

Title of Report:	Community & Culture Framework - Strategies & Operational Plans for Community Development, Arts and Museums Services
Committee Report Submitted To:	Leisure and Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 December 2025
For Decision or For Information	For Information
To be discussed In Committee	NO

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Healthy, Active & Engaged Communities
Outcome	The Borough comprises cohesive and stable communities which work collaboratively with a range of stakeholders to address issues and deliver on opportunities
Lead Officer	Head of Community & Culture

Estimated Timescale for Completion	
Date to be Completed	April 2026

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£17,800 (exc. VAT)
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	
Staffing Costs	Included within salary costs of business plans 25/26

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	NO

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date: to be completed as part of the process
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date: to be completed as part of the process
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
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1.0 **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to provide members with information relating to the development of three service specific strategies and operational plans (Community Development, Arts and Museums Services) that align with the Community & Culture Strategic Framework 2025–2028.

2.0 **Background/Context**

2.1 Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council's *Community & Culture Strategic Framework* serves as a roadmap for fostering inclusive community development, enriching artistic engagement, preserving heritage through museum collections, and optimizing cultural assets within the Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council area.

2.2 The Vision for the Framework is to create an inclusive, vibrant, and culturally rich community that empowers individuals and organisations, fosters creative expression, preserves and celebrates heritage through museum collections, promotes safety and good relations, and ensures the sustainable management of community assets.

"A community that is dynamic and engaged, where grassroots initiatives are supported, and individuals are empowered to take an active role in shaping their communities."

2.3 The framework includes the service areas of Arts, Community Development, Good Relations, Museum Services and Policing & Community Safety. Three of these service areas, namely Community Development, Arts, and Museums Services will shortly commence the development of detailed strategies and action plans to guide delivery, partnerships, and investment over the 2026–2029 period and will be supported through external support from Sequoia, who were appointed following council's procurement processes.

3.0 **Deliverables**

3.1 To ensure these strategies are evidence-based, inclusive, and reflective of community needs, the plans will be developed simultaneously to ensure complementarity of service provision and will:

- Review the success and impact of previous action plans, building on past achievements and lessons learned.
- Undertake robust stakeholder engagement which reflects the needs of stakeholders, communities, and service users.
- Identify current and emerging needs, challenges, and opportunities.
- Co-develop actionable, realistic, and measurable strategies and operational plans in collaboration with Council teams.

Consultation will commence early in the New Year, with a draft report expected for presentation to Committee in May 2026.