

Title of Report:	Update on Progress - Causeway Coast and Glens Community Plan
Committee Submitted To:	Corporate Policy and Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	27 October 2026
For Decision/For Information	For Information
To be discussed In Committee	No

Linkage to Council Plan (2026-31)	
Strategic Themes	Healthy Safe Community Sustainable Accessible Environment Thriving Economy
Outcome	Empowering & Supporting Our People Creating Conditions to Deliver Opportunities For Our Borough Sustainability & Managing Our Natural & Built Environment
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services

Estimated Timescale for Completion	
Date to be Completed	

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

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

Screening Requirements	<i>Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.</i>		
None	Screening Completed & Approved	No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	No	Date:
None	Screening Completed & Approved	No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	No	Date:
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Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)			
	DPIA Required and Completed:	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** The Community Plan 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** The initial Delivery Plan was produced in 2018 and subsequently reviewed in 2022 and most recently in 2026. The current Delivery Plan contains 16 Strategic Priority (Actions) covering four thematic areas:
- 1) Health and Wellbeing
 - 2) Community/Community Safety
 - 3) Infrastructure/Environment
 - 4) Economy/Education/Tourism.
- 1.5** The community planning process has 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** In July 2025 Community Planning partners agreed that a full review of the Delivery Plan be conducted. To progress this a number of consultation sessions with key stakeholders were organised along with the issue of a public survey.
- 2.2** At the Partnership meeting on 12th 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.

- 2.3** At the Partnership meeting on 18th 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 content of the revised Delivery Plan can be found on the link below together with the 16 'Strategic Priorities' grouped within the respective Thematic Areas. <https://causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/assets/files/Delivery-Plan-2026-pf3.pdf>

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

- 2.4** The revised Delivery Plan was finalised in March 2026 was presented to the Community Planning Strategic Partnership meeting on 20th May 2026. The Delivery Plan March 2026 was uploaded to the Community Planning webpage

and forwarded for the Department for Communities for their necessary information.

Agreed Delivery Plan link below:

<https://causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/assets/files/Delivery-Plan-2026-pf3.pdf>

The new 6 monthly reporting schedule has commenced with the successful outcomes to be reported to the CCGs Community Planning Strategic Partnership on 21st October 2026. Significant progress has been achieved since the introduction of the approved 16 Strategic Priorities. Examples of the actions which are highlighted below.

3.0 Other Business

3.1 Examples of successful 6-month outcomes achieved:

Strategic Priority: Encouraging Healthy Active Lifestyles

- **Walking for Health / Walking for All:** Coordinated Walk Leader training, volunteer support, networking events and a successful Walking Month in May, with ongoing collaboration across CCGBC, WHSCT and NHSCT physical activity leads.
- **Menopause Event:** Delivered a highly successful menopause-focused event for around 90 attendees in Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre, using a live podcast-style format.
- **Dance Programmes:** Provided dance-based physical activity sessions across Northern Health Trust facilities for adults with learning disabilities and older people.
- **Equipment Support:** Supplied Play and PE equipment to Causeway Coast & Glens Council sports development staff to strengthen local physical activity programmes.
- **Walking Football World Cup:** Jointly funded by NHSCT and WHSCT, the event was a major success and supported by the Age Friendly Coordinator.
- **Fundamental Play Sessions:** Funded 12 sessions for pre-school and nursery groups across Coleraine, Ballymoney and Ballycastle.
- **Causeway Healthy Kids:** Completed Phase 5—the final phase—in March 2026.
- **Nutrition Support:** Public Health Dietitians provided Nutrition Awareness cue cards to EA Youth Services staff.
- **Community Nutrition Training:** Trained 14 facilitators across adult community nutrition education programmes in the CCG area.

Strategic Priority: Investing Early Improving Outcomes for Children, Families and Communities

- **Coleraine** - Three new Locality Led Projects were awarded under Call 2/HSCC of the RAISE Programme, bringing the total number of projects operating within the locality to five.
- **Limavady** - Three new Locality Led Projects were awarded under Call 2/HSCC of the RAISE Programme, bringing the total number of projects operating within the locality to three.

Strategic Priority: Supporting and Championing Older People

- **Transport & Accessibility:** Age Friendly Causeway supported the borough-wide transport survey, securing 266 responses (June–August 2026). Nearly 30% were gathered through direct, face-to-face engagement, helping older people and digitally excluded residents participate. Results now provide a strong evidence base for future transport accessibility planning.
- **Preventative Health & Alcohol Awareness:** Delivered the *Walk, Talk, Tea & Treats* event for Alcohol Awareness Week, shaped by local hospital admission data. The initiative promoted healthy ageing through physical activity, social connection and community engagement, with targeted delivery in the Churchlands Neighbourhood Renewal area.
- **Physical Activity & Social Connection:** Coordinated Walking Week with Walking for All and Sport & Wellbeing, alongside the Walking Football World Cup. Evaluation showed 94% of participants met someone new, highlighting the role of accessible activity in reducing isolation and strengthening social ties.
- **Positive Ageing Month:** Coordinated preparation for Positive Ageing Month 2026. Prepared and produced 1,000 community booklets showcasing local activities, groups and opportunities for older people, supporting awareness, access and participation across the borough

Strategic Priority: Promoting Positive Mental Health

- **Take 5 Programme Delivery:** Continued rollout of Take 5 across schools and communities, including accreditation work with Limavady Grammar, induction and staff briefing at Rossmar Special School, creative delivery in Glens and Ballymoney schools, and an online Ambassador Training session for the Western Trust area.
- **Community Wellbeing & Mental Health Promotion:** Delivered a Take 5-themed Men's Health Week roadshow; sustained weekly Walk and Talk sessions linked to suicide prevention and mental health campaigns; produced the annual Take 5 Older People's Calendar; and supported NACN/CRUN initiatives including a Mental Health Awareness Choir and development of 36 community groups. SafeTalk training reached 14 participants in Armoy.
- **Infant Mental Health & Early Years Support:** Delivered an Infant Mental Health Awareness event and a June 2026 conference on Attunement and the first 1001 days. Strengthened multi-agency collaboration, supported practitioner development (including Invest in Play and Solihull training), provided specialist trauma-informed support to asylum-seeking families, and enhanced Health Visiting contacts to improve breastfeeding rates and early attachment outcomes.

- **Loneliness Reduction & Inclusive Community Activities:** Delivered Autism Friendly Walks in May, supported Loneliness Awareness Week activities including a Communities Connecting Coffee Morning, and contributed to Inclusive Family Play Events across Limavady, Portstewart, Portrush and Ballymoney to promote connection and reduce isolation.

Strategic Priority: Addressing Vulnerability

- **Cyber Safety Partnership:** Delivery of cyber-safety talks to schools and community groups and continued promotion of *Don't Worry Be Appy* lesson plans. Contributed to a disability hate-crime animation and integrated internet safety into the Last Orders schools programme.
- **Multi-Agency Support Hub:** Sustained an effective partnership model for identifying vulnerability, sharing information and coordinating support. Strengthened collaboration between PCSP, PSNI and statutory partners, enabling more accurate understanding of individual and family needs and directing referrals appropriately.
- **Anti-Poverty Strategy:** Hosted an Anti-Poverty Networking and Information Sharing event with 30 attendees from 21 organisations. Delivery of the Social Supermarket Support Programme across four sites, supporting 110 households with reduced-cost food and wraparound advice. Provision of specialist debt support through the Integrated Debt Advice Partnership, assisting 58 clients.

Strategic Priority: Addressing Vulnerability

- **Local Change Fund 26/27** – Grant programme advertised, 31 applications submitted and scored, 15 groups awarded total of £157,000 across three tiers of grant award levels to C&V sector organisations across the Borough to contribute towards Ending Violence against Women and Girls
- **EVAWG Stakeholder group:** established, bring together agencies with statutory responsibility and other key stakeholders, to share information, make connection and avoid duplication in work and address gaps and emerging issues making best use of TEO Momentum funds available to Councils – 2nd meeting of this group has taken place.
- **Borough wide messaging campaign:** Developed to be displayed widely across the Borough using leisure centres, changing facilities, pitchside,, community centres, townhalls, civic buildings and depots alongside training for staff.
- **Momentum funding:** TEO continues to allow engagement with young people, community organisations, individuals, in the past six months with activities being delivered through arts facilitators, and WA, PSNI, White Ribbon, NEXUS

Strategic Priority: Positive Relationships and Spaces

- Continued Asylum seekers working group / multi agency meetings. ESOL contract for delivery of formal and informal English learning provision to encourage community integration. Welcome hub / drop in contract provided

to Vineyard to support community integration. Surf therapy project delivered to support shared spaces and community integration.

Strategic Priority: Infrastructure and Environment

To sustainably protect, enhance, and develop the natural and built environments

- Public consultation on Council Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (2026 - 2032) initiated - The vision of this Strategy and Action Plan is to ensure biodiversity is embedded at the forefront of all Council activity.
- Development of Sperrin AONB Management & Action Plan with Sperrins Partnership. First management plan for the AONB
- Completion of Causeway Coast AONB Management & Action Plan 2025-2035 - This Management Plan seeks to protect the Causeway Coast's exceptional landscape while ensuring it remains accessible and enjoyable for future generations.
- Progression of outdoor recreation projects through Binevenagh & Coastal Lowlands Landscape Partnership

To meet Local Housing Needs

- Rathlin Island-10 modern energy efficient and sustainable homes units completed using latest technology contributing to the island's goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2030.
- Killnadore Brae Cushendall new build scheme making good progress with first phase due for release within 6 weeks.
- 604 New units added to the social housing development programme for 2026-29
- 472 units on site at March 2026

Transport – Addressing Local Concerns

- Convened a CP Transport Working Group to undertake Phase II Transport Analysis and development of an agreed Action Plan by Identifying relevant individuals and organisations
- Developed a 'Transport Survey' to gather relevant up-to-date data of transport issues and concerns within the CCGs area
- Completed an initial analysis of the survey data results and created an infographics report to highlight the main findings
- Identified issues concerning missed medical appointments and the need for representatives to be represented on the Transport Working in order to examine potential solutions

Develop Climate Change & Energy Strategies for CCGBC area

- Climate change Action Strategy adopted
- Developed the councils emissions reporting and carbon evidence base.

- Adoption of the UK Net Zero Carbon Building Standard
- Set up a climate change delivery forum with all other councils.

Strategic Priority: Economic, Education & Tourism

To Harness Economic & Skills Potential.

Growth Deal Continue to deliver the key objectives of the Growth Deal to improve the lives of all citizens across the borough through targeted capital investment.

- **Growth Deal Financial Deal Signed** – on Wednesday 29th April 2026 the Financial Deal was signed, this was a critical step to enable monies to start being released to the approved Phase 1 projects.
- **Financial Deal Supplementary Documents Approved** – in June 2026, all supplementary documentation required for the Deal was approved by the UK government and NI Executive.
- **Contracts for Funding** – approved Phase 1 projects have commenced work on the development on their Contracts for Funding.

Local Economic Partnership (LEP)

- **Global Gateway Programme** – North Carolina Chamber engagement at Galgorm in August was followed by Task and Finish Group planning for a proposed November 2026 delegation.
- **LEP Capital grant launched** – Applications opened on 7 September 2026, offering eligible businesses grants of £5,000–£30,000 at 70% support, 85 applications submitted.
- **Programme Development** – Work progressed on developing the overarching Causeway Coast and Glens proposition, a business property assessment, and an Energy and Circularity programme developed.

Labour Market Partnership (LMP)

- Letter of comfort received from DfC for Quarter 1 and Quarter 2, totalling £229k.
- 164 candidates commenced on Retrain Plus Employment Academies, including Transport, Taxi, Security, Health and Social Care, Children's Care & Classroom Assistant.
- Business Seed Fund supported 54 residents to become self-employed.
- The Personal Learning Account supported 164 residents to upskill to improve their employment circumstances, with £82,000 of funding committed.
- 253 residents attended a Regional Jobs Fair. This event had 27 employers and 11 support organisations.

Strategic Priority: Economic, Education & Tourism

Development and Implementation of Destination Management Strategy for Causeway Coast and Glens 2026-2036

- Destination Management Strategy: Progressed the Destination Management Strategy, establishing a framework to align strategic priorities, delivery activity and stakeholder involvement across the destination.
- Causeway Coastal Route Infrastructure Strategy: Developed in partnership with neighbouring councils and Tourism NI and agreed by Council. The strategy establishes a shared approach to identifying infrastructure priorities and informing future investment.
- Delivered planned international and domestic marketing activity in line with the business plan, supporting promotion to priority audiences and the achievement of agreed objectives. Progressed development of the new destination website to strengthen the destination's digital presence and improve visitor information.
- Benone Complex: Completed a development blueprint to guide future planning, decision-making and phased development. Member approval will be sought at the Leisure and Development Committee in November.
- PEACEPLUS Projects: Progressed capital works for the PEACEPLUS projects, advancing priority projects towards delivery.

Deliver the Coleraine Future Town Fund (CFTF)

- **Secured UK Government approval for the 10-Year Vision and Regeneration Plan**
The CFTF Board successfully obtained approval for Coleraine's 10-Year Pride in Place Plan and the associated funding allocation of approximately £20 million through the Pride in Place programme. CCGBC and the CFTF Board co-signed an MOU from the UK Government, representing a major milestone, moving the programme from planning into delivery.
- **Completed an extensive community co-design and engagement programme**
The CFTF Board engaged extensively with residents, businesses, community organisations, schools and a wide range of stakeholders to identify key issues, and to shape investment priorities and emerging projects. This ensured the CFTF Pride in Place plan was genuinely community-led and reflected local priorities.
- **Successfully drew down the first £500,000 of funding**
The CFTF Board secured the first £500,000 from the UK Government's Pride in Place Programme. This demonstrated that governance and programme arrangements were sufficiently robust to move into the implementation phase.

- **Progressed the first four-year Investment Plan and project prioritisation process**

The CFTF Board has now moved from strategy development into delivery planning by developing emerging project proposals, establishing prioritisation and assessment/scoring processes, and commencing the prioritisation of projects for investment. A number of online Public Information sessions were also launched to ensure transparency and continued engagement.