

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Causeway Community Plan - Update</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>Corporate Policy and Resources Committee</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>26 January 2021</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>For Information</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)</b>	
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

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

<b>Screening Requirements</b>	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 in 2018 which put in place 44 practical actions and activities to achieve the outcomes identified in the Strategic Framework.
- 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 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?
- 1.6 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 Community Plan. Causeway Community Planning Partnership published its first Statement of Progress in November 2019.

## **2.0 Review of Delivery Plan**

- 2.1 Following the publication of the Statement of Progress the Partnership decided that this would be an appropriate time to conduct a full review of the Delivery Plan and consider which actions had been completed, whether actions needed to be reviewed and amended or if new actions should be included.
- 2.2 A process for this review was developed which was to include the establishment of a range of Delivery Design Groups and a full consultation process involving partners and stakeholders. This review process was to begin in February 2020

but the intervention of the pandemic severely impacted the planned review process and a new approach had to be taken over the summer period to conduct this review.

- 2.3 A draft revised Delivery Plan was subsequently developed with 34 actions. This draft was considered by the Community Planning Partnership at its meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and agreed.
- 2.4 The revised Draft Delivery Plan then went out for a short period of public comment in November. This included use of an on-line survey, promotional pieces on the Council website, within the Citizen's Newsletter and social media outlets. The Community Planning Team also made themselves available for on-line virtual meetings and telephone calls.

### **3.0 Revised Delivery Plan 2020**

- 3.1 The final draft document was considered at the meeting of the Partnership on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 when the Partnership also considered a report outlining the comments submitted by the public.
- 3.2 The majority of comments received were general in nature and did not result in any changes to the actions proposed in the draft document. The Community Plan Team were able to refer a number of the issues raised to other organisations or used other avenues for their resolution.
- 3.3 The Community Planning Partnership adopted the Revised Delivery Plan as proposed and it was noted that the next steps would include publication and promotion of the document as a web based document (it was not proposed to publish hard copies).
- 3.4 The quarterly monitoring/reporting process will now be implemented in relation to Delivery Plan activity with the first reports from Action Leads to be considered by the Partnership at its next meeting in April 2021.
- 3.5 The quarterly reports received from Action Leads in March, June and September 2021 will form the basis of the next public Statement of Progress which is due to be published in November 2021.

### **4.0 Other Relevant Items**

- 4.1 During the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> December the Partnership received a video presentation on The Glens Healthy Places initiative which had been funded via the Public Health Agency. Members expressed their support for this initiative which demonstrated community planning in action and expressed the hope that this type of project would be rolled out into other areas of the Borough.
- 4.2 Section 69(1) of the Local Government (NI) Act NI 2014 requires a review of the Community Plan to be completed before the fourth anniversary of the date on which the Community Plan was published. For Causeway Coast and Glens this means a review of the Community Plan is due by June 2021.

- 4.3 However, the Department for Communities has recognised the disruption to normal working arrangements caused by current events and they have advised the Partnership that they consider it will be sufficient to meet the legislative requirements for Partnerships to formally confirm that a review of the Community Plan has been conducted with a commitment to a further review before April 2022.
- 4.4 The Community Planning Team will develop an approach to this requirement and will report to the Community Planning Partnership at its next meeting in April 2021.