

**LEISURE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2026**

No	Item	Summary of key Recommendations	Estimated Timescale for completion
1.	Apologies	Councillor Bateson	N/A
2.	Declarations of Interest	None	N/A
3.	Minutes of Leisure and Development Committee meeting held Tuesday 16 th June 2026	Confirmed as a correct record	N/A
4.	Presentation from representatives of Coleraine Connect	Received	-
5.	Presentation from the Head of Prosperity and Place	Received	-
6.	Leisure and Development Committee terms of Reference	To recommend that Council approve the updated Leisure and Development Committee Terms of Reference	-
7.	Electrical Repairs Cushendun and Cushendall HALP	To recommend to Council Option 2 is advanced and Stages 1 & 2 of the Capital Works Process are completed on for required electrical infrastructure works at Cushendall and Cushendun Holiday	Q4 – 2026/27

		and Leisure Parks. (Estimated cost £120,000).	
8.	Support for Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust and Binevenagh Landscape Partnership Scheme	<i>To recommend Option 2 - that Council agrees to enter into a one-year agreement with Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust to deliver on the agreed actions within Annex A and develop a longer-term plan for delivery on actions relating to protected landscape management which will be subject to a staged approval and satisfactory delivery of the outputs detailed;</i> <i>To recommend Option 4 - that Council agrees to the request to provide £30,000 match funding for 2026/2027 for Binevenagh Landscape Partnership Scheme contributing to the completion of the project works at Downhill Forest and the WWII Trainer Dome in Limavady subject to staged approval</i>	March 2027
9.	Pitch and Play Strategic Action Plans	<i>To recommend that Council progress work to Stage 1 of the Capital Project framework – Scoping, Feasibility & OBC, for increased</i>	-

		synthetic pitch provision at Riada Playing Fields in Ballymoney	
10.	Grant Funding Programme 2027-28	Recommendation 1: To recommend that Council approve the Annual Grant Programmes 1–26 for the 2027/28 period, as detailed in Table 3 and Annex A, including the associated assessment/scoring criteria; Recommendation 2: To recommend that Council continue with the £20,000 budget for the Volunteering Small Grant Programme without specifying any split between community, voluntary and sporting organisations. Recommendation 3: To recommend that Council contribution to the Social Connections Fund by an additional £12,500, taking the overall budget to £37,500. Recommendation 4: To recommend that Council increase the Culture, Arts, heritage Grants budget to £30,000;	-

		Recommendation 5: To recommend to Council Option 4 - Implement a 3-year grant Fund for the Tourism Large Events Fund only with the Tourism Growth Event Fund remaining open for annual applications. Allocate a total combined budget of £540,000 with a 10% uplift each year; Recommendation 6: To recommend to Council Option 3 - Where planning permission is required, a planning application must have been submitted prior to submission of the Capital Grant application. Recommendation 7: To recommend to Council Option 2 - Increase the annual Capital Grant budget from £600,000 to £700,000; Recommendation 8: To recommend that Council split the Capital Grant Programme into a Large Capital Grant and a Minor Capital Grant to facilitate a simpler process for smaller scale projects;	
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		<i>That ring-fenced fund of 20% in the first year as a trial for smaller sporting organisations.</i> <i>Recommendation 9:</i> <i>To recommend to Council Option 2 - Retain the one award per sporting code rule across the Capital Grant Programme.</i> <i>Recommendation 10:-</i> <i>To recommend to Council that The Local Economic Partnership will fund the Green Support Scheme for the 2026/27 and the 2027/28 Financial years, raising the maximum award amounts from £5,000 to £15,000 per project.</i> <i>Recommendation 11:-</i> <i>To recommend that Council increase Annual Sports Grant and Bursary Budget from £40,000 to £50,000</i>	
11.	PEACEPLUS Ronan's Way Project	<i>Noted</i>	<i>March 2027</i>
12.	Notice of Motion Updates	<i>Noted</i>	<i>-</i>
13.	PCSP Annual Report	<i>Noted</i>	<i>-</i>
14.	Enterprise Fund	<i>Noted</i>	<i>31 March 2027</i>

15.	Coleraine Future Town Fund	<i>Noted</i>	<i>2035</i>
16.	Consultations	<i>None</i>	<i>-</i>
17.	Notice of Motion Proposed by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Huggins (abbrev: Hosting National Armed Forces Day 2028)	<i>Support Notice of Motion</i>	
18.	Notice of Motion Proposed by Councillor McShane and seconded by Councillor Watson (abbrev: Ballycastle to Ballintoy Coastal Path)	<i>Support Notice of Motion</i>	
19.	Request for Financial Support COAST	<i>Noted</i>	<i>March 2027</i>
20.	Any other relevant business notified in accordance with Standing Order 12. (o)		
20.1	<i>Ballymoney Spring Fair and the reinstatement of the traditional cavalcade, Request for a paper to be brought to L&D Sept 2026 (Councillor Wilson)</i>	<i>Information</i>	