

Title of Report:	Community Planning – Statement of Progress
Committee Report Submitted To:	Corporate Policy and Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	26 November 2019
For Decision or For Information	For Information

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Establish key relationships with strategic partners to deliver our vision for this Council area
Lead Officer	Head of Policy and Community Planning

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Community Plan is a long term plan (from 2017 to 2030) based on sound, robust evidence with a focus on improving social, economic and environmental well-being and contributing to sustainable development.
- 1.2 The Community Plan is a strategic planning tool for the Causeway Coast and Glens area and it is the key over-arching framework for partnerships and initiatives in the Council area. It is not seen as an additional or parallel process to structures already in place.
- 1.3 Phase 1 of the community planning process was the development of a Strategic Framework for the Community Plan. This document was finalised in April 2017 and officially launched in June 2017. It outlines the high level outcomes identified for the Causeway Coast and Glens area based on an extensive public consultation process and a statistical analysis of the area.
- 1.4 Phase 2 of the community planning process was the development of a comprehensive Delivery Plan which put in place 44 practical actions and activities to achieve the outcomes identified in the Strategic Framework.

2.0 Statement of Progress

- 2.1 The legislation (Local Government Act NI 2014) requires that the Community Planning Partnership must make arrangements to monitor progress against meeting the objectives/outcomes of the Community Planning and the effectiveness of actions taken to achieve those objectives/outcomes.
- 2.2 Phase 3 of the community planning process put in place mechanisms to monitor and report on performance against the Community Plan objectives/outcomes. An Outcomes Based Accountability (OBA) process was utilised to monitor and report on performance with Action Leads using report cards to provide information on the following areas in relation to each of the 44 actions within the Delivery Plan:
 - What did we say we would do?
 - How much did we do?
 - How well did we do it?
 - Who is better off?
- 2.3 The legislation also requires that the Community Planning Partnership reports to the public by way of a published statement, highlighting progress on outcomes achieved and actions taken. This Statement of Progress has to be published once every two years with the first of these required within two years of the publication of the Community Plan. The Department for Communities decided that it would be appropriate for the first Statement of Progress for each Community Plan to be published in November 2019.

- 2.4 A full Statement of Progress has now been prepared and approved by the Community Planning Partnership for the Causeway Coast and Glens area. It has been published via the Council's website and can be viewed using the following link:

<https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/council/community-planning/news>

- 2.5 A leaflet giving a synopsis of the Statement of Progress is also currently being prepared and this will be circulated widely within the Causeway Coast and Glens area to provide the public with information on progress on the Community Plan.