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| Title of Report: | Dangerous Structure Update |
| Committee Report Submitted To: | Environmental Services Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 12th November 2024 |
| For Decision or For Information | For Information |
| To be discussed In Committee | NO |

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| Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25) | |
| Strategic Theme | Healthy and Engaged Communities |
| Outcome | Implementation of statutory requirements |
| Lead Officer | Head of Health & Built Environment |

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| Estimated Timescale for Completion | |
| Date to be Completed | N/A |

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| Budgetary Considerations | |
| Cost of Proposal | N/A |
| Included in Current Year Estimates | N/A |
| Capital/Revenue | N/A |
| Code | N/A |
| Staffing Costs | N/A |

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| Legal Considerations | |
| Input of Legal Services Required | NO |
| Legal Opinion Obtained | NO |

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| Screening Requirements | Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals. | | |
| Section 75 Screening | Screening Completed: | N/A | Date: |
| | EQIA Required and Completed: | N/A | Date: |
| Rural Needs Assessment (RNA) | Screening Completed | N/A | Date: |
| | RNA Required and Completed: | N/A | Date: |
| Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) | Screening Completed: | N/A | Date: |
| | DPIA Required and Completed: | N/A | Date: |

1.0 **Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Council on the ongoing investigation of a dangerous structure on Castle Street, Ballycastle.

2.0 **Background**

- 2.1 Further to a complaint to the Building Control department regarding the structural integrity of the former Antrim Arms building on Castle Street, Ballycastle, a structural engineer inspected the site on behalf of Council and recommended taking action to protect the public without delay.
- 2.2 In the interests of public safety, measures were taken to fence off the at risk area, necessitating a section of Fairhill Street to be closed to both traffic and pedestrians.
- 2.3 A Dangerous Structure notice has been issued to the owner of the property.
- 2.4 A specialist structural engineer has been engaged to evaluate options to make the building safe whilst seeking to preserve its status as a Grade B1 listed building.
- 2.5 Options for a pedestrian walkway to allow access to and from Fairhill Street are currently being assessed however, public safety remains the foremost priority.
- 2.6 The Building Control Department is liaising closely with Planning Service, the building owner and the Historic Environment Division to determine the most appropriate course of action. Investigations are ongoing.

3.0 **Recommendation**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the report is noted.