

Title of Report:	Update on Progress - Causeway Coast and Glens Community Plan
Committee Submitted To:	Corporate Policy and Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	23 June 2026
For Decision/For Information	For Information
To be discussed In Committee	No

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
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

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>		
Section 75 Screening Transport Survey	Screening Completed & Approved	Yes	Date: 05.06.2026
	EQIA Required and Completed:	No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA) Transport Survey	Screening Completed & Approved	Yes	Date: 05.06.2026
	RNA Required and Completed:	No	Date:
Data Protection Impact	Screening Completed:	No	Date:

Assessment (DPIA)	DPIA Required and Completed:	No	Date:
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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.
- 2.3** 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.

- 2.4** 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

- 2.6** 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>

3.0 Other Business

3.1 Presentations

At its May meeting, the Community Planning Strategic Partnership received presentations on RAISE (DE) Programme from Ronan Flanagan and on the Age Friendly Programme within CCGBC by Stephanie Scott.

RAISE presentation:

The RAISE Programme is a whole community and place-based approach to tackling educational disadvantage in 18 localities across Northern Ireland, supporting the Department of Education's vision that "every child and young person is happy, learning and succeeding".

3.2 RAISE Programme's Strategic Objectives are:

- Raising achievement and addressing educational disadvantage; and
- Raising aspirations through a whole community approach to education.

Progress to date:

- Call 1 is completed and Letters of Offer issued to all organisations in Locality in March/April 2026- note Limavady did not have any advancing projects in Call 1.
- Home School Community Connections opened on 18 March 2026, closed on 29 April 2026 (Coleraine)
- Call 2 for Locality Led Projects opened on 19 March 2026, closed on 29 April 2026.
- Assessment Panels currently on going for both and to be completed early June 2026.
- Judicial Review returned on 12th December 2025 and upheld the Department of Education Methodology.

- Judicial Review currently in an appeals process. Appeal hearing has been completed, and the judgment is now awaited
- There is no injunction to restrict the delivery of the programme, and RAISE progressing as planned.

Cross-cutting initiatives:

- The RAISE Active Schools Programme Expression of Interest opened 27th April 2026, closed 8th May 2026.
- Holiday Revision Support Programme - Easter Revision Scheme 2026 completed.
- Online Professional Learning Programme for Primary School Teachers
- Reading with AI research study
- Alternative Education Models Pilot
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3.3 Age Friendly Programme – CCGBC

The main function of the Age Friendly programme is supporting & championing Older People; an overview of the Age Friendly Programme was provided to the partnership along with leaflets relating to information on 'Building the foundations 2021- 2025' with updates on the following.

- WHO Global Network membership achieved in 2021
- Age Friendly Charter developed through co-production in 2021
- Age Friendly Alliance and Age Friendly Forum established in 2022
- Older People's Voice Group established 2023
- Baseline assessment completed to inform strategy
- 2024–2027 Age Friendly Strategy and Action Plan launched- 4 thematic areas, 37 actions
- Forum and Alliance merged into one Age Friendly Partnership in March 2026

Progress to date

The Partnership were advised that the strategy had moved to a delivery phase. Cllr. Tanya Elder has been appointed the new Age Friendly Champion (March 2026) and Council signed the Age Friendly Employer Pledge in January 2026. The group were further updated that 7 priority actions have been agreed through the Age Friendly Partnership in March 2026 and that 33 of the 37 actions have demonstrated progress by March 2026.

The programme has successfully delivered intergenerational activities in connection with Sure Start Partnerships, Home Start Causeway, Causeway Loneliness Network and Connect North which led to positive feedback.

Future focus

The future focus and strategic priorities, advising that a Transport survey developed through the Community Planning Transport Group, will go out but older people may need support to complete. There will be an events organised over the next few months, Walking Football World Cup and Alcohol Awareness Week.

3.4 PSNI Update to Strategic Partnership

The PSNI are working with Millburn Community Development and have secured funding for a programme called 'Red Card to Harm'.

3.5 Transport update

Phase II of the Transport strategic priority has commenced with two virtual meetings already taken place on 17th February and 19th May. This has involved the reconvening of a Transport Working Group incorporating Dfl, Translink, Community Transport, Age Friendly Coordinator, Community Network Reps and CCGBC Staff. As part of an evidence gathering stage, it was agreed to develop and circulate a 'Transport Survey' within the CCGs area. **This element has been completed with the Survey going live on 1st June and will remain open until 31st August 2026.**

<https://causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/news/causeway-coast-and-glens-transport-survey-2026>

Both S75 Equality and Rural Need Screening have also been completed.

3.6 Coleraine Future Town Fund update

The Coleraine Future Town Fund (CFTF) team proposes to host an innovation workshop on 22 July in partnership with members of the Causeway Community Planning Partnership. The purpose of this session is to explore how the CFTF programme can work with the community planning Partnership to position CFTF as a demonstrator project driving innovation in community planning delivery.

CFTF currently sits as a key action within the Causeway Community Plan, and can add value to the local community plan as it brings:

A dedicated funding resource (approx. £20m over 10 years) which will enable community planning priorities to move from plans into projects and outcomes.

An independent strategic Board with a wide range of expertise and experience, which provides strategic oversight and challenge and includes a number of Community Planning Partners.

Reduced siloed thinking, strengthening collaboration across partners.

Departmental observers and engagement with central government, which facilitates better coordination and alignment with regional policy and budget priorities.

Place based delivery with a specific focus on Coleraine as a place which aligns closely with community planning's place-based approach, ensuring interventions meet local needs.

An opportunity for joined up working which could test the development and feasibility of joint programmes, joint budget and joint outcomes. CFTF can be aligned to current community planning outcomes (e.g. regeneration, wellbeing, inclusive growth).

CFTF funding can leverage other sources of match funding, including private investment.

Potential to test new approaches and pilot projects.

The workshop on the 22nd of July will bring aim to:
Examine how CFTF projects can better align with community planning priorities and shared outcomes. Identify opportunities for a coordinated approach across regional government departments and agencies e.g. Test and Learn initiative, and emerging revised People in Place Programme. Explore how integrated action planning can maximise impact, reduce duplication, and deliver long-term benefits for Coleraine.

Overall, this workshop is intended to position Coleraine as a model for collaborative, place-based delivery, demonstrating how CFTF can effectively support community planning objectives locally and further afield in both N. Ireland and beyond, through partnership and innovation.

3.7 Western Area Integrated Partnership Board

The Western Area Integrated Partnership Board have selected Limavady DEA as an area for engagement. The focus of this will be centred on starting well. An initial engagement session took place on the 11th of June.

3.8 Causeway Healthy Kids Evaluation

A presentation event showcasing the evaluation of the award-winning Causeway Healthy Kids Programme, conducted by Ulster University will be held on 25th June.

The event will provide an overview of the programme and highlight key findings from its three main delivery components: Eat Well to Be Well, Take 5 Steps to Wellbeing, and Physical Activity delivered in partnership with the

Northern Healthy Lifestyles Partnership and the Northern Health and Social Care Trust across 69 primary schools throughout the borough. We will also share our future plans and discuss the ongoing development of the programme.