

<b>Local Development Plan – Preparatory Studies: Discussion Paper 10: Education, Health and Community Facilities</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> August 2016</b>
<b>Planning Committee</b>	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Theme</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Resilient, Healthy and Engaged Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Citizens will have access to Council recreational facilities and protected natural environments which help them to develop their physical, emotional and cognitive health;</li> <li>• Council will work to develop and promote stable and cohesive communities across the Borough.</li> </ul>
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<b>Cost:</b>	N/A

## **1.0 Background**

1.1 This is the tenth topic-related preparatory paper presented to Members, and relates to Education, Health and Community Facilities.

1.2 Key outputs of the paper are:

- a. to provide Members with the **regional planning context** pertaining to education, health and community facilities;
- b. to provide **information on the existing level and distribution** of facilities in the Borough;
- c. to provide information to assist Members to identify potential issues identified by the relevant authority that may need to be given further consideration in the production of the **Local Development Plan (LDP)**.

1.3 This information will be kept under review and will be presented to Members, when necessary, throughout the LDP process.

## **2.0 Financial Implications**

2.1 None.

### **3.0 Other Implications**

3.1 None.

### **4.0 Recommendation**

4.1 **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Members endorse the use of the information contained within this paper in the preparation of the Local Development Plan.

### **Appendix 1**

Discussion Paper 10: Education, Health and Community Facilities



# **Draft Local Development Plan**

## Preparatory Studies

Discussion Paper 10: Education, Health and  
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## 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper to provide Members with background information relating to the preparation of the Local Development Plan (LDP).
- 1.2 The paper relates to education, health and community facilities within the Borough. The paper provides information on:
- The regional policy context for education, health and community facilities;
  - An overview of the existing provision of education, health and community uses including their geographical distribution; and
  - The potential implications on the future distribution of development in the Borough.
- 1.3 Information in relation to education, health, emergency services, libraries and post offices has been gathered from the authorities' published sources. Information on community centres is from the Council's audit undertaken last year. No commentary is made on the quality, range of activities, levels of usage or other considerations. As with earlier papers, this information will have to be regularly reviewed to ensure it remains up to date and relevant to the LDP process, particularly where land use implications, such as the need to zone land for future uses, is identified by the relevant authority.

## 2.0 Programme for Government

- 2.1 The Executive agreed a Draft Programme for 2016-2021 in May this year for an eight week consultation period which closed on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. The Draft Programme contains fourteen strategic outcomes which, together, set a clear direction of travel and enable continuous improvement on the essential components of societal wellbeing. The outcomes are supported by forty two indicators which are clear statements for change, to allow progress to be evaluated and corrective action taken if required. A key feature of the Draft Programme is its dependence on collaborative working, which will require a significant change in approach.
- 2.2 The Programme is to be finalised and agreed, with the Budget, a refreshed Economic Strategy, a new Investment Strategy and a Social Strategy by the end of 2016. The purpose of the Programme is:

*Improving wellbeing for all – by tackling disadvantage, and driving economic growth.*

- 2.3 The fourteen outcomes include:

<p><i>We enjoy long, health, active lives</i></p> <p><i>We care for others and we help those in need</i></p> <p><i>We give our children and young people the best start in life</i></p> <p><i>We have high quality public services</i></p> <p><i>We connect people and opportunities through our infrastructure</i></p>
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### 3.0 Regional Planning Context

#### a. Regional Development Strategy (RDS) 2035

- 3.1 The RDS identifies Coleraine and Limavady as Main Hubs, and Ballycastle and Ballymoney as Local Hubs. It also recognises their potential to cluster, as they are reasonably well connected by journey times. It states that this cluster needs to be able to provide all the Level 3 services identified in Diagram 2.2, which was previously presented to Members in October last year and is reproduced in Appendix 1.
- 3.2 Therefore, the RDS does not envisage each of the four hubs to provide the full range of Level 3 services each, rather the cluster as a unit should be able to deliver all, or the vast majority, of them. The Level 3 Services per category in Diagram 2.2 are set out in Diagram 1 with the locations within the cluster identified:

**Diagram 1: RDS Level 3 Services in the Borough**

<b>RDS Level 3 Category</b>	<b>Identified Associated Facilities</b>	<b>Location Within Cluster</b>
<b>Networks</b>	Major Roads, Bus/Rail, Park N' Ride, Cycle network	Coleraine, Limavady, Ballymoney, Ballycastle
<b>Skills</b>	Further Education, Special Schools	Coleraine, Limavady, Ballymoney
<b>Health</b>	A&E Hospital, Children's Home, Minor Injuries, Outpatients	Coleraine, Limavady, Ballymoney, Ballycastle
<b>Social</b>	Leisure Centre (pool), Visitor Centre, Advice Centres, Arts & Culture Centre	Coleraine, Limavady, Ballymoney
<b>Environment</b>	Water and Sewerage Treatment Plants, Waste-landfill, Waste-recycle	Coleraine, Limavady, Ballymoney, Ballycastle
<b>Commercial</b>	Shopping Centres, Retail Warehousing, Range of Restaurants	Coleraine, Limavady, Ballycastle, Ballymoney
<b>Justice</b>	Police District, County Court, Probation Service	Coleraine, Limavady
<b>Productive</b>	Industrial Park, Tourism Office	Coleraine, Limavady, Ballymoney, Ballycastle

- 3.3 The RDS sets out eight aims, which are based around the three themes of environmental, economic and societal. One of the aims is:  
*To promote development which improves the health and well-being of communities.*
- 3.4 The RDS recognises that improved health and well-being is derived not only from easy access to appropriate services and facilities, although this is important, but also from the creation of a strong economy set within a safe and attractive environment (page 19).

b. Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS)

- 3.5 The SPPS acknowledges the opportunity the provision of public services has in the creation and enhancement of shared space for everyone, recognising the economic advantages of maximising shared space and the intangible benefits that come from a more diverse, enriched environment (page 18).
- 3.6 The SPPS does not have a section that deals specifically with education, health and community services. Rather, it is included in the Telecommunications and Other Utilities Section. Its Regional Strategic Policy Section (page 95) states that LDPs should allocate sufficient land to meet the anticipated needs of the community in terms of health, education and other public services. The Transportation Section Regional Strategic Policy and Implementation (page 107) states that Transportation Issues to be addressed in LDPs should include land use allocations and associated transport infrastructure. The reduction in the need for motorised travel can be achieved through allocating sites for housing in proximity to existing or planned provision of services such as education and health facilities.

**4.0 Education Provision**

- 4.1 As Members are aware, the Borough lies within two education regions – the North Eastern Region [formerly the North Eastern Education and Library Board (NEELB)] and the Western Region [formerly the Western Education and Library Board (WELB)]. The North Eastern Region covers the area formerly within Ballymoney Borough, Coleraine Borough and Moyle District, whilst the Western Region covers the former Limavady Borough.
- 4.2 The Education Boards, in conjunction with the Council for Catholic Maintained Sector (CCMS), publish Area Plans to help guide education provision in primary and post primary levels. The most recent publications include the Draft Primary Area Plan 2013-2018 by the former NEELB, while the former WELB published its Strategic Area Plan for Primary Schools in Spring 2015.
- 4.3 Map 1: Distribution of Schools, shows the distribution of existing schools by type in the Borough. Other information in relation to the levels of unfilled spaces in existing schools is also available from the Department of Education. Map 2: Primary Schools with Unfilled Spaces, provides information on the levels of unfilled spaces in primary schools, while Map 3 relates to Post Primary Schools with Unfilled Spaces. The schools with the green asterisk on the maps are those with no unfilled capacity. Primary schools in smaller settlements can help contribute to their vibrancy, along with other facilities such as shops, post offices and community halls.

i. Pre Primary Provision and Primary Schools

- 4.4 As Map 1 illustrates, there is a good distribution of the Borough's eighty one primary schools generally throughout it, with nearly all of the Borough's villages, as defined in the Adopted Plan, having a primary school either in the village or in proximity to it. Further, many of the lower order hamlets also have a primary school in their vicinity. Pre-school provision is less widely available generally throughout the Borough, with most of the towns having such provision, other than Bushmills and Cushendall. There is no pre-school provision in the coastal settlements along the east coast of



the Glens. Nursery provision is much more limited overall and is limited to the towns of Coleraine, Ballymoney and Limavady.

4.5 The distribution of primary schools and unfilled spaces should be considered in the context of the aging population, the statistics for which were presented to Members in the Population and Growth Paper in August last year. Map 2: Primary School Unfilled Places, illustrates there are only a small number of primary schools distributed throughout the Borough which are at capacity. Conversely, there are only two primary schools - in Limavady and Ballykelly - which have unfilled places totalling over 200 spaces. There are a number of primary schools in the Borough's Hubs where capacity lies in the range of 91-200 spaces. In total, there are in the order of 4,600 unfilled primary school spaces across the Borough.

4.6 Ten primary schools were over-subscribed, at June 2015:

**Table 1: Over-Subscribed Primary Schools at June 2015**

<b>Over-Subscribed Primary Schools at June 2015</b>			
<b>Ballymoney Borough</b>	Garryduff	Landhead	Lislagan
<b>Coleraine Borough</b>	Culcrow	Macosquin	St Columba's
<b>Limavady Borough</b>	Drumrane		
<b>Moyle District</b>	Ballycastle Integrated	Glenann	Straidbilly

*Source: North Eastern and Western Regions Primary Schools Annual Area Profiles June 2015*

ii. Draft Primary Area Plans 2013-2018 – NEELB &WELB

4.7 The Boards, in conjunction with the CCMS, produced the above documents which include proposals for the structure of future provision to ensure a sustainable schools estate. The rural nature of the area means there may always be schools that fall below the Sustainable Schools Policy threshold and it will only be through a local area solution to be reviewed that the Boards may justify the retention of schools below the minimum threshold numbers. Local solutions, including the consideration of combining with another school or schools on site/s to be identified, are proposed for the following schools. These local solutions may have wide ranging implications on the provision of primary schools in the Council area, particularly in rural areas:

**Table 2: Primary Schools Identified as Potentially Suitable for Local Solutions**

<b>Ballymoney Borough</b>			
Carrowreagh	Cloughmills	Eden	Garryduff
Knockahollet	Kilmoyle	Landhead	Rasharkin
William Pinkerton Memorial	St Anne's	St Brigid's	

<b>Coleraine Borough</b>			
Ballytober	Castleroe	Culcrow	Garvagh
Gorran	Kilrea	Ballyhackett	St Columba's, Garvagh
St Patrick's	Carhill		
<b>Moyle District</b>			
Armoy	Bushmills	Straidbilly	Barnish
Gaelscoil an Chastil	Glenann	St Ciaran's	St Olcan's
<b>Limavady Borough</b>			
Bellarena	St Aidan's	St Anthony's	St Finlough's
St Mary's	St Matthew's	St Peter's & St Paul's	

Sources: Draft NEELB & WELB Strategic Area Plans for Primary Schools

- 4.8 The tables below provide more information on the primary school provision by type and their levels of surplus or deficit as a percentage in terms of enrolment capacity.

**Tables 3a-d: Primary School Provision by Type**

a. Former Ballymoney Borough

Management Type	Total Current Enrolment (Y1-Y7)	Number of Schools	Total Approved Enrolment (Reception–Y7)	Surplus/ Deficit
<b>Controlled</b>	1,337	13	1,733	23%
<b>Catholic Maintained</b>	941	6	1,311	28%
<b>Controlled Integrated</b>	328	1	414	21%

Source: North Eastern Region Primary Schools Annual Area Profile June 2015

b. Former Coleraine Borough

Management Type	Total Current Enrolment (Y1-Y7)	Number of Schools	Total Approved Enrolment (Reception–Y7)	Surplus/ Deficit
<b>Controlled</b>	3,408	18	4,389	22%
<b>Catholic Maintained</b>	1,142	8	1,584	28%
<b>Controlled Integrated</b>	66	1	94	30%
<b>Grant Maintained Integrated</b>	184	1	232	21%

Source: North Eastern Region Primary Schools Annual Area Profile June 2015

c. Former Limavady Borough

Management Type	Total Current Enrolment (Y1-Y7)	Number of Schools	Total Approved Enrolment (Reception–Y7)	Surplus/ Deficit
<b>Controlled</b>	1,205	6	1,891	36%
<b>Catholic Maintained</b>	1,532	11	2,387	36%
<b>Other Maintained</b>	53	1	60	12%
<b>Grant Maintained Integrated</b>	162	1	174	7%

Source: *Western Region Primary Schools Annual Area Profile June 2015*

d. Former Moyle District

Management Type	Total Current Enrolment (Y1-Y7)	Number of Schools	Total Approved Enrolment (Reception–Y7)	Surplus/ Deficit
<b>Controlled</b>	388	4	613	37%
<b>Catholic Maintained</b>	830	8	1,156	28%
<b>Other Maintained</b>	79	1	116	32%
<b>Controlled Integrated</b>	160	1	158	0%

Source: *North Eastern Region Primary Schools Annual Area Profile June 2015*

iii. Secondary Level Education

- 4.9 Secondary and grammar schools are found in eight of the Borough's towns, with Coleraine, Limavady, Ballymoney and Ballycastle having more than one school. Both secondary and grammar schools are found in the Hubs other than in Ballycastle. Schools are also located in Dungiven, Portstewart, Bushmills and Kilrea. Map 1 shows the distribution of secondary and grammar schools in the Borough.
- 4.10 Map 3 relates to Post Primary Schools' Unfilled Places. The map demonstrates there are unfilled places in all of the post primary schools across the Borough with individual schools in Ballymoney, Coleraine, Limavady, and Dungiven having more than 200 unfilled spaces.

- 4.11 There are in the order of 2,500 unfilled secondary school spaces in the Borough, and 34 unfilled spaces in the Borough's grammar schools. The table below illustrates the secondary and grammar school provision in the Borough.

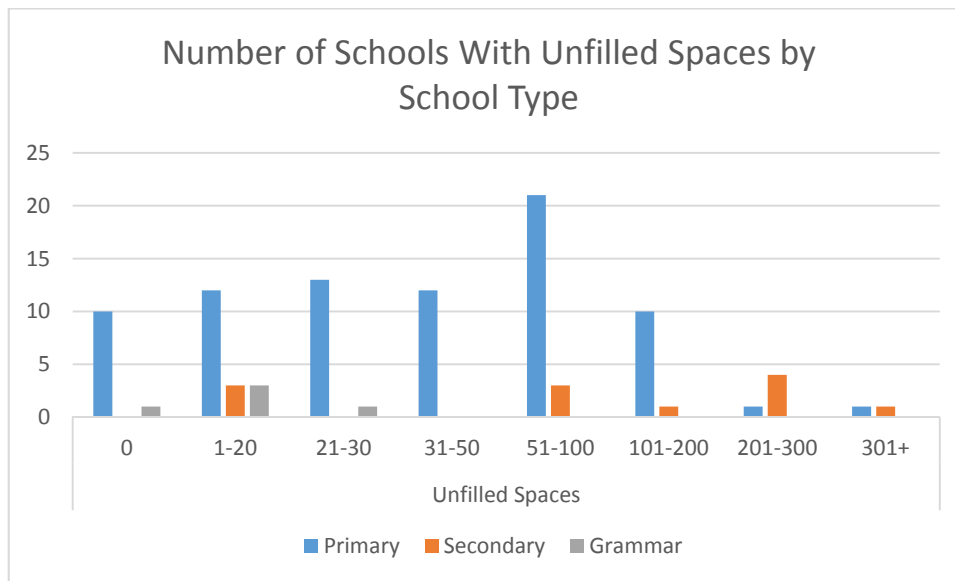
**Table 4: Secondary and Grammar School Provision in the Borough**

<b>Ballymoney Borough</b>				
<b>Management Type</b>	<b>Total Current Enrolments</b>	<b>Number of Schools</b>	<b>Total Approved Enrolment</b>	<b>Surplus/ Deficit</b>
<b>Controlled</b>	655	1	670	2%
<b>Catholic Maintained</b>	227	1	400	4%
<b>Voluntary – Other Managed</b>	880	1	815	-8%
<b>Coleraine Borough</b>				
<b>Management Type</b>	<b>Total Current Enrolments</b>	<b>Number of Schools</b>	<b>Total Approved Enrolment</b>	<b>Surplus/ Deficit</b>
<b>Controlled</b>	1,034	2	1,400	26%
<b>Catholic Maintained</b>	584	2	760	23%
<b>Grant Maintained Integrated</b>	448	1	500	10%
<b>Voluntary</b>	2,083	1	2,150	3%
<b>Limavady Borough</b>				
<b>Management Type</b>	<b>Total Current Enrolments</b>	<b>Number of Schools</b>	<b>Total Approved Enrolment</b>	<b>Surplus/ Deficit</b>
<b>Controlled</b>	1,613	2	1,680	4%
<b>Catholic Maintained</b>	886	2	1,350	34%
<b>Moyle District</b>				
<b>Management Type</b>	<b>Total Current Enrolments</b>	<b>Number of Schools</b>	<b>Total Approved Enrolment</b>	<b>Surplus/ Deficit</b>
<b>Controlled</b>	804	2	1,010	20%
<b>Catholic Maintained</b>	753	1	720	-5%

Sources: *Western and North Eastern Regions Post-Primary Schools Annual Area Profiles June 2015*

- 4.12 The graph below combines the primary and post primary information and demonstrates the levels of unfilled spaces across primary, secondary and grammar schools in the Borough.

**Graph 1: Unfilled Spaces in Primary and Post-Primary Schools**



4.13 Post-Primary Area Plans have also been prepared by the two Boards, with the former NEELB published in December 2014, and the former WELB revised in January 2015. The proposals arising from these documents (some of which have already occurred such as the merging of Coleraine AI and Coleraine High School) may be summarised as such:

**Table 5: Post Primary School Proposals**

School	Proposal
Ballymoney High School	To develop as an 11-19 school with 753 pupils.
Dalriada	To continue as an 11-19 school with 897 pupils.
Our Lady of Lourdes	To explore and establish the potential for an effective shared management and partnership model to maximise opportunities for the school to continue as an integral part of post-primary provision in Ballymoney.
Coleraine Academical Institution & Coleraine High School	To create a new co-educational non-denominational school for pupils aged 11-18 with a long term enrolment of 1060 pupils to be achieved by September 2020.
Coleraine College	To increase the enrolment number of 600 pupils to 900 pupils.
Loreto College, St Joseph's College, Dominican College, St Paul's College	To establish two 11-19 Catholic managed schools, one in Coleraine, one in Portstewart. To discontinue St Paul's College and St Mary's in Clady to facilitate the creation of a new 850 pupil 11-18 Catholic maintained school.
North Coast Integrated College	To continue as an 11-19 school with maximum enrolment of 550 pupils by 2025.

Ballycastle High School	To continue as an 11-19 school with 550 pupils.
Dunluce School	To continue as an 11-16 school with 550 pupils.
Cross and Passion College	To continue as an 11-19 school with 770 pupils.
Limavady High, St Mary's	to continue and to provide a shared STEM and 6 <sup>th</sup> form centre.
Limavady Grammar	To continue as an 11-19 school.
St Patrick's	To establish an 11-19 co-educational college taking into account the needs of the Dungiven, Claudy and Glendermott corridor.
Irish Medium	To establish a new 11-19 school at Dungiven with effect from September 2015.

iv. Tertiary Level Education

- 4.14 The Borough benefits from the presence of the University of Ulster campus at Coleraine, and the Northern Regional College campuses at Coleraine and Ballymoney, and the North West Regional College campus at Limavady. The presence of these higher level education facilities is considered to be a locational advantage.

v. Special Needs

- 4.15 There are two special needs schools in the Borough – Sandelford in Coleraine and Rossmar in Limavady. Both schools provide education for children and young adults with special educational needs aged from 3 to 19 years

## 5.0 Health Provision

- 5.1 The Department of Health is the Government body with overall health responsibility. Below it sits the Health and Social Care Board (HSCB), which works in partnership with the Public Health Agency to commission a full range of health and social care services for Northern Ireland. Five Local Commissioning Groups (LCGs) sit below the HSCB, and are responsible for ensuring the health and social care needs of local populations are addressed. The Borough lies under two LGCs – the Northern and Western Groups. Their remit includes assessing the health and social care needs, planning health and social care to meet current and emerging needs, and securing the delivery of health and social care to meet needs. The Health Trusts are responsible for improving the health and wellbeing of the population. Their service delivery covers five different areas:

- Acute services;
- Children's and women's services;
- Primary care and older people services;
- mental health and learning disability; and
- medical services.

5.2 The Health Trusts in the Borough echo the geography of the Education Authorities, in that the Northern Trust covers the area of the former Ballymoney, Coleraine and Moyle Councils, and Western Trust covers the former Limavady Council area.

5.3 Health care provision in Northern Ireland and the effectiveness of the Department of Health and the health trusts were the subject of a review led by Sir Liam Donaldson which reported in 2015. The review proposed ten recommendations, one of which was the reduction of the ten existing acute hospitals to four on the basis that the current provision did not maintain high standards of care.

i. Acute Hospital Services and Community Hospital Services

5.4 The Causeway Hospital provides acute hospital services, with community hospital services presently provided at Dalriada Hospital in Ballycastle and Robinson Hospital in Ballymoney under the Northern Trust. As Members are aware, the range of services available at Dalriada Hospital is presently the subject of review.

ii. Health Centres

5.5 These provide a number of services, such as health visiting and antenatal clinics. There are eight in the Borough:

Ballycastle	Ballymoney	Coleraine	Dungiven
Garvagh	Kilrea	Limavady	Roe Valley

5.6 There are nineteen GP practices under the Northern Health Trust, with four in the former Ballymoney Borough area, ten in the Coleraine Borough area, and the remaining five in the former Moyle District. A total of 110,245 patients are registered within these practices. As well as GP services, the Health Trusts provide a wide range of services such as Child Care, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, Family Centres, Public Health Nursing, and Speech and Language Therapy. The Western Trust advises there are four GP health/medical centres in the former Limavady Borough.

5.7 Information from the RQIA Registered Service, at October 2014, states there are sixteen nursing homes throughout the Borough providing 916 beds, and twenty residential homes providing 351 beds.

There are twenty six dental surgeries registered with the trusts across the Borough in the following locations:

Coleraine	Limavady	Ballycastle	Ballymoney	Cushendall
Dungiven	Kilrea	Portrush	Portsewart	

5.8 Map 5 illustrates the distribution of GP practices, dental surgeries, residential homes and nursing homes throughout the Borough. The figures contained within each circle relate to the number of facilities of that type within the settlement. Where there is no number, only one of that facility exists in the settlement. Members may recall from the Population and Growth paper last year the generally aging nature of the Borough's population, which may increase pressure on such services. Members may be aware of the relevant Trust's proposals for the provision of statutory

residential care. The Northern Trust published its proposals last year in its Consultation Draft Proposed Changes in Provision of Statutory Residential Care in the Northern Health and Social Care Trust, which included the phasing out of The Roddens in Ballymoney due to the availability of alternative residential beds in Ballymoney and Coleraine and the development of the Trust's rehabilitation service which further reduces the demand on its beds. The Trust indicated it had no alternative plans for the use of The Roddens. No definitive timescale was given for its closure as the Trust honoured the Minister's commitment to long-term residents. The Western Trust published its Consultation Draft Proposal for the Future of Day Care Services for Older People in February last year. Its proposals included the provision of a full Level 1 Day Care Service (full day care, personal care, day clinics, re-ablement) at Thackeray Day Centre at Ballyclose Street in Limavady to include clients from Foreglen, while a Level 2 Day Care Centre (social club, luncheon club, education, information, mobility schemes) would be provided at Foreglen.

## **6.0 Emergency Services**

6.1 The distribution of police stations and fire stations in the Borough is shown on Map 6: Distribution of Other Community Facilities.

### **i. Police Stations**

6.2 As part of the Review of Public Administration in 2015, the Policing Districts in Northern Ireland were increased from eight to eleven districts, with the Causeway Coast and Glens District covering the Borough. There are two local policing teams based in Coleraine and Limavady. There are four stations in the Borough at the Hubs – Coleraine and Limavady open from 8am to 8pm and Ballycastle and Ballymoney open for reduced hours.

### **ii. Fire Stations**

6.3 The Borough is under two commands – the Northern and Western. The Northern Area has District Headquarters at Coleraine, and retained stations at Portrush, Portstewart, Ballycastle, Rathlin, Ballymoney, Kilrea, and Cushendall, while the Western Area has retained stations at Limavady and Dungiven. The provision of fire stations in the Borough broadly correlates with the identified towns in the Adopted Northern Area Plan, with Bushmills and Ballykelly having no fire station presence in them.

## **7.0 Community Facilities and Services**

### **i. Community Centres**

7.1 The information on community centres is based on the Community Centre Audit presented to Members in the Spring of 2015. The definition of community centre used in the audit was:

*A multipurpose centre available for community use and/or service provision by a range of user groups or for public hire.*



- 7.2 Map 4: Distribution of Community Centres, presents the geographical distribution of community centres within the Borough, based on the audit. Ninety two premises were recorded within the Borough. However, there are a range of other halls within the Borough which have not been mapped, such as parish halls, church halls, scout halls, and guide halls.
- 7.3 The audit illustrates that different approaches to the provision and management of community centres were undertaken by the former legacy councils, with the vast majority of facilities in the former Limavady Borough community owned and council supported, while facilities in the larger settlements in the former Coleraine Borough were council owned and managed, and community owned and council supported in the smaller settlements. Facilities in the former Ballymoney Borough tended to be council owned and community managed, whereas facilities in the former Moyle District were community owned with no council support. The planning focus of this map relates to the geographical spread of community facilities and demonstrates that not all settlements have a Council recognised community centre within them, the most notable larger settlements being Portrush and Portstewart, although both of these have town halls. There is also no facility in Ballykelly. Some of the villages are also without recognised community halls or centres, such as Articlave, Macosquin and Clough Mills. However, as the Council's earlier audit acknowledged, many of these settlements without a council recognised facility have some alternatives that are available, managed by particular organisations such as churches.

ii. Leisure Centres

- 7.4 There are four leisure centres across the Borough that provide for community use, such as sports clubs. These, and their facilities are listed below.

**Table 6: Leisure Centres and Facilities in the Borough**

	<b>Swimming Pool</b>	<b>Sports Hall</b>	<b>Gym/Fitness Suite</b>	<b>Squash Court</b>	<b>Health Suite</b>
<b>Coleraine Leisure Centre</b>	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Roe Valley Centre</b>	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre</b>	X	X	X	X	X

- 7.5 Other facilities in settlements help to engender social interaction across wider sections of the local community. The provision of shops in smaller settlements is subject to the private market, although their presence would be supported in principle by the planning system. Post office Ltd is wholly owned by the Government which considers the post office network to be a unique national asset that provides convenient access to vital social and economic services to local communities that needs to be maintained (source: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2010-to-2015-government-policy-postal-service-reform/2010-to-2015-government-policy->

[postal-service-reform](#)). Map 6: Distribution of Other Community Facilities shows the distribution of post offices and libraries, as well as police stations and fire stations in the Borough.

iii. Post Offices

7.6 There are 44 post offices presently in the Borough, in the following settlements:

Limavady (2)	Ballykelly	Drumsumn	Burnfoot
Bellarena	Greysteel	Dungiven	Foreglen
Coleraine (6)	Articlave	University	Macosquin
Portrush (2)	Portstewart (2)	Ballymoney	Balnamore
Dervock	Culcrow	Strancum	Finvoy
Dunloy	Ballycastle	Ballyvoy	Armoy
Rathlin	Cushendun	Bushmills	Ballybogy
Loughguile	Cloughmills	Garvagh	Rasharkin
Castlerock	Kilrea	Cushendall	Waterfoot

7.7 Map 6 shows the geographical spread of post offices, demonstrating they are distributed throughout the Borough's towns and villages, with an absence in the lower order hamlets generally.

iv. Libraries

7.8 Libraries NI is the body responsible for the provision of library services in Northern Ireland. There are presently ten libraries in the following towns in the Borough:

Coleraine	Limavady
Ballymoney	Ballycastle
Dungiven	Portstewart
Portrush	Kilrea
Garvagh	Cushendall

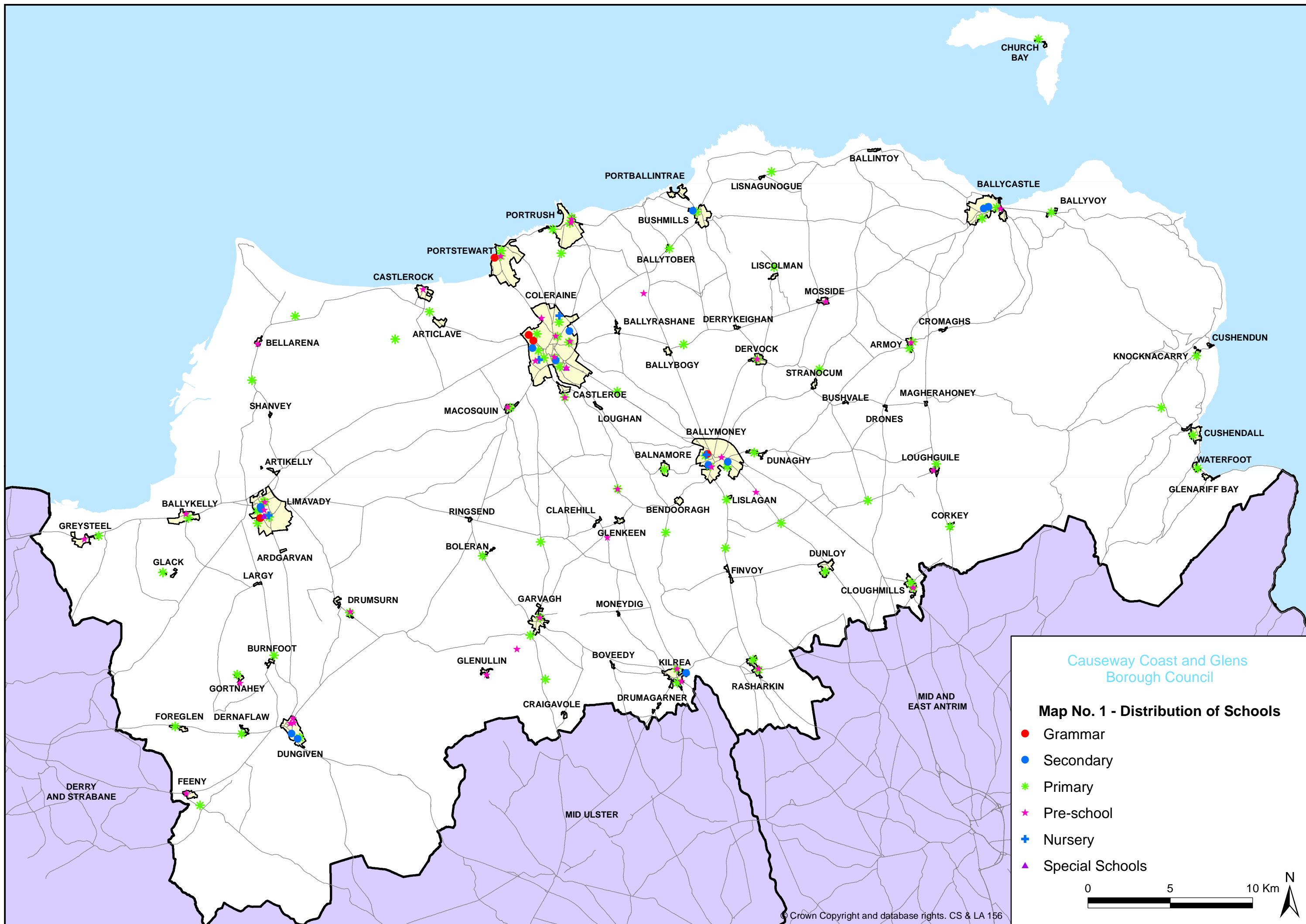
7.8 There are also mobile library services that serve the following areas, and provide an important social and wellbeing function to those that they serve:

Coleraine	Bushmills	Aghadowey	Seacon
Portballintrae	Ballybogy	Ringsend	Castlerock
Liscolman	Stranocum	Dervock	Finvoy
Bendooragh	Balnamore	Armoy	Ballymoney
Articlave	Macosquin	Windyhall	Ballycastle
Ballintoy	Mosside	Feeny	Foreglen
Drumadragh	Islandmore		

**8.0 Conclusion**

- 8.1 The provision of many of the services and facilities discussed in the paper are the responsibility of a number of different organisations other than the Council. The paper highlights the position of the Borough's Hubs as the main focus for the widest range of services and facilities at the higher level as identified in the RDS's Hierarchy of Settlements. It also highlights that there are a large number of lower order settlements that presently have some services and facilities or access to them that can help create and maintain a sense of local community.
- 8.2 The information presented in the paper does not include proposals by the major service providers. There may be some planning implications arising from the implementation of the Education Authority's proposals, for example in terms of new schools or some existing sites may be declared surplus to requirements and may offer scope for redevelopment.
- 8.3 As the provision of the majority of these services and facilities is the responsibility of external providers which are subject to their own strategies and investment plans, it is important that regular contact is made with them to ensure that their future development needs are met in the planning process. The Community Plan process may also contribute to and inform the LDP, as may future work by the Council's Community and Culture sections.
- 8.4 The information presented in the paper helps provide a better understanding of the geographical distribution of existing community services and facilities, and this will help inform the LDP's Core Strategy, Settlement Hierarchy and distribution of development.





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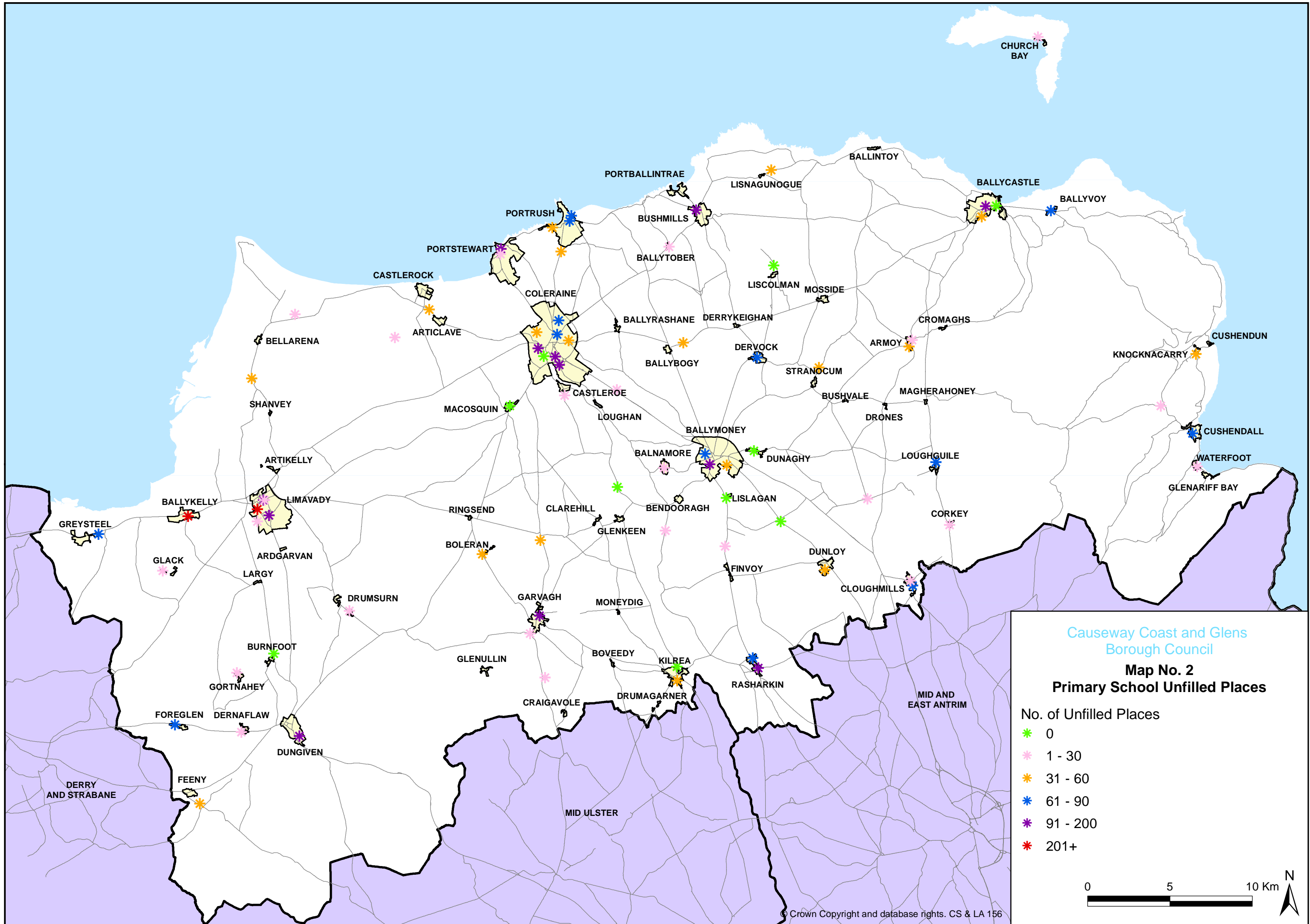
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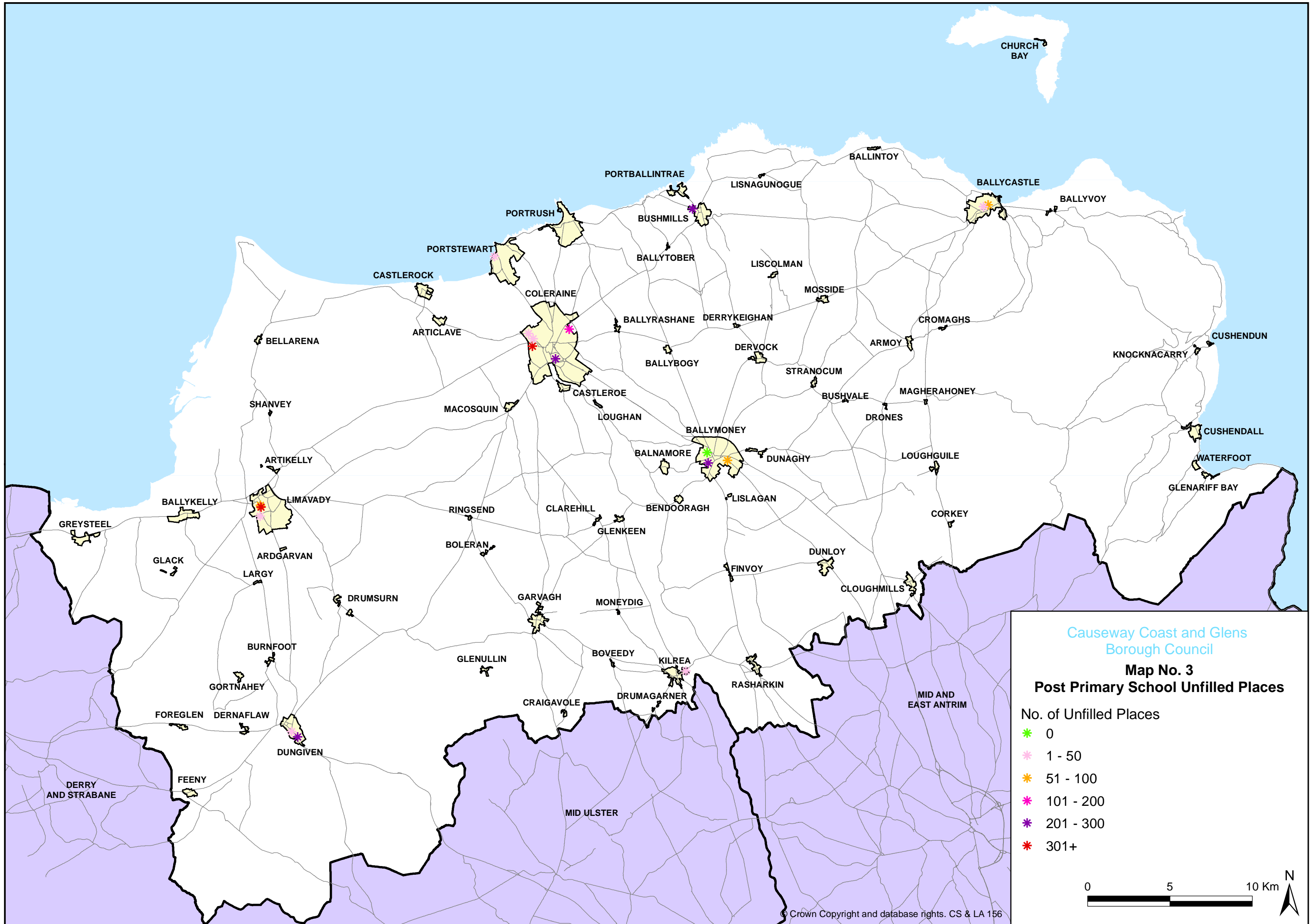
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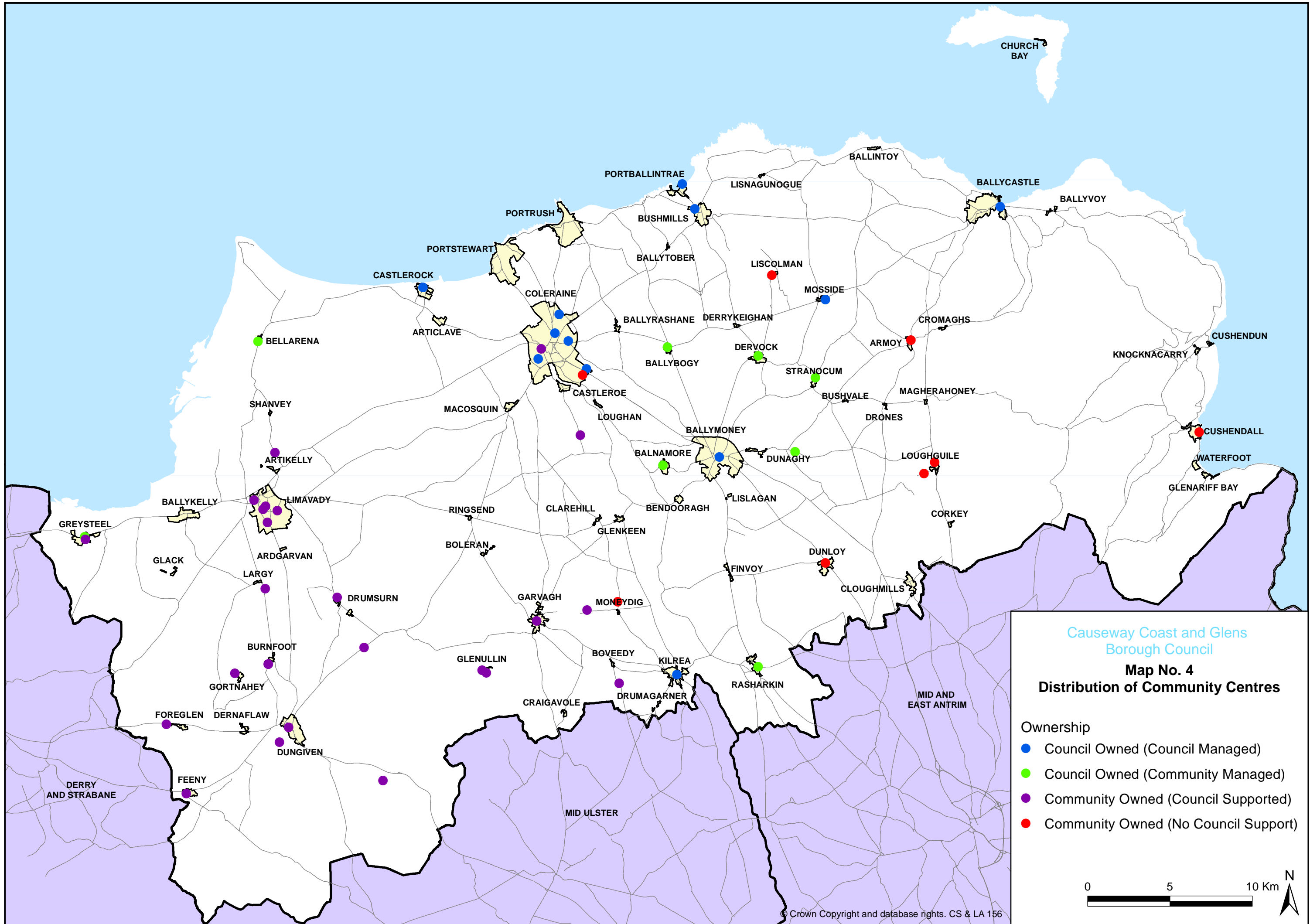
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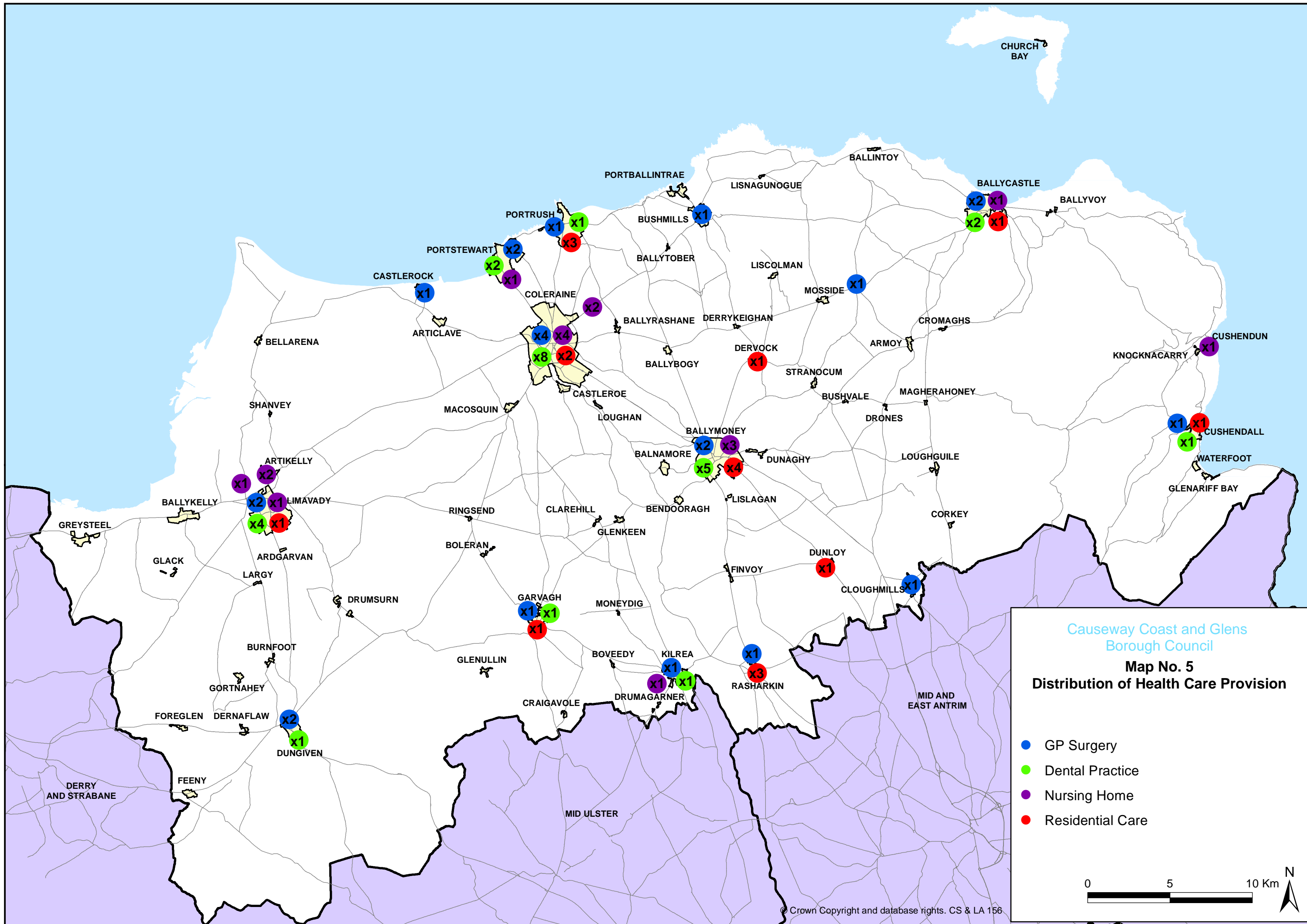
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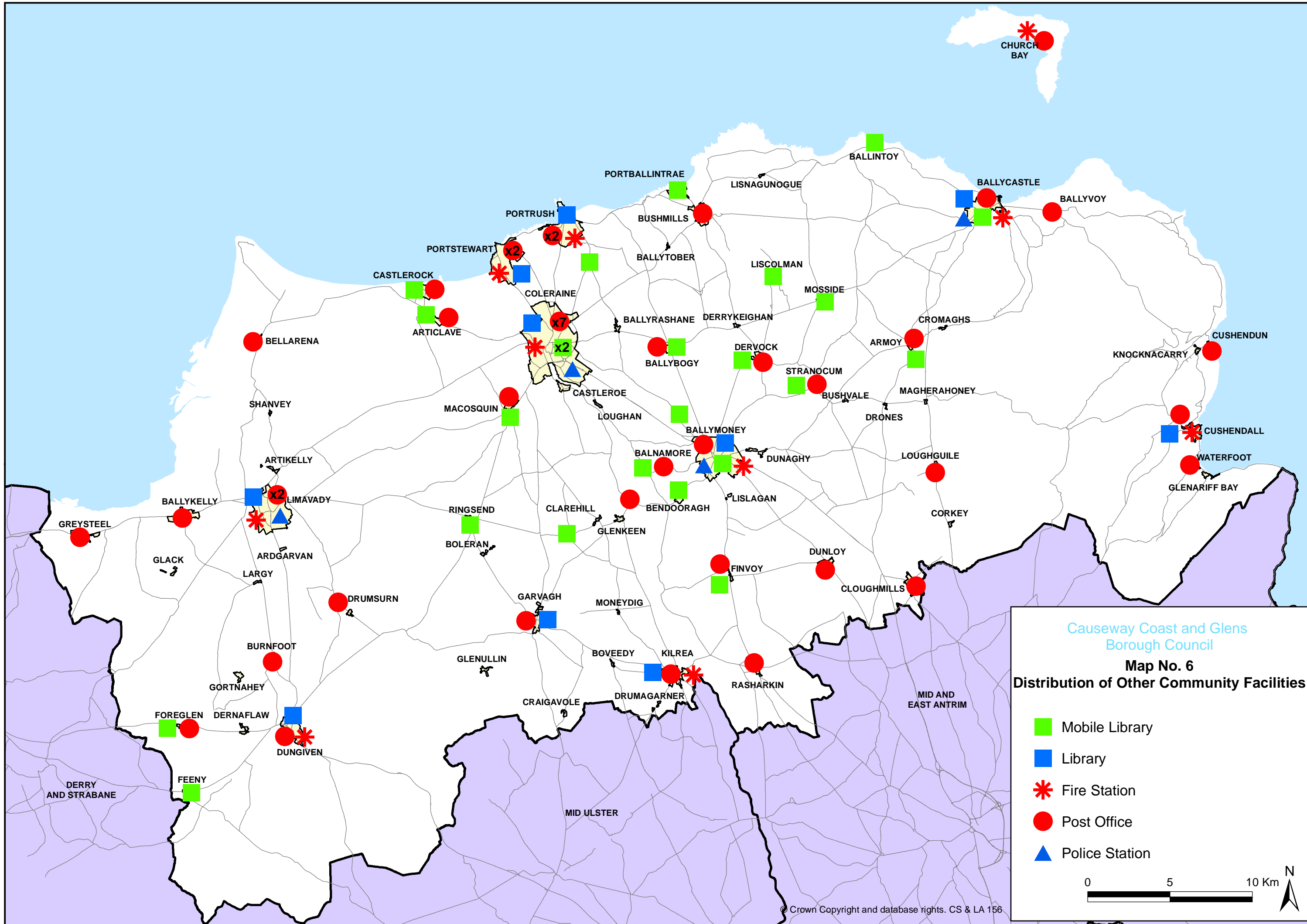
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