

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE PREVALENCE AND PEOPLE’S EXPERIENCE OF “FOOD POVERTY” WITHIN CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS CATCHMENTS	1st August 2017
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE For Decision	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Healthy and Engaged Communities
Outcome	Improve the health and well-being of our citizens
Lead Officer	Head of Health and Built Environment
Cost: (If applicable)	N/A

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Background

Members will remember from previous updates that Council have been working in conjunction with the Ulster University to undertake Borough wide research to investigate the prevalence and people’s experience of food poverty in our area. This research was recently shorted listed in the Knowledge Exchange category of the Ulster University Impact Excellence Awards.

The Awards Ceremony took place on Thursday 11th May in Belfast Harbour Commissioner’s Office. Unfortunately the research did not win the category; however, being shortlisted was a great achievement and in recognition of this Council was awarded a framed certificate.

The working relationship between Ulster University and Council staff continues to strengthen and we hope to work on the area of food poverty together again in the future.

Recommendation

We recommend a letter of gratitude is sent to Dr Sinead Furey and her research team who work diligently with Council officers to tackle food poverty in this Borough.