

Report on	Departmental Service Plan 2024/25: Communities & Place
Date of Meeting	Thursday 13 th June 2024
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	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	The purpose of the report is to present to Members the Communities & Place Departmental Service Plan 24/25.
2.0	Key Issues
2.1	Members will be aware that the Council has been completing a re-structure over the last number of years, which resulted in the creation of new directorates and service departments across the organisation.
2.2	Over the past 12 months work has been continuing to create and embed new teams, which has result in some re-organisation of services and refocused priorities.
2.3	The Communities & Place directorate is focused on creating a collaborative approach to service delivery internally, across the organisation and with our external partners and stakeholders.
2.4	<p>We operate with 378 Full Time and Part Time posts (not including casuals) and a net budget of £14,172,988. The directorate is responsible for the development, programming and animation of Council owned local amenities, parks, open spaces and leisure provision and works across sectors to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect the public from environmental health risks, • Promote health, leisure and well-being, • Develop and preserve our rich arts, culture and local heritage, • Support people to develop their communities by empowering them to identify solutions to local needs and to build and develop good relations. <p>The directorate is organised over 2 departments,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development; • Health, Leisure & Wellbeing. <p>The Development Department is responsible for the Councils Community & Arts portfolios, which includes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Development Support; • Diversity & Integration

<p>2.5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) • Poverty & Community Wealth Building • Arts Development • Burnavon Arts Centre • Ranfurly House & Hill of the O'Neill • Seamus Heaney HomePlace • Languages <p>The Health Wellbeing & Leisure Unit is responsible for;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Health; • Leisure Centres; • Parks, Open Spaces and Playareas; • Sports Arenas • Health & Wellbeing • Events <p>Our 2024/2025 Service Plan has built on our new approach with a focus on People, Places and Communities across our agreed themes of Inclusive, Healthy, Creative, Engaged & Informed;</p> <p>The directorate vision is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>'A better future for all by</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Providing and promoting welcoming and safe places where we develop, deliver and administer services which contribute to inclusive, healthy, creative, engaged & informed People, Places and Communities.'</i></p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Main Report</p>
<p>3.1</p>	<p>In line with corporate guidance, the Communities & Place Departmental Plan is set in the context of the Councils agreed Corporate Plan and the Mid Ulster District Community Plan 2017-2027.</p>
<p>3.2</p>	<p>The plan is developed within the agreed budgets, as set as part of the 2024/25 estimates process and agreed staffing establishment.</p>
<p>3.3</p>	<p>Some of the key strategic outputs within the plan includes;</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Literary Hub & Writers Residency Development, Bellaghy 2. Community Development Strategy and Grant Aid Policy 3. Community Wealth Building Framework 4. Improving Air Quality & Reviewing approach to education and enforcement 5. Physical regeneration through agreed capital programmes; 6. Improved and collaborative approaches to Marketing. 7. Delivery of Health & Wellbeing outcomes through our indoor / outdoor assets; 8. Deliver and develop on the Councils Corporate Event schedule; 9. Developing and maintaining key partnership to support delivery.
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Other Considerations</p>
<p>4.1</p>	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p>

	<p>The Communities & Place Departmental Service Plan 24/25 will be delivered within agreed budget resources and staffing complement.</p> <p><u>Professional Support</u> None</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> None known</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u> As detailed within the plan</p>
5.0	<p>Recommendation(s)</p>
5.1	<p>Members are asked to note the Communities & Place Departmental Service Plan 2024/2025.</p>
6.0	<p>Documents Attached & References</p>
6.1	<p>2024/2025 Communities & Place Departmental Service Plan.</p>