapel (£10) Whites Slim Fit Shirt (£25) Pocket Watch (£20) Cavani Tan Shoe, leather shoe with memory foam (£79.99)	

14th Avenue

MODEL	DESCRIPTION	ADD TO MY SHOPPING LIST
Gemma	Lyla High Neck Midi Dress (£40)	
Fiona	Blush Flower Print Maxi £40, Pink Cross body Handbag (£15)	
Lauryn	Crocodile Faux Leather Skirt (£27), Cream Collar (£20), Mustard Knitted Jumper (£39.99), Black Handbag (£18)	
Aine	Stephanie Mix Chain Skater Dress (£36)	
Sara K	Dark Denim Ripped and Repair Jeans (£30), Cream T-shirt (£17), Navy Open hoody (£26)	
Alice	Faux Leather Trousers (£32), Peach Dalmation Print Flute Sleeve Wrap Over Blouse (£23)	
Jahnassa	Dark Denim Skinny Jeans (£44.99), Animal Print Blouse (£29.99), Cream Teddy Coat (£60), Logo Handbag (£22)	
Sarah C	Knee Rip Black Jeans £25, Mix and Match Floral Print Tea Blouse £23, Burnt Orange Cardigan £39.99	
Molly	Denim Jeans £44.99, White Monday Print Tee £17.99, Pink Teddy Bear Zip Up Hoody £40, Pink Handbag £25	
Eileen	Animal Print Midi Dress £38, Faux Fur Coat £84.99	
Sean	Super Spray On Jeans £50, White Tee £30, Grey Zip Up Hoody £27.99, Cord Jacket £59.99	
Michael	Skinny Denim Jeans £50, Check Shirt £34.99, Burgundy Knitted Jumper £34.99, Navy Puffer Jacket £34.99	

Aurora

MODEL	DESCRIPTION	ADD TO MY SHOPPING LIST
Gemma	'Sophia' dress- £185. Hairband -£10 & clutch-£25.	
Fiona	Grey ruffle front & heavy embellished dress, -£120. Hairband-£20 & clutch- £25.	
Lauryn	Ochre pleated dress-£75, Cobalt fascinator-£30, floral clutch-£25	
Aine	Navy & cream crochet & pleat 'Connie' dress- £100. Navy faux fur shrug, £60. Clutch-£20 & hairband -£10.	
Sara K	Burnt orange embellished sleeve dress- £120. Clutch- £20.	
Alice	'Carrie', £60. Navy faux fur jacket- £85. Sparkle clutch- £25 & hairband- £10.	
Jahnassa	Moncho dress- £110. Black faux fur shrug, £60. Sparkle clutch, £25	
Sarah C	Metallic foil dress, £75 with embellished band, £10 & clutch £20	
Molly	'Gabriella' set-£160. black bling hairband, £20 & clutch, £20.	
Eileen	'Callie' dress- £120. Black clutch, £25	

Tux & Power

MODEL	DESCRIPTION	ADD TO MY SHOPPING LIST
Sean	White Label Slim Fit Black Dinner jacket with satin lapel £119 Torre Black Wool Scoop Waistcoat- £75 White Label Slim Fit Black Trousers- £79 Whites Slim Fit White Shirt- £25 Black Satin Bow Tie- £20 Pocket watch- £20 Cavani Black Patent Shoe- £49	
Michael	Torre Navy Slim Fit Dinner Jacket with black Satin Lapel- £199 Torre Black Scoop Wool Waistcoat- £75 Torre Navy Slim Fit Trouser with navy satin trim to leg- £95 White Label Slim Fit Shirt- £25 Pocket Watch- £20 Cavani Black Patent Shoe- £49	

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Model's Hair: David Graham
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Styling: Kate McKeogh
Models & Event Management: Style Academy
DJ & Music: Conor @ Hagan's
Host: Joanne Sally

ANNEX 2

Dear Retailer

HEELS ON THE HILL 2019

Friday 27th September 2019, 7.30pm.

Venue – Event Space, Hill of The O'Neill

This year Mid Ulster District Council is delighted that our well established fashion event once again returns to the Hill of The O'Neill.

Plans are now underway which promise to make it an even bigger and better event than previous years which will include secret surprises for audience members. The Event Space on the Hill of The O'Neill will again add an extra dimension to the event and we intend to choreograph a thrilling showcase which complements and capitalises on the stunning surroundings.

As part of the Council's commitment to the retailers', it has planned to showcase the latest trends and styles from Dungannon's outlets.

Style Academy Model Agency has been appointed to create a theatrical production and entertaining night out whilst generating a positive vibe for Dungannon and maximum exposure for each business.

We would be delighted to have your participation in this all-inclusive event. It is envisaged that each participating fashion store will provide 6-8 looks for professional models in a catwalk showcase, which will also include live music and refreshments. Each retailer will also have the opportunity to dress their own mannequin to promote their range. All mannequins will be carefully placed within the venue to help showcase your store.

We would also like to give local footwear, Jewellery and Accessory Retailers the chance to participate in this event by showcasing the latest trends and styles.

As part of this event, we are seeking your commitment to the following where appropriate:

- Supply a treat for each ticket holder that is placed into a Dungannon goodie bag. This can be in the form of discount vouchers or promotional merchandise. Approx. numbers = 350;

- Sell tickets or purchase the value of the tickets. Approx. allocation = 10 tickets per retail outlet;
- Fashion Retailers
 - Deliver 6-8 looks to Hill of the O'Neill on Wednesday 25th September 2019.
 - All security tags and any VISIBLE labels should be removed.
 - The inside brims of any hats supplied should be taped to prevent make-up soiling.
 - Please indicate if you would be willing for a local footwear supplier to supply shoes for your catwalk round.
 - Please indicate if you would be willing for a local jewellery/accessory store to showcase items alongside your clothing collection.
 - Collect all items on the night after fashion show has ended.
- Accessories and footwear retailers
 - Deliver shoes or accessories to Hill of the O'Neill on Wednesday 25th September 2019.
 - All security tags and any VISIBLE labels should be removed.
 - The inside brims of any hats supplied should be taped to prevent make-up soiling.
 - The soles of any shoes supplied should be taped to prevent scuffing.
 - Collect all items on the night after fashion show has ended.
- All retailers
 - Avail of exhibition stand to promote your merchandise on the night of the event
 - Set up of stand by 8pm Thurs 28 Aug. Collect all items on the night after fashion show has ended.

The event will be marketed similarly to previous years and we would anticipate another sell-out show.

I would be most grateful if you could advise me if you are interested in participating or not by either telephoning 03000 132 132 or 075000 38931 or email oliver.donnelly@midulstercouncil.org by **Friday 16th August 2019**.

Yours sincerely,



Oliver Donnelly
Project Officer



6 August 2019

We are inviting proposals from beauty salons in Dungannon Town to exclusively look after the models' Make up at Heels on The Hill 2019. The showcase will take place in the Events Space at The Hill of The O'Neill on **Friday 27th September 2019** and we would love you to consider being a part of the occasion.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal, it should include the following and should be submitted to me via email tracey@styleacademy.com no later than **5.00pm on Wednesday 14th August 2019:**

- Creative ideas for A/W 2019 on-trend make-up (NB the final look must be agreed by the show stylist & producer)
- Confirmation that you would have at least one staff member available to stay until the conclusion of the show for touch ups
- Your estimated time of arrival based upon model numbers (10 female models/ 2 male models)
- Number of team members you would intend to utilise
- Any items you can supply for inclusion in 350 goodie bags
- Any items you could donate for the raffle
- Any value your participation would add to the event
- Photographic evidence of catwalk/photographic make-up you have previously created.

The show details are below:

Date: Friday 27 September 2019
Venue: Event Space, The Hill of The O'Neill
Doors open: 7.00pm
Showtime: 8.00pm
Models' arrival time: 12.30/1.00pm
Number of models: 10 female adults / 2 male adults

Make-up Artists must be based in the Events Space. (*Models will not be free to attend the beauty salon*). Your business will be promoted through the following:

- Verbal credits by the host
- Placement of branded banners around the venue
- Logo displayed via projector on screen
- Credit on event programme
- Extensive coverage on social media
- Placement of discount offers/ mini product samples in goodie bags to encourage footfall to your salon
- Exposure to 300 strong audience

Thanks for taking the time to consider this and we look forward to hearing from you!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Tracey Rodgers'.

Tracey Rodgers
Director

ANNEX 3

Evaluation Form For Heels On The Hill Event



Comhairle Ceantair
Lár Uladh
Mid Ulster
District Council

Location: Events Space, Hill Of The O'Neill

Date: Friday 27th September 2019

1. How would you rate the overall event?

Excellent ☐

Good ☐

Average ☐

Poor ☐

Comments:

2. How did you rate the event venue including accessibility?

Excellent ☐

Good ☐

Average ☐

Poor ☐

Comments:

3. How did you rate the layout of the venue?

Excellent ☐

Good ☐

Average ☐

Poor ☐

Comments:

4. Do you have any suggestions for improvement to next year's event that you would like to see included?

5. Where have you travelled from to attend this event?	
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6. Would you be interested in attending the event again next year?	Yes / No

Name:

Thank you for your co-operation in completing this evaluation form.



Comhairle Ceantair
Lár Uladh
Mid Ulster
District Council



Mid Ulster in 'MEGA' drive to address manufacturing skills and engineering



Alan McKeown, Darragh Cullen and Maria Curran: leading the 'MEGA' drive in Mid Ulster.

Mid Ulster is launching a 'MEGA' drive to address skills shortages and employability issues within the region's manufacturing and engineering sectors in a 30-month, industry-led collaborative programme jointly funded by Mid Ulster District Council and Invest NI.

The MEGA (Manufacturing & Engineering Growth and Advancement) network of businesses has its origins in the Mid Ulster Skills Forum, a 30-strong partnership which was established in 2017 to take forward a skills agenda for the area and which last year published its blueprint for delivering a workforce

with the necessary skills to drive economic growth and create an additional 2,355 new jobs.

The MEGA group of collaborative businesses is one outcome of the Forum's work and the network's commitment to developing a high performing workforce, equipped with the

right skills to meet current and future industry needs, is crystal clear with the appointment of a dedicated Project Director, Maria Curran.

Curran explains that she is delighted to lead on the MEGA project and relishes the challenge of helping to engage and attract a range of people into a rewarding

career path in the advanced manufacturing and engineering industry, something which will in turn help the local economy flourish,

“The MEGA network’s strategic vision and aims are to attract suitable talent into the industry and reduce the skills gap which currently exists across the sector. There are so many excellent potential opportunities which manufacturing companies have to offer and a core objective will be to promote the very clear benefits of pursuing a career in this field.

“This will include inspiring people into the sector through MEGA ambassadors, who will visit local schools and engage with and impress upon young people the real life experiences of a career pathway in the sector. Improving quality work experience and rolling out summer internships in businesses can add further opportunities to encourage our young people to become part of a proud workforce building great products for customers.”

The Project Director says that greater collaboration with local colleges and schools is seen by the MEGA network members as being very important to ensure curriculum content is aligned to industry needs.

“We must create a greater awareness of the value and major advantages of pursuing a career pathway through an apprenticeship model and how crucial the technical skills are to companies in this sector,” she states.

“Apprenticeships are available at all levels and will deliver an informed and skilled workforce that industry requires. A huge component in the delivery of this will be determined by how schools can embrace and administer world-class careers advice as early as possible.

“In the immediate future, MEGA will work very closely with all key stakeholders and create a pathway where potential future employees feel empowered to become part of the industry. We hope to expand the MEGA network and provide reskilling and upskilling events for businesses to meet the future requirements of Industry 4.0. With a renewed and energetic drive, I believe that this is an exciting time for the industry and I look forward to building the role and profile of MEGA in the months and years ahead.”

Network members include Mallaghan

We need to train, educate and upskill our people for the challenges and opportunities that we face today, tomorrow and into the future.”

Engineering, Specialist Joinery Fittings, Steelweld, Northern Hydraulics, Specdrum, SDC Trailers, Nugent Engineering and Edge Innovate, a global provider of materials handling and recycling equipment, which is leading the project.

Darragh Cullen, Managing Director of Edge Innovate and Chair of the MEGA Collaborative Network comments: “One of the mainstays of manufacturing in the Mid Ulster area is of course the fact that companies based here represent almost half of the global manufacturing of crushing, screening, recycling and materials handling equipment. These companies compete fiercely with each other right across the world, nevertheless, their strategic leaders have fully embraced the idea of working collaboratively to address the skills and people shortages we all face. We firmly believe that through MEGA we can attract more people into manufacturing as a whole. Indeed, we have set ourselves some ambitious targets including reducing labour turnover, attracting more females into the industry and reducing the number of companies who have difficulty in recruiting staff.

“We believe that more people need to be exposed to the opportunities that exist on our doorstep within the manufacturing and engineering sectors. Industry in Mid Ulster offers high quality, highly paid careers that are sustainable in the long-term, here at home. We need to train,

educate and upskill our people for the challenges and opportunities that we face today, tomorrow and into the future.”

Commenting on the launch of MEGA, Alan McKeown, Chair of the Mid Ulster Skills Forum, says he hoped the leading example set by MEGA would encourage more businesses to collaborate to tackle strategic issues in their sector:

“The launch of MEGA, and indeed Maria’s appointment as Project Director, are incredibly important developments led by some of the most forward-thinking businesses in our manufacturing and engineering sector in Mid Ulster. This is an excellent demonstration of how companies can collaborate in a precompetitive way to tackle significant strategic issues facing their industry. I am confident that as we continue to implement our Mid Ulster Skills Action Plan we will see many more examples of just how resourceful Mid Ulster business leaders can be in developing innovative solutions to problems that would be impossible for any single company to resolve on its own.”

MEGA is funded by Invest NI and Mid Ulster District Council.

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The Border into Brexit:

Perspectives from Local Communities in the Central Border Region of Ireland/Northern Ireland



SUMMARY OF INTERIM FINDINGS

The project

- These are results from the first part of *The Border into Brexit* project run by Queen's University Belfast in conjunction with the Irish Central Border Area Network of 8 local authorities in the Central Border Region of Ireland/N. Ireland.
- It offers preliminary analysis of a large online survey of residents across the region, from both sides of the border.
- The survey asked people living and working in the region about their experiences of Brexit already, their anticipation of a hard border and their views on a No Deal Brexit, as well as the unique nature of the border region.

Impact of Brexit

- Respondents to the survey report wide and significant experience of Brexit having an impact already on their experience and on their plans. This ranges from the economic (e.g. redundancy, business downsizing) to the social (e.g. relocation, community tensions), and is worsened by the lack of political voice and speculation about the future for the border.
- Specific experiences and expectations of impact notwithstanding, many respondents share an overwhelming feeling of uncertainty, which has only negative connotations: *'Like being hunkered down waiting for a storm'* (Respondent 463).
- Just as various cross-border aspects of life in the region are interrelated and, thus, so are concerns about the impact of Brexit. For example, a concern with potential border checks is connected to fears of delays, inconvenience and loss of business, as well as to concerns about a rise of community tensions, friction and regression in the peace process.

A hard border

- *More than 4 in 5 respondents think the likelihood of a hard border has increased since last year.* The overwhelming reason given for this view is political leadership in Westminster, specifically the stance of PM Boris Johnson and the rhetoric of the British government on No Deal. Another reason given is the lack of political leadership from Stormont.
- Regardless of views of its likelihood, *a harder border is unanimously seen as a retrograde step.* This is associated with conflict in the minds of people of all generations. As a consequence, the prospect induces fear and anxiety for many: *'I am frightened. I don't think I could go back to living with the old order. Before I didn't know any better, thought it was normal; now I know [it isn't normal] and I don't want to go back.'* (R344)
- The *impossibility of separating the practical from the peace implications of a hard border* is seen in many responses, e.g. *'Possible loss of my job; increased cost of living; curtailment of my way of living; reintroduction of fear when having to approach potential border checks due to the associated dangers.'* (R168).

A No Deal Brexit

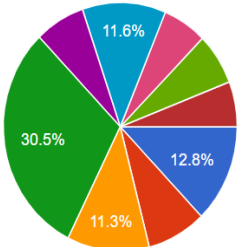
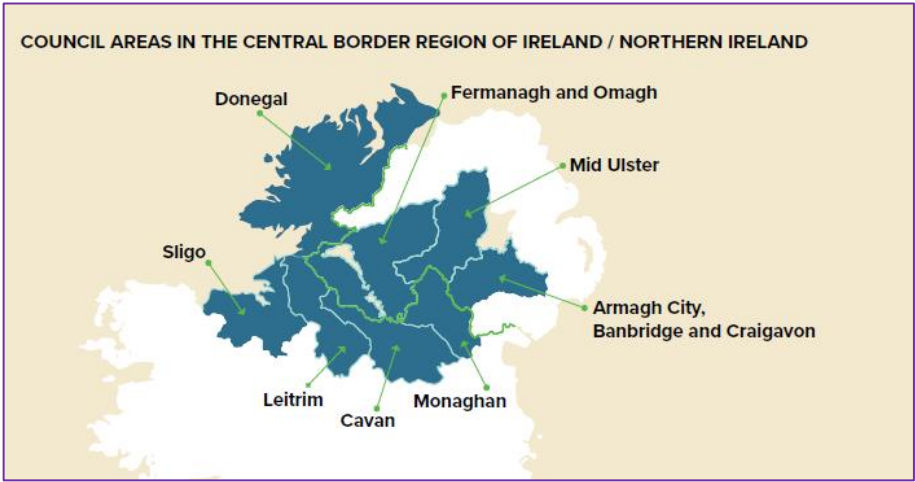
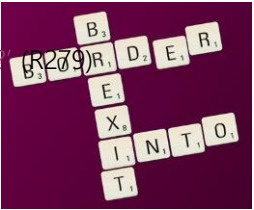
- The cross-border normality of life in the region led many respondents to view a No Deal Brexit as having a profound and wide effect, from business closure to conflict. *'A no deal Brexit means all bets are off, anything can happen'* (R2).
- The fear of a return to violence is ever-present in this survey, particularly so in relation to a No Deal.

Why is the border region most affected and most vulnerable?

- Whatever happens to the border in symbolic and in practical ways has consequences that go to the heart of politics and society in the Central Border Region, *'Because the border cuts through our parishes, neighbourhoods, farms and homes, it will affect us in every single thing we do.'* (R70)
- There is a feeling of political lack of representation and voicelessness which exacerbates the sense of anxiety: *'I feel very angry that there is no one to represent my voice in the UK Parliament - and also in our local Assembly. This is the*



area and the people that are likely to be most affected and where are the leaders representing us?



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- Cavan County Council
- Donegal County Council
- Fermanagh and Omagh District Co...
- Leitrim County Council
- Mid Ulster District Council
- Monaghan County Council
- Sligo County Council
- Other (but work in one of the above...

The Border into Brexit:

Perspectives from Local Communities in the Central Border Region of Ireland/Northern Ireland



The project: These are the interim findings of a project on the impacts of Brexit and the possible implications of a 'No Deal' scenario on the Central Border Region of Ireland/Northern Ireland. This research has been conducted by a small team at Queen's University Belfast (led by Dr Katy Hayward & Dr Milena Komarova), in conjunction with the Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN), the cross-border partnership of 8 local authorities in the area known as the Central Border Region.

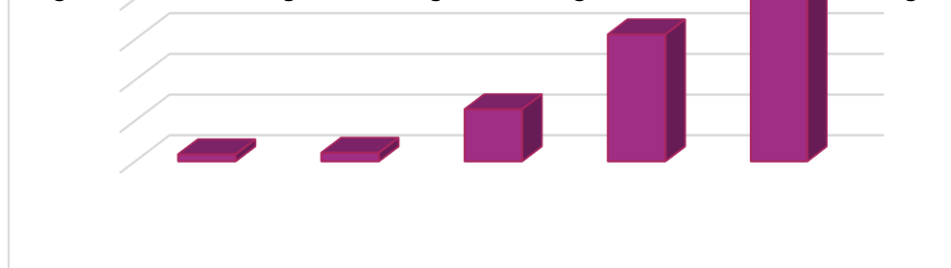
These findings are from the first part of the project, an online survey; the second phase, conducting focus groups in the region and a series of stakeholder interviews, is about to commence. The final report will be issued in December. This work contributes to ICBAN's 'Border Navigator' project (<http://icban.com/border-compass/>) funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's Reconciliation Fund. The research analysis presented here is funded by the UK's Economic and Social Research Council through the 'UK in a Changing Europe' (<https://ukandeu.ac.uk/>).

This is the third initiative in a series of reports on Brexit and the border region. The first report, *Bordering on Brexit*, was published in November 2017 (<https://go.qub.ac.uk/bordering>) found that people in the Central Border Region felt uninformed about Brexit, unrepresented in the process, and had deep fears about the consequences of it.

The second report, *Brexit at the Border*, published in June 2018 (<https://go.qub.ac.uk/brexitborder>), showed that ease of access

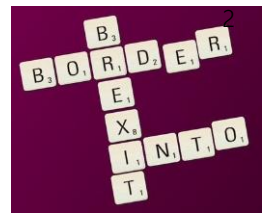
to transport, health, education and other services was greatly valued by the majority of people on both sides of the border in this region. It also revealed that Leave and Remain voters in the region share a common priority for the border to remain as 'seamless' and 'frictionless' as it is today.

The Central Border Region: This cross-border region covers eight local authority areas: Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon; Cavan; Donegal; Fermanagh and Omagh; Leitrim; Mid Ulster; Monaghan; and Sligo.



The survey: A total of 475 responses were received for the online survey, which was open for 5 weeks. The survey consisted of 10 substantive questions, which covered the topics of what effect (if any) Brexit was having on practice and on plans, on the anticipated impact of a No Deal Brexit, and on understanding of a 'hard border'. Respondents are self-selecting and we make no claim that the cohort is a representative sample. *The purpose was to enable people to comment on these topics and share their experiences and perspectives. This is important given that those living close to the border, on both sides, will be most directly and immediately affected by Brexit.*

The respondents: The largest proportion of respondents came from Fermanagh and Omagh district, with the fewest coming from those living outside the Central Border Region but working within it (5.9%). Approximately 55% of the respondents live in Northern Ireland. 58% of respondents were male. And half were in the 46-65 age group, with 34% aged 31-45 and 9% aged 18-30.





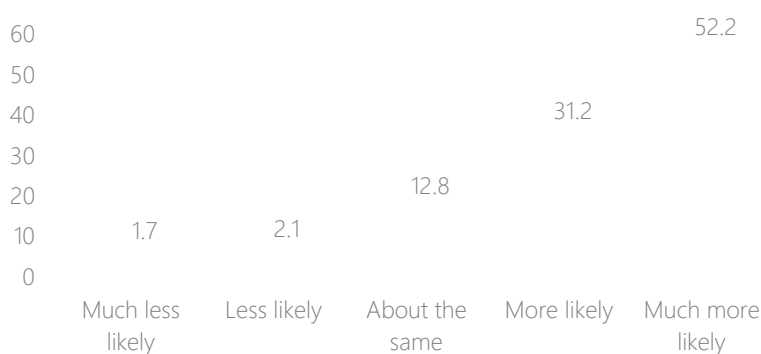
Over two thirds of respondents hold exclusively Irish citizenship. This is to be expected given that a little under half the respondents in the survey live on the southern side of the border. In patterns similar to the previous two reports, there is a disproportionate lack of response from Leave voting and British-only citizens in the region. We acknowledge this and are careful to report the spectrum of views submitted.

Around 1 in 5 of our respondents have dual citizenship (overwhelmingly British and Irish), and 1 in 10 British-only citizenship. These NI district areas voted for Remain in the 2016 and this is reflected in the breakdown of respondents, just over half of whom voted Remain. Just over 1 third had no vote. Only 9% of our respondents voted Leave. We are careful to report their views here, given that the survey is not intended to produce quantitatively representative but qualitative, illustrative findings.

Anticipation of hard border: We asked respondents whether they think a hard border (between Ireland and Northern Ireland) is more or less likely than they thought last year. In our previous report, 59% reported that they thought a hard border was more likely than they had anticipated in 2017. In asking this question again, we see now that *83% of our respondents say they*

think a hard border is more likely than they had thought in 2018.

Do you think a hard NI/IRL border is more or less likely than you thought last year?



The 4% who say that they think a hard border less likely than they previously believed come from an equal number of Leave and Remain voters (Leave voters are much more inclined to see a hard border as unlikely).

The predominant reason given for this answer by *Leave voters is that they do not believe that there will be a hard border* 'because it would suit ROI, NI & UK not

to have a hard border' (R357) or else that

they doubt its significance: 'A hard border would not affect me in anyway' (R320). Those Remain or non-voters who also think a hard border is less likely now similarly think it inconceivable because 'The people of both countries won't allow a hard border' (R349). Other reasons given were that it is 'too expensive' (R323) or, more ominously, 'Because there will be war' (R267).

More than 4 in 5 respondents think the likelihood of a hard border has increased and the overwhelming reason given is political leadership, specifically the direction of travel taken by the British Government to the negotiations since Prime Minister Boris Johnson came into office. Blame is also placed on the lack of a functioning Stormont Assembly and Executive. Overall, *the belief that No Deal is a serious possibility drives the sense of a growing risk of a hard border.*

What would a hard border mean to you? The complexity of the Irish border lies not only in the technical and legal challenges of managing its transition to being an external boundary of the EU, but also its continued symbolic and political significance.

Fewer than 2% of responses to this question offer a more sanguine analysis, arising from their view that a hard border is unlikely and/or that its effects will be minimal. Some consider the prospect negligible because of having managed a hard border in the past, e.g. 'It means border checks & checking of goods - which used to happen & I can't remember it being any hassle.' (R376); some because they believe the threat is exaggerated, e.g. 'An unavoidable consequence of fully exiting the EU. I think the extent of disruption and disorder is over-exaggerated, but any inconvenience is the reality of the situation between any two countries not in the EU' (R8); and some because they think it simply will not occur, e.g. 'both Irish and British governments have committed to none and despite any EU intention, neither will put one up' (R144). Most such answers come from Leave voters.



First, there were *very personal responses*, showing the impact of the border on people's mental and emotional state. This can be explained by respondents' proximity to the border (and frequent movement across it) making them more affected by border controls and conscious of historical experience of them.

'[A hard border would mean] *The end of my world*. It will have a severe impact on my mental health. My anxiety is already very high as a result of Brexit.' (R388)

'*It's like a knife through the heart*. We don't want a border and we will not stand for one.' (R125)

'Things have been relatively positive... hearts and minds were calmer and amenable. A hard border will wreck that.' (R267)

The reality of living beside the border is reflected in the fact that *several describe a hard border in terms of feeling trapped*, 'Like

a prisoner in my own home' (R11) or 'It would make me feel like I'm living like a prisoner or in the eyes of big brother needing permission to move' (R48). For a few on the southern side, the prospect reduces confidence in cross-border movement: 'If a hard border comes in we won't be travelling into the North. It's as simple as that' (R411). The impact of this is exacerbated by (a) the current openness of the border and (b) by the historical experience of (military) surveillance and heavy security presence in the region. As well as deep anxiety, there were strong expressions of anger and resentment at the very idea of it.

Secondly, related to the above, the majority of statements focused on the sense of it being a '*retrograde*' step. One describes it as '*The end of a truce*' (R399). Most statements centre on the perceived implications of a hard border for the peace process:

'[A hard border would mean] The loss of everything I thought we'd achieved in the Good Friday Agreement: shared space; goodwill and cooperation; mutual acceptance of identity and aspirations; and a chance finally, to put the past behind us. We are at grave risk of being dragged back 20 years or more and I find that both appalling and heart-breaking.' (R12)

As we found in previous reports, many in the border region associate the openness of the border with the 1998 Agreement:

'The Good Friday Agreement has given me the right and the reassurance to express my Irish identity and as a result my family and I have enjoyed many years of peaceful co-existence with our Protestant neighbours in N. Ireland. You could rightly enjoy living here, accepting that this is quite a good place to live. Brexit distorts all that - it challenges my identity, makes us feel uneasy and now seriously think about our future.' (R279)

Thirdly, respondents summarised the *inconvenience and the personal cost* of a hard border. 'I will be out of business overnight'

(R398); '*fewer [B&B] guests, less money*' (R330); '*A lot more red tape*' (R163). That said, most of the responses in this section focused on more abstract than economic consequences, e.g. '*A loss of friendship*' (R148). Others used singular words to describe the prospect: 'disastrous', 'chaos', 'nightmare', 'hell', 'devastating', 'war', 'damage', 'suffering'. One respondent put it succinctly: a hard border would mean '*Disaster. Pain. The past. Broken.*' (R255).

Finally, there are some '*political*' responses to this question. A portion either state their opinion as to the need for Irish unity or simply express the expectation that a hard border will lead to Irish unification – and some view this as unequivocally a good thing or a natural response to a hard border, e.g. '*I would become proactive in seeking a United Ireland*' (R17). Another set of responses articulate a severe loss of trust in the British government or in the political establishment at large – a fact which some connect to the absence of a functioning Assembly and Executive in Stormont.

A 'No Deal' Brexit: We asked about the perceived difference between a No Deal Brexit and Brexit with a Deal. One notable finding is that the responses to this question show how *wide a range of aspects of everyday life are seen as being affected by*

'No Deal'. There were multiple themes and issues covered in the majority of responses to this question, often within one answer.

A neat example is from Respondent 264: '*Breaking the Good Friday Agreement. Tariffs and travel disruptions. Uncertainty for future on industry, tourism.*' This shows how the practical is intertwined with the existential, if you will, for the border region.

The overwhelming responses to this question were negative, in many cases extremely so. But there were a handful of answers (all from Leave voters) that suggested that, although No Deal would not bring any benefits, it would be better than not having a good deal (R32) or that it was preferable to a deal '*given the intransigence of the EU*' (R258) and what PM May had secured.

We can summarise the majority of responses here under three broad themes. First, *socio-economic and practical concerns* predominate, reflecting the importance of cross-border movement and also the value placed on stability for economic growth in the region. Many respondents raise concerns about the impact of tariffs. Others predict a long-lasting recession, in which a

few predict that they will emigrate (e.g. R201). Many summarise it in general terms:

'Increased and long-term damage to local economies on both sides of the border. More changes to work, living and travel patterns. Less safe place to live and work.' (R29)

'Instability for business, tourism development and economic development. Price increases. Shortages of food, medicines and other products currently transported north and south and through Britain... Job losses and loss of population.' (R286)

Farming and agri-food is a frequently-mentioned concern: 'It will flatten agricultural sales of meat, milk and dairy produce. Here in Omagh our local dairy stand to lose 60% of their overseas markets creating unemployment almost at once.' (R319)

A slightly different perspective, in a series of questions, is offered by a veterinarian in Fermanagh and Omagh:

'Can my clients bring their pets from Ireland for their veterinary care to me? Can I prescribe medications that are to be transported across this border and used in Ireland at the client's residence? Can my northern clients happily travel to Ireland with their pets (this is part of many clients' daily routine)? Lots of veterinary medicines are manufactured in the EU or have ingredients originating in the EU, will these still be available?' (R328)

Also mentioned as a particular concern in NI is the loss of competitiveness vis a vis those in the Republic of Ireland; much of this view comes from trends already emerging and noticed: 'Business in a No Deal could go under if customers decide not to send us their business as we [in NI will be] outside EU which has already stopped new potential clients already. Brexit is not good for business on the border or in Ireland and my business is built on free movement across Ireland and UK'. (R315)

Secondly, there are *major concerns expressed for security* in the border region if there is a No Deal. This is in part because the socio-economic conditions of the border region are connected to the environment in which terrorism is fostered:

'[No Deal v Deal] is the difference between being a stable prosperous area and being a jobless depressing place that encourages those most unfortunate to turn to the habits of the past' (R79).

The word 'devastating' appears a lot in responses, often combined with a sense of powerlessness:

'It would be emotionally devastating. A sense that my country didn't care about us at all and was willing to sacrifice the peace and prosperity of N. Ireland for some nebulous "making Britain great again". It will cost us our peace' (R13).

There is a connection made between the expectation of checks, the changed symbolic and practical status of the border, the anticipation of a rise in dissident republican activity, and an expected rise in criminality. It is not necessarily in the fact of the risk but in the anticipation of the risk and in the subsequent adjustment of behaviour that terrorism can have its greatest impact.

Finally, as we would expect, an overriding theme was that of *uncertainty*:

'As a result of the lack of certainty, it is very difficult to plan for the future in terms of continuing to live in the border region, ascertaining whether community safety will become a big issue and determining whether our family business will improve its fortunes. Our family business is in hospitality, and we have identified already a drop in the number of people coming to our area on account of the political uncertainties associated with Brexit and the potential trouble that it brings.' (R245)

What have you not been able to do/plan as a result of Brexit? Knowing from our previous report that Brexit has already had a fallout in the border region, we asked for specific examples of how (if in any ways) people have been affected. About 1 in 5 respondents say that they have not yet noticed an impact yet (at the time of writing, the UK is still in the EU). However, the majority of respondents recount specific examples of a direct impact of Brexit already. We summarise them under key themes:

Change in business/trade plans: 1 in 10 describe a change to own business/trade plans. This covers such examples as no longer planning to import to NI market from EU countries, to delaying investment in NI. There are other examples given of deals falling through, including farming businesses, selling of houses and offering of jobs.

'Brexit has a major negative impact on our daily lives and on our future As farmers the uncertainty does not allow for expansion or investment in diversification at any level If subsidies are not maintained at current levels of CAP [Common Agricultural Policy] we will not survive as land mostly [here designated] SDA [Severely Disadvantaged Area]. ...If there was no Brexit threat we would have continued our expansion plans as was before 2016'. (R362)

'We have had to put serious plans into our business to accommodate us if there is a No Deal... We work in insurance and we have to issue renewal notices 30 days in advance of renewal therefore we have to make arrangements from the 1st of October and not the 31st.' (R57)

Loss of work and business: many people commented on the effects of Brexit on their work and business. Most brutally this includes *redundancies*: 'Lost my job last year. Company pulled out of NI moved job to the EU.' (R101); 'Already made redundant. business decision by large employer.. majority European customer base.. apparently our plant was still profitable.' (R19), 'I have been made redundant' [R377] or 'Will have to be laid off from work' (R157), 'Staff redundancies' (R473). A British citizen living in Ireland and working in the NHS in NI summarises the spread and the consequence of such uncertainty:

'I am applying for an Irish passport after 30 years of living in Donegal [as a British citizen]. ...I've been worrying about other things I have no control over – my British occupational pension, whether my qualifications will continue to be recognized, whether I can still apply for jobs in HSE [in the ROI], how will I travel to work in Dublin. I haven't applied for a senior level job in my field in NI that I might have without Brexit'. (R24)

Deterrence of business investment, expansion: Respondents also describe withholding of personal investment or spending plans (for anything from renovating one's kitchen to going on holiday, buying house, taking a loan or doing bigger purchases. Specific examples include: problems in data sharing, in recruiting employees, and the downside of the devaluation of sterling. These decisions will have long-term consequences, regardless of the final outcome from the changed UK/EU relationship.

'I own a business and take data from Ireland, France, USA and UK. But now with Brexit I need a Standard Clause Contract to receive this information/data from all my EU customers outside the UK. It's deterring these customers from sending us their business and data and looking elsewhere. I may have to open a premise in Ireland and the cost associated with that'. (R315)

'The Craigavon industrial base, particularly food processing is heavily dependent on migrant labour. The workforce has a high turnover and in the event of a hard Brexit / restrictions on EU workers coming in to NI, industry is facing a resourcing cliff edge. Fewer people coming in means potential factory closure, leading to economic depression in the area.' (R12)

Travel: about 1 in 6 respondents described the effect of cancelling plans to travel to/from or through the other side of the border as a result of Brexit. This gives a sense of the extent to which cross-border 'travel' is not so much an activity of its own but rather a way of life, weaved into everyday life, with people travelling across the border to/from work, to shop, visit family and friends (socialize) for leisure and sporting activities. 'What costs me no thought today, travelling across what used to be the border, will now become a "thing". Likely to cause me to hesitate' (R63). 'Travelling across the border is easy so I tend to [do it] alot. If it becomes difficult we are less likely to do that' (R68).

Regression in social relations: Some report considering a change in employment, residency or place of study in a way that minimises the need for cross-border travel. Many describe personal/family decisions in expectation of Brexit that recall 'back to back' experience in the past, which was only overcome by the slow embedding of the peace process:

'Two of my children have decided not to do 3rd level education in NI due to Brexit threat as they want to remain connected to Europe-this threat is making the brain drain from border counties even worse than it was' (R38)

'It is causing me and my family untold stress. My Protestant work colleagues are openly supportive of the no deal and saving the union whilst the Catholic staff try not to say much to avoid tensions building. I am actively seeking work opportunities in ROI.' (R17 – a respondent who abstained in the 2016 referendum).

Others emphasise a fear of associated isolation, risks to community cohesion and the threat of a resurgence of violence: 'Not visiting NI, for shopping & social events, as often as I would like because of rising social tensions.' (R255); 'Fear of being divided again, it controlling us and leaving it harder to cross the border. Also the fear of violence starting up again'. (R48)

What makes the border region unique: The interconnectedness of the border region means that the ramifications of Brexit are not confined to N.Ireland: 'The predictions of job losses and recession in Northern Ireland will mean the whole border region will suffer the same, and they had no say in the decision' (R81). Fundamentally, the uniqueness of the region centres on the ways in which the border is a connection between the UK and Ireland, permeating political, social, cultural and economic life: 'if the border goes through your farm or your town, then it's part of your everyday reality' (R9). As another explains: 'To just exist, like going to school, the shops, church, work or socialise we will have to cross between two different jurisdictions with separate compliance regimes, encountering extra surveillance, accountability, checks on a daily basis.' (R70)

One respondent summarised the reason why change to the border will have such an impact in this region: 'Pain is more intense closer to the wound' (R101). In all the answers, and in the anticipation of Brexit, from respondents on both sides, there is a recognition that the border means that the UK's withdrawal from the EU is far more than an economic decision. 'We are at grave risk of being dragged back 20 years or more and I find that both appalling and heartbreaking' (R12).

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Innovate Your Business Workshop

InnoTech Centre, South West College, Dungannon

11.00am - 1.00pm

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Dungannon

'Getting to Yes' - Negotiation and Influencing Skills

Heaney HomePlace, Bellaghy

2.00pm - 4.30pm

**Camilla Long,
Bespoke Communications**

Attend this fun, interactive workshop to discover the characteristics of successful negotiators. Make sure that you find your way to 'Yes' every time you step into a negotiation. Find how the power of language can influence your negotiation tactics and develop a structure that helps you to visualise and achieve the results you want.

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Introduction to Good Employment Practice

MJM Training, Ballygawley

2.00pm - 4.00pm

**Patrick McAuley,
Labour Relations Agency**

This informal seminar will provide a valuable introduction to the core elements of good employment practice and the contribution to organisational effectiveness and performance. It will also detail the services offered by the Labour Relations Agency and the ongoing support available to new and growing businesses.

Ballygawley

Selling Your Business

The Elk Complex, Toomebridge

7.00pm - 9.30pm

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19th November

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Women in Business Panel

Brew Coffee Shop, Moy

9.30 am - 11.30 am

Come and join Women in Business for an informal panel discussion and networking event. Ask three female entrepreneurs, at various stages in business, questions relating to work/life balance, starting your own business or how to grow. Lesley McGrogan will also provide a short motivational insight into common problems in business facing women, and explain fully funded learning programmes available.

Cookstown

Business Bites @ Loughry

Food Innovation Centre, Loughry Campus, Cookstown

10.00 am - 12.00 pm

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Developing a Deeper Understanding of Mental Health in the Workplace


Emerson, Cookstown

9.00 am - 11.00 am

Dr Hugh Quigley

Mental health issues affect one in five people in Northern Ireland, costing the economy £790m per year. As more and more people experience mental health issues, this has an impact on employers and their duty of care. This workshop will help identify strategies and policies that could help and support your business in managing issues affecting mental health in the workforce.

Cookstown



New Business Showcase

Burnavon Theatre, Cookstown

3.00 pm - 8.00 pm

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MEGA Engagement Event *

Glenavon House Hotel, Cookstown

12.30 pm - 2.30 pm

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20th November

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Killymoon Golf Club, Cookstown

9.30 am - 11.30 am

Carol Doey

Call in for a coffee, scones and a chat with Carol Doey, Manager of The Hub BT80, one of Mid Ulster's best known and thriving social enterprises. Hear from Carol about what it takes to start and grow a successful social enterprise and how she ensures it continues to evolve to meet the needs of the community.

Dungannon

Coffee with Colin

Café Latte @ Ranfurly House Arts and Visitor Centre, Dungannon

9.30 am - 11.30 am

Colin Neill, Hospitality Ulster

Coffee with Colin brings the Hospitality Ulster boss to Dungannon with an open invite to anyone in the trade seeking Hospitality Ulster's help or advice on issues they may be experiencing. This event is aimed at giving members of the Hospitality industry an opportunity to air opinions and share issues directly to CEO Colin Neill.

Magherafelt

Coffee with Cathy

The Terrace Hotel, Magherafelt

9.30 am - 11.30 am

Cathy Martin, CMPR

Come and join Cathy Martin, one of Ireland's leading PR & events industry players, for coffee and a chat. Cathy will offer business advice to SMEs and retailers from across the district on influencer marketing and social media. Cathy has over 20 years' experience across PR, events, marketing, journalism, fashion, TV and influencer-brand match-making.

Dungannon

Bid to Win! A Tender Ready workshop

The Gables, Dungannon

10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Janis Simpson-Mahoney, Global Education Ltd

Sourcing and writing high quality bids and tenders is one of your greatest allies in securing new business. This session will give you an insight into how you can improve your tender writing skills and help breakdown your barriers to achieve success.

Cookstown

Mid Ulster Job Fair

Cookstown Leisure Centre

12.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Are you looking for work? Fancy a change in career? Interested in upskilling? Then the Mid Ulster Job Fair is the place to be. This is a brilliant opportunity to meet with more than 50 local businesses with live job and apprenticeship opportunities. A number of support organisations and agencies from the Mid Ulster area will also be exhibiting on the day.

Magherafelt

Managing Through Turbulent Times

Bloc Blinds, Magherafelt

3.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Feargal McCormack, PKF-FPM Accountants

Listen to Feargal draw on his experience to see how you can steer your business through turbulent times. Sharing the PKF-FPM Experience of growth from a one person operation to an international business, operating in five offices in a very competitive and changing market.

Clogher

Mid Ulster Business Awards

Corick House Hotel, Clogher

7.00 pm - 10.00 pm

The 9th Annual Mid Ulster Business Excellence Awards are aimed at recognising the talent, entrepreneurship and excellence that exists across the full range of business and commerce in the Mid Ulster area. The fifteen award categories covers all aspects of business and industry. This event is coordinated and delivered by JPI Media and tickets can be booked directly from Mid Ulster Business Awards website.

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21st November

Dungannon

Instagram for Business workshop

The Junction, Dungannon

9.00 am to 11.00 am

Emma Gribben, Digital by Emma

This workshop will provide you with all the information you need to develop your Instagram profile for your business. With over 1 Billion users on the platform, Instagram offers massive potential for businesses to reach new customers. This workshop will show you how to use Instagram to drive brand awareness, encourage brand interaction, generate sales leads and conversions.

Maghera

Harnessing the Power of Social Media

Specialist Joinery Group, Maghera

10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Declan Murtagh, Brilliant Red

With an abundance of social media platforms and new trends, this workshop outlines a simple step by step process you can follow to help you select the best social media channels for your business. The workshop will provide businesses with insights into each social media channel, social media strategy, audience analysis, best practice examples and case studies. Social Media Channels covered will include Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, LinkedIn and YouTube.

Cookstown

Instagram for Business Workshop

Cookstown Enterprise Centre

12.00 pm to 2.00 pm

Emma Gribben, Digital by Emma

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Augher

Financial Fitness

The Edge Gym, Augher

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Sean Cavanagh, Sean Cavanagh & Co Accountants

The session will cover most aspects of a business's life cycle with good practice and advice highlighted at each stage, including: The basics on how to start up a business including the notorious pitfalls | Good financial management as well as current economic issues and challenges facing businesses | Tax planning, pensions and investment strategies

Magherafelt

Instagram for Business workshop

Workspace, Magherafelt

3.00 pm - 5.00 pm

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Magherafelt, Dungannon, Cookstown

Business Start Drop In Clinics

Three events:
Workspace, Magherafelt
Ranfurly House Arts & Visitor Centre, Dungannon
Cookstown Enterprise Centre

5.00 pm - 7.00 pm

Considering self-employment? Don't know where to start? Then call in for a cuppa and a chat with our business advisors who have a wealth of experience helping new start-ups. They will discuss the FREE specialist support on offer from the 'Go For It' Programme to help you take the first step to making your dream a reality. Choose from one of the three local venues.

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22nd November

Cookstown



Business Funding and Support Event

Food Innovation Centre, Loughry Campus, Cookstown

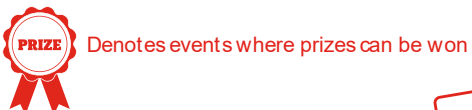
10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Comperre Adrian Logan

A fantastic opportunity to hear about the range of business support and funding on offer from 12 local and regional organisations (including Mid Ulster District Council, InterTradeIreland and Invest NI) and avail of the opportunity to have a one-to-one with their staff on how they could help your business or social enterprise. An enjoyable session uniquely compered by Adrian Logan, the well known TV and Radio personality. Come join us and have the opportunity to win some prizes at the event.



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Report on	Leisure Services provided in relation to older people and those living with a disability
Date of Meeting	14/10/2019
Reporting Officer	Oliver McShane
Contact Officer	Leigh Gilmore

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report																
1.1	To provide information on services provided by MUDC in relation to older peoples activities and activities for those living with a disability.																
2.0	Background																
2.1	<p>Primarily through its Leisure Department, Mid Ulster District Council actively targets older people and those living with a disability through a variety of mechanisms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MUDC Leisure Centres Programmes – Borough Wide• Everybody Active 2020 Programme – Borough Wide Coverage• The Disability Hub – Based at Mid Ulster Sports Arena, Cookstown																
3.0	Main Report																
3.1	<p>Older people and those living with a disability are considered a priority within the Mid Ulster District, but to clarify older people are not a priority group within our flagship funded programme - Everybody Active 2020 (EBA).</p> <p>EBA sessions do not target older people as participants directly, but older people can be included within the key performance indicators of women and girls, those living with a disability and those living in areas of greatest need.</p> <p>Older People</p> <p>Several older peoples groups meet and take part regular physical activity across the Mid Ulster District Council leisure facilities.</p> <table><tr><th>Location</th><th>Facility</th><th>Group /Activity</th><th>Days</th></tr><tr><td>Cookstown</td><td>Cookstown LC</td><td>60+ Multi-sport</td><td>Mon & Fri</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Dungannon</td><td>Dungannon LC</td><td>50+ Multi-sport</td><td>Tues & Thurs</td></tr></table>	Location	Facility	Group /Activity	Days	Cookstown	Cookstown LC	60+ Multi-sport	Mon & Fri					Dungannon	Dungannon LC	50+ Multi-sport	Tues & Thurs
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The range of activities on offer to older people at these clubs are varied and include – gym, swimming, fitness classes, indoor bowling, badminton, table tennis, health suite and walking.

Many of these sessions are led by staff from within the Leisure Department creating an excellent relationship and a clear understanding of need.

Reduced rates are available to 60+ under the MUDC Leisure Departments priority scheme, prices dependant on chosen activity.

Those Living with a Disability

The MUDC programme that targets ‘increasing the activity levels’ of those living with a disability is

- Everybody Active 2020 (EBA)

EBA is the flagship Council programme and has been in existence from 2016 it followed on from the successful Active Communities programme. Both these programmes are wholly funded by Sport Northern Ireland. To date MUDC has received more than £1m of funding. Currently three staff are employed within this programme and 1 is a specialist in inclusive activity programme development.

Those living with a disability have been an integral target group and the range of disabilities involved with this programme is extremely diverse. So too is the range of organisations benefiting from being involved with the programme including Statutory Agencies, Health Trusts, Social Services, Schools, Charities and local Groups / Organisations.

A list of the involved includes -

Cookstown Groups		
DCD Multi-Skills Club	Mid Ulster Boccia Club	Junior Paralympic Club
Superstars	Cookstown P.s (LSU)	Inclusive Cycling Club
RNIB Insight	Northern Trust Learning Disability	Arthritis Care
Kids Active Autism Club	Adult Centre	Base Group

Disability Hub Fun Day	Gateway	Ms Society
Holy Trinity P.s (LSU)	Ulster GAA 4 ALL	
Dungannon Groups		
St Patricks P.s (LSU)	Corkhill Care Centre	DCD Multi-Skills Club
Inspire Health and Wellbeing	Sperrinview School	Niamh Louise Foundation
Willowbank	Fit 4 U	Cedar Foundation
Gateway	Oakridge	Inclusive Gym
Parkanaur College	IncredABLE Group	Chest, Heart and Stroke
Lymphoedema Society		
Magherafelt Groups		
Base Group	Carefully Yours Project	Northern Trust Learning Disability
DCD Multi-Skills Club	Parkinson's UK	Church Lane Mews
Marvels Special Olympics Club	Mindwise Gym	Adult Centre
Arthritis Care	Inspire Health and Wellbeing	Ms Society

Everybody Active is now entering its final year. A one year extension has been agreed ensuring its continued presence until April 2021. At present no future programme to replace EBA has been proposed which is a concern.

More recently the Mid Ulster Disability Hub has been established offering specialised equipment for use by disabled people. This equipment includes tandem cycles, tricycles, hand cycles and sport wheel chairs. Inclusive cycling programmes are being introduced.

Working in partnership with Disability Sport Northern Ireland DSNI a Disability Hub Activity Coordinator has been employed to further develop more opportunities for those living with a disability to take and increase inclusive activities. Activities include inclusive cycling and the establishment of a junior Paralympic club.

Likewise to EBA the Disability Hub does not have any long term funding plans associated for its sustainability.

Both Special Schools are participants in the School Swimming Programme hosted in Dungannon LC and Greenvale LC which includes hydro therapy sessions.

	<p>Learning Support Units in many Primary and Post Primary Schools attend the School Swimming Programme in Cookstown, Dungannon and Greenvale Leisure Centres.</p> <p>Greenvale LC offers disabled swimming lessons in a group format. Cookstown LC offers children 1 to 1 swimming lessons to those living with a disability.</p> <p>Pool Pod – Two facilities, Greenvale LC & Cookstown LC have pool pods which allow access to swimming pools for those that find traditional steps difficult. At present pool pods are only available for deck level pools but design modifications are nearly completed for a pool pod which will be capable of being used on pools with scum channels. Potentially available from 2020.</p> <p>Autism - EBA 2020 offers autism specific classes through its Kids Active Clubs, these are offered across the MUDC facilities. Care is also taken in identify suitable facilities that reduce problem issues such as noisy environments. DCD activity programmes are also offer through EBA and the Disability Hub.</p> <p>Due to challenging needs of participants and staff constraints, MUDC Leisure have traditionally encouraged activities / classes for those living with a disability to specialist groups and organisations who have the experience and capacity to offer specialist physical activity programmes e.g. Superstars, Fit 4 U and Special Olympics. To assist these groups MUDC does offer access to facilities and access to specialist equipment.</p> <p>MUDC also offers a comprehensive Summer Activity Programme with a range of classes for children and adults with disbailities to participate in.</p> <p>Reduced rates are available to those living with a disability under the MUDC Leisure Departments priority scheme, prices dependant on chosen activity and a carer is free.</p> <p>Representatives of MUDC Leisure Department have held meetings with Principals, Managers and key individuals of the local Special Schools and the wide range of disabled specialist support teams in the Southern and Northern Trusts area. Discussions are continuing.</p> <p>Example of advertising across social media</p>
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Mid Ulster Junior Paralympic Club

Date: Saturdays
(3rd Aug - 31st Aug 2019)
Time: 12.30pm - 1.30pm
Venue: Mid Ulster Sports Arena
Cost: £2 per session

Multi-activity sessions for children aged 4-12 years old with a physical disability.

To register please contact:
Victoria McCormack on
Email: vmccormack@dsni.co.uk
Tel: 07387395329

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4.0 Other Considerations

4.1 Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications

Financial: No future funding of alternative programme proposed or secured.

Human: Risk to EBA Staff after funding ceases.

Risk Management: N/A

4.2 Screening & Impact Assessments

Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A

	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to note the report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	N/A