



Causeway Coast and Glens  
**Community Planning  
Strategic Partnership**

# A BETTER FUTURE TOGETHER



**COMMUNITY PLAN**

Review

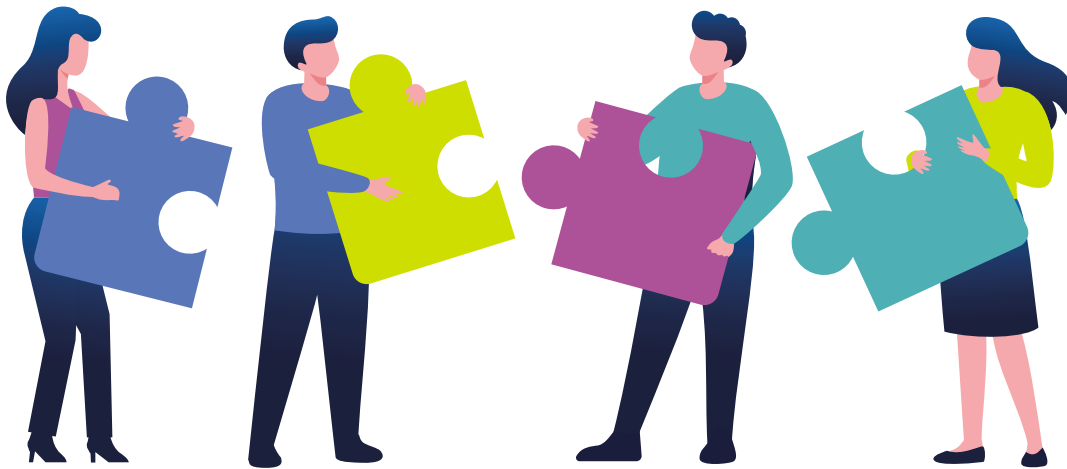
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# Community Plan Review

The Causeway Coast and Glens Community Plan 'A Better Future Together 2017-2030' was published in 2017 and is the key over-arching framework for partnerships and initiatives in the Causeway Coast and Glens area.

Following significant progress, reflection and review informed by our statutory partners, stakeholder engagement and public consultation this document updates our first Community Plan. It identifies the partnership priorities and actions going forward to collectively focus and enable us to effectively respond to current context shifts as we emerge from COVID -19 and face the impacts of the current cost of living crisis.



## What is Community Planning

Community planning focuses on promoting positive outcomes for everyone. The purpose of community planning is to develop a long-term vision and plan for the Causeway Coast and Glens area and all its citizens based on needs, priorities, opportunities, and collaboration.

# Three Strategic Population Outcomes

The Community Plan is concentrated on three thematic strategic population outcomes:

## Three Strategic Population Outcomes



# Twelve Intermediate Outcomes

## outcomes 1-4

### A Healthy Safe Community

- 1 All people of the Causeway Coast and Glens benefit from improved physical health and mental wellbeing
- 2 Our children and young people will have the very best start in life
- 3 All people of the Causeway Coast and Glens can live independently as far as possible and access support services when they need it
- 4 The Causeway Coast & Glens area feels safe
- 5 The Causeway Coast and Glens area promotes and supports positive relationships

## outcomes 6-8

### A Sustainable Accessible Environment

- 6 The Causeway Coast and Glens area is widely recognised and celebrated for its unique natural and built landscapes
- 7 The Causeway Coast and Glens area has physical infrastructures and facilities that further growth, access, and connections
- 8 The Causeway Coast and Glens has a sustainably managed natural and built environment

## outcomes 9-12

### A Thriving Economy

- 9 The Causeway Coast and Glens area provides for all to contribute to, engage in and benefit from a prosperous and inclusive economy
- 10 The Causeway Coast and Glens area attracts and grows more profitable businesses
- 11 The Causeway Coast and Glens area drives entrepreneurship and fosters innovation
- 12 All people of the Causeway Coast and Glens will be knowledgeable and skilled

# Values

## Respect

We will encourage fairness, making decisions based on evidence, need and equality.

## Participation

We will involve and engage all our community, building relationships and connections, partnership working, co-operation and collective ownership of the community plan.

## Innovation

We will be ambitious and imaginative in all that we do. Integrity - we will be open, transparent, and accountable in our activities and in our decision making.

## Sustainability

We will promote respect for our environment, a prosperous economy and a resilient community without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

# Community Planning Partnership Structure



# Community Planning Statutory Partners



Northern Ireland  
Fire & Rescue Service



# Community Plan Review Process

The review of the Community Plan is a statutory requirement. The review was due to be completed by June 2021. An extensive plan of engagement and consultation due to commence in early 2020 was not possible due to the pandemic, however, an interim review of the Community Plan was completed in May 2021 as highlighted below.





## Context shifts

Between the revised Delivery Plan 2020 and this current Community Plan and Delivery Plan review, there has been several shifts in context which have influenced our Community Planning priorities and actions

### Covid-19

The dramatic impact on lives locally and globally due to the coronavirus pandemic has been momentous and reverberating. The pandemic has triggered social and economic disruption around the world, including supply chain disruption and recession. Many have had their lives changed in critical ways, through bereavement, educational and economic interruption and on their health and wellbeing, all of which will undoubtedly have much longer-lasting effects, as we now emerge from the pandemic. Our Statutory partners had to respond rapidly and collectively to the pandemic, it necessitated new and innovative ways of working collaboratively. Our revised plan has at its core key actions which seek to address many of the impacts which Covid-19 has had on our community.

### Integrated Care System

A new Integrated Care System (ICS) is currently being developed for Northern Ireland. This system signals a new way of planning and managing our health and social care services based on the specific needs of the population. The key focus of the ICS is to address the wider determinants of health and wellbeing through a population health approach. The ICS will harness the strengths in our existing partnerships. Health and social care professionals, the voluntary and community sectors and local councils will work more closely together in the future. Through taking collective action, partnerships will deliver improved outcomes for individuals and communities, and reduce inequalities. The development of the ICS will enable closer working with the Causeway Coast and Glens Community Planning Partnership to deliver the shared goals of improved outcomes for our citizens.

### Cost of Living

Households across our society are struggling to make their incomes stretch to cover the rising cost of living. Many within our Borough and beyond are facing a cost-of-living crisis as energy, food and fuel prices have all increased with inflation at its highest rate in 40 years. This has created significant uncertainty for many of our citizens.



# Health and Wellbeing Actions

- ACTION 1** Increase opportunities for participation in **Physical Activity and Wellbeing** initiatives, both indoor and outdoor, and to promote enjoyment of the natural environment of Causeway Coast and Glens.
- ACTION 2** Develop and deliver an **Age Friendly Strategy** and programme of actions for the benefit of the resident population of Causeway Coast and Glens.
- ACTION 3** Continue to develop the **Loneliness Network** for Causeway Coast and Glens to work together to increase opportunities for socialisation and to reduce the risk of and tackle loneliness across the generations.
- ACTION 4** Continue to implement and support **Anti-Poverty Interventions** which tackle food, fuel and financial poverty and respond to local need with a particular emphasis on vulnerable communities.
- ACTION 5** Continue collaborative working and locality planning across statutory and voluntary sectors for the benefit of **Children and Young People** of Causeway Coast and Glens.
- ACTION 6** Increase uptake of **Obesity Prevention** programmes and encourage active participation by school aged children in both school and community settings.
- ACTION 7** Promote and encourage **Positive Mental Health** through participation in the Take 5 Steps to Wellbeing initiative spanning schools, workplaces, and the community sector.
- ACTION 8** Enhance interagency cooperation to address and respond to the needs of those experiencing **Chronic Homelessness** in Causeway Coast and Glens.
- ACTION 9** Support **partnership working between primary care and the voluntary and community sector.**



# Community/ Community Safety Actions

- ACTION 10** **Multi- Agency Support Hub** to facilitate an interagency approach to reduce risks for vulnerable individuals within our society.
- ACTION 11** Operational actions to safeguard and address community concerns about online safety through the **Cyber-Safe Partnership**.
- ACTION 12** Provision of a borough wide inclusive, participative engagement platform - **Community Engagement Platform** to connect citizens' voices to local decision-making bodies, including **Youth Voice**.
- ACTION 13** Agencies working in partnership to promote and establish **Shared Public Spaces** across Causeway Coast and Glens.
- ACTION 14** Organisations working collaboratively to provide development opportunities and **Support to the Community and Voluntary Sector** on a borough wide basis.
- ACTION 15** Develop **Road Safety Partnerships** to work together with schools and communities to target those identified as most at risk of road traffic collisions and to deliver the 'Your Choice' Road Safety Programme.
- ACTION 16** **Accidental Fire Prevention** - targeted activity to individual dwellings across identified areas at more risk of accidental fire than others.



# Infrastructure/ Environment Actions

- ACTION 17** Create opportunities to explore, develop and maintain **public spaces** throughout the Causeway Coast and Glens area.
- ACTION 18** To meet **local social housing need** and provide suitable accommodation.
- ACTION 19** Promote and deliver sustainability with individuals, partners and the wider community to promote and deliver the '**LiveSmart**' strategy.
- ACTION 20** Identify and respond to key **local transport** concerns around rural connectivity and access needs, and to consider/contribute to emerging proposals aimed at improving integration of transport services.
- ACTION 21** Promote and encourage local residents and visitors to take pride and enhance the **natural and built environment** within the Causeway Coast and Glens area.
- ACTION 22** Implement initiatives on protected **natural heritage** areas in the Causeway Coast and Glens area.



# Economic/ Education/ Tourism Actions

**ACTION 23** Delivery of new **Economic Development Strategy** – 'Recovery and Renewal'.

**ACTION 24** Promote the unique offer of the **Enterprise Campus (ALEC) Enterprise Zone**.

**ACTION 25** Increase the level of **innovation** in the Causeway Coast and Glens area.

**ACTION 26** Develop a **Digital Infrastructure** Strategy for the Causeway Coast and Glens area.

**ACTION 27** Support the development of the Labour Market Partnership - supporting **educational and skills initiatives** within the Causeway Coast and Glens area to match current and future business needs.

**ACTION 28** Develop **Energy and Climate Strategy** incorporating an Action Plan for the Causeway Coast and Glens area.

**ACTION 29** Support **Town Centre Forums** to focus on developing and delivering collaborative town centre management projects.

**ACTION 30** Support and enable benefit from a **thriving and sustainable visitor economy** through delivery and enhancement of the Tourism and Recreation Services throughout the Causeway Coast and Glens area.

**ACTION 31** Develop **Growth Deal** opportunities for the Causeway Coast and Glens area.

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# Appendix



## Key Achievements 2021 - 2022

### Health & Wellbeing Actions (1- 9)

#### **ACTION 1 - Physical Activity and Wellbeing**

- Everybody Active Programme 5-year programme implemented and completed.
- Development of accessible playpark at Roe mill in Limavady.

#### **ACTION 2 - Age Friendly**

- Age Friendly Charter 2021.
- Age Friendly Alliance and Forum established.

#### **ACTION 3 - Loneliness Network**

- Loneliness Activity Programme successfully delivered over 2 years.
- Strong ongoing progression on initiatives such as chatty benches, chatty cafes, kindness post-box.

#### **ACTION 4 - Anti-Poverty Interventions**

- Wraparound support service provided linking 8 service providers -foodbanks, social supermarkets and advice centres to provide tailored one to one assistance to support people back to a position of financial security.
- Fuel support scheme delivered with advice centres and social supermarkets -230 households supported with direct provision of oil, gas, and electric top ups.

#### **ACTION 5 - Children and Young People**

- Save the Children Family Support Programme (with at least 1 child < 6years) in partnership with NHSCT and aligned to Community Advice Causeway reached 48 households and 109 children (Jan- July 2022).
- PANTS campaign rolled out to 4 primary schools and 1 Nursery to a total of 336 children.

#### **ACTION 6 - Obesity Prevention (school aged children)**

- Successful roll out of multi partners Causeway Healthy Kids: 11-week programme across 12 schools through a partnership approach involving 5 statutory partners - Council Sports and Wellbeing Team, PHA, Sport NI, Northern Healthy Lifestyle Partnership (NHLP) and Northern Health and Social Care Trust (NHSCT) including eat well/live, physical activity and positive mental health and coordinated by the Council's Sports and Wellbeing team.

#### **ACTION 7 - Positive Mental Health (Take 5 Steps)**

- Take 5 promotional video for Causeway Coast & Glens produced and launched.
- Take 5 Task and Finish groups on Schools, Workplaces and Community sector established and actions developed.

#### **ACTION 8 - Chronic Homelessness**

- 2020/21 baseline of homelessness established.
- Number of homelessness presenting and awarded Full Duty Applicant (FDA) reported and monitored quarterly.

#### **ACTION 9 - Partnership working between primary care and the voluntary and community sector**

- Progress has been reignited post Covid-19. Multi-Disciplinary Teams developing within GP practices.
- Support provided to address loneliness and reduce isolation via several projects.



## Community / Community Safety Actions (10-16)

### **ACTION 10 - Multi-Agency Support Hub**

- 150 individuals supported - practical support (matched to community organisations) & prevention measures through information share.
- Shared information and responses across agencies.

### **ACTION 11 - Cyber-Safe Partnership**

- 5 cyber safety animation campaigns developed and launched.
- 2000 Cyber Safety support packs circulated to parents, schools and public.

### **ACTION 12 - Community Engagement Platform and Youth Voice**

- Community Engagement Platform established, and several engagement sessions hosted prior to COVID-19.
- Youth Conference 'Our Space, Our Voice' event brought together 16 schools and approximately 150 young people from the Causeway Coast and Glens to network and exchange views.

### **ACTION 13 – Shared public spaces**

- 6 beacons provided to support safe and respectful cultural celebration in July 2022.
- Increased statutory partners collaboration alongside increased community engagement.

### **ACTION 14 - Strengthen and Support the Community and Voluntary Sector in Causeway Coast and Glens**

- Collective support to the community and voluntary sector to effectively respond to supporting vulnerable community members during the pandemic'.

### **ACTION 15 - Road Safety Partnerships**

- Partnership Agreements with four schools.
- Successful Your Choice Programme (2019-2020), delivered to 64 people achieving acknowledged change in attitude for 97% of participants.

### **ACTION 16 - Accidental Fire Prevention (STAR - Strategic Targeting of Areas at Risk)**

- 2020-2021 Rathbrady (632 households).
- All Super Output Areas have fallen within STAR after intervention.

## Infrastructure / Environment Actions (17-22)

### **ACTION 17**

- Significant trail upgrade works complete.
- Preparation and delivery ongoing. Elements at The Moors, defence heritage and trail development work.

### **ACTION 18**

- Collaboration between NIHE and CCGBC on housing provision and land allocation. The Housing Growth Indicator (HGI) new dwelling requirement for the period 2016-2030 in Causeway Coast and Glens is 5,600.
- Partnership working between NIHE and Housing Associations to deliver new social housing in the Borough to address social housing need. Ongoing meetings between Housing Executive and Housing Associations to monitor SHDP delivery. (2022 round of meetings scheduled for September/October).

#### **ACTION 19**

- Continued to work with local schools on Eco Schools and environmental projects.
- Delivery of LiveSmart Community Environmental Grant Scheme 2022-23.

#### **ACTION 20**

- The Working Group has now completed evidence and data gathering in relation to connectivity and access and presented their final report to the Causeway Coast and Glens Community Planning Strategic Partnership.

#### **ACTION 21**

- Delivery of stunning wildflower displays which support our native pollinators are blooming across the Causeway Coast and Glens area, thanks to a new approach to planting and the 'Don't Mow Let It Grow' initiative.
- Continued review and delivery of planting throughout the Causeway Coast and Glens area.

#### **ACTION 22**

- Delivery of all geo-conversation throughout the Causeway Coast and Glens area.
- Delivery of regulatory protection activity, promotional and on-the-ground actions by landowners, land managers, citizens, and other parties/organisations.

## **Economic / Education / Tourism Actions (23-31)**

#### **ACTION 23**

- Continued delivery of Alchemy Business Support.
- Continued delivery of NI Business Start Up Programme.

#### **ACTION 24**

- Economic area profile completed by Grant Thornton.
- Growth Deal projects identified as key economic driver for next 10-15 years.

#### **ACTION 25**

- Partnership delivery plan and delivery working group established.
- A number of Growth Deal projects that could lead to innovation within CC&G area and increase levels of diagnostics being undertaken.

#### **ACTION 26**

- Developed a Digital Infrastructure Strategy.
- Project Stratum roll-out to continue.

#### **ACTION 27**

- The Labour Market Partnership (LMP) Manager appointed.
- Outdoor Jobs Fairs hosted in Coleraine (2), Ballymoney, Ballycastle, Limavady and Portrush.

#### **ACTION 28**

- Terms of Reference for Energy Strategy developed and approved by Council.

#### **ACTION 29**

- Three Town Forums established Ballycastle, Portstewart & Portrush.

**ACTION 30**

- 12 Businesses participated in the Tourism Excellence Programme (TEP).
- Visitor Information Centres working in collaboration with Taste Causeway and Naturally North Coast acted as the 'shop window' for over 100 local artisan craft providers, food producers and authors.

**ACTION 31**

- Growth Deal Procurement Framework established in January 2022.
- Five commissions of independent research have been issued.



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