

Title of Report:	PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan Capital Projects – “Ronán’s Way Project”
Committee Report Submitted To:	Leisure & Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	15 September 2026
For Decision or For Information	For Information
To be discussed In Committee	NO

Linkage to Council Strategy (2026-31)	
Strategic Theme	P2 Empowering and Supporting our People
Outcome	Healthy, active, engaged communities are more resilient, cohesive, and prosperous.
Lead Officers	Head of Funding Unit

Estimated Timescale for Completion	
Date to be Completed	March 2027

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£50,000
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	Capital (100% Funded)
Code	
Staffing Costs	Staff time

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	Date: November 2023
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes	Date: November 2023
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes	Date: November 2023
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes	Date: November 2023
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the implementation of the PEACEPLUS Cushendall Trails Capital Project - "Ronan's Way"

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The PEACEPLUS Partnership has been in operation since June 2022 and has overseen the design, development and implementation of the £6.7million PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan which was approved by Council on 5th December 2023. The PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan includes a capital budget for the development of 5 x capital projects, one of which is 'The Cushendall Trails Project', incorporating trails at Layde Path, Cottage Wood & Ronán's Way.
- 2.2 On 13 February 2026 the PEACEPLUS Partnership agreed not to progress the Ronan's Way element of the Cushendall Trails project at that time. This was due to a number of issues including the high cost of installing services to an existing building to facilitate the provision of a WC. The issues were putting the overall project at risk of not completing within the PEACEPLUS timeframe. The PEACEPLUS Partnership did however request that officers investigate alternative options with the landowner.
- 2.3 On the 18 March 2026 the Leisure and Development Committee were informed that the PEACEPLUS Partnership had agreed not to proceed with the Ronan's Way project as part of the PEACEPLUS Programme at that time.

3.0 Updated Position

- 3.1 PEACEPLUS Officers and Council's Capital Project Officers have been investigating suitable solutions for the project at Ronan's Way. The capital projects team have produced a design for a zero-waste facility for Ronan's Way at a cost of £50,000. Council Officers have met with the landowner who is satisfied with the design and has agreed to the project proceeding as a stand-alone facility on the site.
- 3.2 On the 20th August 2026 the PEACEPLUS Partnership were presented with the re-designed option and informed that that the landowner was happy to proceed with the project. The PEACEPLUS Partnership agreed to reinstate the Ronan's Way project as part of the PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan and further agreed to fund the £50,000 required to complete the project.
- 3.3 The project at Ronan's Way is now proceeding as part of the PEACEPLUS Cushendall Trails Capital Project.