

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Update on Causeway Coast and Glens Community Plan</b>
<b>Committee Submitted To:</b>	<b>Corporate Policy and Resources Committee</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>21 March 2024</b>
<b>For Decision/For Information</b>	<b>For Information</b>
<b>To be discussed In Committee YES/NO</b>	<b>No</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)</b>	
Strategic Themes	Local Economy; Healthy and Engaged Communities; Climate Change and Our Environment
Outcome	Establish key relationships with strategic partners to deliver our vision for this Council area
Lead Officer	Head of Policy and Community Planning

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

<b>Legal Considerations</b>	
Input of Legal Services Required	<b>YES/NO</b>
Legal Opinion Obtained	<b>YES/NO</b>

<b>Screening Requirements</b>	<i>Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.</i>		
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 in 2018 which put in place 44 practical actions and activities to achieve the outcomes identified in the Strategic Framework. This Delivery Plan was reviewed in 2022 and now contains 34 actions covering four thematic areas:
  - 1) Health and Wellbeing
  - 2) Community/Community Safety
  - 3) Infrastructure/Environment
  - 4) Economy/Education/Tourism.
- 1.5 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 is 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 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?
- 1.6 Reports on progress against the actions in the Delivery Plan are provided to the Community Planning Partnership using this process on a quarterly basis.

## **2.0 Progress on Delivery Plan - Quarterly Summary of Progress Report (copy attached)**

2.1 The monitoring and reporting process used by the Partnership requires quarterly reports to be submitted by Action Leads and these are then reported on by the four thematic leads to the next Partnership meeting.

2.2 A summary report is circulated to all Partnership members on progress in relation to the 34 actions contained in the Delivery Plan and a copy of this summary report for the period October 2023 to December 2023 is attached for your information.

## **3.0 Presentation on Integrated Care System**

Alan Marsden from the Department for Health gave a presentation to the Partnership on progress on the implementation of the new Integrated Care System and it was noted that the Council and the Community Planning Partnership would be involved as core members in the new Area Integrated Partnership Boards (AIPB). It was also envisaged that these AIPB's would be operational, potentially in shadow form, by September 2024.

Various issues were discussed with the Department in relation to these proposals including:

- The potential time commitment required of Council officers.
- Lack of co-terminosity with Council and Community Planning boundaries, ie Causeway would be involved in both the Western and Northern AIPB's.
- The potential overlap between the work of community planning on health and well-being and the work of the AIPB's.
- Community and voluntary sector representation on the AIPB's.
- How clinically driven the AIPB action plans were likely to be.
- How difficult it would be for a Council Officer to represent both Council interests and the interests of the Community Planning Partnership.
- Whether or not the AIPB's would have commissioning powers.
- The lack of Councillor representation on the proposed AIPB's.

## **4.0 Other Business**

4.1 **Dementia Safeguarding Initiative** – members were made aware that PSNI representatives and the Community Planning Team were exploring the potential of working with Age Concern Causeway on introducing a Dementia Safeguarding Arm Bands scheme. This scheme had been successfully implemented by Avon and Somerset Police and Age Concern Causeway wished to work with local PSNI representatives to introduce the scheme into the Causeway Coast and Glens area.

4.2 **Causeway Healthy Kids Scheme** – it was noted that this project would be one of the projects used for the Café Conversation section of the Northern Ireland Leadership and Governance Conference on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

# Causeway Coast and Glens Community Plan Delivery Plan 2022

## Summary of Progress

Quarter (4) October to December 2023

<b>Progress Key:</b> This is a self-assessment of how the action is progressing:	<b>Action Numbers</b>
<b>Red:</b> Significant issues have arisen which have stopped or significantly impacted on progress	
<b>Amber:</b> There are some emerging issues which are affecting progress	<b>9, 10, 17, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28,</b>
<b>Green:</b> Delivery is in line with agreed outcomes and progress is being made.	<b>1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,16, 18, 19, 23, 26, 27, 29, 30 &amp; 31</b>

<b>Grey: Completed Actions</b>	<b>20</b>

**Please note that this document contains an abstract taken from each of the 31 Action Report Card Updates provided by the Action Leads which includes an Outcomes Based Approach (OBA):**

What did we say we would do?	How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Who is better off?
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## Health & Wellbeing Actions 1-9

	Health & Wellbeing	Action Steering Group (ASG) Lead Maurice Meehan (PHA)		
	Population Outcome:	All people of Causeway Coast and Glens will contribute to and benefit from a healthy, connected, and safe community that nurtures resilience, promotes respect and supports everyone to live together.		
	Intermediate Outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All people of the Causeway Coast and Glens benefit from improved physical health and mental well-being</li> <li>2. Our children and young people will have the very best start in life</li> <li>3. All people of Causeway Coast and Glens can live independently as far as possible and access support services when they need it</li> </ol>		
<b>Action No.</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>Action Lead</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Progress</b>

1	<p><b>Participation in Physical Activity</b> - Increase opportunities (both indoor and outdoor) for participation in physical activity / wellbeing initiatives and to promote enjoyment of the natural environment of Causeway Coast and Glens.</p>	<p><b>Roger Downey</b> Sport &amp; Wellbeing Manager / <b>Declan Steele</b>/Sport NI</p>	<p>Causeway Coast &amp; Glens Borough Council Sport &amp; Wellbeing / Sport NI</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <p><u>Move More</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28 New Referrals Q4</li> <li>• 166 New &amp; Existing Q1-3</li> </ul> <p><u>Sports Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1252 overall participants</li> <li>• 689 women and girls</li> <li>• 250 participants with a disability</li> <li>• 275 participants from areas of greatest need</li> <li>• 165 sustained participants</li> </ul> <p><u>PARS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PARs 3 and PARs 4</li> <li>• Physical Activity Referral Scheme</li> <li>• Adult Physical Activity Intervention Program</li> <li>• Partner Public Health Agency</li> <li>• 256 HCP's referring into PARs 3</li> <li>• 220 sustained</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p> <p><u>Move More</u></p>
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 99% Reported an increase in physical activity levels.</li> <li>• 93% Reported improved mobility.</li> <li>• 98% Reported improved fitness.</li> <li>• 95% Reported increased energy.</li> <li>• 68% Reported improved nutrition.</li> <li>• 98% Reported improved mental well-being.</li> <li>• 76% Reported improved sleep.</li> <li>• 87% Reported improved cancer fatigue levels.</li> <li>• 94% Reported developing new friendships (Peer Support).</li> <li>• 99% Reported feeling supported by other Move More Participants (Peer Support).</li> <li>• 99% Reported feeling supported by the MM Coordinator</li> <li>• 100% would recommend Move More to others.</li> </ul> <p><u>Sports Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commencement and completed of 2 blocks of 5 weeks in an after schools' sports activities in primary and secondary schools in sports which are not popular in their respective area and encouraging participants to become members of suitable clubs in the Borough.</li> <li>• Commencement of a Community friendship Soccer 9 a side League based at the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre every Friday night for primary school age group children participating against teams from across the Borough.</li> </ul>
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed 10 weeks of the ‘Get Active Stay Active’ Autumn Programme involving Bambinos Soccer in Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre &amp; Kilrea Sports Centre, Gymnastics in Coleraine LC/Limavady LC/Dungiven LC, Table Tennis in Coleraine West Community Centre and Little Ballers in Sheskburn LC Ballycastle.</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Health Improvement programme delivered throughout Oct - Dec, sessions included exercise classes, yoga, Pilates and walking groups.</li> <li>• Phase 3 of Healthy Kids commenced with 11 new schools and 275 new participants</li> <li>• Newly revamped Active Life programme (older adult exercise) running in 4 centres across the borough, RVLC, CLC, JDLC and DSC.</li> <li>• Netball NI organised a Teachers Workshop in Coleraine Leisure Centre, 20 Primary School Teachers attended</li> <li>• NI Volleyball hosted a ‘Come &amp; Try It’ Day in Coleraine for primary schools, 60 children had the opportunity to play Volleyball for the first time. Teachers Workshop and Blitzes planned for Spring 2024.</li> <li>• Ulster Hockey in partnership with Council hosted 4 primary school Blitzes for Boys and Girls. At each Blitz for Boys 120 attended and for Girls 160 attended. Well established exit routes to Coleraine, Ballymoney and Limavady Hockey Clubs.</li> <li>• Table Tennis ‘Come &amp; Try It’ in 4 primary schools in Limavady, Coleraine and Portrush. 160 children took part.</li> </ul>
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Causeway Coast and Glens Sports Awards 2023 took place at the Lodge Hotel in November – 250 guests attended to acknowledge the sporting year.</li> <li>• In this period 12 residents were successful in applications to Council's Elite Athlete Scheme</li> <li>• 8 successful applications from Clubs and individuals to Council's Sports Grant and Bursary Programme.</li> </ul> <p>PARS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yearly Target <b>258</b> - Completers</li> <li>• Quarterly Target 65 - Completers</li> <li>• 445 referrals received to date</li> <li>• 220 enrolments to date = 49% uptake</li> <li>• <b>205</b> completers to date =93% completion rate</li> <li>• 445 referrals were processed and screened for suitability. HCP's continue to refer patients outside of the inclusion criteria/unsuitable clients. Work is ongoing with the PHA to correct this.</li> <li>• 220 of the 445 were program suitable.</li> <li>• 49% uptake/suitability.</li> <li>• 220 remained active for the best part of the 12-week program.</li> <li>• 205 remained active for the entire 12-week program.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Better Off (Impact)</b></p> <p><u>Move More</u></p>
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20.1% Macmillan Move More (MM) cancer-specific circuit class.</li> <li>• 16.36% MM cancer-specific Feel-Good Gardening initiative.</li> <li>• 4.33% MM cancer-specific gym sessions.</li> <li>• 0.44% MM cancer-specific racket sports.</li> <li>• 12.77% MM cancer-specific group walks.</li> <li>• 8.43% MM cancer-specific chair yoga &amp; mindfulness class.</li> <li>• 0.81% MM cancer-specific chi me.</li> <li>• 0.95% MM cancer-specific dance.</li> <li>• 0.37% Sport- other.</li> <li>• 5.06% MM Activities at home.</li> <li>• 3.67% MM Gym independently.</li> <li>• 4.33% MM Supported Gym</li> <li>• 0.37% MM Golf.</li> <li>• 7.04% Walking independently.</li> <li>• 2.35% Swimming.</li> <li>• 8.37% Felt motivated to garden at home.</li> <li>• 1.25% Aquafit.</li> <li>• 2.86% Pilates.</li> <li>• 3.82% MM Virtual Exercise</li> </ul> <p>Will continue to seek to recruit ‘Move More Ambassadors’ ‘Volunteers’ who will provide peer support for other people living with cancer that are seeking to initiate and sustain an active lifestyle, support the delivery of physical activity opportunities, and / or provide case studies to enhance awareness in relation to the project.</p> <p><u>Sports Development</u></p>
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of participants enjoying taking part in sport / physical activity</li> <li>• 10% of participants becoming members of sports clubs</li> <li>• 50% of participants engaging in sport / physical activity on their own / non-club setting</li> <li>• This quarter's focus was to continue to grow the sports development recreation programming, school sport and programming through various partnerships throughout the borough and deliver an inclusive recreation programming.</li> </ul> <p><b>PARS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All completers <b>205</b> to date report remaining physically active in either structured or independent activities and most report staying active in both.</li> <li>• Many participants remain within Leisure Services independently investing in an Active Life membership within the centre they were referred into.</li> <li>• A membership up-take report will be generated at the financial year end.</li> <li>• 100% of participants became more physically active more often.</li> </ul> <p>All 205 PARs 3 completers report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased energy levels</li> <li>• Feeling Physically stronger</li> <li>• Making better nutrition choices</li> <li>• Getting better sleep</li> </ul>
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved Mental Wellbeing</li> <li>• All clients reported exercising at least twice weekly the majority reported exercising 4-5 times weekly for the duration of the 12-week program.</li> <li>• Working alongside the Trust Physical Activity Manager 30 Walk Leaders received training to facilitate the development of the Walking for Health Program during Q3 and Q4 of 2023.</li> </ul>
2	<p><b>Age Friendly Initiatives</b> - the delivery and implementation at Local Government level of a Regional Northern Ireland Age Friendly Programme for the resident population of Causeway Coast and Glens.</p>	<p><b>Roger Downey</b> Sport &amp; Wellbeing Manager</p> <p><b>Liam Hinphey</b> Age Friendly Coordinator</p>	<p>Causeway Coast &amp; Glens Borough Council Sport &amp; Wellbeing</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eos Community Consulting procured in Q4 2022/23 to undertake development of Age-Friendly Strategy &amp; Action Plan. The co-design process in Q3 included:</li> <li>• Final Engagement workshop with the Age-friendly Alliance, Age-friendly Forum and Older People’s voice working group.</li> <li>• Draft of Age-Friendly Strategy &amp; Action Plan completed and submitted for approval.</li> <li>• Positive Ageing Month: Calendar of over 100 events developed and published for the month of October 2023.</li> <li>• Age-Friendly Coordinator joined the Age-Friendly Calendar working group. 1000 calendars received for distribution to partner organisations in CCG area.</li> <li>• Age-Friendly Network NI meeting on Tuesday 12th December 2023</li> <li>• Meeting attended by Commissioner for Older People. A commitment was made to continue to develop closer working relationship between the Network and commissioner’s office. Policy officers from</li> </ul>

				<p>the commissioner’s office to attend Network meetings and contribute to Network working groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended 4 x information sessions ‘The Age-friendly Environments ECHO Mentorship Program’ delivered by the International Longevity Centre.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage 1 of the Age-Friendly Programme Management Life Cycle completed as identified in figure above.</li> <li>• Stage 2 of the Age-Friendly Programme Management Life Cycle to be completed in Q2 2024.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Better Off (Impact)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage 1 of the Age-Friendly Programme Management Life Cycle completed as identified in figure above.</li> <li>• Stage 2 of the Age-Friendly Programme Management Life Cycle to be completed in Q2 2024.</li> <li>• Development and delivery of appropriate health initiatives will mostly be undertaken from Stage 3 of the programme onward.</li> <li>• Consultation process completed to inform development of Age-Friendly Strategy.</li> <li>• First draft of strategy completed in Q3.</li> </ul>
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age-Friendly Strategy &amp; Action Plan will identifies measures and targets for programme delivery in stage 3 of the Age-Friendly Programme Management Cycle.</li> </ul>
3	<p><b>Loneliness Network-</b> Establish a Loneliness Network for Causeway -work together to increase opportunities for socialisation and to reduce the risk of / tackle loneliness across the generations.</p>	<p>Chair of Causeway Loneliness Network – <b>Gabrielle Quinn</b> Health &amp; Wellbeing Team NHSCCT <b>Leah Glass</b></p>	<p>Loneliness Network Chair/ Northern Health &amp; Social Care Trust</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 x steering group meeting and wider network meeting held</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased exchange of information and knowledge along with increased opportunities for participation.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Better Off (Impact)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased recognition of loneliness activity in the Causeway Coast and Glens area.</li> <li>Voluntary, community and statutory organisations working together to address loneliness across all age groups.</li> <li>Increased awareness and knowledge of loneliness across Causeway Loneliness Network members and increased knowledge including access to current research, webinars etc.</li> <li>More organisations have increased access to information, services, activities, and training for their service users.</li> <li>Causeway Loneliness Network provides a supportive environment for members and increased confidence to source information and services.</li> </ul>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Northern Area Loneliness Framework is used for reference and as a guide for the Network.</li> </ul>
4	<p><b>Anti-Poverty Initiatives</b> - develop, lead, implement and support interventions which tackle poverty, including food, fuel and financial poverty and respond to local need with a particular emphasis on vulnerable communities.</p>	<p><b>Louise Scullion</b> Community Development Manager</p>	<p>Causeway Coast &amp; Glens Borough Council Community Development</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued development of Anti-poverty Stakeholder Steering Group (APSSG) with 10 community and voluntary sector partners and 8 statutory partners with the aim of connecting the service providers whose core services are supporting people experiencing financial difficulties and collaborating to deliver support.</li> <li>Hardship Fund monies from Department for Communities issued to established service delivery organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fuel support – St Vincent DePaul (10 local conferences), Salvation Army (Ballymoney &amp; Causeway area and Limavady)</li> <li>Food and fuel support - 4 established foodbanks (Ballycastle, Ballymoney, Causeway and Roe Valley)</li> <li>Family Support Programme – Save the Children</li> <li>Food Hardship Grant for smaller/ local community food projects – 19 grants of £3,000 awarded to date for a range of food cupboard and holiday hunger projects.</li> </ul> </li> <li>‘Where to Turn’ campaign rolled out with information leaflet distribution to GP practices, libraries, schools and maintenance of a dedicated web portal with details of information for support with food, fuel and finances: <a href="http://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/advice">www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/advice</a></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p>



				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback from APSSG partners shows a strong benefit from the peer support nature of the steering group as well as improved links and increased cross-referrals between the partners.</li> <li>• Initial feedback from service delivery organisations that the funding is much needed in light of reducing donations, increased cost of products and above all the increased demand for services.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Better Off (Impact)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased awareness of the poverty services that are available.</li> <li>• Increased coordination between organisations working with those most in need in the</li> <li>• Causeway Coast and Glens area</li> <li>• People on low incomes or in financial crises are supported to maximize their income and minimise their costs</li> <li>• Service delivery organisations are supported with resources to meet the additional demand.</li> <li>• Improved links and capacity of the organisations that support those most in need</li> <li>• Better information, signposting and communication about poverty intervention services</li> <li>• Improved partnership working to tackle the causes of poverty.</li> </ul>
5	<b>Children &amp; Young People</b> – collaborative working and locality planning across statutory and voluntary	NHSCT Children and Young People Thematic lead and Health and	Causeway Locality Group / Northern Health & Social Care Trust	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 x Human Library Session with Ballymoney High School Students</li> <li>• 3 x new members Emotional Wellbeing in Schools worker, new Family Support Hub worker and Ballycastle High School</li> </ul>

	<p>sectors in line with Making Life Better proposals for 'Giving Every Child the Best Start in Life' as one of the key Strategic Themes of the NI Public Health Framework. Key long-term outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good quality parenting and family support</li> <li>• Healthy and confident children and young people</li> <li>• Children and young people skilled for life</li> </ul>	<p>Wellbeing Officer – Causeway- <b>Kate McDermott / Bronagh McCrory</b> Health &amp; Wellbeing Team NHSCT</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 x LPG Meetings Tuesday 10th of October 10 attendees - Speaker Sara Haller Common Youth</li> <li>• Tuesday 12th December 8 attendees - Marie Donaghy Step Up NRC</li> <li>• 463 x Children's Creativity Christmas art books delivered in Causeway to LPG member organisations</li> <li>• 1 x Autism sibling support small grants activities launched</li> <li>• 1 x NSPCC PANTS Celebration Event attended</li> <li>• Activities Programme Funding Launched 6 x programmes funded.</li> <li>• 1 x Smoking Cessation Specialist and 1 x Smoking cessation Midwife employed in the Causeway locality.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young People connected with each other and felt they had learned from each other's experience</li> <li>• Group members increased their knowledge on local services and will promote to their service users.</li> <li>• Member organisations have reported the booklets were well received and very useful to member families over the Christmas period.</li> <li>• Funding received by Zachary Geddis Break the Silence Trust for an Autism sibling support programme taking place Jan – Mar 2024</li> <li>• Celebration event on the work of the NSPCC PANTS project in starting conversations to protect children from abuse.</li> <li>• Programmes funded Mae Murray Foundation – Christmas on the beach, Rasharkin Primary School Play Equipment, Homestart</li> </ul>

				<p>Group Funding, Women’s Aid Play Therapy, Solas Circus Skills and ZGBTST Therapeutic Sessions taking place Jan – Mar 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support and intervention to promote Smoking Cessation in Young People and expectant mothers.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Better Off (Impact)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYP Mental Health Research has identified that the top three main areas of need identified are emotional health and wellbeing, body image and loneliness. Participants felt the best way for them to improve their MH was through exercise, hobbies and spending time in nature.</li> <li>• Networking and information sharing opportunities at events, meetings and via CYPSP weekly news.</li> <li>• 7 projects funded to support the health and wellbeing of young people in the Causeway area.</li> <li>• Direct link between smoking and low birth weight babies, better public knowledge of the risks around smoking and link to low birth weight and impact on child development.</li> </ul>
6	<p><b>Obesity Prevention</b> - To increase uptake of Obesity Prevention programmes and identify and implement new ways to encourage active participation</p>	<p><b>Roger Downey</b> Sport &amp; Wellbeing Manager / <b>Declan Steele</b> SportNI</p>	<p>Causeway Coast &amp; Glens Borough Council Sport &amp; Wellbeing / Sport NI</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <p><b>Causeway Healthy Kids</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Causeway Health Kids completed phase 2 in April 2023. Currently preparing for phase 3 in November 2023</li> <li>• To date total participation currently is 1022 children from 35 primary schools across the Borough. 396 sessions delivered.</li> </ul>

	by school aged children.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11 schools will take part in phase 3 leaving at total of 22 schools in phase 4 and 5.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our surveys conducted with participants during Phase 2 produced the following data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14% increase in Fruit &amp; Veg consumption</li> <li>• 28% increase in hydration awareness</li> <li>• 39% increase in label reading awareness</li> <li>• 31% increase in awareness of how to achieve balance of nutrition over a day</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Better Off (Impact)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The growing success of the programme has saw it adopted by Mid Ulster District Council, Mid and Easter Antrim Borough Council, Antrim, and Newtownabbey Borough Council. The staff within CCGBC Sport and Wellbeing Development Unit have been working closely with their counterparts in these councils to ensure their staff are trained to sufficient level to ensure the high standards of delivery are maintained. Including delivering training courses in Autumn 2023.</li> </ul> <p>Causeway Healthy Kids Project was shortlisted at the Advancing Healthcare Awards 2023, nominated in the Partnership Working in Public Health Category in October 2023. The project not only won the public health category they were nominated in but also took home the overall winner award from all category winners for Northern Ireland healthcare</p>

				<p>project of the year. Below are remarks made by the awards panel in relation to the project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Causeway Healthy Kids project will have long term positive consequences on population health”</li> <li>• “An exceptionally good example of big thinking, joint up working, sharing of resources/skills and co-production to benefit population health”</li> </ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Positive Mental Health</b> - Active participation in the Northern Health &amp; Social Care Trust Wide Take Five Working Group – positive mental health initiatives to span schools, workplaces and the community sector.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Hugh Nelson</b> Head of Health &amp; Wellbeing Team / <b>Selena Ramsey</b> Health and Wellbeing Manager- Mental Health and Suicide Prevention</p>	<p>Northern Health &amp; Social Care Trust - NHSCT</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <p><u>Schools</u> Take 5 input in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our Lady of Lourdes, Ballymoney x 60</li> <li>• St Connors Kilrea x 60</li> <li>• Kilrea PS x 10</li> <li>• St Malachy’s PS Coleraine x 14</li> <li>• Rasharkin PS x 14</li> <li>• Solihull cluster:</li> <li>• Kilrea PS</li> <li>• St Columbas PS</li> <li>• Crossroads PS</li> <li>• Carhill IPS Garvagh</li> <li>• Walk and Talk Campaign Winner (NACN/CRUN)– St Patrick’s &amp; St Brigid’s PS – 65 Take 5 packs.</li> </ul> <p><u>Community</u></p>

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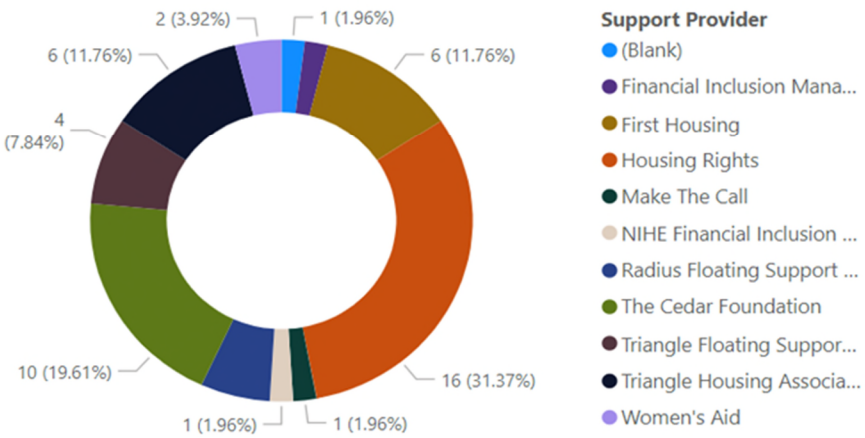
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## Support Referrals

Count of Case ID by Support Provider



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**Support partnership working between primary care and the voluntary and community sector.**

**Sinead O’Kane**  
Northern Health & Social Care Trust (NHSCT)  
**Elizabeth Craig**

NHSCT/MDT/GP Federation

**How Much**

- Rasharkin Luncheon Club continued with a cooked lunch and social activities for individuals who are socially isolated. This project is co-worked with the local woman’s group.
- Ongoing Causeway Neurodiversity Group linking with community via series of scoping events in Ballycastle, Coleraine, Ballymoney areas assessing level of informal support for those with

		(SW Lead Causeway GP Federation)		<p>Neurodiverse needs and their carers. Ongoing development of the group/project linking and working in partnership with local volunteers and those with previous project experience in the area (Phoenix Project, Family Support). Project being delivered in partnership with 'CAN', Ballymoney MDT and volunteers through Causeway wide projects. Project also linked with review of referral process from GP Practices to Trust ASD service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing Community gardens project in Garvagh in partnership with local volunteers and Garvagh Development Trust offering support and assistance for isolated men. Attendees offering future assistance regarding development of similar project in Rasharkin area.</li> <li>• Equine assisted learning group based in Coleraine, a partnership project involving local Riding School, regional development of equine assisted learning, volunteers and MDT.</li> <li>• HUG Group. Widow and widower support group based in Coleraine.</li> <li>• Connect Wednesday', Coleraine, targeted support</li> <li>• group for those experiencing loneliness and or isolation. Delivered in partnership with Trinity Road Church</li> <li>• Carers support group in Coleraine in partnership with MDT SW &amp; Causeway Older Active Strategic Team (COAST).</li> <li>• Rasharkin Participatory Budgeting project or 'Sharkin Plan-It'. Multi agency project including local council, Northern Area Community Network, MDT, Garvagh Development Trust, Trust Health and Wellbeing.</li> </ul>
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘Chatty Dander’. Ongoing elders walking group, Ballymoney</li> <li>• Ukrainian Children and Parents support Group, Coleraine/Ballymoney.</li> <li>• Ballymoney Coffee Morning</li> <li>• Ballycastle Youth Led Participatory Budgeting - To invite and welcome young people into exploring whether a youth led PB process in Ballycastle might be of value;</li> <li>• To try out a ‘mini’ PB;</li> <li>• If there is consensus to give it a go then to begin designing the rules &amp; agree name</li> <li>• AWARE - AWARE will encourage participants to be pro-active in promoting positive social, mental &amp; emotional well-being through a series of six social and therapeutic workshops held within the Coleraine area.</li> <li>• M-Power - M-power has been developed to support women before, during and after the menopause. It aims to empower women, raise awareness, encourage conversation around the topic without fear of judgement, provide support and promote wellbeing.</li> <li>• Ukrainian Children and Parents support Group, Coleraine/Ballymoney.</li> <li>• Ballymoney Coffee Mornings</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Causeway Neurodiversity Group linking with community via series of scoping events in Ballycastle, Coleraine, Ballymoney</li> </ul>
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open to all residents living in the Causeway area this 'drop in' centre has now over 60 participants. Hot lunch served once a month and tea/coffee on the other Wednesdays.</li> <li>• The group has now got 95 members since being established in Feb 2023. It provides ongoing monthly support sessions with guest speakers providing advice on various practical topics and an opportunity to access peer support, connecting them with their local community. Also, a 6wk Mindful Carers course commenced in September - facilitated by Action Mental Health &amp; focusing on carers wellbeing &amp; resilience</li> <li>• Ongoing support and development of successful budget applications by the community for community projects including 'small ideas' which the community deliver with support and 'big ideas' which are future larger projects to be developed by MDT, NACN, Health and Wellbeing, CC&amp;G and partner agencies as an ongoing joint community development project</li> <li>• 25 current participants, addressing loneliness and isolation and forging new friendships and support for each other.</li> <li>• Child focused support group for 7 Ukrainian children and their parents (over 90 people) addressing the impact of trauma and offering safe places to play. Emotional recovery for carers. This group helps reduce isolation and loneliness, increases confidence and promotes new friendships.</li> <li>• Meet once a month on Tuesday mornings in a local community hall. Over 60 members are notified with an average of 25-30 people attending. Advice, guidance and support is provided in</li> </ul>
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				<p>many areas and friendships and attachments are created that enable people to overcome loneliness and isolation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will support 24 participants to fully engage in the various activities through the support of professional, skilled facilitators.</li> <li>• 25 referrals to the menopause café can be a self-referral or made through a health care practitioner (GP, MHP, Nurse, SW, Physio etc.) and are open to anyone within the Causeway GP federation area.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Better Off (Impact)</b></p> <p><u>AWARE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A baseline survey for project users/beneficiaries to complete when they join the project (or at an appropriate early stage of engagement).</li> <li>• Equality monitoring forms will be completed by project users/beneficiaries.</li> <li>• An end of project evaluation and report will be completed.</li> </ul> <p><u>M-Power</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M-Power will obtain feedback from participants and continue to tailor its services based on the need and requirements of the women who access the support network.</li> <li>• We will carry out a baseline questionnaire with the participants prior to the project beginning and then again at the end of the project. We will also conduct sessional evaluations on an individual basis.</li> </ul>
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will compile a short report on conclusion of the project, which will include an assessment by the facilitators as well as participants. This report will inform future initiatives and will serve as a model for other groups to embrace.</li> </ul>
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### Community/Community Safety Actions 10-16

	<b>Community/Community Safety</b>	<b>Action Steering Group (ASG) Lead Louise Cummings - PSNI</b>		
	<b>Population Outcome:</b>	All people of Causeway Coast and Glens will contribute to and benefit from a healthy, connected, and safe community that nurtures resilience, promotes respect and supports everyone to live together		
	<b>Intermediate Outcomes:</b>	<p>4. <i>The Causeway Coast and Glens area feels safe</i></p> <p>5. <i>The Causeway Coast and Glens area promotes and supports positive relationships</i></p>		
<b>Action No.</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>Action Lead</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Progress</b>
10	<b>Multi-Agency Support Hub</b> - to facilitate an	<b>Jonny Donaghy</b> PCSP Manager / Community	Causeway Coast & Glens	<b>How Much (Quantity)</b>

	interagency approach to reduce risks for vulnerable individuals in the Causeway Coast and Glens	Planning <b>Sgt Wendy Nixon</b>	Borough Council Policing & Community Safety Partnership / PSNI	<b>MONTH</b>	OCT	NOV	DEC
				<b>HOW MUCH DID WE DO</b>			
				# Support Hub Meetings	20	20	20
				# Referred into hub (m/f)	1M	0	1M
				Onward to multi hub (m/f)	1M	0	1M
				No Consent	0	0	0
				OTHERWISE SIGNPOSTED (mf)	0	0	1M
				<i>of this # how many Male/Female/Other</i>			
				# Not Accepted by Support Hub but signposted to other organisations	1F		
				<i>Of this # how many Male/Female/Other</i>			
# Support Hub organisations involved	5	5	7				
<b>How Well (Quality)</b>							
<b>HOW WELL DID WE DO (MONTH OF MEETING)</b>					OCT	NOV	DEC
% Of Partner organisations attending support hub meetings					5	5	7
<b># of Support Hub Actions successfully completed (inlc organisation breakdown)</b>					OCT	NOV	DEC
PSNI					3	1	2
NHSCT						1	
WHSCT					1		
NIF&RS						1	1
NIAS							
NIHE						1	
PBNI							
CC&GBC						2	3



**Better Off (Impact)**

<b>NUMBER OF SUPPORT HUB COHORTS</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>DEC</b>
<b>LIVE (m/f)</b>	2F 2M	2F 3M	3M 1F
<b>WATCH LIST (m/f)</b>	3F 1M	3F	3F 1M
<b>TOTAL</b>	8	7	8
<b>REMOVED AT THE END OF THE MEETING (m/F)</b>	0	1M	0
<b>CONSIDERED (m/f)</b>	1M	0	1M
<b>ACCEPTED (m/f)</b>	1M	0	1M
<b>MOVED TO WATCHLIST 9m/f)</b>	1F	0	0
<b># discharged because their needs have been met (m/f)</b>	0	1M	0
<b>what % does this # equate to</b>	0.0%	0.0%	23.1%
<b># who leave the hub of their own volition or through lack of engagement</b>	0	0	0
<b>what % does this # equate to</b>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

**Case 1:**

Support Hub recently became involved in matters concerning a local 67yr old male who had started to feature regularly in relation to reports of theft, concerns for safety and issues raised by colleagues regarding his standards of living.

Family and Social Services believe he may be in the early stages of Dementia, but the absence of a formal diagnosis has mean that he must currently still be deemed to have capacity re any alleged criminal offending. Support Hub continue to liaise with his family and SS in the

			<p>hope that a solution can be found to help him or measures put in place to mitigate his alleged offending.</p> <p>Observations passed by colleagues have led to SS intervention re living conditions and the gentleman spending a period of time in hospital to help address physical ailments.</p> <p>Information sharing has led to a good working relationship with his son and support services and this in turn lets us feedback to colleagues who may encounter this male following reports from the public. They are then better informed on how to deal with him and have relevant points of contact as required.</p> <p>Since intervention he has generated no calls in the last month and family would suggest that his living arrangements and general health have improved.</p> <p><b>Case 2:</b></p> <p>Support Hub has recently identified a male involved in a high volume of calls which suggested significant mental health issues present. He was making numerous reports of having been burgled, being under surveillance and having young females present themselves to try to tempt him. All enquiries confirmed that these reports were clearly unfounded and he was believed paranoid and delusional.</p>
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				<p>It was also noted that his living conditions were poor when colleagues attended to speak to him. Uniform colleagues assisted in obtaining his consent and Support Hub began to work alongside his local Mental Health Team. Information sharing in an accurate and timely fashion greatly assisted in having this man properly assessed and eventually detained to ensure his welfare and that of others. The hope is that he will now be in receipt of the care he was lacking and with proper treatment may be able to care for himself properly and have a better quality of life.</p>
11	<p><b>Cyber-Safety Partnership</b> - Based on the success of previous partnership working on cyber safety initiatives - to plan and deliver symposium of talks and information concerning cyber safety including the dangers of sexting, grooming, cyber bullying, scams (financial, romantic and emotional) to increase knowledge of the support that is available.</p>	<p><b>Jonny Donaghy</b> PCSP <b>Manager/Michael McCafferty</b> PCSP Officer</p>	<p>Causeway Coast &amp; Glens Borough Council Policing &amp; Community Safety Partnership</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cyber Safe - Information and awareness raising via various platforms and events specific to the target groups need. Based on the growing success of previous year's cyber safety events, plan and deliver symposium of talks about cyber safety including the dangers of sexting, grooming, cyber bullying, scams (financial, romance and emotional) and increase knowledge of the support that is available.</li> <li>• The Cyber Working group continues to meet in order to plan and develop for the year ahead.</li> <li>• The Cyber safety toolkit will be launch on Monday 16th October 2023.</li> <li>• Training for both teachers, parents, and statutory agencies around Cyber Safety continues with the first face to face training session already completed in May and October 2023.</li> <li>• We are currently looking at another date to offer training due to the high demand and waiting lists from pervious events.</li> </ul>

- After the launch of the toolkit the Cyber working group will meet to discuss the next steps and evaluate and plan for this current year. Target Audiences such as primary school children, post primary school children, 18-30's age group, 30 – 60 years old 60+, and disability groups.

**How Well (Quality)**

- CC&G PCSP are working with the Dry Arch centre in Limavady and Dungiven to meet any needs of schools right across the CC&G council area by funding facilitators to go into schools when needed to help educate students and tackle any emerging issues and concerns. 16 schools across the borough have already taken up these workshops.
- 4 training workshops to date with one planned for Cyber Safety week in February.
- Our Cyber working group have now completed the Cyber Safety toolkit. Hard copies have now been delivered to all schools throughout the CC&G council area at the beginning of November. The resource is also available electronically.
- <https://view.pagetiger.com/online-safety-and-mental-health>
- The resource has now been shared through Northern Ireland across a range of services, private and public.
- The resource is one of 4 shortlisted for the PSNI Problem Solving awards taking place in Feb 24.

**Better Off (Impact)**

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On-going cooperation, engagement and partnership working between Council, DfC, and other statutory Community Planning</li> <li>• Partners and the community and voluntary sector have enabled flexible and responsive statutory and community &amp; voluntary response initiatives for the benefit of vulnerable people of the Borough. The planned event will provide an opportunity to explore how the community and voluntary sector can engage with and support the action leads.</li> </ul>
12	<p><b>Community Engagement Platform</b> - Provision of Borough wide inclusive participative engagement platform to connect more voices to local decision-making bodies. Also, a link for service providers to engage widely and regularly across the whole of CC&amp;G, and provide the means for those <i>'who live, work and visit'</i> the area to 'have their say'.</p>	<p><b>Louise Scullion</b> Community Development Manager</p>	<p>Causeway Coast &amp; Glens Borough Council Community Development</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Community Engagement Platform</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 X Community Engagement Platform event planned – postponed due to weather and low up take</li> <li>• 1 x attendance at CYSSP to update on Community Plan Review and Revised Delivery Plan</li> <li>• 1 x attendance at Cost of Living Event to promote Community Plan Review and Revised Delivery Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Youth Voice</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 x project board meeting with statutory agencies</li> <li>• Planned recruitment process for ne cohort developed.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p> <p><b>Community Engagement Platform</b></p>

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13	<p><b>Public Shared Spaces</b> - Facilitation of statutory Cohesion Group made up of a range of relevant agencies to continue to work together in partnership to</p>	<p><b>Patricia Harkin</b> Good Relations Manager <b>Gerard McIlroy</b> Good Relations Officer</p>	<p>Causeway Coast &amp; Glens Borough Council Good Relations</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 interagency meeting</li> <li>• 6 x statutory agencies attended</li> <li>• 75% attendance at meeting</li> </ul>

	<p>identify, monitor and proactively plan and address issues in areas where there may be heightened tensions in public or shared spaces throughout the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough.</p> <p>The Group will work collaboratively to ensure that public spaces within Causeway Coast and Glens are shared and accessible to all.</p>			<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing collaborative working to address issues in relations to bonfires via Statutory Cohesion and other groups.</li> <li>• Ongoing community engagement to promote safer bonfires through replacement of traditional bonfires with Beacons and reduce the use of tyres on bonfires.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Better Off (Impact)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher use of beacons hailed as the end product of reduce calls and health and safety issues.</li> <li>• Zero complaints this quarter alongside minimal calls expressing concern for bonfire sites.</li> <li>• As a result of work carried out and continual monitoring/collaboration with statutory agencies, meetings are now quarterly with ad hoc meetings to discuss arising issues.</li> </ul>
14	<p><b>Community &amp; Voluntary Sector Support Forum</b> - Forum of organisations working collaboratively to provide community development support to the community and voluntary sector of</p>	<p><b>Louise Scullion</b> Community Development Manager</p>	<p>Causeway Coast &amp; Glens Borough Council Community Development</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared training and networking schedule developed between Community Networks and Council Community Development to ensure community needs are supported and to avoid duplication.</li> <li>• 4 Connecting events took place for community and voluntary organisations. Cost of Living information and connecting event in Ballymoney, Positive Ageing Month event in Ballymoney, Connecting event for community groups in Ballymoney &amp; Ballycastle &amp; The Glens. Representatives from 60 CVS organisations attended.</li> </ul>

	Causeway Coast and Glens.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supported Participatory Budgeting project in Kilrea organised by local community/ festival group – community voting event held with 250+ people voting</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased range of training offered to CVS organisations</li> <li>Feedback from organisations attending the connecting events shows that they are extremely valuable in terms of peer support, sharing learning, making new connections, and increasing awareness of funding and connections with statutory and other organisations.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Better Off (Impact)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peer support and learning provided across participating groups</li> <li>New connection made between organisations and statutory bodies.</li> <li>Increased awareness of funding and other opportunities.</li> <li>Increased awareness of groups operating in communities participating in PB initiatives and new volunteers gathered through community voting days</li> </ul>
15	<b>Road Safety Partnerships</b> to work together with schools and communities to target those identified as most at risk of road	<b>Station Commander Clive Lowry / Group Commander Archie McKay</b>	NI Fire & Rescue Service	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 x Your Choice Initiatives were delivered during the reporting period.</li> <li>2 x ‘Just One Life’ RTC demonstrations were delivered during this period. One in Coleraine and one in Limavady.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p>



	<p>traffic collisions and to deliver the 'Your Choice' Road Safety Programme.</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive feedback from a large and varied age group was received following the RTC demonstrations and Your Choice initiatives</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Better Off (Impact)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total Fatalities in Northern Ireland, October - December 2023 – 25 people.</li> <li>• Total Fatalities in Causeway Coast and Glens, October - December 2023 – 4 people.</li> </ul>
<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>Accidental Fire Prevention -</b> targeted activity to individual dwellings across identified areas in Causeway Coast and Glens at more risk of accidental fire than others.</p>	<p><b>Station Commander Clive Lowry / Group Commander Archie McKay</b></p>	<p>NI Fire &amp; Rescue Service</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <p>STAR II Initiative within Coleraine now completed, with an estimated 1050 dwellings visited by NIFRS personnel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each dwelling received written advice on fire safety in the home and NIFRS Home Fire Safety Check (HFSC) initiative.</li> <li>• In Addition to STAR II Initiative – NIFRS Sheltered dwelling initiative took place and the following premises were visited by NIFRS personnel in this reporting period –</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agherton Grange</li> <li>2. Abercorn Court</li> <li>3. Leyland Lodge</li> <li>4. Hezlett Court</li> <li>5. Cramsie Court</li> <li>6. Glenshesk Court</li> <li>7. Rothesay Court</li> <li>8. Shiels Court</li> </ol>

				<p>9. Covenanter Flats  10. Rathain Fold  11. Skerries Fold  12. Tullaghmurray Fold</p> <p>NIFRS personnel provided fire safety advice to residents and carried out HFSC for individual apartments on request by occupant.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 Home Fire Safety Checks have been generated as a result of this initiative, this quarter.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Better Off (Impact)</b></p> <p>1050 premises have been visited by NIFRS personnel.</p>
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## Infrastructure/Environment Actions 17-22

	Infrastructure/Environment	Action Steering Group (ASG) Lead Aidan McPeake – Environmental Services CC&G BC		
	Population Outcome:	All people of the Causeway Coast and Glens will value and benefit from a diverse, sustainable and accessible environment with an infrastructure that is fit for purpose and enables growth		
	Intermediate Outcomes:	<p>6. <i>The Causeway Coast and Glens area is widely recognised and celebrated for its unique natural and built landscapes</i></p> <p>7. <i>The Causeway Coast and Glens area has physical structures and facilities that further growth, access and connections.</i></p> <p>8. <i>The Causeway Coast and Glens area has sustainably managed natural and built environment</i></p>		
Action No.	Brief Description	Action Lead	Organisation	Progress
17	<p><b>To create opportunities to explore, develop and maintain public spaces</b> with a focus on people, wildlife and outdoor recreation across the Causeway Coast &amp; Glens area.</p> <p><i>This Action has the potential to compliment and connect with Action</i></p>	<p><b>Richard Gillen</b> Coast and Countryside Manager Leisure and Development</p>	CCGBC	<p><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued high levels of visitors to outdoor recreation sites.</li> <li>Delivery of projects under umbrella of Binevenagh Landscape Partnership.</li> <li>Roll out of Inclusive Beach Programme at East Strand, Portrush for Summer 2023.</li> <li>Retention of Blue Flag and Seaside Awards.</li> <li>Visitor enhancement works at Banagher Glen.</li> <li>Council a supporting partner of Sperrins Partnership Project.</li> <li>Development of Core Path Networks at some small settlements.</li> </ul>

	<p>22 but should not be merged.</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing in house skills for sustainable management of sites.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demand for outdoor recreation continues. Sites and trails continue to be well used.</li> <li>• Project planning and preparation for delivery ongoing. Work at The Moors and defence heritage complete. Further trail development work in completion with signage installation at Castlerock.</li> <li>• Successful provision of inclusive beach at Benone Strand and East Strand.</li> <li>• Application for 2024 season made.</li> <li>• Planning for further phases to further enhance provision.</li> <li>• Development of Sperrin AONB Management&amp; Action Plan.</li> <li>• Delivery of way marking/signposting to allow for local awareness of off-road trails in Bushmills, Cushendall and Dungiven.</li> <li>• In house design and delivery of dune restoration at Runkerry Strand.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Better Off (Impact)</b></p> <p>Continues to be difficult to measure but these projects aim to provide opportunity for the public to enjoy outdoor spaces. Anecdotaly, outdoor spaces have continued to play an increasingly important role for the public.</p>
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				The public's attitude to the outdoors and activities has changed. Realisation of the value of these spaces and how they can be used for the benefit of health and well-being is very evident.
18	<p><b>To meet local housing need and provide suitable accommodation</b></p> <p>The Housing Executive will work with rural communities and community planning partners to identify hidden or 'latent' housing need rural locations through rural housing needs tests.</p> <p>Agree on a pilot test area with CP partnership and commence test by March 2021.</p>	<p><b>Louise Clarke</b> Head of Place Shaping</p>	NIHE	<p><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <p>Deliver the social housing development programme (SHDP) as set out in Housing Investment Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 67 Units completed April 2022 – March 2023</li> <li>• 176 Units on-site at March 2023</li> <li>• 576 Units programmed on SHDP 2023-26</li> </ul> <p>The rural housing needs test in Benbradagh DEA is now completed and there was a successful return of interest there.</p> <p><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p> <p>Ongoing meetings (1) with the Housing Executives Development Programme Group (DPG) and CC&amp;Gs Planning team to review progress on planning applications for social and affordable housing schemes.</p> <p>Collaboration with Community Planning partners on the Rural Housing Needs tests programme</p> <p>Collaboration with Community Planning partners on the Rural Housing Needs tests programme</p> <p><b>Better Off (Impact)</b></p>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better understanding of the scale of social housing need in both urban and rural locations</li> <li>• Delivery of the social housing development programme to meet identified need.</li> </ul>
19	<p>Engage with individuals, partners, and the wider community to <b>promote and deliver sustainability as part of the LiveSmart strategy</b> in a safe and socially distanced manner to reflect the ongoing <b>Covid-19</b> guidance and regulations.</p> <p>LiveSmart is an overarching campaign to inform and engage staff and the wider community in debate and actions which promote sustainability within our area. It draws together key</p>	<p><b>Nigel McKeown</b> Operations Technical Manager</p>	GGCBC	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LiveSmart presentation to Invest NI sponsored Resource Matching Workshop.</li> <li>• LiveSmart presentation to Northern Area Community Network.</li> <li>• FoodSmart cooking sessions delivered to Cloughmills Community Action Team.</li> <li>• Reusable cup scheme launched with Courtyard Café, Ballycastle.</li> <li>• Participation in The Big Recycle Hunt Recycle Week in partnership with WRAP.</li> <li>• Participation in European Week for Waste Reduction.</li> <li>• Fairtrade Community.</li> <li>• Recycling &amp; Food Waste Reduction Engagement sessions in partnership with local Jobs &amp; Benefits Centres (Ballymoney &amp; Coleraine).</li> <li>• Podcast recorded with Northern Ireland Reuse Network to highlight funding opportunities for small scale sustainable community projects.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p>

	actions which ultimately enhance the human, physical and natural resources which define our area.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45 businesses/community &amp; voluntary sector organisations in attendance (c.120 attendees).</li> <li>• 7 community groups in attendance (16 attendees).</li> <li>• 37 attendees.</li> <li>• c.550 enquiries generated.</li> <li>• Partnered with Considered Co Zero Waste &amp; Refill Store and LCDI (Christmas Toy Appeal). Delivered school uniform reuse initiative.</li> <li>• Status renewed upon application.</li> <li>• Engaged with 55 individuals.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Better Off (Impact)</b></p> <p>LitterSmart – 415 participants and 870 bags of litter collected.</p> <p>Delivered RecycleSmart talks to all classes at Garvagh PS.</p>
20	<p><b>UNDER REVIEW</b></p> <p>To establish a Working Group to identify key local transport concerns around rural connectivity and access needs, and to consider/contribute to</p>	Simon Wells Transport Planning & Modelling Unit	Dfl (Interim)	<p><b>Completed Action</b></p> <p><b>**Identified potential linkages with CCGBC Age Friendly Co-ordinator re Rural /Age Transport</b></p> <p>The Department for Infrastructure agreed to act as interim lead for this action. A working group was established which initially agreed terms of reference and the group has met on a regular basis. The group has prioritised the gathering of evidence and data to inform discuss in relation to access and connectivity within the Causeway Coast and Glens area. A substantial amount of</p>

	emerging proposals aimed at improving integration of transport services.			<p>information has been gathered from stakeholders and the group was tasked to evaluate this data to draw out key points.</p> <p>The Working Group has completed evidence and data gathering in relation to connectivity access. This evidence has been formatted into a report document for the attention of the Strategic Partnership which highlights the key findings and will better inform policy development and decision making in relation to access and connectivity concerns within the Causeway Coast and Glens area.</p>
21	<p><b>To promote and encourage local residents and visitors to take pride and enhance the natural and built environment across the Causeway Coast and Glens area.</b></p> <p>Increase areas given over to biodiversity. This includes reducing the amount of plants which are not insect friendly and replacing with native wildflowers</p>	<p><b>Martin McCook (newly appointed)</b> Environmental Services Manager</p>	<p>CC&amp;G Borough Council</p>	<p><b>New Action Lead identified</b></p> <p><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <p>A number of beds around main town centres have been transformed using wildflower mixes rather than bedding plants. These continue to be added/rotated year on year.</p> <p>Work continues with Roads Service to convert their verges to encourage wildflowers in support of biodiversity. DFI Roads have provided funding to purchase appropriate equipment for verge maintenance.</p> <p><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p> <p>Coleraine has been entered into Britain In Bloom 2023 on the back of winning Ulster In Bloom 2022</p> <p><b>Better Off (Impact)</b></p>



				<p>Council continues to receive positive feedback on the introduction of wildflowers in place of bedding plants which has significant impact on pollinators</p> <p><b>It should also be pointed out that this approach to biodiversity is applied throughout the Borough and not just confined to Coleraine.</b></p>
22	<p><b>To implement initiatives on protected natural heritage areas in Causeway Coast and Glens to support the maintenance of the area's special features and sensitively manage the landscapes outside these special areas.</b></p> <p><b>To improve where possible the condition of designated sites and encourage a sustainable and</b></p>	<p><b>Neil Rainey</b>  Countryside Coast and Landscape Protected Landscapes Team</p>	DAERA	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <p>Conservation Management Plans (CMPs) have been initiated for 12 SACs.</p> <p>7 no. tranches of the DAERA EFS have been opened since 2017, with tranche 7 opened in May 2023. 900+ EFS Higher agreements with 59,840h. of land in NI were under agri-environment scheme agreement.</p> <p>Monitoring of species and habitat condition assessment by DAERA NIEA NED Biodiversity and Wildlife Unit.</p> <p>WHS Management and Action Plan 2020- 2027 in place and being delivered by CC&amp;GHT on behalf of DAERA NIEA.</p> <p>WHS NIEA funded In Year Projects moving towards conclusion - coin lodgement project, production of 6 farm resilience plans and WHS marine cleans.</p> <p><b>WHS Periodic reporting:</b></p>

	<p><b>sensitive approach to all landscapes within the Council area.</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work ongoing on periodic reporting to UNESCO World Heritage Centre), CCGHT co-ordinating this task with the Steering Group.</li> <li>• CCAONB Action Plan 2019-2023 being delivered by CC&amp;GHT. Work includes</li> <li>• digital AONB biodiversity education, Causeway Coast Way and the Uncharted Histories of the Causeway Coast community project has been completed.</li> <li>• Antrim Coast and Glens</li> <li>• AONB Management Plan developed including engagement with 52 partners/stakeholders.</li> <li>• 23 Actions ongoing.</li> </ul> <p>Binevenagh AONB and Binevenagh Coastal Lowlands LP. 33 farm resilience plans completed. Work ongoing on a range of tree planting schemes, habitat enhancement and landscape conservation training.</p> <p><b>Landscape Monitoring:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 CCGBC AONBs participating in DAERA Fixed Point Photography Project.</li> <li>• CC&amp;GBC Local Development Plan (LDP) 2035</li> <li>• Suite of projects undertaken on behalf of CCGBC to evaluate 35 walks across the borough plus extensive research on signage, CC Way perception and best trail practice</li> </ul>

				<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p> <p>CMPs are progressing well eg: River Roe SAC CMP to improve water quality.</p> <p>Farmland managed in an improved sustainable way. Monitoring techniques of Agri-environment schemes are being developed.</p> <p>Ongoing work. Priority Species and habitat management are assessed with a view to sustaining and improving species nos. and diversity where appropriate.</p> <p>DAERA report to DCMS on matters relating to the WHS. A 'watching brief' is kept by the Steering Group with input from CC&amp;GBC.</p> <p>All activities continue to be carried out to protect the Outstanding Universal Value of the WHS.</p> <p>An essential piece of monitoring work – takes place every 7 years. Our WHS submission has been approved by DCMS (Sept 2023) and they will be sending on to UNESCO in due course.</p> <p>Identifies tasks as per 2013-2023 CC AONB Management Plan. Increased education and community engagement benefit.</p> <p>Delivery by CC&amp;GHT for DAERA NIEA. The MP presents a vision, aims and objectives for the AONB over the next 10 years.</p>
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Landscape management of area e.g.:- fixed point photography, Magilligan prison tree nursery, farm resilience plans and invasive species monitoring and eradication:

4 seasonal photos/p.a.

FPP continues with Summer 2023 session completed and submitted. Monitoring analysis is underway by DAERA NIEA.

LDP Preferred Options Paper published in June 2018. Draft Plan Strategy is still in preparation.

Continued strong engagement and involvement with local community through volunteers, students, and community groups.

**Better Off (Impact)**

Protection and improvements are made through regulatory protection activity, promotional and on-the-ground actions by land owners, land managers, citizens and other parties/organisations.

Knowledge and expertise has been increased by engagement with the farming community, community groups, schools, universities on how to manage and further sustainable practice on the land and landscape. Also increase in disability resource access.

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### Economic/Education/Tourism Actions 23-31

	<b>Economic/Education/Tourism</b>	<b>Action Steering Group (ASG) Lead Richard Baker – Leisure &amp; Development CC&amp;G BC</b>		
	<b>Population Outcome:</b>	<b>All people of Causeway Coast and Glens will contribute to and benefit from a thriving economy built on a culture of growth, entrepreneurship, innovation and learning</b>		
	<b>Intermediate Outcomes:</b>	<p><b>9. <i>The Causeway Coast and Glens area provides opportunities for all to contribute to, engage in and benefit from a more prosperous and fair economy</i></b></p> <p><b>10. <i>The Causeway Coast and Glens area attracts and grows profitable businesses</i></b></p> <p><b>11. <i>The Causeway Coast and Glens area drives entrepreneurship and fosters innovation</i></b></p> <p><b>12. <i>All people of the Causeway Coast and Glens will be knowledgeable and skilled</i></b></p>		

Action No.	Brief Description	Action Lead	Organisation	Progress
23	<b>Delivery of new Economic Development Strategy – ‘Recovery and Renewal’.</b>	<b>Niall McGurk</b> Head of Prosperity & Place	CC&G Borough Council – Prosperity & Place	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify at least one new key strategic priority</li> <li>Examine all external funding opportunities</li> <li>Define roles of all key delivery partners</li> <li>Continue to deliver business support to help both new and existing businesses.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% - Growth Deal projects identified as key economic driver for next 10-15 years.</li> <li>100% - External funding opportunities have been identified including: Growth Deal, Complementary Fund, Levelling Up, Peace Plus</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Better Off (Impact)</b></p> <p>EDS has been developed under two themes, Recovery and Renewal, with the aspiration of improving the lives of every citizen within the borough through:</p> <p>Recovery – Labour Market Activation and Business Starts/ Survival</p> <p>Renewal – Business Evolution, Connected Borough, Green Borough and Renewed Place</p> <p>Further analysis of impact of EDS will be assessed in future reports.</p>

24	<p><b>To promote the unique offer of the Atlantic Link Enterprise Campus (Enterprise Zone)</b></p>	<p><b>Niall McGurk</b> Head of Prosperity &amp; Place</p>	<p>CC&amp;G Borough Council – Prosperity &amp; Place</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify new strategic priorities.</li> <li>• Identify Growth Deal opportunities.</li> <li>• Number of information communication engagements.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions have been ongoing with the Department for Economy.</li> <li>• Planning classification investigated.</li> <li>• Discussions with potential tenants ongoing.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Better Off (Impact)</b></p> <p>Council continues to engage with a prospective investor in relation to a one-acre site at ALEC. Discussions are currently ongoing between the Council, property agent and legal representatives.</p> <p>Council continues to lobby Government and Treasury regards the extension of Enhanced Capital Allowances for the site. Work is also ongoing regarding the Growth Deal Business Incubation Innovation Hub project with the development of an Outline Business Case. This is a long-term project and no impact can be measured until after the capital project is completed and occupied.</p>

				Overall, no impact review can be carried out at this stage. If and when the site developments proceed, then an impact assessment can take place.
25	<b>To Increase the level of innovation</b> in the Causeway Coast and Glens area	<b>Niall McGurk</b> Head of Prosperity & Place	<b>Niall McGurk</b> Strategic Projects Manager  <b>Des Gartland</b> Regional Manager NW Office	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <p>Increasing the level of innovation is a key priority for successful delivery of DfE’s ‘10X’ Vision for Northern Ireland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of businesses receiving Innovation Accreditations</li> <li>• Investment in Innovative activities including R&amp;D</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p> <p>While it is still too early to quantify, the Department for the Economy has set the following innovation objectives for Northern Ireland in its 10X Delivery plan 2023-2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase total R&amp;D expenditure by 55%</li> <li>• Increase the number of R&amp;D performing businesses by 450.</li> <li>• Increase number of innovation active firms to 55% of NI businesses</li> <li>• 10% of NI businesses receiving Innovation Accreditation.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Better Off (Impact)</b></p> <p>Too early to determine impact. A high-level Subgroup of relevant partners (Economic Advisory Group) has been set up to review strategic projects</p>



				<p>relating to the Innovation pillar of the Growth Deal. The following Strategic Projects have been shortlisted to be progressed via the 'Growth Deal' funding mechanism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Enterprise Zone Digital Innovation Hub.</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Centre for Drug Discovery and Pharmaceutical Innovation.</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Food Innovation and Incubation Hub</i></li> </ul> <p>Alongside this, in collaboration with partners, DfE and Invest NI will develop a new strategic approach to address the disparity in Northern Ireland's sub-regional economic performance. This new approach aligns with the 10X pillars of Innovation, Inclusivity, and Sustainability. The strategy, to be in place by September 2024 will have sub-regional economic targets and will identify how public-funded interventions, such as in innovation, are used to address bespoke sub-regional challenges and inequalities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operationally our economic partnership action plan identifies a few innovation actions i.e.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Working in partnership to improve innovation activity in the CC&amp;GBC area via the Innovation Accreditation Scheme / Innovation Vouchers etc.</li> <li>➤ Delivery of the Digital Infrastructure Strategy for the Causeway Coast and Glen's area. Specifically, support businesses to adopt</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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				<p>and <b>exploit digital technologies</b> to improve competitiveness &amp; business resilience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Enhanced <b>Digital Infrastructure</b> in the Causeway Coast and Glen's area – Project Stratum and FFNI</li> <li>➤ Working with partners to encourage and support businesses in a drive towards a Low Carbon '<b>Green</b>' Economy</li> </ul>
26	<p><b>Develop a Digital Infrastructure Strategy</b> for the Causeway Coast and Glens area</p>	<p><b>Louise Mullan</b></p>	<p>CC&amp;G Borough Council – Prosperity &amp; Place</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued delivery of Council's Digital Strategy</li> <li>• Identify and implement innovative urban and rural connectivity schemes</li> <li>• WAN Migration to Full Fibre following completion of FFNI installs</li> <li>• Exploration of Smart Technologies to support industry and residents</li> <li>• Continued promotion of broadband programmes/ consultations</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% Council's Digital Strategy incorporated into all present and future projects</li> <li>• Project Stratum deployed expected to conclude in early 2025</li> <li>• 100% Project Gigabit Public Review closed July 2023, data now being analysed.</li> <li>• 50% ICT Dept. leading on WAN – engaging with EirEvo. To complete migration of all 47 FFNI sites – orders placed. Benefits Realisation to take place once fully operational.</li> <li>• 30%– Officers exploring if Smart Technology projects can be developed to support industry or residents.</li> <li>• 100% Officers have promoted DfE's Project Gigabit Public Review and national Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme</li> </ul>

				<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Better Off (Impact)</b></p> <p>Council's Digital Strategy identified three key themes; Digital Infrastructure, Digital Skills, and the Digital Sector, all of which are considered when developing new projects. Council is currently developing a Growth Deal which is informed by this strategy. In addition, Officers are exploring a variety of opportunities to support the uptake of digital technologies across the Borough. The Business Development team have launched the Digital Transformation Flexible Fund, in conjunction will all other Councils, which target advanced technological improvements within our local businesses. Call 1, received 5 applications from our Council area. Detailed analysis of impacts will take place in future reports.</p>
27	<p><b>Support in developing of the Causeway Labour Market Partnership supporting educational and skills initiatives within the Causeway Coast and Glens area.</b></p>	<p><b>Marc McGerty</b></p>	<p>CC&amp;G Borough Council – Prosperity &amp; Place</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conclusion of 2022-23 programmes</li> <li>• Retrain Plus</li> <li>• Work Ready</li> <li>• Business Start-up Seed Fund</li> <li>• Personal Learning Account</li> <li>• Apprenticeship Alert</li> <li>• Jobs Fairs</li> <li>• Causeway Area Learning Partnership</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All programmes from 2022-23 are now concluded. This includes the HGV Academy and Business Seed Fund.</li> </ul>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14 candidates commenced on the Ramore Restaurants Chef Academy, with 10 completing the training course. LMP are still working with Ramore to secure employment for participants.</li> <li>• NWRC have delivered to the first cohort of 12 candidates. These candidates are being supported in Q4. Recruitment for the remaining places will take place in January 2024.</li> <li>• Marketing, outreach and promotional activities have taken place in Q3 and 71 enquiries have been received. In Q4 clients will be supported to complete Seed Fund applications.</li> <li>• 182 applications to the Personal Learning Account were submitted in Q3. 160 applications have proceeded to grant award. 22 applications were rejected. 8 Assessment Panel Meetings were hosted from 5th October to 14th December 2023.</li> <li>• 22 apprenticeship opportunities were promoted in Q3. Radio advertising is ongoing across the Q radio network.</li> <li>• LMP hosted an Apprenticeship Special Recognition Event in November 2023. At the event 25 apprentices and higher level apprentices from across the borough received a special recognition award.</li> <li>• The website had 617 users in Q3, 605 were new users.</li> <li>• Facebook had 2,003 visits with a reach of 10,759.</li> <li>• 1 job fair took place this quarter in Coleraine on 4th October 2023 with 20 employers and 75 attendees.</li> <li>• A Bring IT On event was hosted in Q3 and had 172 students from 8 schools in attendance.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Better Off (Impact)</b></p>
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				<p>The CCAG LMP Members and Partnership will work very closely with DfC and other LMPs / NI Councils in the delivery of their respective Action Plans. The focus of the CCAG LMP will focus on employability, skills and education initiatives.</p> <p>DfC considered pausing the LMP activities in 2023/24 due to budgetary pressured. After EQIA the decision to pause was reversed. LMPs at present have a letter of offer for 25% of the programme costs which covers salaries. An improved Letter of Offer from DfC received in June 2023 to also cover project operational costs. Total DfC budget for LMP administrative and operational costs of £467k.</p>
28	<p><b>Develop Energy and Climate Strategy incorporating an Action Plan for the Causeway Coast and Glens area.</b></p>	<p><b>Louise Mullan</b></p>	<p>CC&amp;G Borough Council – Prosperity &amp; Place</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a TOR for Boroughwide Scoping Study</li> <li>• Appoint a specialist advisor/team to assist with development of Boroughwide scoping study</li> <li>• Engage with large scale energy users</li> <li>• Engage in soft market sounding</li> <li>• Environmental Services activities relating to energy/ climate</li> <li>• Form a local collaborative energy group</li> <li>• Support a Smart Local Energy System (SLES)</li> </ul> <p>Develop an energy application for Borough (Innovate UK/ DESNZ)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% TOR developed for Boroughwide scoping study</li> <li>• 0% Specialist to be appointed – ITT to be issued January '24</li> </ul>

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				<p>In the coming year, Council will need to adopt a more proactive approach to delivering energy security for its residents and to achieving Net Zero targets. Council is supporting Invest NI's bid to Innovate UK to develop an Industrial Decarbonisation Plan and in Autumn 2023, Invest NI were informed that they were successful in their application.</p>																					
29	<p><b>Town Centre Forums</b> established across the 6 urban hubs Ballycastle, Ballymoney, Coleraine, Limavady, Portstewart &amp; Portrush towns. A high level, solution-driven network developing and delivering collaborative town centre management projects focusing on renewal and transformation of our town centres as places to be.</p>	<p><b>Julienne Elliott</b> Town Centre Manager</p>	<p>CC&amp;G Borough Council – Prosperity &amp; Place</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <p>March to Dec 2023</p> <p>All 6 Forums operational . Forums consist of Elected DEA Councillors for each town along with interested stakeholders.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1061 708 1621 1027"> <thead> <tr> <th>Town</th> <th>No. Stakeholders</th> <th>No. of DEA councillors</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Ballycastle</td> <td>14</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ballymoney</td> <td>11</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Coleraine</td> <td>19</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Limavady</td> <td>8</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Portstewart</td> <td>5</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Portrush</td> <td>6</td> <td>7</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p> <p>All 6 forums now established 100%</p>	Town	No. Stakeholders	No. of DEA councillors	Ballycastle	14	5	Ballymoney	11	7	Coleraine	19	6	Limavady	8	4	Portstewart	5	7	Portrush	6	7
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30	<p><b>Causeway Coast and Glens will benefit from a thriving and sustainable visitor economy.</b> It will provide a welcoming, year-round, high quality visitor experience, generate opportunities for quality employment, protect its built and natural environment, and will aim to balance the growth of the economy without having a detrimental impact on the health</p>	<p><b>Peter Thompson</b> Head of Tourism &amp; Recreation</p>	<p>CC&amp;G Borough Council</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <p>Trade Engagement Visitor Servicing Destination Marketing Trade and Consumer shows Product Development</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p> <p>Marketing team representing the Destination at a number of Trade and Consumer Shows in partnership with TN and TI:</p> <p>Royal Highland, Bord Bia Bloom, Flavours of Ireland, World Travel Market, Classic Car Show &amp; Northern Ireland ITOA Workshop</p>



and wellbeing of local communities.

Website traffic 2022/2023

	2022	2023	% change
<b>Users</b>	179,058	214,547	19.82%
<b>Sessions</b>	226,052	271,562	20.13%
<b>Sessions from Organic Searches</b>	103,036	158,525	53.85%
<b>Page Views</b>	681,808	968,997	42.12%

**Socials**

Currently have 83k followers over 3 platforms Facebook, X and Instagram

Campaign targeted at the NI, ROI and GB market, incorporating digital marketing, regional and local radio PR to attract visitors to the destination during the shoulder and off season.

The campaign phase ran for 6 six weeks r across digital platforms delivering over 10.6 million impressions (10,667,268 impressions) – meaning this is the number of times the adverts were seen, delivering a very high level of awareness amongst the key target audience segments.

The number of click throughs to the dedicated landing page on the [visitcausewaycoastandglens.com](http://visitcausewaycoastandglens.com) website was 68,355 again a very high

				<p>number of the key targeted segment audiences seeking to find out more information as a result of seeing the adverts.</p> <p>Overall, this is a very strong performance for a 6 week digital campaign.</p> <p>The VIC's have seen an increase of 14% in the total number of visitor enquires between 2022 and 2023. Of the 77k enquires, 38% of these were international, representing an increase of 4% on 2022. Although the figures are on the increase they are still considerable less than 2019.</p> <p>Ongoing trade engagement activity – monthly ezines, Face to face meetings, 1:1, Telephone/Zoom meetings</p> <p>Complete Experience Development Programme end of June. Progress to be monitored and reviewed within the year.</p> <p>EAGS Ambassador continues to work with TNI and develop Brand Aligned Experiences within the Destination</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Better Off (Impact)</b></p> <p>To be further assessed in January 2024.</p>
31	<b>Develop Growth Deal opportunities for the Causeway Coast and Glens area.</b>	<b>Niall McGurk</b> Head of Prosperity & Place	CC&G Borough Council – Prosperity & Place	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Much (Quantity)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Programme Board to provide approvals throughout development of Growth Deal</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programme Management Office to undertake work in support of the Growth Deal</li> <li>• Consultant call off framework to be utilised throughout the development of SOCs/OBCs</li> <li>• Independent research/reviews in support of projects to be commissioned (as required)</li> <li>• Outline Business Cases to be commissioned following Heads of Terms</li> <li>• Growth Deal Portfolio Document to be developed</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How Well (Quality)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0% - No Executive Programme Board meetings held this quarter.</li> <li>• 100% Programme Management Office continually working on project development</li> <li>• 100% - Consultant Call Off List utilised for all 9 projects. All businesses cases now submitted to relevant Departments for review.</li> <li>• 0% No Independent research/reviews required this quarter.</li> <li>• 100% Business cases approved by Council (7 SOCs and 2 OBC)</li> <li>• 0% OBCs will be commissioned following Heads of Terms (expected April 2024).</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Better Off (Impact)</b></p> <p>The Growth Deal outlines the approach Council will take to strategically improve the lives of all citizens within the borough through capital projects. The objectives of the Growth Deal are to:</p>
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attract more innovative and internationally focused companies;</li><li>• Position Causeway Coast and Glens as the 'go-to' region for innovation and tourism;</li><li>• Improve key elements of strategic transport, digital infrastructure, and digital skill;</li><li>• Work with communities to raise aspiration and ambition.</li></ul> <p>Detailed analysis of impacts will take place once capital projects have concluded.</p>
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