



**LEISURE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2025**

No	Item	Summary of key Recommendations	Estimated Timescale for completion
1.	Apologies	None	N/A
2.	Declarations of Interest	None	N/A
3.	Minutes of Leisure and Development Committee meeting held Tuesday 21 st October 2025	Confirmed as a correct record	N/A
4.	Members will receive a presentation from the Head of Community and Culture	Received	N/A
5.	Asylum Dispersal Funding	That Council seeks legal advice prior to approval of the action plan contained within the report, subject to funding from The Executive Office's Dispersal Funding programme for Councils	TBC
6.	Annual Grants Programme 26/27	To recommend that the Leisure and Development Committee recommends to Council: Grant programmes numbered 1-24 for the 2026/27 period, listed in Table 3, along with the	N/A

		assessment / scoring criteria as summarised in Annex A, previously circulated	
7.	PEACEPLUS Partnership Event	To recommend that Council approve this request to allow this PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan (in collaboration with the Northern Regional College) event to be held in the council chamber on Thursday 18th December 2025, from 11am to 1.30pm	N/A
8.	PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan Capital Projects	To recommend Council approval of the change request for the Benbradagh Local Community Regeneration and Transformation project from 'Benbradagh – Gateway to the Sperrins' to the 'Dungiven Castle Park' project	N/A
9.	Sperrins Partnership	To recommended that Council notes the contents of this report, specifically: - The Sperrin AONB 5-year Action Plan 2026 – 2031 and the next steps outlined with regards to AONB delivery. - The proposed review exercise of the Sperrins Partnership Governance and Management Structure.	N/A

		<p><i>It is also recommended that the Leisure and Development Committee considers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Making the additional financial provision requested towards the maternity costs associated with the Sperrin AONB Project Officer at an estimated range of £3,000 to £5,000.</i> 	
10.	Armed Forces Day Monthly Update	<i>Noted</i>	<i>June 2026</i>
11.	DfC Support Framework for Independent Advice & Debt Services Consultation	<i>Noted</i>	<i>N/A</i>
12.	Portrush and Portstewart Town Plans	<i>Noted</i>	<i>N/A</i>
13.	Correspondence		
13.1	Correspondence from the Committee for Communities regarding Local Councils and the Anti-Poverty Strategy (Dated 28 October 2025)	<i>Noted</i>	
13.2	Correspondence from the Commonwealth Games Northern Ireland relating to their Fundraising Campaign (Dated 05 November 2025)	<p><i>To recommend that the Director of Leisure and Development provide a report at the December Leisure and Development Committee on funding elements and opportunities for athletes in the borough in respect of detail contained within</i></p>	

		the Commonwealth Games Northern Ireland	
	<i>In Committee (Items 14-19.1 inclusive)</i>		
14.	Green Growth Scheme	<i>To recommend to Council Award Funding to businesses as outlined in Table 3, previously circulated, totalling £46,598 under the auspices of the Green Support Scheme 2025</i>	<i>March 2026</i>
15.	Rugby Avenue Proposal	<i>To recommend that Members note the approach from EA to acquire land at Rugby Avenue and agree:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• The guiding principles proposed in section 6 above;</i> <i>• To invite the EA to make a proposal along the lines proposed in section 6 above; and</i> <i>• To invite the EA to make a presentation to the Leisure and Development Committee when such a proposal is available</i> 	
16.	SWB Essential Maintenance - Macosquin Changing Accommodation	<i>To recommend that Council note the content of the report and recommend to Full Council the approval to progress with the assessment process for a replacement modular changing facility at</i>	<i>TBC</i>

		<p>Macosquin football pitch.</p> <p>A further report to be brought back to committee with the outcome of the assessment and preliminary investigations, and a request to progress through the four step capital process, i.e. detailed design and planning application.</p>	
17.	Strand Road Public Right of Way	<p>To recommend that Council assert a Public Right of Way between Strand Road and the Coastal Path, Portstewart</p>	N/A
18.	Essential Maintenance Juniper Hill HALP	<p>To recommend that Leisure & Development Committee provides retrospective approval to the Estates Department to complete the required Electrical Switchgear Remedial Works at the Juniper Hill HALP, as listed in section 3.1, at a total cost of £123,807.00+VAT</p>	<p>Initial Programme: Nov 2025 – March 2026</p>
19.	Any other relevant business notified in accordance with Standing Order 12. (o)		
19.1	Legal situation regarding the Jim Watt Sports Centre (Councillor Holmes)	Information	

19.2	Economic support to businesses in Kilrea being affected by the bridge closure (Councillor Bateson)	<i>To recommend that Council raise at Partnership Panel, write to the Department of Finance, Department for Infrastructure and the Executive Office highlighting the impact on businesses in Kilrea following the Bann Bridge closure</i>	
19.3	Progress on the joint promotion of the Causeway Coastal Route and Wild Atlantic Way? (Alderman Callan)	<i>Information</i>	
19.4	Update on the recent engagement with Coleraine BID and progress on their action plan since the vote? (Alderman Callan)	<i>Information</i>	
19.5	Director communications with the MJM Group in last 6 months re Ballykelly area of the former Shackleton Army Camp. (Alderman Callan)	<i>Information</i>	
19.6	Progress of a masterplan for the Roe Mill Playing Fields (Alderman Callan)	<i>Information</i>	