

Report on	Departmental Service Plan 23/24: Communities & Place
Date of Meeting	Thursday 15 th June 2023
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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 23/24.
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 ongoing to create and embed new teams, which has result in some re-organisation of services and refocused priorities.
2.3	<p>The Communities & Place directorate are focused on creating a collaborative approach to service delivery across our directorate, the organisation and with our external partners and stakeholders.</p> <p>The 2023/2024 Service Plan has adopted a new approach under our new shared directorate vision, which outlines our key objectives for People, Places and Communities under our agreed themes of Inclusive, Healthy, Creative and Engaged;</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 and engaged People, Places and Communities.'</i></p>
2.4	<p>The Communities and Place Directorate operate with 375 staff (not including casuals) and net budget of £14,805,150, 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; • Good Relations & Peace

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) • Strategic Community 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
3.0	Main Report
3.1	In line with corporate guidance, the Communities & Place Departmental Plan is set in the context of the Councils agreed Corporate Plan 2020-2024 and the Mid Ulster District Community Plan 2017-2027.
3.2	The plan was also developed within the agreed budgets, as set as part of the 2022/23 estimates process, and current agreed staffing establishment.
3.3	Some of the key focus areas include; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of a Community Wealth Building approach; 2. Community resourcing (Grant aid) and Advice Provision; 3. Physical regeneration through agreed capital programmes; 4. Delivery of Health & Wellbeing outcomes through our indoor / outdoor assets; 5. Deliver and develop on the Councils Corporate Event schedule; 6. Continued implementation of the Clean Neighborhood Action Plan; 7. Developing and maintaining key partnership to support delivery.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>The Communities & Place Departmental Service Plan 23/24 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	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to note the Communities & Place Departmental Service Plan 2023/2024.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	2023/2024 Communities & Place Departmental Service Plan.