



<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Update on Progress - Causeway Coast and Glens Community Plan</b>
<b>Committee Submitted To:</b>	<b>Corporate Policy and Resources Committee</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>24 March 2026</b>
<b>For Decision/For Information</b>	<b>For Information</b>
<b>To be discussed In Committee</b>	<b>No</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)</b>	
Strategic Themes	Local Economy; Healthy and Engaged Communities; Climate Change and Our Environment
Outcome	Establish key relationships with strategic partners to deliver our vision for this Council area
Lead Officer	Head of Policy and Community Planning

<b>Estimated Timescale for Completion</b>	
Date to be Completed	

<b>Budgetary Considerations</b>	
Cost of Proposal	
Included in Current Year Estimates	<b>YES/NO</b>
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

<b>Legal Considerations</b>	
Input of Legal Services Required	<b>YES/NO</b>
Legal Opinion Obtained	<b>YES/NO</b>

<b>Screening Requirements</b>	<i>Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.</i>		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

## **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1** The Community Plan is a long-term plan (from 2017 to 2030) based on sound, robust evidence with a focus on improving social, economic and environmental well-being and contributing to sustainable development.
- 1.2** The Community Plan is a strategic planning tool for the Causeway Coast and Glens area, and it is the key over-arching framework for partnerships and initiatives in the Council area. It is not seen as an additional or parallel process to structures already in place.
- 1.3** Phase 1 of the community planning process was the development of a Strategic Framework for the Community Plan. This document was finalised in April 2017 and officially launched in June 2017. It outlines the high-level outcomes identified for the Causeway Coast and Glens area based on an extensive public consultation process and a statistical analysis of the area.
- 1.4** Phase 2 of the community planning process was the development of a comprehensive Delivery Plan in 2018 which put in place 44 practical actions and activities to achieve the outcomes identified in the Strategic Framework. This Delivery Plan was reviewed in 2022 and now contains 34 actions covering four thematic areas:
- 1) Health and Wellbeing
  - 2) Community/Community Safety
  - 3) Infrastructure/Environment
  - 4) Economy/Education/Tourism.
- 1.5** Phase 3 of the community planning process put in place mechanisms to monitor and report on performance against the Community Plan objectives/outcomes. An Outcomes Based Accountability (OBA) process has been utilised to monitor and report on performance with Action Leads using report cards to provide information on progress.

## **2.0 Review of the Delivery Plan**

- 2.1** A collaboration workshop for community planning partners took place in Portballintrae in May 2025 with input from the Department for Communities on the people and places review and the collaboration test and learn programme. A facilitated discussion then took place at the on the challenges and barriers to further collaboration in Causeway Coast and Glens as well as the potential opportunities and actions.
- 2.2** At the Community Planning Partnership Meeting in July 2025, members took a detailed look at the feedback report on the workshop and, during a facilitated discussion, developed their thoughts on how to progress collaborative planning in Causeway Coast and Glens.
- 2.3** It was agreed that this process should involve a full review of the Delivery Plan and, to progress this, consultation sessions with key stakeholders were organised along with the issue of a public consultation survey.

- 2.4** At the Partnership meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025, the Community Planning Partners were given a presentation outlining key feedback from the survey and the consultation sessions. It was noted that, as a result, it was proposed to reduce the number of “actions” in the Delivery Plan from 31 to 16 with a focus now on moving from “actions” to “strategic priority areas”, ensuring these had a problem solving and collaborative focus.
- 2.5** At the Partnership meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026 the Community Planning Partnership endorsed the following strategic priority areas of work for inclusion in the revised Delivery Plan. More detailed information on the proposed content of the revised Delivery Plan is attached as **Appendix 1**:

#### **Health and Wellbeing –**

1. Encouraging Healthy Active Lifestyles
2. Supporting and Championing Older People
3. Tackling Poverty
4. Investing Early: Improving Outcomes for Children and Families, and Communities
5. Promoting Positive Mental Health with a specific focus on addressing loneliness.

#### **Community and Community Safety –**

6. Addressing Vulnerability: Supporting vulnerable people, including older people, multi- agency support hub and cyber safety, ending violence against women and girls and drugs and alcohol.
7. Young Voices – Continuation of Youth Voice and scope the potential development of Youth Council
8. Positive Relationships and Spaces
9. Strengthening Community & Voluntary Sector Collaboration and Support

#### **Infrastructure and Environment –**

10. Explore/Develop/Maintain Public Spaces  
(Including Natural & Built Heritage & Pride in the environment)
11. Meet Local Housing Needs (including Interagency Cooperation Homelessness)
12. Local Transport (developing a transport policy statement for the CCG area)
13. Climate Change Strategy for the CCG area

#### **Economic/Education /Tourism –**

14. Harness Economic and Skills Potential (Incorporating the Growth Deal, Labour Market Partnership (LMP) & Local Economic Partnership (LEP)
15. Tourism & Recreation support in partnership with Tourism Ni & Tourism Ireland
16. Delivery of new £20m Coleraine Town Fund

**2.6** The next steps in the process will be to finalise the revised Delivery Plan and this final version will be presented to the Community Planning Partnership at its May 2026 meeting.

### **3.0 Other Business**

#### **3.1 Presentations**

At its February meeting, the Community Planning Partnership received presentations on PeacePlus and on the establishment of the new Local Economic Partnership.

#### **3.2 Anti-Poverty Network**

The Partnership noted that the Causeway Coast and Glens Anti-Poverty Group had held a networking and information sharing event on 23<sup>rd</sup> October during which a wide range of organisations had examined what policy or structural changes the Anti-Poverty Group should be advocating and lobbying for. Please find below a list of the priorities identified during this event:

- **Transport** to be able to access services, such as social supermarket – need to find local solutions
- Community transport needs widened (only for appointments or certain times)
- Rural transport to access services
- Transport also an issue in towns eg accessing supermarkets
- **Housing** – availability and affordability
- Homelessness more apparent recently – people sleeping rough on sand dunes in Portrush
- For example, people in work but living in their cars – can't access emergency accommodation as they could be moved anywhere and need to be able to get to their place of employment
- Lack of emergency accommodation
- Families having to move in with older parents in houses that aren't suitable
- **Childcare** a massive barrier to getting back into employment – both affordability and availability of childcare, especially in rural areas
- Need more funded childcare places
- Fear of moving off benefits- need education about options available
- **Low paid jobs** – should pay less tax
- Zero-hour employment contracts a big issue, particularly affecting young people
- Many people in work cannot afford the essentials, eg 69% of users of Ballymoney foodbank are in employment
- Child benefit – should remove the 2-child cap
- Bring in a child payment similar to the Scotland model
- Removing the stigma of accessing help
- Fuel version of social supermarket would be good

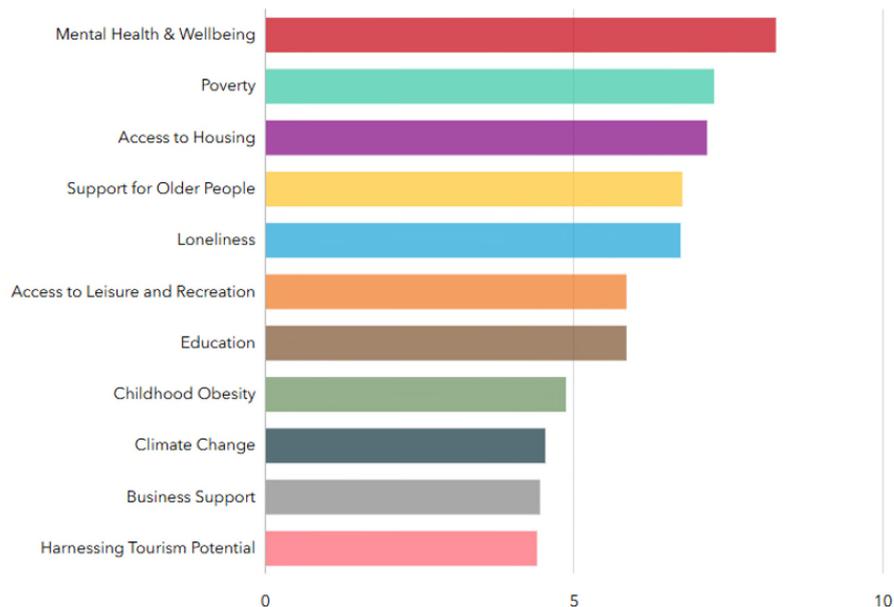
- Cost of **heating**
- Parents only having heating on when children are in the house
- More funding for Keep Warm packs
- Emergency repair grant for people whose heating has broken and they can't afford to repair – similar to former Boiler Replacement Scheme.
- Affordable Warmth Scheme takes too long
- More funding for programmes such a Transform your Trolley
- Lending and debts - Credit Union safe lending
- Hoarding a big issue – people comfort buying.

## Proposed Revised Strategic Focus

Our revised Community Plan Delivery Plan 2025 reflects the valuable feedback and insights gathered from a wide range of stakeholders. This includes our Community Planning Statutory Partners, action leads responsible for delivering key initiatives and actions, the community and voluntary sector, and, most importantly, those who live and work in our Borough.

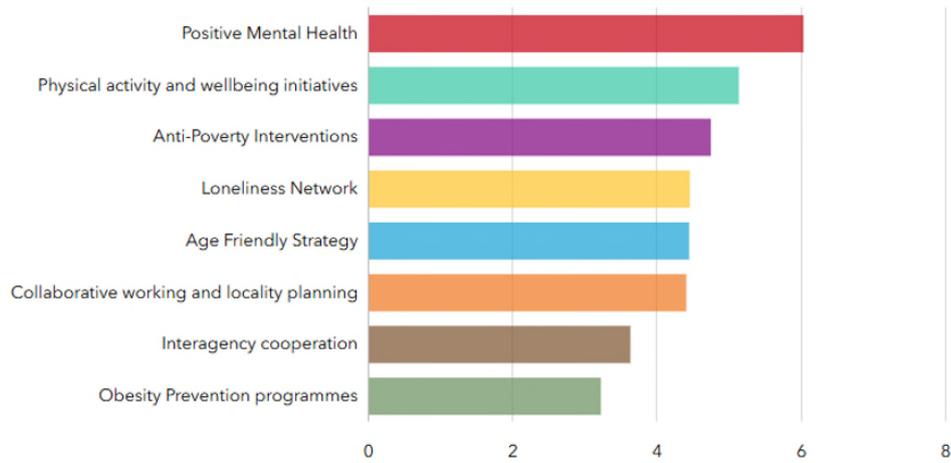
As part of the revision process, we carried out a short public survey to help inform and guide our next steps. The results of this survey are presented below.

**From the list below, please rank your top 3 priorities (1 = most important) based on what you feel are the most pressing issues in our community today:**



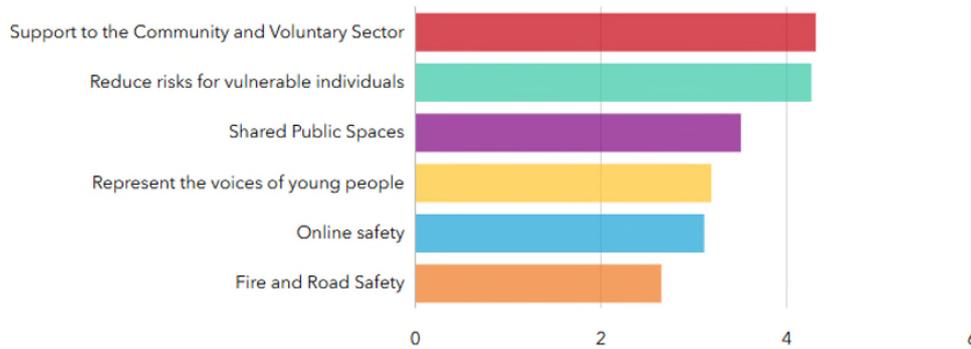
## Health & Wellbeing Actions

Please rank these actions in order of priority (1–9), where 1 is the highest priority.



## Community and Community Safety Actions

Please rank these actions in order of priority (1–6), where 1 is the highest priority.



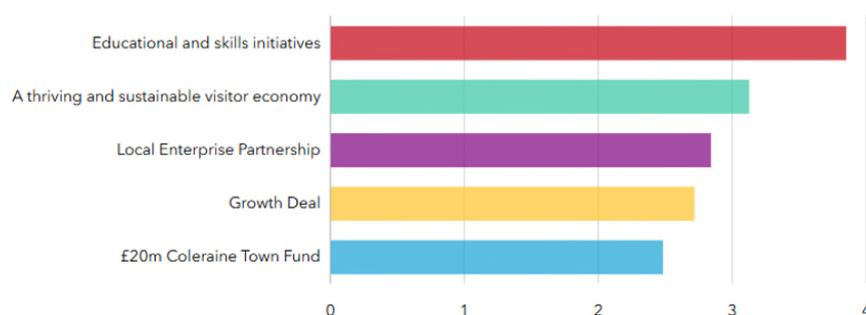
## Infrastructure and Environment Actions

Please rank these actions in order of priority (1–6), where 1 is the highest priority.



## Economic/Education/Tourism

Please rank these actions in order of priority (1–5), where 1 is the highest priority.



## Key Outcomes

The key outcomes contained within the Community Plan 'A Better Future Together' 2017-2030 identified three overarching long-term strategic Population Outcomes together with twelve Intermediate Outcomes in-line with the proposed Programme for Government as outlined below:

### Three Strategic Population Outcomes

**A THRIVING COMMUNITY:** will contribute to and benefit from a thriving economy built on a culture of growth, entrepreneurship, innovation and learning.

**A HEALTHY SAFE COMMUNITY:** will contribute to and benefit from a healthy, connected and safe community that nurtures resilience, promotes respect and supports everyone to live well together.

**A SUSTAINABLE ACCESSIBLE ENVIRONMENT:** will value and benefit from a diverse, sustainable and accessible environment with an infrastructure that is fit for purpose & that enables connections.

## **Twelve Intermediate Outcomes**

### **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. 5 The Causeway Coast and Glens area promotes and supports positive relationships.

### **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.

### **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.

**The revised strategic foci for the Delivery Plan 2025 are driven by three core principles:**

- **Ensure** – The foci are genuinely strategic and focused on solving the Borough’s most important challenges.
- **Emphasise** – They highlight the critical role of collaboration between partners in achieving shared outcomes.
- **Enable** – They align with regional strategies while remaining locally relevant, ensuring meaningful and effective change for our communities.

**Delivery Plan Actions – Revised 2025**

**Health and Wellbeing**

**17. Encouraging Healthy and Active Lifestyles (Patrick O’Toole - Sport NI and Roger Downey - Causeway Coast and Glens Sports and Wellbeing Unit)**

**Indicators:**

- Number of preventable deaths per 100,000 of the population including DEA rate comparisons Source: Standardised Death Rate - Preventable (administrative geographies)
- Percentage of people who participate in sport/physical activity in Causeway Coast and Glens
- Percentage of children who participate in sport/physical activity in Causeway Coast and Glens
- Percentage of children at Year 1 of Primary School and Year 8 who are overweight or living with obesity.
- Standardised prescription rate for mood and anxiety disorders per 100,000 in Causeway Coast and Glens

<b>Action/ Initiative:</b>	<b>Update Provided By:</b>
Development of Healthy and Active Lifestyles subgroup	Patrick O’Toole, Roger Downey and Bebhinn McKinley
Explore potential to introduce Whole Systems Approach to obesity	Gerard Walls and Maurice Meehan
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	Roger Downey, Camilla Lowry Nicola Arbuckle
Encourage uptake of nutrition training through Public Health Dietitians, for those involved in Obesity prevention programmes	Michelle Graham Steele

Increase uptake of obesity prevention programmes and encourage active participation by school aged children in both school and community settings.	Jonathan McFadden
Present evidence and impact of Causeway Healthy Kids and explore potential for expansion	Jonathan McFadden
Identify linkages and potential collaboration with the emerging Neighbourhood Health Model and Integrated Care System	Maurice Meehan
Contribute to the remodelling of Physical Activity Referral Scheme	

## 18. Supporting and Championing Older People (Stephanie Scott – Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council )

### Indicators

- Percentage of Households Aged 66 Years and Above Who Own a House
- Percentage of population aged 75 years or older living in own home
- Percentage of adults receiving personal care at home or self-directed support for personal care as a percentage of the total number needing care.

Action/ Initiative:	Update Provided By:
Implement Age Friendly Strategy and Action Plan	Stephanie Scott
Identify 2 priority complex/specific issues, that could be addressed through collaborative action.	Stephanie Scott

## 19. Investing Early: Improving Outcomes for Children, Families, and Communities (Tracey Magill – Northern Areas Outcomes Group)

### Indicators

- Percentage of school leavers achieving Level 2 or above including English and Maths i.e. 5 GCSEs including Maths and English
- Percentage of babies born at low birthweight

Action/ Initiative:	Update Provided By:
Contingent on funding confirmation contribute to Together for Families Model planning and implementation within Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council	Tracey Magill and Western NAOG counterpart

Work collaboratively to continually increase and improve profile and effectiveness of early intervention support including family support and parenting programmes for children and young people, including parental support, educational support from preschool.	Bronagh McCrory Paul Sweeney
Link with DE and EA to ensure updates and identification of local issues through RAISE initiatives.	RAISE Locality Officers Emma McMenamin and Ronan Flanagan

## 20. Promoting Positive Mental Health ([Selena Ramsey - NHSCT](#))

### Indicators

- Standardised prescription rate for mood and anxiety disorders per 100,000 in Causeway Coast and Glens.
- Number of preventable deaths per 100,000 of the population including DEA rate comparisons.
- Percentage of Frequency of Loneliness
- Participation in Leisure, Arts and Cultural Activities.
- **Infant Mental Health indicator ??**

Action/ Initiative:	Update Provided By:
Consolidate and expand profile of the TAKE 5 in Schools, Community and Business programmes in Causeway Coast and Glens	Selena Ramsey, Northern Areas Community Network, Causeway Rural Urban Network
Share best practice and learning from Take 5 programmes at regional level.	Selena Ramsey
Continue to implement Loneliness Network initiative within Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council	Leah Glass and Gabrielle Quinn
Explore potential to develop mental health and wellbeing action plan for Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council	Selena Ramsey and Maurice Meehan
Support relevant actions outlined in the revised Regional, Western, and Northern Health and Social Care Trust	Seamus Ward Susan Gault

<p>Infant Mental Health Plans within the Causeway Coast and Glens Council area.</p>	
<p>Explore additional strategic collaborative initiatives that promote positive mental health and address loneliness</p>	<p>All</p>

## Community and Community Safety

## 21. Addressing Vulnerability: (Julie Welsh - Causeway Coast and Glens Council)

### Indicators

- Percentage of population living in absolute/relative poverty before housing costs
- House Condition Survey -NIHE
- Percentage of people reporting that fear of crime has a minimal impact on their quality of life.
- Recorded Crime
- Number of accidental dwelling fires in Causeway Coast and Glens
- PSNI Police Recorded Injury Road Traffic Collisions and Casualties
- Standardised Admission Rate - Drug Related Causes -Health Inequalities Report Department of Health
- Standardised Admission Rate - Alcohol Related Causes - Health Inequalities Report Department of Health

Action/ Initiative:	Update Provided By:
Develop an Anti-Poverty Strategy for Causeway Coast and Glens which tackles the causes and consequences of poverty and enables prosperity for all	Louise Scullion
Continuation of the Multi- Agency Support Hub	Jonny Donaghy and Wendy Nixon
Support and enhance the Cyber Safety Partnership	Michael McCafferty
Continue to work in partnership with local organisations to help identify those most at risk from fire.	Paul Morrow
Continue to deliver end enhance collaboration in relation to road safety awareness initiatives to our community through RTC demonstrations, presentations and our VR initiative, Your Choice.	Paul Morrow
Develop collaborative initiatives to address drugs and alcohol.	PCSP

## 22. Ending Violence Against Women and Girls: (Wendy Nixon - PSNI)

### Indicators:

- Policing Plan - 1.1 Effectiveness in Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls
  - Number of reported incidents of violence against women and girls.
  - Arrest and outcome rates for offences related to violence against women and girls.

- Victim satisfaction scores specifically from women and girls

<b>Action/ Initiative:</b>	<b>Update Provided By:</b>
Work collaboratively to implement Ending Violence Against Women and Girl's actions	Claire Willis and Wendy Nixon
Implement Council's Ending Violence Against Women and Girls programme.	Julie Welsh and Adele McCloskey

### 23. Young Voices: (Deirdre Bradley – Education Authority)

#### Indicators

- Percentage of the population aged 16 and over with low self-efficacy (or low confidence in their own abilities (PfG Wellbeing Dashboard)
- Number of children and young people participating in youth work programmes in CCG.
- Number of young people gaining accreditation in CCG

<b>Action/ Initiative:</b>	<b>Update Provided By:</b>
Continuation of Youth Voice	Deirdre Bradley
Scope the potential development of a CCG Youth Council	Patricia Harkin

### 24. Positive Relationships and Spaces: (Patricia Harkin - Causeway Coast and Glens Council)

#### Indicators

- Percentage who believe their cultural identity is respected by society (PfG Wellbeing Framework dashboard)
- Percentage of population that think all leisure centres, parks, libraries and shopping centres in their area are 'shared and open' to all (Northern Ireland Life and Times)
- Percentage aged 18+ who would prefer a mixed religion neighbourhood. (PfG Wellbeing Framework dashboard)

<b>Action/ Initiative:</b>	<b>Update Provided By:</b>
Increase opportunities for local integration promoting shared and safe spaces.	Patricia Harkin
Increase understanding of local area and services available for support	Patricia Harkin
Increase access to support services.	Patricia Harkin

**25. Strengthening Community & Voluntary Sector Collaboration and Support:**  
**(Louise Scullion - Causeway Coast and Glens Council)**

**Indicator:**

- Percentage of adults volunteering (PfG Wellbeing dashboard)

<b>Action/ Initiative:</b>	<b>Update Provided By:</b>
Foster collaboration among community networks, volunteer support organisations, and other partners to identify and respond to the ongoing needs of the sector and communities.	Louise Scullion
Implement the devised Community Engagement mechanism which enables the voice, needs, and good practice of the C&V sector to be fed into Community Planning and Community Planning Strategic Partnership meetings.	Louise Scullion, Briege Conway and Ann McNickle
Organise as and when required Community Engagement Platform events and opportunities	Louise Scullion and Bebhinn McKinley
Collaborative targeted actions to strengthen the capability of the community and voluntary sector including provision of training, networking and sharing of good practice opportunities.	Louise Scullion
Collaboration approaches to increasing citizen participation and community decision making using Participatory Budgeting.	Louise Scullion

## **Infrastructure and Environment**

### **10. To explore the feasibility of UNESCO Biosphere and UNESCO Global Geopark accreditation for candidate areas in Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council**

(Andrew Bratton CCGHT, Richard Gillen, Noel Davoren CCGBC & Neil Rainey DAERA)

Action/ Initiative:	Update Provided By:
<p>Two areas within Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area have been identified as suitable candidates for UNESCO Biosphere and UNESCO Global Geopark Status, with the respective National Committees supportive of the proposal to develop applications.</p> <p>The Binevenagh, Lough Foyle and North Sperrins area (centred around the River Roe Catchment) is a strong candidate for achieving UNESCO Biosphere status – the international gold standard for recognising best practice in engaging communities with sustainable economic and environmental development.</p> <p>The North and East Coast (centred around the Causeway Coast AONB and Antrim Coast and Glens AONB) is a strong candidate for achieving UNESCO Global Geopark status – the international gold standard for basing sustainable economic and environmental development around geological assets of international importance.</p> <p>Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust and its partners have led preparatory work on achieving both accreditations and are confident that a UNESCO Biosphere and UNESCO Global Geopark can be established and recognised in the medium term.</p> <p>A draft application for UNESCO Biosphere status for the Binevenagh, Lough Foyle and North Sperrins area will be complete in May 2027. This will outline arrangements for governance, funding and maintenance of UNESCO Biosphere status in the long term (areas</p>	<p>Andrew Bratton (CCGHT) &amp; Subgroup: Aidan McPeake (CCGBC) Richard Gillan (CCGBC) Noel Davoran (CCGBC) Neil Rainey (DAERA) Dr. Kirstin Lemon (Geological Survey of Northern Ireland) Graham Thompson (CCGHT)</p> <p><b><u>List of active &amp; potential Partners</u></b></p> <p><b>UNESCO Biosphere</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council</li> <li>- National Trust</li> <li>- Loughs Agency</li> <li>- Woodland Trust</li> <li>- Ministry of Defence</li> <li>- HMP Magilligan</li> <li>- Department for Communities</li> <li>- Aghanloo Community Association</li> <li>- Magilligan Community Association</li> <li>- Castlerock Community Association</li> <li>- Limavady Community Development Initiative</li> <li>- Causeway Rural and Urban Network</li> <li>- Ulster Gliding Club</li> <li>- Queen’s University Belfast (School of Natural and Built Environment)</li> <li>- Ulster Wildlife</li> <li>- Royal Society for Protection of Birds (RSPB)</li> <li>- Northern Ireland Environment Agency</li> <li>- Roe Anglers LTD</li> <li>- Ulster Farmers Union</li> <li>- Magilligan Field Centre (Education Authority)</li> <li>- Sport NI</li> <li>- Translink</li> </ul>

<p>being reassessed by UNESCO every seven years)</p> <p>Work is progressing on defining the potential boundaries, governance and funding arrangements for a UNESCO Global Geopark along the North and East Coast (centred on the Causeway Coast AONB and Antrim Coast and Glens AONB). It is hoped that a draft application could be completed within c.3 years.</p>	<p><b>UNESCO Global Geopark</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CCGBC</li> <li>- GSNI</li> <li>- NIEA</li> <li>- Tourism NI</li> <li>- Crown Estate</li> <li>- National Trust</li> <li>- Mid and East Antrim BC</li> </ul>
<p>If achieved Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council would achieve establishment of the first UNESCO Biosphere in Northern Ireland and be the first local authority area on the island to contain a UNESCO World Heritage Site, UNESCO Biosphere and UNESCO Global Geopark.</p>	<p>Andrew Bratton (CCGHT) &amp; Subgroup:  Aidan McPeake (CCGBC)  Richard Gillan (CCGBC)  Noel Davoran (CCGBC)  Neil Rainey (DAERA)  Dr. Kirstin Lemon (Geological Survey of Northern Ireland)  Graham Thompson (CCGHT)</p>

## 11. To meet Local Housing needs (Carita Coulter NIHE)

<b>Action/ Initiative:</b>	<b>Update Provided By:</b>
<p>Using an area-based approach, deliver housing led regeneration to meet urban and rural housing need and address and respond to those experiencing Chronic Homelessness within Causeway Coast and Glens area, with a community led focus that utilises the collective assets of partner organisations including community planners, local development plans, Housing Associations and Placeshapers.</p>	<p>Carita Coulter (NIHE)</p>
<p>Number of homelessness presenting and awarded Full Duty Applicant (FDA) status is monitored and reported biannually – updated figures in section below</p>	<p>Carita Coulter (NIHE) &amp; Sub-Group</p>
<p>Deliver the social housing development programme (SHDP) as set out in Housing Investment Plan</p>	<p>Carita Coulter (NIHE) &amp; Sub-Group</p>

<p>To address social need, the Housing Executive's three-year Social Housing Development Programme (SHDP) has 421 housing units planned for 2025/26 to 2027/28. During 2024/25, 56 homes were completed across the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area and 458 units were under construction at the end of March 2025. During 2024/25, Site Identification Studies were completed in Ballycastle and Dervock.</p> <p>Increased Affordable Housing supply and regeneration in urban and rural areas</p>	
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**12. To explore the feasibility of developing Phase II of Transport Action addressing local concerns and needs within the CCGs area. (Aidan McPeake CCGBC)**

<b>Action/ Initiative:</b>	<b>Update Provided By:</b>
<p>Local Transport Action Sub-group re-convened to look at future feasibility of moving to Phase II to include the research and development of a transport policy statement for the CCGs area</p>	<p>Aidan McPeake (CCGBC) Supporting subgroup partners: Translink North Coast Community Transport Department for Infrastructure CCGBC NACN CRUN</p>

**13. To develop a Climate Change Action Strategy and Energy Strategy for the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough. (Olivia Dath CCGBC)**

<b>Action/ Initiative:</b>	<b>Update Provided By:</b>
<p>Council declared a climate emergency in May of 2020 committing the borough to achieve net zero emissions by 2050. Our total annual emissions currently exceed 6 million kilograms of co2 (Kgco2). The first phase of the climate</p>	<p>John Richardson (CCGBC) Olivia Dath (CCGBC)</p>

<p>action strategy focuses on reducing our direct emissions while ensuring the council can continue delivering essential services amid climate-related challenges.</p> <p>The climate change lead officer has been appointed to coordinate all council climate change activities whilst attending the quarterly climate forums.</p>	
<p>The council has progressed work to establish baseline data to support future energy and net zero planning. Scope 1 and 2 emissions data have been collected and identified as the baseline energy and emissions data.</p> <p>This baseline work will support the development of the CCAS enabling the council to better understand energy demand, opportunities for innovation, and priorities for investment across the borough. Over the coming period, the council will take a more proactive role in supporting climate change action as the strategy is understood and accepted across departments. This will encourage collaborative work, decarbonisation, and innovation led programmes.</p>	<p>Olivia Dath (CCGBC) &amp; Climate Action Team</p>

## Economic/Education /Tourism

### 14. Harness Economic and Skills Potential (Niall McGurk CCGBC) (Oisin Duffy CCGBC) (Marc McGerty CCGBC)

(Incorporating the Growth Deal, Labour Market Partnership (LMP) & Local Economic Partnership (LEP))

<b>Action/ Initiative:</b>	<b>Update Provided By:</b>
<b>Growth Deal</b>	Niall McGurk (CCGBC) Louise Mullan (CCGBC)

<p>The Growth Deal outlines the approach Council will take to strategically improve the lives of all citizens within the borough through capital projects. The objectives of the Growth Deal are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attract more innovative and internationally focused companies.</li> <li>• Position Causeway Coast and Glens as the ‘go-to’ region for innovation and tourism.</li> <li>• Improve key elements of strategic transport, digital infrastructure, and digital skill.</li> <li>• Work with communities to raise aspiration and ambition.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Local Economic Partnership (LEP)</b>  Department for the Economy announced over £4.5 million of investment as part of the Causeway Coast and Glens LEP Action Plan 2025-2028.</p> <p>The Causeway Coast and Glens Local Economic Partnership (LEP) Action Plan sets out a three-year, place-based programme designed to strengthen economic resilience, boost productivity, enhance innovation, and build long-term prosperity across the Borough.</p>	<p>Niall McGurk (CCGBC)  Oisin Duffy (CCGBC)</p>
<p><b>Labour Market Partnership (LMP)</b>  Support in developing of the Causeway Labour Market Partnership supporting educational and skills initiatives within the Causeway Coast and Glens area.</p> <p>The Labour Market Partnership and its preceding Workforce Development Forum, developed by a partnership of organisations and facilitated by Council, represents a joint commitment to the region and its long-term success. To tackle the issues five-year Employability &amp; Skills Framework (2021-2026) will be developed with a central vision to <i>‘realise the potential of the local economy and its people by transforming skills, employability and aspiration, resulting in higher levels of</i></p>	<p>Niall McGurk (CCGBC)  Marc McGerty (CCGBC)</p>

<i>business growth, employment and incomes’.</i>	
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15. To develop a ‘**Destination Management Strategy**’ and ‘**Action Plan**’ 2026 - 2036 to provide a **coordinated, strategic framework** for tourism growth that balances the needs of visitors, businesses, and residents of Causeway Coast and Glens area.

(**Peter Thompson & Kerrie McGonigle CCGBC**)

<b>Action/ Initiative:</b>	<b>Update Provided By:</b>
<b>Development of Destination Management Strategy</b> for CCAG 2026-2036 – In progress	Peter Thompson & Kerrie McGonigle (CCGBC)
<p><b>Development of Action Plan</b> <b>Key Points:</b></p> <p>The action plan will provide a clear, coordinated framework for tourism growth while balancing the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors. It will focus on the following themes:</p> <p><b>Regional Balance</b> – Ensuring tourism growth benefits all parts of the region fairly.</p> <p><b>Enhanced Economy and Environment</b> – Supporting sustainable economic growth while protecting natural and cultural assets.</p> <p><b>Competitive Advantage</b> – Strengthening the destination’s unique offerings to attract visitors.</p> <p><b>Good Jobs &amp; Community Benefit</b> – Creating quality employment opportunities and ensuring the community gains from tourism development.</p> <p><b>Plan to launch the DMS early summer 2026</b></p>	Peter Thompson & Kerrie McGonigle (CCGBC) & Sub-Group

**16. To Deliver the Coleraine Future Town Fund (CFTF) (Niall McGurk CCGBC & Hazel King SIB & Therese Hogg SIB)**

Develop 10-year action plan  
Delivery of £20m funding programme

Action/ Initiative:	Update Provided By:
<p>Continue to deliver the agreed process through the CFTF Board which was established in 2025 with scheduled monthly meetings.</p> <p>These meetings will be supported by Board Membership and chaired by Professor Gerry McKenna.</p>	<p>Pat Mulvenna (CCGBC) Niall McGurk (CCGBC)</p>
<p>The Coleraine Future Town Fund (CFTF) Board is delighted to announce that having successfully met a major delivery milestone by submitting the CFTF Investment Plan to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government in 28th November 2025. While not all projects have been identified at this stage, the coming months will see the Board undertake detailed scoping exercises to shape and define the final list of projects for funding. These will then undergo a robust sifting and scoring process to prioritise delivery within the first 1–4-year Investment Plan.</p>	<p>Pat Mulvenna (CCGBC) Niall McGurk (CCGBC)</p>
<p>Delivery phase begins and draw of funds to deliver on 10-year investment plan. – April 2026</p>	<p>Pat Mulvenna (CCGBC) Niall McGurk (CCGBC)</p>
<p>The Board will continue to engage and work in partnership with Government and local stakeholders as the projects are further developed. Once approved, detailed planning will begin to deliver projects that will transform Coleraine into a vibrant, sustainable, and inclusive town for generations to come.</p>	<p>Pat Mulvenna (CCGBC) Niall McGurk (CCGBC)</p>

**Cross Cutting Objective – Learning through Collaboration**

1. Explore opportunities for place-based initiatives to address local needs and achieve positive outcomes through enhanced partnership collaboration.
2. Explore models of partnership pooling of budgets
3. Share good practice and learning with Community Planning Partnership