

Report on	Departmental Service Plan 22/23: Communities & Place
Date of Meeting	Thursday 9 th June 2022
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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 22/23.
2.0	Key Issues
2.1	Members will be aware that following a senior management restructuring exercise, which was completed in the later part of 2021, a new Communities & Place department was developed.
2.2	The new department delivers services within its agreed net operating budget of £12,210,959 and is made up of 369 full and part time staff, organised into 2 service units; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development; • Health, Leisure & Wellbeing.
2.3	The Development Unit is responsible for the Councils Community & Arts portfolios, which includes; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Development Support; • Good Relations & Peace • Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) • Strategic Community Development • Burnavon Arts Centre • Ranfurly House & Hill of the O'Neill • Seamus Heaney HomePlace • Languages
2.4	The Health Wellbeing & Leisure Unit is responsible for; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Health; • Leisure Centres; • Parks, Open Spaces and Playareas;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 deliverables included are; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of Mid Ulster Poverty Plan & lobbying around social / affordable housing; 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.
3.4	As the new Communities & Place department evolves, the departmental management team will focus on a number of key service improvements, including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explore improvements around use of data and improved intelligence; 2. Review and update service standards and quality accreditations (Green Flags, ISO etc.) 3. Review the Community Grants system, including the current digital platform; 4. Review capital / regeneration projects to maximise on external funding opportunities.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>The Communities & Place Departmental Service Plan 22/23 will be delivered within agreed budget resources and staffing complement* (* currently subject to review)</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 2022/2023.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	2022/2023 Communities & Place Departmental Service Plan.