

Citizen Newsletter	17th January 2017
Corporate Policy and Resources Committee For Decision	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Improve Communication with Citizens
Lead Officer	Director of Performance
Cost: (If applicable)	Est £20,000

1.0 Background

Regarding a Council newsletter, it was previously resolved by the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee to bring back firm proposals for a Spring issue.

This follows on from a previously agreed Notion of Motion to produce two news sheets annually which would be distributed to each household in the Borough.

A draft eight-page newsletter is now available for members' approval prior to public distribution (see attached).

1.1 Aims and Objectives of the Newsletter

The newsletter was collated with the following aims and objectives in mind:

- Communicate Council's key messages
- Provide information and inform citizens about Council's work
- Deliver regular updates on Council's front-line services
- Consult and engage with citizens on current and new initiatives
- Encourage feedback from our citizens
- Promote Council's services and events

1.2 Detail

The eight-page newsletter has been called 'Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council – A newsletter for citizens'.

In time, and with agreement from members, a new name can be adopted.

Approximately 60,000 issues will be printed and distributed.

The draft first issue contains the following:

- Welcome address from the Mayor
- Council offices contact details
- Information on how to keep up to date with Council business
- An update on on-going work on the Local Development Plan
- Information about community planning
- Recycling and food waste information
- How to avail of assistance with bin collections
- Councillors' names, profile pictures and contact telephone numbers
- A map of the region

The newsletter will be produced on 150gsm silk art paper and will be printed in full colour throughout.

The pages will be saddle stitched into an A4 portrait style booklet.

1.3 Frequency

Reflecting the previously agreed motion, a newsletter would be issued twice per annum.

It is suggested that Issue 1 is printed and distributed as soon as possible

Issue 2 would be printed and distributed in the autumn

1.4 Costs per issue

Artwork: £150

Printing: £5000

1.5 Delivery

The initial Motion of Notion stated: *“news sheets are distributed in conjunction with bin collection similar to the methodology employed by the former Legacy Councils. This will ensure the news is delivered in an effective and cost efficient manner”*.

However, the most cost effective method is Royal Mail’s Door to Door distribution service.

Distribution of 60,000 newsletters using this method will cost £5090.

2.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that Council reviews and approves the draft newsletter and that necessary steps are taking to ensure delivery to households as soon as possible.

Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council

A NEWSLETTER FOR CITIZENS



**Causeway
Coast & Glens
Borough Council**

EDITION 1 | JANUARY 2016

Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the first edition of our residents' magazine.

Our new Council has been in place since April 2015, bringing the legacy regions of Coleraine, Ballymoney, Limavady and Moyle together as Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

We are continuing to evolve and develop, and we want to keep you, the ratepayer, informed about this process.

It's hoped this publication will become a regular way for Council to deliver information to the public and communicate its key messages.

It's important that members of the public are kept informed and engaged, as we continue our

transition as a new local authority.

It's our vision that our work will improve the quality of life and well-being of all our citizens and visitors.

In our Mission Statement we have outlined a commitment to providing effective and sustainable local public services. We want to accelerate our economy, improve prosperity and place local communities at the heart of our decision making.

We also want to protect and enhance our unique natural environment. Our region brings together three separate Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and an island population on Rathlin.

Our coastline stretches from Lough Foyle to the Glens of

Antrim providing a unique visitor experience through a landscape unrivalled in terms of its scenery and attractions.

It was a great honour for me to take up the position of Mayor. It has allowed me to witness at first hand the work that goes on across the Borough to better the lives and experiences of those who live, work and visit here.

I hope that by continuing to work together we can fulfil our mission and reach our full potential.



Mayor Alderman Maura Hickey

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How to keep informed and up to date with Council news

Check out our website

www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk



Like on us Facebook to keep up to date with news and events – you can find our page by searching Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council



Follow us on Twitter @CausewayCouncil



Causeway Coast & Glens Local Development Plan (LDP) 2030:

Have your say!

We are commencing work on our Local Development Plan (LDP) for the Borough.

What is the purpose of a Local Development Plan?

Its purpose is to inform you, statutory authorities, developers and other interested parties of the planning policy framework and land use proposals that will guide planning decisions in this Borough up to 2030. It will set out a clear vision for how the Borough should look in the future by deciding what type and scale of development should be encouraged and where it should be located.

It will take account of Council's Community Plan and reflect any land use requirements identified within it. The two Plans will work in tandem towards the same vision for the Borough and set the long term social, economic and environmental objectives for the area.

What have we done to date?

The first stage of the Plan process is the gathering of Borough-wide data to create a robust evidence base for use in the new Plan process. This stage is nearing completion.

Where are we now?

We published two documents in November 2016:

A Local Development Plan Timetable – this document sets out indicative timeframes for the key stages in the Plan process (see summary table below):

A Statement of Community Involvement in Planning - this document sets out how Council intends to engage with you, stakeholders and Government Departments in exercising its planning functions, including: the preparation of its Local Development Plan; deciding planning applications in the Borough; enforcement; and other planning matters.

Both documents are available to view at: Planning Office, County Hall, Castlerock Road, Coleraine, BT51 3HS, or online at: <https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/live/planning/development-plan>

Where are we going?

We are looking forward to the preparation of our next document; our Preferred Options Paper (POP). The indicative timeframe for its publication is Autumn/Winter 2017. This public consultation document will set out the key planning issues we have identified through our detailed evidence gathering and

outline Council's preferred option for addressing these issues.

All comments received will be taken into consideration in the preparation of the next Plan document; The Draft Plan Strategy.

Getting in touch.

We are very keen to engage with you early in the process. To enable this Council has developed a Local Development Plan "Register of Interest" for any group or individual interested in being informed and updated about the Causeway Coast and Glens Local Development Plan 2030.

Those interested can register their details in any of the following ways:

Online at:

www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

By e-mail to:

planning@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

By post to:

Local Development Plan Team,
County Hall,
Castlerock Road,
Coleraine,
BT51 3HS

By telephone on: 0300 200 7830

Regular updates on the progress of the new Local Development Plan will also be posted on our website at: <https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/live/planning/development-plan>

	PLAN STAGE	INDICATIVE DATE
1	Robust evidence gathering	Spring-Winter 2016
2	Publish Plan Timetable & Statement of Community Involvement	Winter 2016
3	Publish Preferred Options Paper (12 week consultation period)	Autumn/Winter 2017
4	Publish Draft Plan Strategy (8 week consultation period)	Autumn 2018
5	Independent Examination of Draft Plan Strategy	Spring 2019
6	Adopt Plan Strategy	Autumn 2020
7	Publish Draft Local Policies Plan (8 week consultation period)	Autumn 2021
8	Independent Examination of Draft Local Policies Plan	Spring 2022
9	Adopt Local Policies Plan	Winter 2022
10	Monitoring & Review of Plan	Ongoing



What is community planning?



Members of the Causeway Coast and Glens Community Planning Strategic Partnership.

Community planning is one of the new responsibilities of local government requiring Council to work in partnership with other public sector agencies to develop a long term vision and plan for the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough area and all its citizens.

The process aims to achieve an overall, integrated view of the social, economic and environmental wellbeing and needs of our area and provides opportunities for everyone who lives, works and visits our area to get involved and agree on shared outcomes for the benefit of all.

Earlier this year the Community Partners Order 2016 was debated and agreed in the NI Assembly. The statutory partners of Council designated by this legislation and forming the initial participants in the Causeway Coast and Glens Community Planning Strategic Partnership alongside ten Elected Members of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council are as follows:- Tourism NI, Police Service for NI, Education Authority for NI, Northern Health and Social Care Trust, Western Health and Social Care Trust, Health and Social Care Board, Public Health Agency, the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools (CCMS), NI Fire and Rescue Service, Invest NI, Sport NI and Libraries NI. The Partnership is chaired by Councillor George Duddy.

As lead partner, Council has now established a process to work alongside statutory agencies and others to develop and implement a shared vision for promoting the wellbeing of our area and to improve quality of life for our citizens.

Shaping the future for the Causeway Coast and Glens

This is an exciting time for all of us, with the opportunity for mapping together a range of services from all sectors within the community to enhance better outcomes for all our citizens. You too have the opportunity to feed into this process and many of you have taken the time to take part in our 'Have Your Say' programme through a wide range of community engagement and evidence-gathering opportunities throughout 2016 – so Thank You.

Developing and implementing the Community Plan is a major undertaking and involves partnership working at many different levels in the area. We are currently matching information with our statutory partners and at the next stage of the Community Planning process – establishing priorities through our Thematic Working Groups across the three pillars and themes of:-

- A Sustainable Environment
- Health & Social Wellbeing
- A Strong Economy

Council has developed a **Community Planning Register of Interest** for any group or individual interested in being informed and updated about the Causeway Coast and Glens Community Plan. Those interested can contact a member of the Community Planning Team who will be happy to assist you, by email at community.planning@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk or by telephone on 028 2766 0202.

Further details on Community Planning including findings from our community engagement to date can be found at <https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/council/community-planning>

Portrush regeneration plans continue

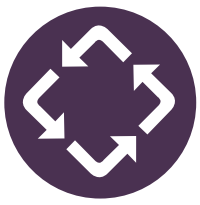
Regeneration plans for Portrush are continuing to progress. The resort could benefit from potential funding of £17million between now and the staging of The Open in 2019.

A Consultation Forum has been established to give all interested parties a say in the future of the town.

At the most recent public meeting in January, Portrush Town Hall was packed to capacity as illustrations of the proposed design scheme went on display for the first time.

Over the next three years, the regeneration programme includes a new train station and complete streetscape improvement. It will also look at issues around transportation and car parking and address dereliction through a dedicated Urban Development Grant Scheme.

The scheme's vision is to secure Portrush's position as Northern Ireland's premier tourism destination.



What is Food Smart all about?

Food Smart is a campaign initiated by Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council in association with the Love Food Hate Waste campaign. Our aim is to reduce food waste in the area by helping us all to reconnect with and value our food. The campaign is underpinned by three interlocking strands – ‘Think, Shop and Eat’. Each activity delivered through Food Smart will fall in to one of these strands.

Food Smart is about information, education and practical participation leading to sustainable behavioural change. It is designed to appeal to all sectors of our community with opportunities for participation available to:

- Children
- Families
- Individuals
- Schools
- Community and other special interest groups
- Churches
- Food producers and retailers including Borough markets

Partnership forms a key element of the campaign and we are already forming links with Borough groups and organisations. There are two key elements within this partnership approach. One is a formal endorsement of the campaign as a body and the second is promotion of core actions or activities with group members.

How can you get involved?

The public face of the campaign will include:

- A specific Food Smart portal on the main Council website which visitors will access from a button on the home page. This page will contain downloadable pledges for all of the above groups and links to related videos or guides. As the campaign develops we will highlight the efforts and imagination of a range of participants.
- A food waste diary and fact sheet to enable people to begin the process of valuing and reconnecting with their food.



The Food Smart logo on display in Ursa Minor Bakehouse in Ballycastle.

- A selection of downloadable and hard copy information leaflets on reducing food waste in businesses, within the home and group settings.
- A food retailer's project, encouraging food businesses such as cafes or restaurants to reduce their waste by interacting with customers. Actions here will be celebrated through the website and at a formal business reception.
- Child, family, individual and group challenges which will include actions and activities over a number of weeks. Again, these are designed to be fun, interactive and lead to behavioural change in a number of food related areas.
- Specific activities for community and other social groupings including food buying and sharing cooperatives, community kitchens and other social activities revolving around food.
- School project looking at waste free lunches.

We all need to reflect on our attitudes to food, moving beyond the notion that it is something readily available and therefore of little value to a place where food is valued, respected, appreciated and afforded its full social and cultural value.

Why is reducing food waste important?

There are many reasons why reducing food waste is important. One third of all the food produced in the world is wasted before it is consumed while here we waste about one fifth of the food we buy. There are various reasons for food waste in our homes with some being unavoidable but a large percentage can be avoided.

Every day in the UK we throw away up to 1.4 million bananas which have travelled at least 5,000 miles to our homes. This is the end of a journey which involves a huge effort in terms of growing, harvesting and transporting all of which use energy, fossil fuels and precious water.

We throw away 34,000 tonnes of beef and beef products each year which is the equivalent of 300 million burgers. That's not good because it's a waste of money but also it can take up to 15,500 litres of water to produce a kilo of grain fed beef. To put this into context, if all the water in the world was contained within a bucket, the available water for us could be lifted out in a teaspoon!

It is estimated a typical family with children can waste as much as £720.00 per year or up to £60.00 per month. If you are curious as to what that might look like, it's at least 2 wheelie bins of food. The minimum

cost of food wasted is estimated to be £400 per year. If we apply this to all households in our Council area that amounts to a staggering £23,000,000 and this doesn't include food businesses! If we all embrace Food Smart it will save money across all sectors and we can make a real difference to the world we live in.

For more details on how to get involved, please email foodsmart@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk or speak to one of the Council's Recycling Officers - Janice Dunlop 028 2076 2225, Declan Donnelly 028 2766 0257 or John McCarron 028 7776 0305.

Portstewart's Diversity Park picks up a prestigious award



John Richardson, Head of Infrastructure, Wendy McCullough, Head of Sport and Wellbeing and Wayne Hall, Designer & Project Manager, display the award in the Diversity Park in Portstewart.

The Diversity Park in Portstewart opened in summer 2016 – and it's already proving to be an award winning facility.

Its mix of play equipment for able bodied children, as well as those with disabilities and sensory needs, helped it secure a 'highly commended' Access Award from The William Keown Trust.

The awards give recognition to businesses and organisations who make positive efforts to assist disabled people.

The award was collected by the Mayor of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, Alderman Maura Hickey, alongside designer and project manager Wayne Hall and the Council's Head of Infrastructure John Richardson.

Speaking about the success, the Mayor said: "The Diversity Park in Portstewart is a credit to everyone involved. Its popularity since it first opened has been overwhelming. As a Council, we are proud to be leading the way when it comes to inclusiveness, and nothing illustrates this better than all children, regardless of ability, being able to play together.

"It was an honour for us to attend the awards ceremony, and I would like to thank the William Keown Trust for their interest and the recognition they have shown to the facility."

The Diversity Park, which is located in the grounds of Flowerfield Arts Centre, is a truly unique facility across the Causeway Coast and Glens and beyond.

It's the first play park in Northern Ireland to feature an aero glider, which was imported from America.

It also features a wheelchair swing which allows wheelchair users to enjoy the experience of playing on a swing.

For those with sensory needs, the park features a number of scented organs which give off a variety of smells including honey and lavender.

There's also an area aimed at younger children and infants, picnic tables and a quiet area.

The park was created thanks to funding provided through the Council's contribution to the Landfill Communities Fund, which is administered by Ulster Wildlife.

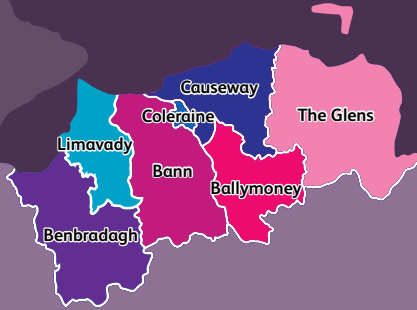
Do you need help with your bin collections?

There are people who may have difficulty in bringing their bins to the appropriate collection point. This may be due to a temporary or more permanent medical condition. Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council offer an Assisted Persons Scheme whereby refuse collectors will take your bin from the back door and return it to the same place. If you feel you can benefit from this service and can get medical support for your application, please contact your local Council office:

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Riada House, Ballymoney	028 2766 0257
Cloonavin, Coleraine	028 7034 7272
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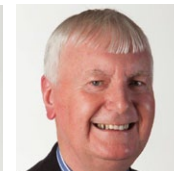


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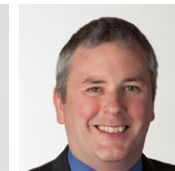


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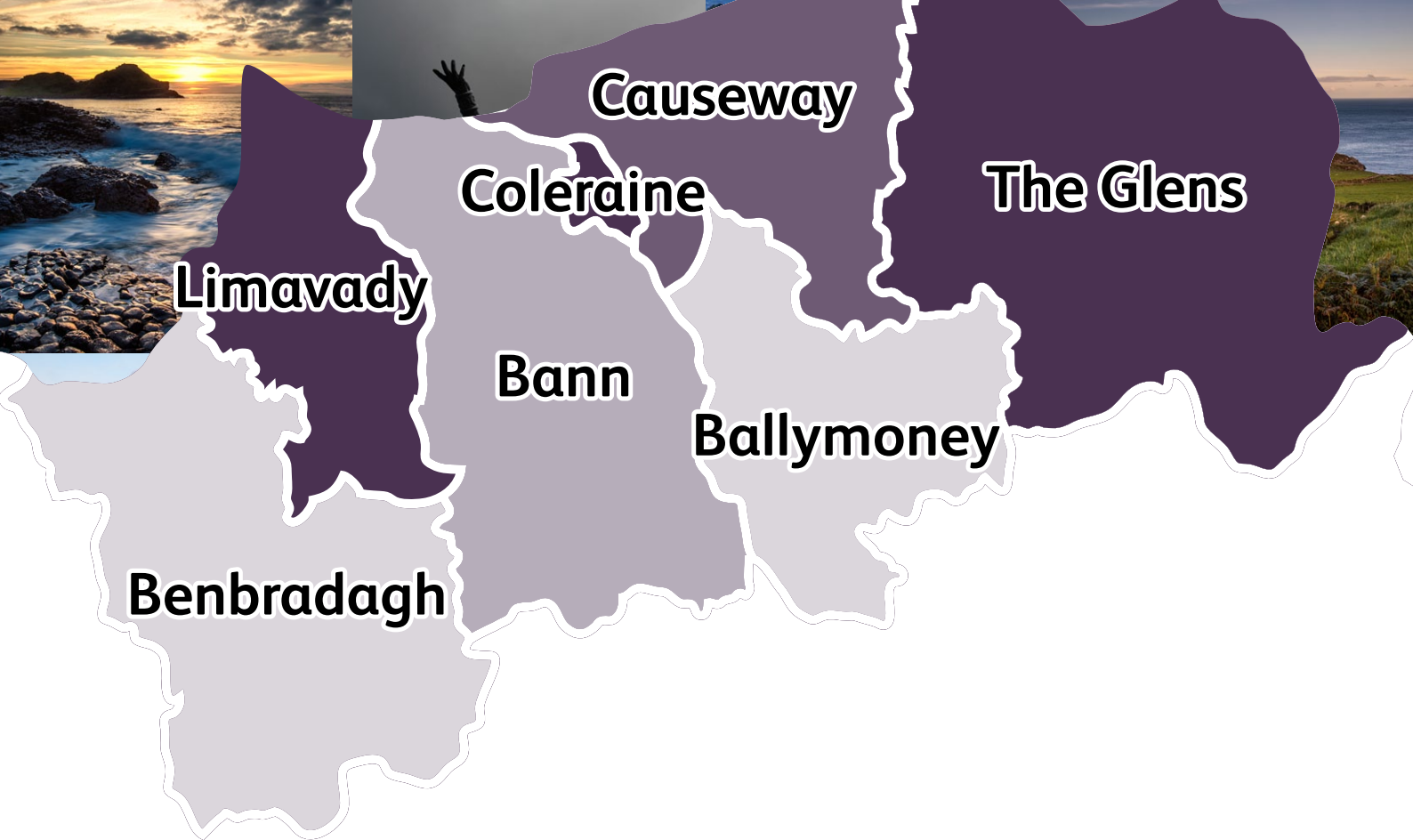
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PARTY ABBREVIATIONS

ALL - Alliance Party • DUP - Democratic Unionist Party • IND - Independent • INDU - Independent Unionist • SDLP - Social Democratic & Labour Party • SF - Sinn Féin • PUP - Progressive Unionist Party • UU - Ulster Unionist



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