

## CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE MEMBERS COMMITTEE ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, LAKEVIEW ROAD, CRAIGAVON ON MONDAY 13 OCTOBER 2014 AT 6.00PM

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PRESENT: Councillor M T R Baxter (Chairman)  
Councillor P Duffy (Vice-Chairman)  
Aldermen: G A Hatch and Mrs G McCullough  
Councillors: D J Causby BSc, L Mackle BA Hons, N McGeown and J J Nelson MSc  
The Worshipful The Mayor, Councillor C C McCusker  
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Ms C Seeley

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APOLOGIES: Aldermen: Mrs C Lockhart BA (Hons) and Mrs M E Crozier  
Councillors: P W J Moutray BSc and M O'Dowd

IN ATTENDANCE: Director of Development (Ms O Murtagh)  
Head of Economic Development (Mrs N Wilson)  
Head of Community Development (Mrs L Moore)  
Development Manager (Mr R Griffin)  
Member Services Officer (Mrs C Taylor)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: For Item: D29`3/2014  
Representatives of Southern Regional College:  
Chief Executive (Mr B Doran)  
Director of Finance & Corporate Services (Mr J O'Hagan)  
Future Leisure Centre Project Sponsor (Mr R Lavery)  
Economic Development Manager (Mr C Tipping)  
Principal Administrative Officer (Mr L Porter)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: For Item: D294/2014  
Business Engagement Programme Project Manager (Mr M Gribben)  
Business Engagement Programme Project Administrator (Mrs A Barton)

### D291/2014 CONDOLENCES

The Chairman, Councillor Baxter, expressed condolences to Councillor Moutray on the death of his Grandmother.

It was

AGREED:

That a letter of condolence be sent to Councillor Moutray upon the death of his Grandmother.

### D292/2014 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Development Committee Meeting held on 8 September 2014, adopted by Council at its meeting on 7 October, with the exception of:

D239/2014 Regeneration and Development Strategy for the Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon District Council

D292/2014 MINUTES (contd)

- D241/2014 World Championships Bank Fishing with Lures 2015
- D243/2014 Review of Accommodation Policy – Stakeholder Engagement
- D245/2014 Northern Ireland Tourist Board (NITB) - Tourism Development Scheme (TDS) – Lough Neagh Integrated Visitor Experience (Craigavon - Pilot II Capital Implementation
- D254/2014 Creative Europe Funding Application
- D255/2014 Creative Momentum Application
- D289/2014 Approval to Appoint a Delivery Agent for 'Business Matching Phase II' to Target Vacancy Levels in Lurgan and Portadown Town Centres

which were adopted by Council at its meeting held on 15 September 2014, were noted.

*(Representatives of Southern Regional College, Chief Executive, Mr B Doran and Director of Finance & Corporate Services, Mr J O'Hagan entered the meeting)*

D293/2014 PRESENTATION – SOUTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE

At the September Meeting of the Development Committee, Members had agreed to receive a presentation from Southern Regional College (SRC) on their proposals for campus provision in the Craigavon Borough.

During the summer SRC announced their plans for investment in further education provision in the new Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon District Council area.

The proposals for the Craigavon Borough involved the creation of a new campus in the South Lake area adjacent to the proposed leisure services provision.

Following the presentation, Members were requested to provide direction and support on advising how Southern Regional College could progress their proposals for a new further education campus in the Craigavon Borough.

The Director of Finance & Corporate Services, SRC, gave a comprehensive presentation on the SRC proposals for campus provision in the Craigavon Borough.

Questions from Members were answered as follows:

- SRC owned the campus sites in Lurgan and Portadown.
- The difference in the uptake between full and part-time students in Lurgan and Portadown compared to the students in Newry, was due to the curriculum being split across the 2 campuses.
- SRC would be engaging with the University of Ulster in a partnership arrangement.
- Higher apprenticeships would be rolled out especially in Advanced Engineering and Software.
- The optimum location for the train halt was not yet finalised. Achieving a location that serviced and met the needs of all was challenging.
- Cycling paths were a big asset and SRC would be looking to develop these.
- SRC would expect the transport links to come through to the Civic Centre and the Rushmere Centre.
- SRC were planning to expand on working alongside the local business centre and were being proactive in revamping the curriculum. Pilots for

D293/2014 PRESENTATION – SOUTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE (contd)

- higher apprenticeships were being looked at as well as Level 5 and Level 6 qualifications.
- The college business support unit (i3) was a dedicated team working with small, micro and larger businesses in the area. They were also engaged with Council officers and helped to bring the partnership between SRC and Council's Economic Development Officers together.
- SRC did not envisage that moving to a Craigavon campus would impact on provision of trainees to companies. SRC would expect trainees to travel and there would be funding available for this.
- SRC were conscious of the environmental impact and would be working to minimise the impact and through the consultation process they would take steps to rectify this and landscape areas.
- Engagement would take place with the Ministerial Advisory Group on integration of the building into the landscape.
- SRC were in the process of appointing their design team. There would be wide consultation and they would seek to make the building as sympathetic as possible.
- Funding had been secured from the United Community fund of £22m.
- SRC would be engaging with the Agri Food sector.
- SRC did not believe A levels were what colleges of Further Education should be involved in, but they would not rule out this provision as A Levels were being provided currently in Armagh due to need.
- The curriculum strategy was aligned to identified future needs. SRC were mindful of future skill needs and responded to this by way of a changing curriculum. Engineering would be to the fore of what SRC would be providing.

In response to a query from Councillor Causby, the representatives of SRC undertook to follow up directly with the company he referred to regarding a skills gap in the workforce.

In response to a query from Councillor McGeown, the Principal Administrative Officer explained that, **Without Prejudice**, the College was in a fortunate position as there was no requirement to go out to public tender as the Department had the power to vest the land.

The Chairman thanked the representatives of SRC and suggested to them it would be useful to make their presentation to the ABC Council in the near future.

*(The representatives of SRC departed from the meeting at this juncture. The FLC Project Sponsor and Principal Administrative Officer also departed at this juncture)*

*(Councillor Duffy temporarily departed the meeting at 6.57pm and re-entered at 6.59pm and the Chairman, Councillor Baxter, temporarily departed from the meeting at 6.59pm and re-entered at 7.01pm)*

D294/2014 PRESENTATION – BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME

At the September 2014 meeting of Committee, Members agreed to receive a presentation from the Business Engagement Project team on progress and the project's newly developed Information Management System.

The Business Engagement Programme (BEP) was carrying out baseline assessments with 280 local businesses and providing mentoring support tailored to their specific needs.

D294/2014 PRESENTATION – BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME (contd)

The newly devised Information Management System was web based and assisted project managers, mentors and businesses in keeping track of progress through the programme.

The store of information built up by using the system also had the potential to aid the Economic Development unit in the design of new projects tailored to the specific needs of businesses in the locality and could be applied to future mentoring programmes as an effective means of monitoring progress.

*(The Project Manager of the Business Engagement Programme, Mr M Gribben and Project Administrator, Mrs A Barton entered the meeting).*

The Representatives of the Business Engagement Programme gave a comprehensive overview of the Programme.

The Chairman commended the representatives of the Business Engagement Programme for their work and advised of how encouraging this was to businesses in the Borough.

Questions from Members were answered as follows:

- Any business could avail of the Business Engagement Programme and in particular, focus was given to struggling businesses, especially in the area of accessing finance.
- Marketing initiatives had paid off and referrals were being seen from businesses.
- A tender was carried out by NORBIC for the mentors. The only advice the programme could not provide was legal advice regarding contracts.
- Mentors could focus on any area of the business: marketing, social media, branding, etc.
- Some business come on board at pre Go For It stage, then they come back to the Business Engagement Programme with a business plan when they require help.
- The Go For It campaign was aimed at new businesses. The Business Engagement Programme was something practical Council could offer business in the Borough.
- There were many Mentors to choose from who all worked with the businesses.

The Chairman thanked the representatives of the Business Engagement Programme and they departed from the meeting.

*(The Economic Development Officer also departed the meeting at this juncture)*

*(Councillor McGeown temporarily departed from the meeting at 7.18pm and re-entered at 7.19pm)*

## **URGENT BUSINESS**

D295/2014 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BANK FISHING WITH LURES 2015 (D241/2014)

The National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland (NCFFI) had approached Council Officers on a speculative basis to explore the potential of Craigavon hosting the World Championship Bank Fishing with Lures 2015 Event at Craigavon Lakes. The NCFFI had previously undertaken a site visit at the Lakes to establish its suitability.

D295/2014 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BANK FISHING WITH LURES 2015 (contd)

The NCFFI had submitted a bid to the World Federation to host the '2015 World Championships Bank Fishing with Lures' event with an estimated 17 national teams taking place. It was envisaged the event would take place at Craigavon Lakes from 20 – 25 May 2015 and Members had approved the level of funding required to host the event in the area in the region of £20,000 with a further 'cash-in-kind' amount being contributed by DCAL.

Councillor Causby referred to the issue of dog fouling around the lakes. He also referred to lack of signage and a programme of works that would be required to be undertaken in conjunction with the Leisure Services department.

It was proposed by Councillor Causby, seconded by Councillor Mackle, and

RECOMMENDED:

- (1) That at the meeting of the NCFFI's Executive Committee in Dublin on 2 October 2014 the selection of Craigavon Lakes to host the 2015 World Championships with Lures was unanimously agreed;
- (2) That the cost of hosting the Championship in 2015 was in the region of £20,000, previously agreed by Committee;
- (3) That this would be included in the events programme for Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council;
- (4) That issues of dog fouling and lack of signage be included in a programme of works for the Craigavon lakes area; and
- (5) That the issue of dog fouling at the Craigavon Lakes be referred to Environmental Services Committee.

D296/2014 CRAIGAVON MEANS BUSINESS – UPLIFT IN CONTRACT

Following a procurement exercise in October 2013, Stakeholder Communications were awarded a contract to showcase and raise awareness of the industrial strengths and economic growth of Craigavon.

Stakeholder Communications through a series of targeted initiatives were helping Council highlight Craigavon's economic strengths. One notable event was Craigavon Means Business at Stormont. This was followed by excellent PR in the Belfast Telegraph and Newsletter. Many positive and thought provoking pieces had been placed at key time and with industry leaders.

Officers had identified the need for additional PR the transition into the new Council took place, to ensure the businesses had every opportunity to grow and develop and for investment to be made in Craigavon.

Additional targeted PR to take Craigavon Borough Council up to the end of its lifetime would cost £5,640. Cost was based on an hourly rate.

The objectives of this PR had been agreed as:

D296/2014 CRAIGAVON MEANS BUSINESS – UPLIFT IN CONTRACT (contd)

- i. Supplementing Craigavon Means Business (CMB) and showcasing all CBC's business events and programmes
- ii. Showcase CBC's track record in generating external funds of £30m and why Craigavon is an excellent location for economic growth and investment
- iii. Reaffirm the strengths of Craigavon's business community as we move into a new Council
- iv. Position Craigavon as a centre of excellence in the Life and Health Sciences, agri-food and creative sectors.

Stakeholder Ltd had a contract for Craigavon Means Business at a cost of £24,850. This uplift would bring the contract to £30,490. The Procurement Officer had confirmed that this uplift would be acceptable. £5,640 required would be funded from existing resources.

It was proposed by Alderman Hatch, seconded by Councillor Nelson, and

**RECOMMENDED:**

- (1) That the uplift in contract with Stakeholders by £5,640 be approved. This will bring the contract from £24,850 to £30,490 and will be funded from existing budgets; and
- (2) That this matter be referred to the Mid Monthly meeting of Council to be held on 20 October 2014 for adoption.

**DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT'S REPORT**

D297/2014 URBAN VILLAGE SUBMISSION – UPDATE (D189/2014)

The decision to proceed with a report highlighting the need and opportunity that existed in the Brownlow area relative to the 'Together: Building a United Community Strategy' which proposed the designation of four urban villages across Northern Ireland, had been made previously.

Also, Colin and the Lower Newtownards Road had been announced as the first two urban villages. The purpose of the designation was to 'create and stabilise change within communities' and the Department for Social Development would work to have each area designated as a development zone and create project boards to coordinate and oversee the planning, design and delivery of all aspects of the urban villages.

As Brownlow exhibited many of the characteristics which led to the designation of these areas, Officers had prepared and submitted a paper making the case for Brownlow's potential designation as an urban village.

The paper had been submitted for Ministerial attention and to the relevant Departmental officials.

It was proposed to issue an invite to the Junior Ministers inviting them to visit the Borough and discuss the Urban Village submission.

It was proposed by The Mayor, Councillor McCusker, seconded by Alderman Hatch, and

D297/2014 URBAN VILLAGE SUBMISSION – UPDATE (D189/2014) (contd)

RECOMMENDED:

That correspondence be sent to the Junior Ministers inviting them to visit the Borough.

D298/2014 LIVING PLACES PUBLICATION/MAG ENGAGEMENT (D323/2013)

The DOE guidance document ‘Living Places - An Urban Stewardship & Design Guide for Northern Ireland’ had now been adopted by the Department of the Environment as Supplementary Planning Guidance. As such it would form a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. In short, the guide aimed to ‘...clearly establish the key principles behind good place making. It seeks to inform and inspire all those involved in the process of managing (stewardship) and making (design) urban places, with a view to raising standards across Northern Ireland.’ The full document could be viewed at [http://www.planningni.gov.uk/index/policy/supplementary\\_guidance/guides/livingplaces-web.pdf](http://www.planningni.gov.uk/index/policy/supplementary_guidance/guides/livingplaces-web.pdf)

In light of Council’s expanding role in relation to place making (including planning and regeneration) it was considered that this guidance was particularly relevant, and would inform the development of strategies and individual projects relating to urban places.

Also, in the context of place making and good design, the Ministerial Advisory Group for Architecture & the Built Environment (MAG) had previously contributed to the South Lake leisure centre project, in an advisory capacity. MAG was working to develop stronger relationships with Local Government and was understood to be establishing a pool of experts to work with the new Councils. There was an opportunity for Council to tap into this pool of expertise in relation to selected appropriate projects, utilizing MAG as a means of independent review, and as a link to Central Government policy direction. If utilized at appropriate stages within appropriate projects it was considered that MAG involvement could add value to local projects.

Mr Andrew Haley was a Director of the Paul Hogarth Company who prepared the Living Places document, and was also a member of MAG, and would therefore be well placed to brief Members in relation to both the ‘Living Places’ document and the potential value to Council of engagement with MAG in relation to selected projects.

Councillor Causby referred to the number of presentations coming to Committee and on behalf of his Party, suggested officers investigate ways of reducing presentations.

The Director suggested this presentation could take the form of a briefing at 5.30pm prior to Committee in December.

It was proposed by Councillor Causby, seconded by Councillor Nelson, and

RECOMMENDED:

- (1) That Mr A Haley of the Paul Hogarth Company (and MAG) be invited to a future meeting to deliver a presentation to Members on the adoption of ‘Living Places - An Urban Stewardship & Design Guide for Northern Ireland’, as well as the potential role of MAG in

- (2) the development of future physical/spatial projects; and

That ways of reducing the number of future presentations to Committee be investigated.

D299/2014 PORTADOWN LINKAGES (D192/2014)

The Portadown Linkages project involved a programme of Public Realm improvements within streets and spaces at the edge of Portadown town centre. The outline designs had been prepared along with a Public Realm strategy, and the Economic Appraisal had been completed.

The overall scheme had a potential works value in the region of £2.2m, and while the project had been developed in partnership with DSD it was not possible at present to confirm a funding package for the works. However, the project remained a priority on Council's capital plan, and it was expected that a further contribution from DSD would be forthcoming, and it was therefore proposed that the already appointed Integrated Consultant Team be instructed to commence work on the second stage of their appointment. Due to the uncertainty regarding funding, a number of 'breaks in appointment' were incorporated into the contract to enable Council to take the project as far as funding permitted.

The second phase of work would involve the completion of detailed designs, statutory approvals, and the preparation of the works information that would form the key component of a contractor procurement process. It was recommended that the cost (£18,100) of this work would be a prudent use of reserves in that it would fully develop the project to the extent that it would be ready, leaving Council in a position to progress delivery swiftly if funding became available for all or part of the scheme.

Councillor Causby advised that he had been involved in this project from the beginning and it was important to go ahead with it.

In response to a query from Councillor Duffy, the Director confirmed that the funding would come from within the capital programme budget.

It was proposed by Councillor Causby, seconded by Alderman Hatch, and

**RECOMMENDED:**

That approval be granted to proceed with the detailed design and preparation works information for the Portadown Linkages project at a cost of £18,100.

D300/2014 SOUTH LAKE MASTERPLAN (D190/2014)

A master-plan was to be prepared for lands adjacent to the South Lake. A Terms of Reference (ToR) had been prepared and the process of procuring a design team was underway. A number of other emerging projects led by Council and other parties had been progressing in recent months which had informed the development of the master-plan ToR.

The significance of Council's leisure centre project as a driver for wider development opportunities had previously been articulated, though Members may wish to note that Officers had recently been engaging with representatives from Southern Regional College (SRC) and neighbouring private sector landowners, including Rushmere.



SRC had announced the development of a new further education campus in Craigavon, to replace existing campuses in Lurgan and Portadown. This project would provide a single new high quality campus in Craigavon to serve schools, students, employers and the community, and was likely to have a value in the £20-30m range. SRC was currently completing a site selection process, which was likely to be influenced by Council's leisure project given the complementary nature of the respective uses.

As a significant neighbouring landowner, Officers had also engaged with representatives from Rushmere, who remained keen to explore options that might enable the expansion of their presence. Rushmere had received planning permission for an extension including 13,745 sq metres gross of retail floorspace; a 5 screen cinema; 5 restaurants; improvements to Lakeview Road; creation of a slip lane off Central Way; creation of a multi storey and surface level car parks; an integrated public transport hub; and associated site works. Due to land acquisition issues this scheme had not gone ahead, and a cinema project in the ownership of Omniplex was progressing on Highfield Road. Rushmere remained keen to explore development opportunities within the area on a similar or larger scale to the previous planning approval, which it was estimated would have provided 1,200 full or part time jobs on completion (+900 during construction), and potential business rates in the region of c£1.25m.

The South Lake master-plan would consider how best to release the collective regenerative impact of the complementary emerging projects (confirmed and proposed) within the area, which in addition to attracting significant numbers of visitors/shoppers/students to the area, had the potential to re-shape the town centre physically and broaden the offer of the area as a whole. The masterplan would explore potential for further development opportunities within Council-owned land, as well as improvements to local infrastructure.

Also, Queen's University Belfast Architecture Masters students were focusing on Craigavon this year and would carry out research and analysis regarding the history of Craigavon and future development opportunities. Officers would engage with QUB and consider how best to utilize the work of mature post-graduate architecture students to complement/benefit emerging Council strategy for Central Craigavon. PLACE NI was also hosting an exhibition in the Golden Thread Gallery in Belfast beginning on 23 October 2014, focusing on architecture and planning in Craigavon.

Delegated authority had been granted to the Director of Development to approve the appointment of an Integrated Consultant Team at a cost of up to £20,000.

In response to a query from Alderman Hatch, the Director confirmed that reports would be brought back to Members. She also confirmed that this would feed in as part of the Area Plan.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Ms Seeley requested that the findings of Queens University Students regarding Craigavon, would be passed on to the ABC Council.

It was

**RECOMMENDED:**

- (1) That the emerging opportunities within the South Lake area, and their potential to support the wider

development and regeneration of the central area, be noted; and

- (2) That the findings of the QUB Students in relation to Craigavon, be passed on to the ABC Students.

*(The Mayor, Councillor McCusker, departed from the meeting at 7.31pm)*

#### D301/2014 CIDF REVIEW & REFRESH

The CIDF was published in 2010 and while the action plan had shaped the local development agenda, it had remained under constant review and had been expanded upon as further opportunities had been identified. Significant progress had been made in line with the original action plan including multiple phases of Public Realm improvements in Lurgan and Portadown; shop-front improvement and shutter schemes; public artworks; a weekly market had been established in Lurgan. A multi-million pound programme of improvements to Portadown Rail Station had been completed, while Council continued to lobby for other transportation infrastructure improvements across the Borough. The full funding package for the People's Park in Portadown had been secured and was on course for completion in 2015. While not detailed in the CIDF, further projects had been identified including Portadown Linkages, Portadown Riversides, the South Lake master-plan, and a programme of improvements in Castle Lane in Lurgan including a 'pocket park'. Alongside a number of tourism, economic development and community initiatives, the local regeneration agenda had evolved during the last 5 years under the stewardship of Council and DSD.

However, some opportunities identified by the CIDF required significant private sector investment, and with the strategy launched during a period of unprecedented economic uncertainty, securing the necessary levels of investment had proved to be the greatest challenge. While preparatory work was undertaken, progress with concepts such as the Portadown Gateway and other development opportunity sites had ultimately been frustrated by either market conditions or a lack of public spending on infrastructure, or both. When LGR takes effect, 5 years would have passed since the launch of the CIDF. Much had changed during this time in terms of the local and regional context for regeneration, and with a period of major structural change across Government taking place, it was now considered timely to chart progress of the CIDF and to begin re-shaping a new action plan that would enable Council to lead regeneration in Craigavon up to and well beyond 2015.

It was therefore proposed to 'review and refresh' the CIDF. This process did not constitute an entirely new master-plan, instead the emphasis was on identifying those aspects of the original action plan which had perhaps not been delivered but remained valid and warrant fresh consideration. The consultant team would incorporate those projects and initiatives which had emerged since 2010, and most importantly would identify new themes, opportunities and actions to be added to the agenda and taken forward post-Local Government Reform. The impact of changes in legislation and new policy directions including those within public finance and planning would also need to be factored into the refreshed plan. This project was being developed in partnership with DSD who were preparing similar initiatives with Armagh and Banbridge, and expected to provide match-funding.

The Director explained that this had also been discussed with Armagh Council and it would be a joint Armagh/Craigavon review of the master-plans.

D301/2014 CIDF REVIEW & REFRESH (contd)

The Development Manager, in response to Alderman Hatch's query, advised that work was being undertaken with Armagh Council to confirm the joint cost and efficiencies would be achieved by partnering with Armagh.

It was

RECOMMENDED:

That the CIDF Review and Refresh be deferred for further information.

*(Councillor Mackle and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Ms Seeley, temporarily departed from the meeting at 7.34pm)*

D302/2014 CRAIGAVON PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014 – UPDATE (D242/2014)

Craigavon Borough Council had agreed to host the Craigavon Pipe Band Championships from 2013 – 2015 and the 2014 Craigavon Pipe Band Championships took place in Lurgan Park on 21 June 2014. A total of 1,916 paying customers attended the event which was almost double the previous year. In total 44 bands and 40 Drum Majors took part on the day making the event one of the largest events held by the Association in 2014. These participant numbers were better than the Ulster Championships and on a par with the All Ireland competition. The Secretary of the RSPBA (County Down Branch) had advised Council that it was a pleasure to bring the second Championship to Lurgan Park and to work with a professional team.

The net cost to stage the 2014 event was £12,631.43 and an additional £15,000 expended on television advertising promoting Lurgan Park events in June 2014.

It was proposed by Councillor Causby, seconded by Alderman Mrs McCullough, and

RECOMMENDED:

- (1) That approval be given to Lurgan Park as the location for the Craigavon Pipe Band Championships on 20 June 2015;
- (2) That approval be given to the amount in the region of £15,000 to stage the 2015 event and a further £15,000 to expend on television advertising to promote key events over the 2015 summer period;
- (3) That Members note that the Presiding Councillor for Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Council, Councillor Causby and Council Officers met with the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association (NI) (County Down Branch) (RSPBA) on 18 September 2014 to discuss the 2015 event and the potential way forward which may allow the new Council to host larger scale events to profile the area; and

- (4) That a report would be submitted to the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council to bring forward a proposal to the Association regarding potential events from 2016 onwards which could be hosted in the new Council area.

*(The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Ms Seeley returned to the meeting at 7.35pm and Alderman Hatch departed from the meeting at this time)*

D303/2014 PROPOSED – THE VIKING EXPERIENCE EVENT 2015

The Steering Group of Portadown 400 tasked Officers to explore the possibility of restaging the very successful Viking Event that was held during the Portadown 400 celebrations in 2013. Throughout 2014, a year long commemoration of the 1,000th anniversary of Brian Boru's death at the Battle of Clontarf was staged.

At the February 2014 meeting of Committee, it was agreed that Officers could proceed with the organisation of the event subject to additional funding becoming available through Good Relations/PEACE III. This funding did become available allowing Officers to deliver a very successful, enjoyable and informative Viking Experience. The event attracted significant attendance by local residents and visitors to the Borough.

In response to a query from The Chairman, the Head of Economic Development advised that there had been a big increase in numbers from the first year and also a rise in the number of people taking part.

It was proposed by Alderman Mrs McCullough, seconded by Councillor Nelson, and

RECOMMENDED:

- (1) That approval be given to the allocation of funds in the region of £22,000 to stage the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Viking Experience Event in April/May 2015 and submit this request to the Shadow Council as a priority for the Events programme and budget of the new Council in 2015/2016; and
- (2) That the matter be referred to the new Council for endorsement.

D304/2014 BLEARY CREATIVE COMMUNITY CENTRE – NEW ENTRANCE (D269/2014)

The works at the Bleary site were progressing to plan and were on target to complete at the end of December 2014.

SOAR had approved a grant to carry out a feasibility study for a proposed MUGA on the remaining unused ground to the rear (north) of the Creative Community Centre. Should the proposed MUGA become a reality, the combined facilities would be an exemplar community facility for a village in Northern Ireland.

Local community groups, realizing the potential in the area, had been lobbying DRD Roads Service for a pedestrian crossing to be installed in the vicinity of Bleary Primary School and the new Council centre.

D304/2014 BLEARY CREATIVE COMMUNITY CENTRE – NEW ENTRANCE (contd)

Initial comments from Roads Service were that the existing entrance to the Creative Community Centre would need to move west along Deans Road approximately 10m to satisfy the statutory requirements of distances between the entrance and any new pedestrian crossing.

Although there was no guarantee that a MUGA would be funded, Officers recommended that the location of the entrance be moved to facilitate a proposed pedestrian crossing during the current construction phase as greater costs would be incurred at a later stage.

An estimate to carry out the work from the contracted architect for Bleary amounts to approximately £6,000 to include new drawings, planning permissions, rearranging street lighting and road gulleys. The contractor had confirmed that he would be able to complete this work in the same timescale as the existing contract.

It was proposed by The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Ms Seeley, seconded by Councillor Causby, and

RECOMMENDED:

- (1) That approval be given to the additional budget estimated at £6,000 to carry out the necessary work; and
- (2) That the matter be referred to the Mid Monthly meeting of Council to be held on 20 October 2014 for adoption.

D305/2014 TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION – UPDATE (D247/2014)

Members were aware of the 6 week long **Love Craigavon...this Summer** campaign that took place across Craigavon in July and August 2014. Following significant campaign exposure across many mediums including local and regional press, radio, web and other digital media the monetary value of the PR for the campaign had been calculated to be in excess of £56,000 with over 1.3 million opportunities to see.

In relation to Town Centre Wifi, September 2014 saw an intensive promotional campaign to increase awareness of the Wifi and encourage Locali downloads. This included press advertising and editorial, bus streetliners, window clings for town centre retailers, window vinyls at Magowan West, Portadown and a dedicated promotional stand at Country Comes to Town. There was now an average of 2000 people using Wifi in each of the three centres on a monthly basis.

In addition, an innovative campaign to win an Apple ipad whilst also promoting Locali operated via the Discover Craigavon Facebook page with likes increasing by over 500 to 8555 during the 3 week period.

Councillor Nelson asked if there had been any impact of the investment in the PR campaign and if there had been an increase in visitor numbers. In response, the Director advised that an average of 2,000 users were now availing of the Wifi. She undertook to engage with business leaders and the Chambers of Commerce in the towns and bring a report back to November Committee. She also undertook to bring more qualitative information to Members.

D305/2014 TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION – UPDATE (D247/2014) (contd)

It was

RECOMMENDED:

- (1) That the value of destination PR coverage achieved for the Love Craigavon...this Summer campaign was £56,602.05 with 1,332,783 opportunities to see and review;
- (2) That the UTV television advert for the Love Craigavon campaign contained in Appendix 2. This appeared 22 times during prime time TV and constituted £5,000 worth of free advertising from Council's media partner for the campaign – U105;
- (3) That Members note the creative used and promotion obtained for the recent Town Centre WiFi/Locali App promotional campaign; and
- (4) That qualitative information be brought back to November Committee from business leaders and the Chambers in the towns.

D306/2014 MARKETING CAMPAIGN – SOUTHERN SHORES OF LOUGH NEAGH (SOAR)

Approval was previously granted to appoint Lyle Bailie International Ltd to deliver a SOAR funded Marketing Campaign for the Southern Shores of Lough Neagh, valued at £37,935.81. Billboard and radio mediums were used intermittently across a 3 month duration.

Two visuals were adapted – one depicting the message 'A Day Away' to convey Lough Neagh's enchanting beauty and the other – 'Wild at Play', illustrating the unique wildlife of the Lough. Copies of the visuals had been circulated previously.

A total of 103 sites were secured across on main arterial routes NI province-wide, including border Counties of Monaghan and Donegal. Cycles 1 and 2 were in-situ from for a two-week period during June and July 2014, respectively. Copies of the visuals in-situ had been circulated previously.

Three separate weeks of radio activity were aired across Cool FM, Downtown Radio, U105, Citybeat, Q Network and Classic FM during prime morning, noon and afternoon airtimes, with a total of 1,245 x 20 second spots being secured.

The script, which was a sound file, had been circulated previously.

Lyle Bailie International Ltd compiled a project evaluation report which indicated that the overall campaign achieved an 87% audience reach, reflecting a strong performance of marketing activity, with commendations received from both the Northern Ireland Tourist Board and Lough Neagh Partnership.

D306/2014     MARKETING CAMPAIGN – SOUTHERN SHORES OF LOUGH NEAGH (SOAR)  
(contd)

It was

RECOMMENDED:

That the visuals and sound files used as part of the Southern Shores Marketing Campaign be noted and the evaluation conducted as part of the campaign, be acknowledged.

D307/2014     CRAFT STREET – COUNTRY COMES TO TOWN (D153/2014)

As part of the Country Comes to Town 2014 event, Council had organised a dedicated interactive craft street at Edward Street, featuring 7 highly skilled demonstrators including Moneypenny's Blacksmiths, Straw Crafts, Welig Heritage Crafts, Carrickmacross Lace, Blackthorn Sticks, Weaving and a Ceramicist.

Craft Street was very well received throughout the day and formed an integral feature of this year's event. Feedback from the demonstrators included: "I really enjoyed it, so hopefully we can do it again next year" and "Saturday was a great success – see you next year". Retailers at Edward Street highly commended the professional quality of Craft Street and also reported their busiest retail day of the year, with visitors from throughout the region.

A selection of imagery had been circulated previously.

It was proposed by Alderman Mrs McCullough, seconded by Councillor Causby, and

RECOMMENDED:

That the imagery collated from Craft Street organised by Council as a part of the Country Comes To Town, be noted.

D308/2014     LIFE SCIENCES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SOUTHERN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TRUST (D256/2014)

Economic Development Officers had been working with Southern Health and Social Care Trust (SHSCT) Senior Management towards the completion of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which would highlight the commitment of both organisations to work together to promote Craigavon as a Centre of Excellence for Life Sciences.

The SHSCT had now agreed to the wording of the MOU, a copy of which can be found at **Appendix 1**.

The proposed MOU provided a basis for greater collaboration between Council and the Health Trust. This collaboration provided the potential for greater draw-down of European funding which could be used to promote and enhance Life and Health Sciences locally, a key growth sector for the area.

The proposed collaboration would operate initially for a period of 5 years subject to annual review by a steering committee made up of Council Economic Development Officers and SHSCT management and Consultant Cardiologists.

D308/2014 LIFE SCIENCES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SOUTHERN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TRUST (D256/2014) (contd)

Subject to agreement by Council the Memorandum of Understanding would be launched at the second Annual Life Sciences Conference on 28 November 2014 in the presence of Ministers Wells and Foster.

Councillor Causby congratulated the officers involved in this project, in particular, the Head of Economic Development and her team.

It was proposed by Councillor Causby, seconded by Councillor Duffy, and

RECOMMENDED:

- (1) That approval be given to the agreement to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Southern Health & Social Services Trust for the advancement of the life and health science sector with a view to an official launch at the second annual Life & Health Science conference on 28 November 2014; and
- (2) That congratulations be passed on to officers for their work.

D309/2014 ABSENCE MANAGEMENT

Absence statistics for the Development Directorate for the 2014/15 financial year, month of August 2014 had been circulated previously. Comparison figures had been provided for the 3 previous years. 87.2% of employees within Development had recorded no absence in August 2014.

The absence figure for the month of August 2014 relating to the year to date was 6.8%.

It was

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be noted.

D310/2014 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT APRIL TO AUGUST 2014 (D263/2014)

The Department was £8k under budget for the 2014/2015 financial year. This was primarily through additional income received in the town halls and community centres.

Councillor Causby welcomed the increase in income at the town halls and community centres.

It was

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be noted.



D311/2014 HEALTH & SAFETY ADVISOR'S QUARTERLY INCIDENT SUMMARY – 1 APRIL 2014 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

A comprehensive report on incident statistics within Council and the introduction of new or amended legislation and other relevant Health & Safety information had been circulated previously.

It was

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be noted.

D312/2014 EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND

The European Social Fund was an EU fund to address economic inactivity and increase workforce skills. The programme was administered by the Department for Employment and Learning (DEL). Funding was allocated by means of an open call for projects. Successful projects attracted funding of up to 65% of the total project costs and project promoters were expected to find the remaining 35% funding from other sources.

DEL had advised that a call for projects would be launched in mid-November 2014 with a closing date at the end of December 2014. Projects would be assessed by a range of selection panels and it was expected that approvals would be issued late January/early February 2015 spanning 2015-2018.

Reports had identified the inactivity levels in some communities as a barrier for the region's competitiveness. The changing skills requirements of the new growth sectors meant that there was a need to ensure that residents had access to the skills that they needed to access future employment opportunities.

DEL had recently announced a series of road shows to publicise the forthcoming new European Social Fund 2014-2020. Officers would report back to Committee on further details of the programme after the consultative workshops.

It was

RECOMMENDED:

That a report in relation to the roll out of the European Social Fund would be presented to a future Committee meeting following consultative workshops.

D313/2014 EXTERNAL FUNDING

All sections across the Development Department had successfully identified, secured and utilised grant funds to enhance their area of work. The SOAR Rural Development Programme had secured more than £14million to support rural businesses and community and Council projects throughout the Armagh, Craigavon and Newry & Mourne areas (2007–2015). Economic Development had attracted more than £2.3million for a range of business support programmes and secured a further £300k from the SOAR budget for a local creative project. Town Centres and Tourism had benefitted from £3.3million of grant aid (inc. £250,000 from SOAR). The Peace Officers accessed almost £1.6million to deliver their action plans. The Policing and Community Safety Partnership (previously District Policing Partnership and Community Safety Partnership) secured £800k for a broad range of community

## D313/2014 EXTERNAL FUNDING (contd)

initiatives. The SPACE Project would be implemented with a total budget of almost £5.5million for park redevelopment and community engagement. A range of Community Development initiatives, including development of rural villages, the Good Relations Action Plan, capacity building of community representatives and development of service provision in Community Centres was made possible through a further £1.5million.

This external funding had also supported 12 posts and created a further 27 new posts within the Development Department.

With the level of expertise and experience within the Department, future opportunities, especially through EU funding could be maximised. It was expected that the next round of Interreg and Peace funding would be launched in Spring 2015.

A breakdown of funding programmes had been circulated previously.

The Chairman advised this was a phenomenal amount of money and commended officers in attracting this funding. The asked that congratulations be passed on to staff.

It was proposed by The Chairman, Councillor Baxter, seconded by Councillor Causby, and

### RECOMMENDED:

- (1) That the significant investment of £29m secured by Officers in the Development department to assist local businesses and communities, be acknowledged;
- (2) That examples of Best Practice be entered into award schemes; and
- (3) That officers be commended upon attracting this significant funding.

## **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### D314/2014 LURGAN PUBLIC REALM UPDATE (D192/2014)

The current status of each phase of work had been circulated previously under the following headings:

- Phase 2 (High Street & Market Street/William Street/Edward Street)
- Phase 2 Extension (North Street)
- Phase 3 (Union Street/Carnegie Street/Castle Lane/Church Walk/Watsons Lane)

DSD had yet to commit funding to this phase of the project, though the estimated savings from Phase 2/North Street along with committed Council contribution are expected to make up approximately 75% of the total estimated cost.

Council had contributed £200,000 to Phase 2.

D314/2014 LURGAN PUBLIC REALM UPDATE (D192/2014) (contd)

Council had committed a contribution of £130,000 to the extension of Phase 2 into North St. Any budget remaining following completion of North Street would be utilised through the Phase 3 work.

Council had committed a contribution of £300,000 to Phase 3.

D315/2014 PORTADOWN RIVERSIDES (D191/2014)

The Portadown Riversides project would identify a series of physical interventions to improve the quality of lands adjacent to the River Bann on the edge of Portadown Town Centre by upgrading access, promoting leisure and recreation uses, and accommodating appropriate small scale development opportunities. It was anticipated that measures would include, but would not be limited to, re-surfacing, planting and landscaping, lighting, signage, furniture, orientation and interpretation, the identification of potential locations for public art or other points of interest, revised boundary treatments, additional tourism and events infrastructure, and the development of play park facilities.

A pre-qualification process had been completed and tender responses were now being sought from selected companies to form an integrated consultant team to prepare conceptual designs and associated cost estimates. Details of the appointed team and the project programme would be confirmed in a future report.

The Professional fee budget of up to £25,000.00 would be funded from within existing CIDF capital budget.

Councillor Causby referred to the Hoys Meadow area and advised that he had spoken to the Leisure Services department, who had agreed to undertake remedial works and put measures in place to prevent antisocial behaviour. He advised a collaborative approach was required as the area was underutilised.

It was

RECOMMENDED:

That a collaborative approach between departments be taken regarding remedial works and measures to prevent antisocial behaviour at Hoys Meadow.

D316/2014 LIFE SCIENCES INNOVATION PROGRAMME (D265/2014)

The Life Sciences Innovation project had progressed beyond its initial desktop research stage which involved an examination of local Craigavon based businesses to determine suitable candidates for the programme.

A long list of 95 possible companies had been identified and these had been invited to an initial 'Business and Product Innovation Networking Event' to be held on 13 October 2014 in Craigavon Civic and Conferencing Centre.

The event would involve a range of speakers from the Life and Health Sciences Industry speaking to the participating companies on a range of issues around innovation and new product development as well as funding and support opportunities for small businesses.

D316/2014 LIFE SCIENCES INNOVATION PROGRAMME (D265/2014) (contd)

It was anticipated that 40 companies would attend the upcoming event with 10 of these being identified as suitable for specific tailored support in developing new products and services in the Life and Health Sciences Sector.

The remaining 30 participants would be offered a place on the Business Engagement Programme which provided for a wide range of business needs through mentoring or direct referral to existing support programmes most suited to their needs.

D317/2014 PEACE III CLOSURE

The Peace III Southern Partnership Peace & Reconciliation Action Plan, (Phases 1 and 2, 2007 – 2014) was developed in order to deliver Priority 1.1 of the Peace III Programme – Building Positive Relations at a local level.

This programme resulted in £9,094,936 being secured in order to implement the Southern Peace & Reconciliation Action Plan across the Southern cluster area. Craigavon Borough Council was responsible for the delivery of the Investing in Our Future priority with a total budget of £1,590,983.30.

Information had been received from the Special EU Programmes Body regarding the closure of the PEACE III programme. The entire programme delivered by the PEACE III Southern Partnership would close on 30 September 2014. Craigavon Borough Council was a Partner Delivery Agent of the Southern Partnership and delivered the Investing in Our Future Priority contained in the *PEACE III Southern Partnership Peace and Reconciliation Action Plan Phase 2*. The other Partner Deliver Agents were Armagh City and District Council, Banbridge District Council and Newry and Mourne District Council.

At present the Investing in Our Future team were currently in the process of closing down the programme. This included archiving all the project files and claim files for the past 5 years and also ensuring that the Finance Department received all of the claims and procurement for the month of September 2014. It also involved compiling, analyzing and uploading all evaluation questionnaires and end of project reports onto the Southern Partnerships database.

Members were informed that on 22 September 2014 The PEACE Cooperation Programme (PEACE IV) was submitted to the European Commission for negotiation and also final approval. Early indications were that the negotiations were anticipated to take 6 months. At this stage it was thought that the earliest call for applications was likely to be late spring 2015. It was envisaged that applications would have to be submitted in late Summer/early Autumn 2015 and then a 42-week assessment period would take place. At this stage it was thought that programmes would not then roll out until Winter 2016/Spring 2017.

D318/2014 RESPONSE ON CAP REFORM

Correspondence had been received from OFMDFM regarding a resolution on CAP implementation, issued on the behalf of DARD.

This provided a significant increase in funding to the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 of £623 million. Of this £287m, would be allocated to improve the competitiveness of farm and agri-food businesses; £256million to protect the rural environment; and £80 million to assist in the development of rural economies and to create jobs.

D319/2014 TOURIST INFORMATION ENQUIRIES AT LURGAN, PORTADOWN AND LOUGH NEAGH DISCOVERY CENTRE TIPs (D276/2014)

SLA agreements were operational at Lurgan Town Hall, Millennium Court Arts Centre and Lough Neagh Discovery Centre VIPs for the provision of visitor information.

Monthly enquiry statistics are detailed below.

<b>AUGUST 2014</b>			
	<b>COUNTER</b>	<b>TELEPHONE</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Lough Neagh Discovery Centre	4,081	121	<b>4,202</b>
Millennium Court Arts Centre	361	61	<b>422</b>
Lurgan Town Hall	246	1	<b>247</b>

D320/2014 BROWNLOW COMMUNITY HUB PROGRESS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2014 (D283/2014)

CBC Arts Development hosted a Cinema/film showing of Mama Mia to 100 people at the Hub. The organiser felt the Hub was a great central Craigavon location and the main hall with its large screen and data projector suited the project perfectly.

The Hub kicked off the 'Brownlow Festival Week'. Brownlow Hub Fun Day started the week-long activities with its annual celebration birthday for the facility. The Fun Day had lots to do for all the family including, sports, arts and crafts, climbing wall, magic show to name a few with around 500 people attending.

The Hub car park facilitated a Peace 3 project 'Cinemobile'. The mobile cinema held 3 shows which achieved full capacity with around 100 people at each. This project proved very successful and offers the opportunity for further outdoor screenings in future.

Income in September 2014 was £8,521.52.

D321/2014 BROWNSTOWN JUBILEE COMMUNITY CENTRE PROGRESS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2014 (D284/2014)

September had seen an increase in the number of bookings using the centre as well as a continuation of all regular bookings.

New bookings for the month had included the Craigavon Foreign Bird Society Show, an eight-week family learning programme organised by Clounagh Junior High School. A new Yoga class had commenced led by instructor Julie Osborne, new dance classes were running four evenings per week led by Jill Dickson Monte and a MacMillan Cancer Coffee Morning took place in the centre on 27 September 2014.

Currently staff were sourcing foyer furniture and a reception desk for the centre. In addition, along with Killicomaine Jubilee Community Centre, staff were sourcing internal and external signage for both centres.

The income was £1537.80 in September 2014.

D321/2014 BROWNSTOWN JUBILEE COMMUNITY CENTRE PROGRESS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2014 (D284/2014) (contd)

In response to a query from Alderman Mrs McCullough, it was

RECOMMENDED:

That the acoustic noise at Brownstown Jubilee Community Centre, be investigated.

D323/2014 KILLICOMAINIE JUBILEE COMMUNITY CENTRE PROGRESS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2014 (D284/2014)

Killicomainie Residents group held a Citizens Advice drop-in morning in the Community Centre on 23 September 2014, this proved very successful and the event was well attended by members of the community. There have also been meetings held with the community to try and initiate a Parent and Toddlers Group and 50+ Group at Killicomainie Jubilee Community Centre.

The centre had been busy with bookings - September had seen 2 new fitness classes starting, a new yoga class and a cook-it programme for the community. The Southern Regional College were holding an enrolment day in the Community Centre on 30 September 2014 for a computer course and essential skills in Maths and English which were all being held at Killicomainie Jubilee Community Centre.

Income £3,171.72 for September 2014

D324/2014 PLAYScheme PROGRESS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2014 (D286/2014)

All Playschemes, (Hub, Killicomainie, Brownstown, Avenue Road and North Lurgan) reopened for normal business at the end of August 2014 following the summer schemes. Numbers had been steady throughout September 2014 and were expected to continue to rise as Autumn approached. The Playscheme in the Hub had initiated their sports programme with the Active Community Coaches for fun sports and badminton.

Over 200 leaflets were sent out in Killicomainie with the Centre Manager's newsletter to promote the Playscheme and increase participation. Two afterschool clubs were very lucky to have Lidl surprises visiting with goody bags for the children and vouchers for the parents.

The theme for this month was 'Autumn' with the children taking nature walks and encouraged to spend time outdoors as the weather had been so good. Playleaders and children had been busy making Autumnal creations to be displayed within the building. Future planning included Halloween Activities and continued works with the Hub Garden Project.

**CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

D325/2014 EAST BORDER REGION

A Confidential report on this item of business can be found at **Appendix 2.**

D326/2014 PROPOSALS ON TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

A Confidential report on this item of business can be found at **Appendix 3.**

D327/2014 HONORARIUM REQUEST: CENTRE ATTENDANCE AT PORTADOWN TOWN HALL

A Confidential report on this item of business can be found at **Appendix 4.**

*(The Head of Community Development departed from the meeting at this juncture)*

D328/2014 GOOD RELATIONS EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS (D288/2014)

A Confidential report on this item of business can be found at **Appendix 5.**

The meeting finished at 7.59pm.

CHAIRMAN\_\_\_\_\_

DATE\_\_\_\_\_

**D308/2014 LIFE SCIENCES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SOUTHERN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TRUST (D256/2014)**

The overall aim of the collaboration between Craigavon Borough Council (Council) and the Southern Heath and Social Care Trust (Trust) is to work together to promote Craigavon as a Centre of Excellence for Life Sciences.

The objectives of the collaboration are to:

- i. Facilitate collaborative working between the Council and the Trust to promote the development of the economy through the Life Sciences in the Council area **and promote the health and well-being of the population.**
- ii. Enhance the centre of excellence at the Cardiovascular Research Department, Craigavon Area Hospital.
- iii. Exploit funding opportunities through Invest NI, European or other funding to provide business support and business development programmes that will encourage economic growth in the Craigavon Borough and to enhance facilities in the Cardiovascular Research Department, Craigavon Area Hospital, in accordance with the strategic objectives and priorities of the Trust.

The proposed framework for implementation of the collaboration is as follows:

1. The composition and terms of reference of the Steering Committee are outlined in Appendix 1A.
2. The collaboration described above will operate initially for a period of five years from the date of signature and may be extended with the written agreement of both Parties. The Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Party, provided that six months' notice is given in writing.
3. **Both Parties may develop and exploit other collaboration outside the scope of this Memorandum of Understanding in accordance with and subject to the regulations of their respective organisations.**
4. There will be an annual review of progress by the Steering Committee to assess the effectiveness of the framework for the collaboration. Changes to the content of the Memorandum of Understanding may be made with the written agreement of both Parties.

**Signed by Chief Executive**  
**On behalf of Craigavon Borough Council**

**Date:**

**Signed by Chief Executive**  
**On behalf of the Southern Heath and Social Care Trust**

**Date:**



## Composition and Terms of Reference of Steering Committee

### Composition

#### **Craigavon Borough Council**

Head of Economic Development  
Life Sciences Project Manager  
Economic Development Officer

#### **Southern Health and Social Care Trust**

Associate Medical Director Research & Development  
Director of Performance and Reform  
Head of Service, Cardiology  
Consultant Cardiologists (Directors of Cardiovascular Research and Interventional Cardiology)  
Research Manager

(Chairman and Secretariat to rotate on annual basis between Craigavon Borough Council and the Southern Health and Social Care Trust)

### Terms of Reference

1. To maintain high level contacts between Craigavon Borough Council and the Southern Health and Social Care Trust, with the aim of identifying and exploiting opportunities to promote and enhance Craigavon as a Centre of Excellence in Life Sciences in the area and at the Cardiovascular Research Department, Craigavon Area Hospital.
2. To consider appropriate funding opportunities to provide business support and business development programmes that will encourage economic growth in the Craigavon Borough and enhance facilities at the Cardiovascular Research Department, Craigavon Area Hospital in accordance with the strategic objectives and priorities of the Trust.
3. To assess the effectiveness of the framework for the collaboration between Craigavon Borough Council and the Southern Health and Social Care Trust as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding and to agree any changes necessary in relation to its continuation or renewal.
4. It is proposed that the Steering Group will meet at least twice annually.

ITEM FOR DECISION

**3.1 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BANK FISHING WITH LURES 2015 (D241/2014)**

Report by: Sandra Durand, Tourism Development Manager

**Purpose of Report**

To advise Members that at the meeting of the National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland's (NCFFI) Executive Committee in Dublin on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 the selection of Craigavon Lakes to host the 2015 World Championships with Lures was unanimously agreed.

**Recommendation**

- 1 That Members note at the meeting of the NCFFI's Executive Committee in Dublin on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 the selection of Craigavon Lakes to host the 2015 World Championships with Lures was unanimously agreed;**
- 2 That Members note the cost to host the Championship in 2015 is in the region of £20,000 and that the budget was previously agreed at Committee; and**
- 3 That this will be included in the events programme for the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council.**

**Key Issues**

Members will be aware that the National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland (NCFFI) approached Council Officers on a speculative basis to explore the potential of Craigavon hosting the World Championship Bank Fishing with Lures 2015 Event at Craigavon Lakes. The NCFFI had previously undertaken a site visit at the Lakes to establish its suitability. The NCFFI is the only recognized management body for all coarse anglers in the North and the South of Ireland whether as club members or as individual anglers.

Members will also be aware that the NCFFI submitted a bid to the World Federation to host the '2015 World Championships Bank Fishing with Lures' event with an estimated 17 national teams taking place. It was envisaged the event would take place at Craigavon Lakes from 20 – 25 May 2015 and Members approved the level of funding required to host the event in the area in the region of £20,000 with a further 'cash-in-kind' amount being contributed by DCAL.

**Employee Implications**

N/A

**Financial Implications**

Funding in the region of £20,000 is prioritized from the Events Budget of the new Council 2015/2016.

**Level of Delegated Authority Sought**

N/A

**Equality Screening**

N/A

## ITEM FOR DECISION

### 3.2 CRAIGAVON MEANS BUSINESS – UPLIFT IN CONTRACT

Report by: Nicola Wilson, Head of Economic Development

#### Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek Members' approval to uplift a contract with Stakeholder Procurement by an additional £5,640 to be funded from existing budgets.

#### Recommendation

- 1 That Members approve uplifting a contract with Stakeholders by £5,640. This will bring the contract from £24,850 to £30,490 and will be funded from existing budgets; and**
- 2 That the matter is referred to the Mid-Monthly meeting of Council due to the timescale involved.**

#### Background

Following a procurement exercise in October 2013, Stakeholder Communications were awarded a contract to showcase and raise awareness of the industrial strengths and economic growth of Craigavon.

Stakeholder Communications through a series of targeted initiatives are helping Council highlight Craigavon's economic strengths. One notable event was Craigavon Means Business at Stormont. This was followed by excellent PR in the Belfast Telegraph and Newsletter. Many positive and thought provoking pieces have been placed at key time and with industry leaders.

#### Key Issues

Officers have identified the need for additional PR as we move into the new Council to ensure our businesses have every opportunity to grow and develop and for investment to be made in Craigavon.

Additional targeted PR to take Craigavon Borough Council (CBC) up to the end of its lifetime would cost £5,640. Cost is based on an hourly rate.

The objectives of this PR have been agreed as:

- (1) Supplementing Craigavon Means Business (CMB) and showcasing all CBC's business events and programmes
- (2) Showcase CBC's track record in generating external funds of £30m and why Craigavon is an excellent location for economic growth and investment
- (3) Reaffirm the strengths of Craigavon's business community as we move into a new Council
- (4) Position Craigavon as a centre of excellence in the Life and Health Sciences, agri-food and creative sectors.

### **3.2 CRAIGAVON MEANS BUSINESS – UPLIFT IN CONTRACT – Cont.**

#### **Employee Implications**

N/A

#### **Financial Implications**

Stakeholder Ltd have a contract for Craigavon Means Business at a cost of £24,850. This uplift would bring the contract to £30,490. Procurement Officer has confirmed that this uplift would be acceptable.

£5,640 required would be funded from existing resources.

#### **Level of Delegated Authority Sought**

N/A

#### **Equality Screening**

N/A

# **Estates Strategy and Plans - A Presentation to Craigavon Borough Council**

***Presented by:***

Brian Doran, Chief Executive, and  
Jim O'Hagan, Director of Finance and Corporate Services

Date: 13 October 2014

# General overview

1. College background and overview
2. Estates Plans an Overview
3. More specific detail on our Plans for Craigavon
4. Questions / Discussion

# College background and overview



# 1. SRC Background and Overview

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*1 August 2007  
3 x colleges merge*



*New single college -  
building on strengths  
of 3 former colleges*



armagh college  
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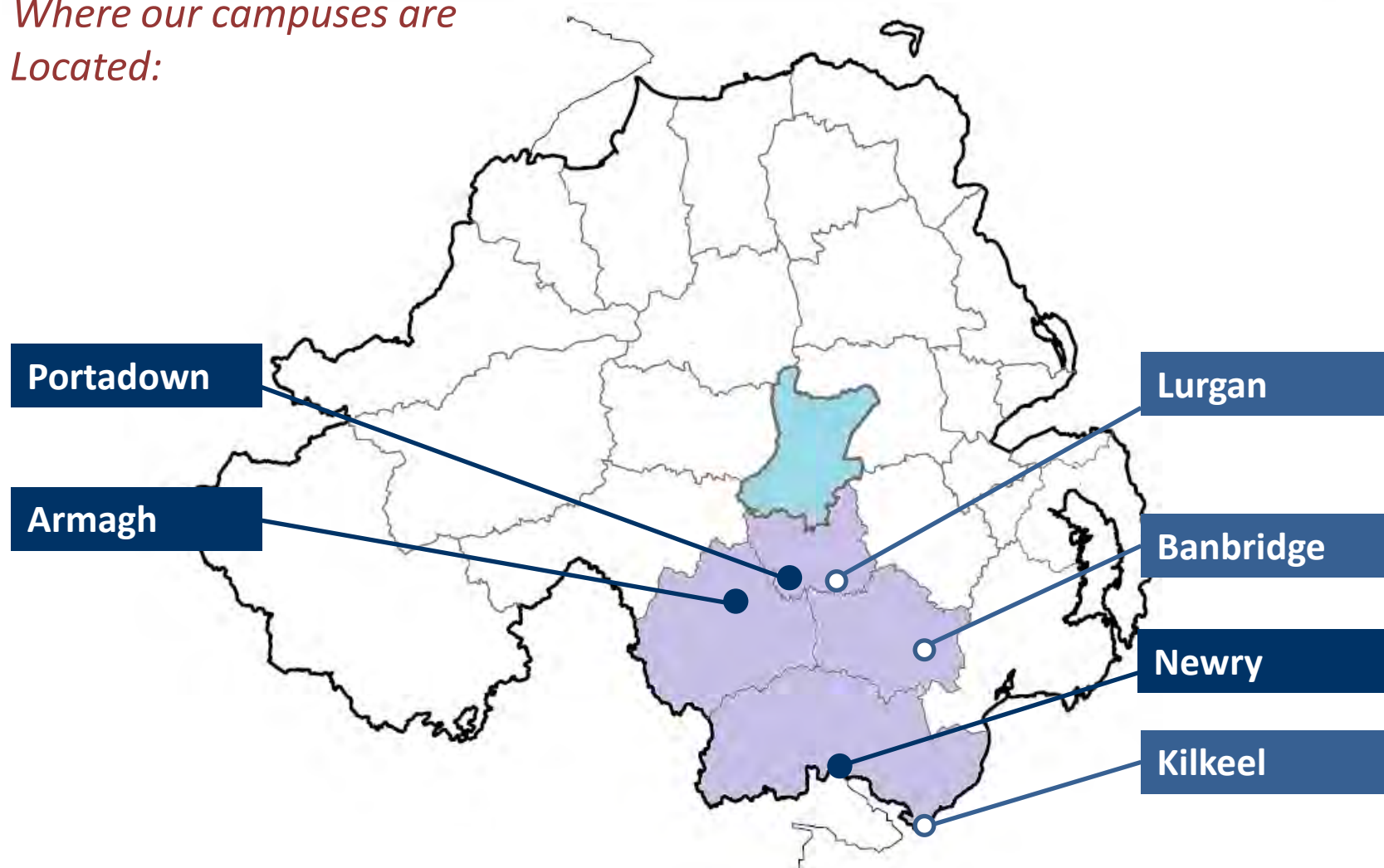
NEWRY  
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Associate Institute - University of Ulster



UBI  
Focus on your future

# 1. SRC Background and Overview

*Where our campuses are  
Located:*



# 1. SRC Background and Overview

- Largest College in N. Ireland outside of Belfast
- Over 32,000 enrolments every year
- SRC delivers vocational training to secondary schools across the region.
- Southern Regional College works with over 100 Community and Voluntary Groups covering over 1,500 square miles within the Southern Region
- SRC works with over 950 businesses in the Southern Region providing mentoring, R&D projects and training
- 1,100 staff both full and part-time



- Recreational Courses
- Level 1 Combined Diploma
- BTEC Level 2 Diploma
- BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma
- NVQ's Levels 1-4
- CACHE Childcare Qualifications
- Training for Success and Apprenticeships NI
- Higher Apprenticeships
- Foundation Level 4 Courses
- Higher National Certificates and Higher National Diplomas
- Foundations Degrees
- Degrees
- Professional Qualifications





# 1. SRC Background and Overview

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Campus	2013-14
Armagh	1297
Banbridge	312
Newry	2034
Craigavon	1232
	<b>4875</b>

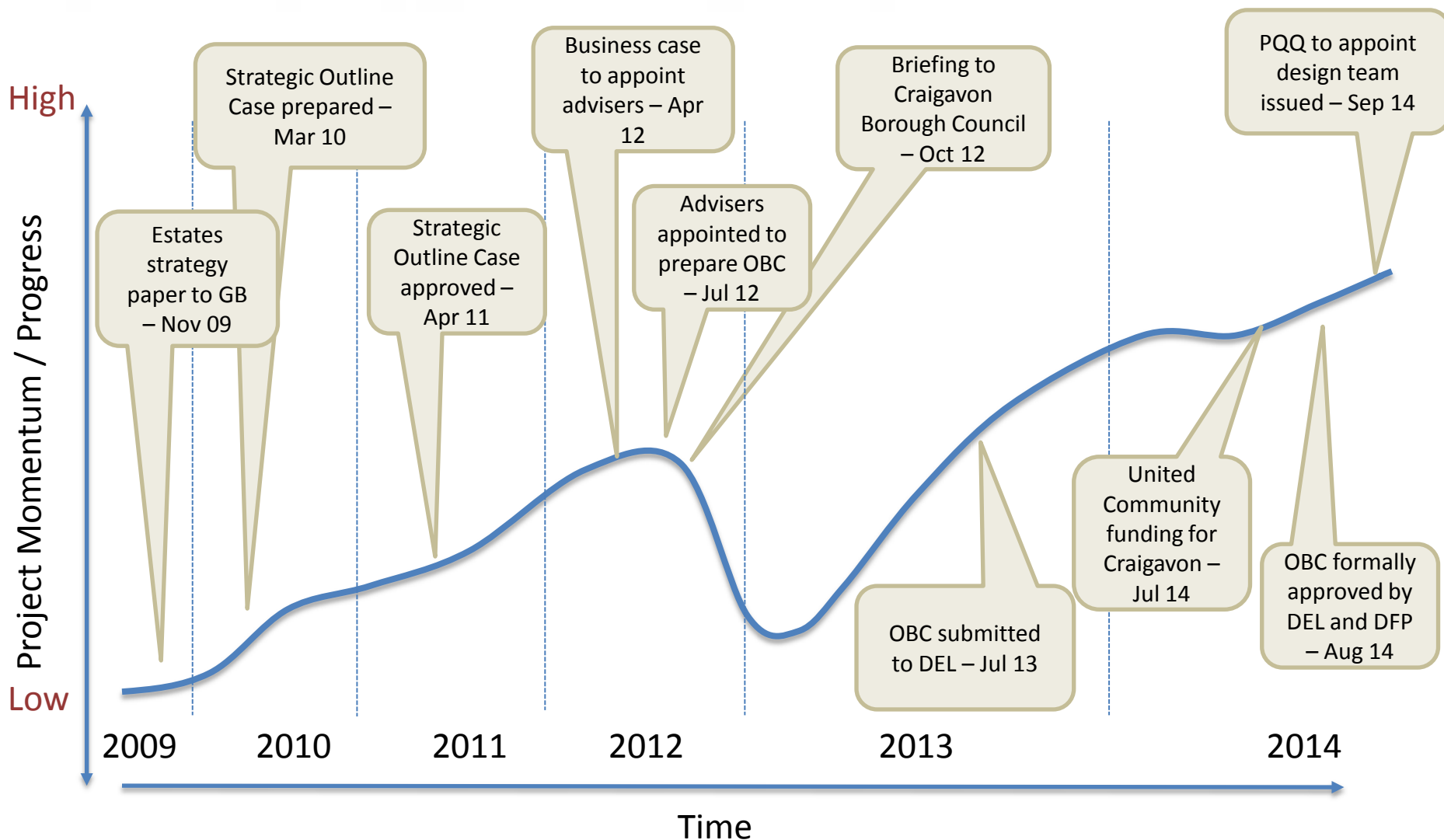


# Estates Plans an overview

- Large number of buildings
- Old, dilapidated and unsuitable buildings on a number of campuses
- Design of buildings, classrooms and other facilities outdated
- Maintenance costs are high and will increase
- Running costs are high and will increase

*....so what could be done about this?*

## *Converting Estates Strategy to action – some milestones:*





## *A Summary of progress:*

- New build projects earmarked for the new ABC council area:
  - Armagh – New build on existing College Hill site;
  - Banbridge – New build on existing Castlewellan Road site;
  - Craigavon – New build on new site;
- Procurement of Design Team underway;
- Represents a total investment of approximately £90m. (set out in the business case);
- Additional funding secured through the United Community programme for Craigavon – brings timing of this build forward;

# Our Estates Plans for Craigavon

- Consolidation of provision currently delivered on the Lurgan and Portadown campuses through a new flagship campus for Craigavon;
- New campus will be a local, regional and national leader in vocational education
- Craigavon Borough Council and the new 'ABC' Council are key stakeholders;
- Transformational opportunity to collaborate and work with key partners and stakeholders to make a real and lasting positive impact;
- Parallels with the Council's journey in respect of new Leisure Centre

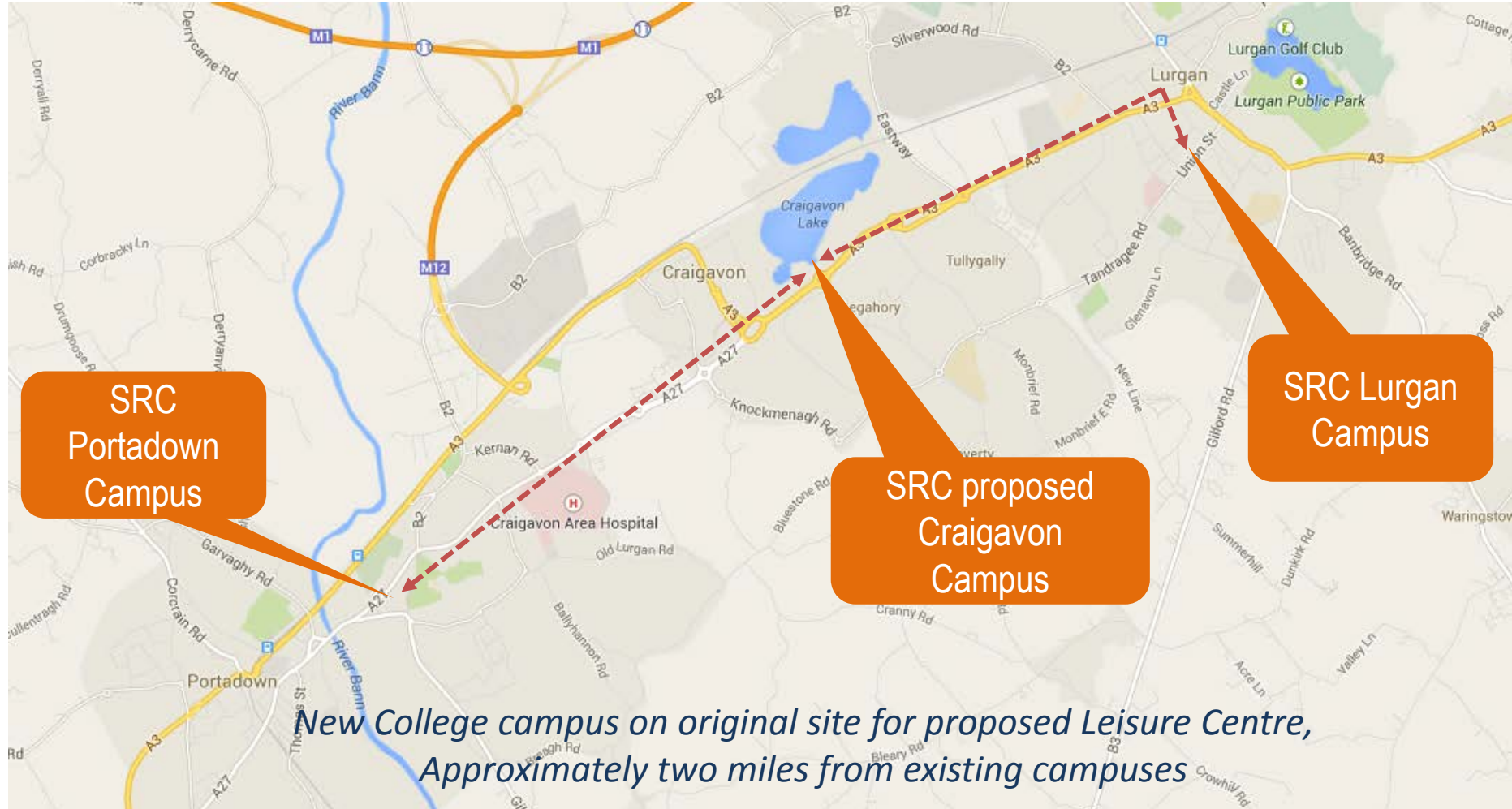
- Site for the new College campus is centre of Craigavon
- Real synergy with the Council's proposed Leisure Centre development
- Potential to add real and additional value through proximity
- Planning gain –
  - Development of Craigavon centre – combined investment
  - Easing traffic congestion – Portadown / Lurgan
  - Removing need for movement of students between campuses
  - Enhanced public transport links – central railway halt
- Curriculum – Hospitality/Tourism, Sports, Science, Computing,
- Support for Business and economic engagement

## Community Regeneration

- Night classes
- Weekend provision
- Business support unit – i3
- Access to:
  - Restaurant, Hairdressing and Beauty Salons, Enterprise Hub
- Community based Library – Learning Resource Centre
- Access to facilities by local schools

## **Curriculum developments**

- Key higher education centre – Project 10
  - Life sciences,
  - Advanced Engineering,
  - Software development
- New Curriculum
  - Event management
  - Sports science – water sports
- Economic Development
  - Potential for closer working relationship between i3 and council









## **Concluding remarks:**

- We are seeking Council support for the development of our new Campus in Craigavon
- We would like to continue working in partnership with the Council and Council Officials to maximise the combined impact of both developments
- We would like to continue our discussions with the Council regarding the preferred site that has been identified with a view to acquiring the site at some point in the future (subject to planning and other enquiries)

*A once in a lifetime opportunity to collaborate and work together to make a real and lasting positive impact for the people of Craigavon.*

# Questions / Discussion

## ITEMS FOR DECISION

### 6.1 PRESENTATION – BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME (D251/2014)

Report by: Malachy Gribbin, Programme Manager (Business Engagement)

#### Purpose of Report

To receive a presentation on the newly developed Business Engagement Programme Information Management System at the Development Committee meeting.

#### Recommendation

**That Members receive a presentation on the newly developed Business Engagement Programme Information Management System at the Development Committee meeting.**

#### Key Issues

At the September 2014 meeting of Committee Members agreed to receive a presentation from the Business Engagement Project team on progress and the project's newly developed Information Management System.

The Business Engagement Programme (BEP) is carrying out baseline assessments with 280 local businesses and providing mentoring support tailored to their specific needs.

The newly devised Information Management System is web based and assists project managers, mentors and businesses in keeping track of progress through the programme.

The store of information built up by using the system also has the potential to aid the Economic Development unit in the design of new projects tailored to the specific needs of businesses in the locality and can be applied to future mentoring programmes as an effective means of monitoring progress.

#### Employee Implications

N/A

#### Financial Implications

N/A

#### Level of Delegated Authority Sought

N/A

#### Equality Screening

N/A

## 6.2 PRESENTATION – SRC FUTURE PROPOSALS

Report by:

### Purpose of Report

To received a presentation from representatives of SRC on their future plans for campus provision in the Craigavon Borough.

### Recommendation

**That Members receive a presentation from representatives of SRC and advise of providing support in progressing their proposals.**

### Background

At the September Meeting of the Development Committee Members agreed to receive a presentation from SRC on their proposals for campus provision in the Craigavon Borough.

### Key Issues

During the summer SRC announced their plans for investment in further education provision in the new Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon District Council area.

The proposals for the Craigavon Borough involve the creation of a new campus in the South Lake area adjacent to the proposed leisure services provision.

Following the presentation Members are requested to provide direction and support on advising how SRC can progress their proposals for a new further education campus in the Craigavon Borough.

### Employee Implications

N/A

### Financial Implications

N/A

### Level of Delegated Authority Sought

N/A

### Equality Screening

N/A

### 6.3 URBAN VILLAGE SUBMISSION – UPDATE (D189/2014)

Report by: Richard Griffin, Development Manager

#### **Purpose of Report**

To advise Members of the submission of a proposal to OFMDFM in respect of the potential designation of Brownlow as an 'urban village'.

#### **Recommendation**

**That Members consider the next steps of lobbying Central Government regarding the potential of Brownlow as an area suitable for designation as an urban village, as defined by the OFMDFM document 'Together: Building a United Community Strategy' by issuing correspondence to the Junior Ministers inviting them to visit the Borough.**

#### **Background**

Members will recall the decision to proceed with a report highlighting the need and opportunity that exists in the Brownlow area relative to the 'Together: Building a United Community Strategy' which proposes the designation of four urban villages across Northern Ireland.

Members will also recall that Colin and the Lower Newtownards Road have been announced as the first two urban villages. The purpose of the designation is to 'create and stabilise change within communities' and the Department for Social Development will work to have each area designated as a development zone and create project boards to coordinate and oversee the planning, design and delivery of all aspects of the urban villages.

As Brownlow exhibits many of the characteristics which led to the designation of these areas, Officers prepared and submitted a paper making the case for Brownlow's potential designation as an urban village.

The paper has been submitted for Ministerial attention and to the relevant Departmental officials.

It is proposed to issue an invite to the Junior Ministers inviting them to visit the Borough and discuss the Urban Village submission.

#### **Employee Implications**

N/A

#### **Financial Implications**

N/A

#### **Level of Delegated Authority Sought**

N/A

#### **Equality Screening**

N/A

## 6.4 LIVING PLACES PUBLICATION/MAG ENGAGEMENT D323/2013)

Report by: Richard Griffin, Development Manager

### Purpose of Report

To advise Members of the adoption by DOE (Planning Service) of 'Living Places - An Urban Stewardship & Design Guide for Northern Ireland'; and to advise Members of the potential role of the Ministerial Advisory Group for Architecture & the Built Environment in relation to the development of future spatial/physical projects.

### Recommendation

**That Andrew Haley of the Paul Hogarth Company (and MAG) be invited to a future meeting to deliver a presentation to Members on the adoption of 'Living Places - An Urban Stewardship & Design Guide for Northern Ireland', as well as the potential role of MAG in the development of future physical/spatial projects.**

### Background

Members may recall the consultation process regarding the DOE guidance document 'Living Places - An Urban Stewardship & Design Guide for Northern Ireland'. This document has now been adopted by the Department of the Environment as Supplementary Planning Guidance. As such it will form a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. In short, the guide aims to '*...clearly establish the key principles behind good place making. It seeks to inform and inspire all those involved in the process of managing (stewardship) and making (design) urban places, with a view to raising standards across Northern Ireland.*' The full document can be viewed at

[http://www.planningni.gov.uk/index/policy/supplementary\\_guidance/guides/livingplaces - web.pdf](http://www.planningni.gov.uk/index/policy/supplementary_guidance/guides/livingplaces - web.pdf)

In light of Council's expanding role in relation to place making (including planning and regeneration) it is considered that this guidance is particularly relevant, and will inform the development of strategies and individual projects relating to our urban places.

Also in the context of place making and good design, Members will be aware that the Ministerial Advisory Group for Architecture & the Built Environment (MAG) have previously contributed to the South Lake leisure centre project, in an advisory capacity. MAG is working to develop stronger relationships with Local Government and is understood to be establishing a pool of experts to work with the new Councils. There is an opportunity for Council to tap into this pool of expertise in relation to selected appropriate projects, utilizing MAG as a means of independent review, and as a link to Central Government policy direction. If utilized at appropriate stages within appropriate projects it is considered that MAG involvement could add value to local projects.

Andrew Haley is a Director of the Paul Hogarth Company who prepared the Living Places document, and is also a member of MAG, and would therefore be well placed to brief Members in relation to both the 'Living Places' document and the potential value to Council of engagement with MAG in relation to selected projects.

**6.4 LIVING PLACES PUBLICATION/MAG ENGAGEMENT (D323/2013) – Cont.**

**Employee Implications**

N/A

**Financial Implication**

N/A

**Level of Delegated Authority Sought**

N/A

**Equality Screening**

N/A

## **6.5 PORTADOWN LINKAGES (D192/2014)**

Report by: Richard Griffin, Development Manager

### **Purpose of Report**

To update Members on progress with the Portadown Linkages project, and to seek approval to progress to the next stage of the project.

### **Recommendation**

**That approval be granted to proceed with the detailed design and preparation of works information for the Portadown Linkages project at a cost of £18,100.**

### **Background**

Members will recall the Portadown Linkages project, which involves a programme of Public Realm improvements within streets and spaces at the edge of Portadown town centre. The outline designs have been prepared along with a Public Realm strategy, and the Economic Appraisal has been completed.

The overall scheme has a potential works value in the region of £2.2m, and while the project has been developed in partnership with DSD it is not possible at present to confirm a funding package for the works. However, the project remains a priority on Council's capital plan, and it is expected that a further contribution from DSD will be forthcoming, and it is therefore proposed that the already appointed Integrated Consultant Team be instructed to commence work on the second stage of their appointment. Due to the uncertainty regarding funding, a number of 'breaks in appointment' were incorporated into the contract to enable Council to take the project as far as funding permits.

The second phase of work would involve the completion of detailed designs, statutory approvals, and the preparation of the works information that would form the key component of a contractor procurement process. It is recommended that the cost (£18,100) of this work would be a prudent use of reserves in that it would fully develop the project to the extent that it would effectively be 'shovel ready', leaving Council in a position to progress delivery swiftly if funding becomes available for all or part of the scheme.

### **Employee Implications**

N/A

### **Financial Implication**

Council has committed £24,900 to be funded from reserves.  
Proposed further contribution of £18,100 from reserves.

### **Level of Delegated Authority Sought**

Delegated authority already granted to Chief Executive.

### **Equality Screening**

N/A



## 6.6 SOUTH LAKE MASTERPLAN (D190/2014)

Report by: Richard Griffin, Development Manager

### Purpose of Report

To update Members regarding progress with a masterplan for lands adjacent to the South Lake in Central Craigavon.

### Recommendation

**That Members note the emerging opportunities within the South Lake area, and their potential to support the wider development and regeneration of the central area.**

### Background

Members will recall that a masterplan is to be prepared for lands adjacent to the South Lake. A Terms of Reference (ToR) has been prepared and the process of procuring a design team is underway. A number of other emerging projects led by Council and other parties have been progressing in recent months which have informed the development of the masterplan ToR.

The significance of Council's leisure centre project as a driver for wider development opportunities has previously been articulated, though Members may wish to note that Officers have recently been engaging with representatives from Southern Regional College (SRC) and neighbouring private sector landowners, including Rushmere.

Members will be aware that SRC has announced the development of a new further education campus in Craigavon, to replace existing campuses in Lurgan and Portadown. This project will provide a single new high quality campus in Craigavon to serve schools, students, employers and the community, and is likely to have a value in the £20-30m range. SRC is currently completing a site selection process, which is likely to be influenced by Council's leisure project given the complementary nature of the respective uses.

As a significant neighbouring landowner, Officers have also engaged with representatives from Rushmere, who remain keen to explore options that might enable the expansion of their presence. Members will recall Rushmere received planning permission for an extension including 13,745 sq metres gross of retail floorspace; a 5 screen cinema; 5 restaurants; improvements to Lakeview Road; creation of a slip lane off Central Way; creation of a multi storey and surface level car parks; an integrated public transport hub; and associated site works. Due to land acquisition issues this scheme has not gone ahead, and a cinema project in the ownership of Omniplex is progressing on Highfield Road. Rushmere remain keen to explore development opportunities within the area on a similar or larger scale to the previous planning approval, which it was estimated would have provided 1,200 full or part time jobs on completion (+900 during construction), and potential business rates in the region of c£1.25m.

The South Lake masterplan will consider how best to release the collective regenerative impact of the complementary emerging projects (confirmed and proposed) within the area, which in addition to attracting significant numbers of visitors/shoppers/students to the area, have the potential to re-shape the town centre physically and broaden the offer of the area as a whole. The masterplan will explore potential for further development opportunities within Council-owned land, as well as improvements to local infrastructure.

## **6.6 SOUTH LAKE MASTERPLAN – Cont.**

Members may also wish to note that Queen's University Belfast Architecture Masters students are focusing on Craigavon this year and will carry out research and analysis regarding the history of Craigavon and future development opportunities. Officers will engage with QUB and consider how best to utilize the work of mature post-graduate architecture students to complement/benefit emerging Council strategy for Central Craigavon. PLACE NI is also hosting an exhibition in the Golden Thread Gallery in Belfast beginning on 23 October 2014, focusing on architecture and planning in Craigavon.

### **Employee Implications**

N/A

### **Financial Implications**

Estimated £20,000 professional fee budget.

### **Level of Delegated Authority Sought**

Delegated authority has been granted to the Director of Development to approve the appointment of an Integrated Consultant Team at a cost of up to £20,000.

### **Equality Screening**

N/A

## 6.7 CIDF REVIEW & REFRESH

Report by: Richard Griffin, Development Manager

### Purpose of Report

To advise Members of a proposed 'review and refresh' of the CIDF.

#### Recommendation

**That Council contributes up to £15,000 towards professional fees associated with a 'CIDF Renew & Refresh', which is to be co-funded by DSD.**

### Background

The CIDF was published in 2010 and while the action plan has shaped the local development agenda, it has remained under constant review and has been expanded upon as further opportunities have been identified. Significant progress has been made in line with the original action plan including multiple phases of Public Realm improvements in Lurgan and Portadown; shopfront improvement and shutter schemes; public artworks; a weekly market has been established in Lurgan. A multi-million pound programme of improvements to Portadown Rail Station has been completed, while Council continues to lobby for other transportation infrastructure improvements across the Borough. The full funding package for the People's Park in Portadown has been secured and is on course for completion in 2015. While not detailed in the CIDF, further projects have been identified including Portadown Linkages, Portadown Riversides, the South Lake masterplan, and a programme of improvements in Castle Lane in Lurgan including a 'pocket park'. Alongside a number of tourism, economic development and community initiatives, the local regeneration agenda has evolved during the last 5 years under the stewardship of Council and DSD.

However, some opportunities identified by the CIDF require significant private sector investment, and with the strategy launched during a period of unprecedented economic uncertainty, securing the necessary levels of investment has proved to be the greatest challenge. While preparatory work was undertaken, progress with concepts such as the Portadown Gateway and other development opportunity sites has ultimately been frustrated by either market conditions or a lack of public spending on infrastructure, or both. When LGR takes effect, 5 years will have passed since the launch of the CIDF. Much has changed during this time in terms of the local and regional context for regeneration, and with a period of major structural change across Government taking place, it is now considered timely to chart progress of the CIDF and to begin re-shaping a new action plan that will enable Council to lead regeneration in Craigavon up to and well beyond 2015.

It is therefore proposed to 'review and refresh' the CIDF. This process does not constitute an entirely new masterplan, instead the emphasis is on identifying those aspects of the original action plan which have perhaps not been delivered but remain valid and warrant fresh consideration. The consultant team will incorporate those projects and initiatives which have emerged since 2010, and most importantly will identify new themes, opportunities and actions to be added to the agenda and taken forward post-Local Government Reform. The impact of changes in legislation and new policy directions including those within public finance and planning will also need to be factored into the refreshed plan. This project is being developed in partnership with DSD who are preparing similar initiatives with Armagh and Banbridge, and expect to provide match-funding.

## **6.7 CIDF REVIEW & REFRESH – Cont.**

### **Employee Implications**

N/A

### **Financial Implications**

Contribution of up to £15,000.

### **Level of Delegated Authority Sought**

N/A

### **Equality Screening**

N/A

## **6.8 UPDATE – CRAIGAVON PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014 (D242/2014)**

Report by: Sandra Durand, Tourism Development Manager

### **Purpose of Report**

To seek Members' approval to host the Craigavon Pipe Band Championships 2015 in Lurgan Park and provide an update regarding the Craigavon Pipe Band Championships from 2016 onwards.

#### **Recommendation**

- 1 That Members approve Lurgan Park as the location for the Craigavon Pipe Band Championships on 20 June 2015;**
- 2 That Members also approve the amount in the region of £15,000 to stage the 2015 event and a further £15,000 to expend on television advertising to promote key events over the 2015 summer period;**
- 3 That Members note the Presiding Councillor for Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Council, Councillor Darryn Causby and Council Officers met with the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association (NI) (County Down Branch) (RSPBA) on 18 September 2014 to discuss the 2015 event and the potential way forward which may allow the new Council to host larger scale events to profile the area; and**
- 4 That a report will be submitted to the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council to bring forward a proposal to the Association regarding potential events from 2016 onwards which could be hosted in the new Council area.**

### **Key Issues**

Members will be aware that Craigavon Borough Council agreed to host the Craigavon Pipe Band Championships from 2013 – 2015 and that the 2014 Craigavon Pipe Band Championships took place in Lurgan Park on 21 June 2016. A total of 1,916 paying customers attended the event which is almost double the previous year. In total 44 bands and 40 Drum Majors took part on the day making the event one of the largest events held by the Association in 2014, these participant numbers were better than the Ulster Championships and on a par with the All Ireland competition. The Secretary of the RSPBA (County Down Branch) has advised Council that it was a pleasure to bring the second Championship to Lurgan Park and to work with a professional team.

The net cost to stage the 2014 event was £12,631.43 and an additional £15,000 expended on television advertising promoting Lurgan Park events in June 2016.

### **Employee Implications**

N/A

## **6.8 UPDATE – CRAIGAVON PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014 (D242/2014) – Cont.**

### **Financial Implications**

Funding to stage and promote the event should be available from the ABC Council Events budget.

### **Level of Delegated Authority Sought**

N/A

### **Equality Screening**

N/A

## **6.9 PROPOSED – THE VIKING EXPERIENCE EVENT 2015**

Report by: Sandra Durand, Tourism Development Manager

### **Purpose of Report**

To seek Members' approval to allocate funds to organize the third year of the successful Viking Experience Event that was held on the River Bann at the Pleasure Gardens in Portadown in May 2013/16.

### **Recommendation**

- 1 That Members approve the allocation of funds in the region of £22,000 to stage the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Viking Experience Event in April/May 2015 and submit this request to the Shadow Council as a priority for the Events programme and budget of the new Council in 2015/2016; and**
- 2 That the matter is referred to the new Council for endorsement.**

### **Key Issues**

Members are aware that the Steering Group of Portadown 400 tasked Officers to explore the possibility of restaging the very successful Viking Event that was held during the Portadown 400 celebrations in 2013. Members were also aware that throughout 2014, a yearlong commemoration of the 1,000th anniversary of Brian Boru's death at the Battle of Clontarf was staged.

Members agreed at the February 2014 meeting of Committee that Officers could proceed with the organisation of the event subject to additional funding becoming available through Good Relations/PEACE III. This funding did become available allowing Officers to deliver a very successful, enjoyable and informative Viking Experience. Members are advised that the event attracted significant attendance by local residents and visitors to the Borough.

### **Employee Implications**

N/A

### **Financial Implications**

Funding to stage the event should be secured from the ABC Council events budget.

### **Level of Delegated Authority**

N/A

### **Equality Screening**

N/A

## **6.10 BLEARY CREATIVE COMMUNITY CENTRE – NEW ENTRANCE (D269/2014)**

Report by: Paul Kavanagh, Economic Development Officer

### **Purpose of Report**

To seek Members approval to move the existing entrance for the site to accommodate a proposed pedestrian crossing

#### **Recommendation**

- 1 That Council approves an additional budget estimated at £6000 to carry out the necessary works; and**
- 2 That the matter be referred to Mid-Monthly meeting of Council for ratification due to timescale of current contract.**

### **Background**

The works at the Bleary site are progressing to plan and are on target to complete at the end of December 2014.

Members will be aware that SOAR approved a grant to carry out a feasibility study for a proposed MUGA on the remaining unused ground to the rear (north) of the Creative Community Centre. Should the proposed MUGA become a reality, the combined facilities will be an exemplar community facility for a village in Northern Ireland.

Local community groups, realizing the potential in the area, have been lobbying DRD Roads Service for a pedestrian crossing to be installed in the vicinity of Bleary Primary School and the new Council centre.

Initial comments from Roads Service are that the existing entrance to the Creative Community Centre would need to move west along Deans Road approximately 10m to satisfy the statutory requirements of distances between the entrance and any new pedestrian crossing.

Although there is no guarantee that a MUGA would be funded, Officers recommend that the location of the entrance be moved to facilitate a proposed pedestrian crossing during the current construction phase as greater costs would be incurred at a later stage.

An estimate to carry out the work from the contracted architect for Bleary amounts to approximately £6,000 to include new drawings, planning permissions, rearranging street lighting and road gulleys. The contractor has confirmed that he would be able to complete this work in the same timescale as the existing contract.

### **Employee Implications**

N/A

### **Financial Implications**

£6,000 to be allocated from Council Reserves.

### **Level of Delegated Authority Sought**

N/A

### **Equality Screening**

N/A



## 6.11 TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION – UPDATE (D247/2014)

Report by: Lyn McNeill, Town Centre Manager

### Purpose of Report

To provide Members with an update on town centre regeneration activity delivered as part of the Town Centre Regeneration & Revitalisation Action Plan (2013-2015).

#### Recommendation

- 1 That Members note the value of destination PR coverage achieved for the Love Craigavon...this Summer campaign was £56,602.05 with 1,332,783 opportunities to see and review the summary attached in Appendix 1;
- 2 That Members note the UTV television advert for the Love Craigavon campaign contained in Appendix 2. This appeared 22 times during prime time TV and constituted £5,000 worth of free advertising from Council's media partner for the campaign – U105; and
- 3 That Members note the creative used and promotion obtained for the recent Town Centre WiFi/Locali App promotional campaign as per Appendix 3.

### Background

Members are aware of the 6 week long **Love Craigavon...this Summer** campaign that took place across Craigavon in July and August 2014. Following significant campaign exposure across many mediums including local and regional press, radio, web and other digital media the monetary value of the PR for the campaign has been calculated to be in excess of £56,000 with over 1.3 million opportunities to see.

**Appendix 1**  
**Appendix 2**

In relation to Town Centre Wifi the month of September 2014 saw an intensive promotional campaign to increase awareness of the Wifi and encourage Locali downloads. This included press advertising and editorial, bus streetliners, window clings for town centre retailers, window vinyls at Magowan West, Portadown and a dedicated promotional stand at Country Comes to Town. There is now an average of 2000 people using Wifi in each of the three centres on a monthly basis.

**Appendix 3**

In addition, an innovative campaign to win an Apple ipad whilst also promoting Locali operated via the Discover Craigavon facebook page with likes increasing by over 500 to 8555 during the 3 week period.

### Employee Implications

N/A

### Financial Implications

The budgets for the projects described are available from the Town Centre Management and Tourism Budgets 2014/15.

### Level of Delegated Authority Sought

N/A

## **6.12 MARKETING CAMPAIGN – SOUTHERN SHORES OF LOUGH NEAGH (SOAR)**

Report by: Bronagh Harbinson, Project Officer

### **Purpose of Report**

To update Members on the successful delivery of the Southern Shores marketing campaign.

### **Recommendation**

**That Members note the visuals and sound file used as part of the Southern Shores Marketing Campaign and acknowledge the evaluation conducted as part of the campaign.**

### **Background**

Members will be aware that approval was previously granted to appoint Lyle Bailie International Ltd to deliver a SOAR funded Marketing Campaign for the Southern Shores of Lough Neagh, valued at £37,935.81. Billboard and radio mediums were used intermittently across a three-month duration.

### **Billboard Overview**

Two visuals were adapted – one depicting the message ‘A Day Away’ to convey Lough Neagh’s enchanting beauty and the other – ‘Wild at Play’, illustrating the unique wildlife of the Lough. Copies of the visuals are attached for Members’ information. **Appendix 4**

A total of 103 sites were secured across on main arterial routes NI province-wide, including border Counties of Monaghan and Donegal. Cycles 1 and 2 were in-situ from for a two-week period during June and July 2014, respectively. Copies of the visuals in-situ are attached for Members’ information.

### **Radio Overview**

Three separate weeks of radio activity were aired across Cool FM, Downtown Radio, U105, Citybeat, Q Network and Classic FM during prime morning, noon and afternoon airtimes, with a total of 1,245 x 20 second spots being secured.

The script is attached as a sound file for Members’ information.

**Appendix 5**

### **Summary**

Lyle Bailie International Ltd compiled a project evaluation report which indicated that the overall campaign achieved an 87% audience reach, reflecting a strong performance of marketing activity, with commendations received from both the Northern Ireland Tourist Board and Lough Neagh Partnership.

### **Employee Implications**

N/A

### **Financial Implications**

N/A

### **Level of Delegated Authority Sought**

N/A

### **Equality Screening**

N/A

## **6.13 CRAFT STREET – COUNTRY COMES TO TOWN (D153/2014)**

Report by: Bronagh Harbinson, Project Officer

### **Purpose of Report**

To update Members on the success of a dedicated 'Craft Street' located at Edward Street, Portadown.

### **Recommendation**

**That Members review the montage of imagery collated from Craft Street, organized by Council as part of Country Comes to Town.**

### **Background**

Members will be aware that as part of the Country Comes to Town 2014 event, Council organised a dedicated interactive craft street at Edward Street, featuring seven highly skilled demonstrators including Moneypenny's Blacksmiths, Straw Crafts, Welig Heritage Crafts, Carrickmacross Lace, Blackthorn Sticks, Weaving and a Ceramicist.

Craft Street was very well received throughout the day and formed an integral feature of this year's event. Feedback from the demonstrators included: "I really enjoyed it, so hopefully we can do it again next year" and "Saturday was a great success – see you next year". Retailers at Edward Street highly commended the professional quality of Craft Street and also reported their busiest retail day of the year, with visitors from throughout the region.

A selection of imagery is attached for Members' information.

**Appendix 6**

### **Employee Implications**

N/A

### **Financial Implications**

£1,500 has been provided for in the Economic Development budget.

### **Level of Delegated Authority Sought**

N/A

### **Equality Screening**

N/A

## **6.14 LIFE SCIENCES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SOUTHERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST (D256/2014)**

Report by: Ciaran Tipping, Economic Development Officer

### **Purpose of Report**

To present the finalised Memorandum of Understanding with the Southern Health & Social Care Trust for the advancement of the life and health science sector for Members' consideration.

### **Recommendation**

**That Members agree to enter into the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the Southern Health & Social Services Trust for the advancement of the life and health science sector with a view to an official launch at the second Annual Life & Health Science conference on 28 November 2014.**

### **Background**

Economic Development Officers have been working with Southern Health and Social Care Trust (SHSCT) Senior Management towards the completion of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which would highlight the commitment of both organisations to work together to promote Craigavon as a Centre of Excellence for Life Sciences.

The SHSCT have now agreed to the wording of the MOU attached.

### **Appendix 7**

The proposed MOU is a welcome development in that it provides a basis for greater collaboration between Council and the Health Trust. This collaboration provides the potential for greater draw-down of European funding which can be used to promote and enhance Life and Health Sciences locally, a key growth sector for the area.

The proposed collaboration will operate initially for a period of five years subject to annual review by a steering committee made up of Council Economic Development Officers and SHSCT management and Consultant Cardiologists.

Subject to agreement by Council the Memorandum of Understanding would be launched at the second Annual Life Sciences Conference on 28 November 2014 in the presence of Ministers Wells and Foster.

### **Employee Implications**

N/A

### **Financial Implications**

N/A

### **Level of Delegated Authority Sought**

N/A

### **Equality Screening**

N/A

## **6.15 ABSENCE MANAGEMENT (D262/2014)**

Report by: Olga Murtagh, Director of Development

### **Purpose of Report**

To update Members on absence within Development Directorate.

### **Recommendation**

**That Members note the content of the report.**

### **Background**

The tables attached set out absence statistics for the Development Directorate for the 2014/15 financial year, month of August 2014. Comparison figures are provided for the 3 previous years. 87.2% of employees within Development recorded no absence in August 2014.

**Appendix 8**

The absence figure for the month of August 2014 relating to the year to date is 6.8%.

Absence is being regularly monitored through referrals to the Occupational Health Nurse and the undertaking of return to work interviews.

### **Employee Implications**

N/A

### **Financial Implications**

N/A

### **Level of Delegated Authority Sought**

N/A

### **Equality Screening**

N/A

## **6.16 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT APRIL TO AUGUST 2014 (D263/2014)**

Report by: Olga Murtagh, Director of Development

### **Purpose of Report**

To consider the financial performance report which shows how the Department's actual spend varied from its budgeted spend for the 2014/2015 financial year from April to August 2014.

### **Recommendation**

**That the report at Appendix 9 is noted along with the explanations for variances at Appendix 10.**

### **Background**

Management information is now being reported to budget holders in a timely, relevant and accurate manner. Finance will continue to provide this information moving forward to assist budget holders manage their budgets as effectively as possible.

### **Overall Position**

The Department is £8k under budget for the 2014/2015 financial year. This is primarily through additional income received in the town halls and community centres.

Please note that any expenditure that Council have agreed to be funded from Councils reserves have been removed from the current reported budget position.

### **Employee Implications**

The continuing improvement in provision of management information will assist budget holders in their decision-making in order to continue to provide services within budget constraints.

### **Financial Implications**

Detailed performance reports have been forwarded to the Departments with high level figures shown in Committee reports.

### **Level of Delegated Authority Sought**

N/A

### **Equality Screening**

N/A

## 6.17 HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVISOR'S QUARTERLY INCIDENT SUMMARY – 1 APRIL 2014 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

Report by: Danny Dugdale, Corporate Health & Safety Advisor

### Purpose of Report

This report is provided to update the Development Committee on incident statistics within Council, the introduction of new or amended legislation and other relevant Health & Safety information.

### Recommendation

**That the Development Committee note the content of the report.**

### Background

The following is a summary of RIDDOR Reportable incidents within Council from 01 April 2014 to date by Directorate / Department:

Directorate / Department	RIDDOR Reports to HSENI
Building Control	Nil
Corporate Services	Nil
Development Department	Nil
Environmental Services	2
Leisure Services	2

A summary of all incidents within the Development Department is attached.

### Key Issues / Areas for ongoing Development

Key areas for further ongoing development / improvement across Council in respect of Health and Safety are:

- Control of Legionella – ongoing;
- Implementing Fire Risk Assessments control measures– ongoing;
- Control of Contractors – ongoing;
- Management arrangements in respect of Work at Height;
- Workplace Transport and Traffic Management;
- Management of Maintenance activities / Permits to Work – Not commenced;
- Management of Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres (DSEAR) – ongoing;
- Management of Asbestos – ongoing;
- Health Surveillance – reported to be 1% complete;
- Manual Handling Risk Assessments – ongoing;
- Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Risk Assessments – ongoing;
- Expanding and developing the number & quality of Risk Assessments - ongoing;
- Expanding and developing the number & quality of written Safe Systems of Work (SSoW) – ongoing;
- Event Safety – ongoing.

## **6.17 HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVISOR'S QUARTERLY INCIDENT SUMMARY – 1 APRIL 2014 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2014 – Cont.**

### **Health & Safety Unit Update**

The Work at Height Regulations require, as part of the hierarchy of controls, consideration to be given to “*collective protective measures*” before/above “*individual protective measures*” which only protect the individual wearing the equipment.

Where the decision is taken to not implement “*collective protective measures*” a higher level of management supervision is required. For example for staff or contractors accessing a roof to undertake repairs it may require line management ensure the use of:

- Permit to Work;
- Use of anchor points/eyebolts (class A/horizontal lines (Class C) or portable anchorage devices, etc.;
- Trained staff;
- Detailed emergency procedure;
- Staff trained in rescue/recovery of a casualty;
- Provision of emergency/recovery equipment;
- Provision of an adequate level of competent supervision.

### Fire Risk Assessments

The Corporate Health & Safety Unit has commenced work on the annual review of Development Departments Fire Risk Assessments.

It is anticipated that these will be completed by 20 October 2014.

### COSHH Risk Assessments

Whilst the majority of line managers have complied with the new COSHH CHaSP a number of line managers/departments within the Development Department are still to provide the Health & Safety Unit with the appropriate COSHH related information (i.e. COSHH Inventory, MSDS and COSHH Exposure Scenario Forms as appropriate) required to enable the Health & Safety Unit to complete the new format COSHH Risk Assessments on their behalf.

It would be useful if senior managers could encourage their staff who have yet to submit the required COSHH documentation to the Health & Safety Unit to do so at their earliest convenience.

### Legionella Recommendations/Corrective Actions

Revised Legionella Risk Assessments were issued by mid 2014.

As instructed by CMT the Corporate Health & Safety Advisor met with the Contracts Manager and Building Maintenance Foreman to request that the outstanding Legionella Recommendations / Corrective Actions be prioritised, costed and either internal or external resources be identified for completion.



## **6.17 HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVISOR'S QUARTERLY INCIDENT SUMMARY – 1 APRIL 2014 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2014**

Whilst the majority of Legionella Recommendations/Corrective Action work will fall under the remit of the Contracts Manager and Building Maintenance Section the Responsible Persons/Deputy Responsible Persons would be advised to ensure that their site/building managers maintain those control measures i.e. flushing regimes, water hygiene/tap cleaning regimes etc. within their remit and request Building Maintenance undertake such works as is outside of site / facility managers remit.

### Legionella Alerts

The Corporate Health & Safety Unit started monitoring alerts received from HBE in respect of the Legionella Management System in October 2012.

It is imperative that personnel responsible for the management of Legionella take prompt action on receipt of an “alert” to ensure appropriate Corrective Action is implemented to correct the non-conformance and prevent a reoccurrence.

A summary of Legionella “Alerts” received by site/location is attached.

### Health & Safety Training

A summary of the Health & Safety training planned and that delivered to date for the training year 2014/15 is attached.

### **Conclusions**

There is evidence of continuous improvement as Health & Safety is gradually becoming embedded within the organisational culture.

**Appendix 11**

### **Employee Implications**

Ongoing Health & Safety training to improve, develop and maintain levels of employee competence.

### **Financial Implications**

Implementation of Fire Risk Assessment, Legionella Risk Assessment control measures and Health & Safety Training as budgeted.

### **Level of Delegated Authority Sought**

N/A

### **Equality Screening**

N/A

## **6.18 EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND**

Report by: Olga Murtagh, Director of Development

### **Purpose of Report**

To provide Members with an update on the European Social Fund.

### **Recommendation**

**That a report in relation to the roll-out of the European Social Fund will be presented to a future Committee meeting following the consultative workshops.**

### **Background**

Members will be aware that the European Social Fund is an EU fund to address economic inactivity and increase workforce skills. The programme is administered by the Department for Employment and Learning (DEL). Funding is allocated by means of an open call for projects. Successful projects attract funding of up to 65% of the total project costs and project promoters are expected to find the remaining 35% funding from other sources.

### **Key Issues**

DEL has advised that a call for projects will be launched in mid-November 2014 with a closing date at the end of December 2014. Projects will be assessed by a range of selection panels and it is expected that approvals will be issued late January/early February 2015 spanning 2015-2018.

Reports have identified the inactivity levels in some communities as a barrier for the region's competitiveness. The changing skills requirements of the new growth sectors mean that there is a need to ensure that residents have access to the skills that they need to access future employment opportunities.

DEL has recently announced a series of road shows to publicise the forthcoming new European Social Fund 2014-2020. Officers will report back to Committee on further details of the programme after the consultative workshops.

### **Employee Implications**

N/A

### **Financial Implications**

N/A

### **Level of Delegated Authority Sought**

N/A

### **Equality Screening**

N/A

## 6.19 EXTERNAL FUNDING

Report by: Olga Murtagh, Director of Development

### Purpose of Report

To inform Members of the external investment, in excess on £29million, in local businesses and communities, through grants secured by Officers within the Development Department, in the previous 3 years\*.

#### Recommendation

- 1 That Members acknowledge the significant investment of £29million secured by Officers in the Development Department to assist local businesses and communities; and**
- 2 That examples of best practice are entered into award schemes.**

### Key Issues

All sections across the Development Department have successfully identified, secured and utilised grant funds to enhance their area of work. The SOAR Rural Development Programme secured more than £14million to support rural businesses and community and Council projects throughout the Armagh, Craigavon and Newry & Mourne areas (2007–2015). Economic Development attracted more than £2.3million for a range of business support programmes and secured a further £300k from the SOAR budget for a local creative project. Town Centres and Tourism benefitted from £3.3million of grant aid (inc. £250,000 from SOAR). The Peace Officers accessed almost £1.6million to deliver their action plans. The Policing and Community Safety Partnership (previously District Policing Partnership and Community Safety Partnership) secured £800k for a broad range of community initiatives. The SPACE Project will be implemented with a total budget of almost £5.5million for park redevelopment and community engagement. A range of Community Development initiatives, including development of rural villages, the Good Relations Action Plan, capacity building of community representatives and development of service provision in Community Centres was made possible through a further £1.5million.

This external funding has also supported 12 posts and created a further 27 new posts within the Development Department.

With the level of expertise and experience within the Department, future opportunities, especially through EU funding can be maximised. It is expected that the next round of Interreg and Peace funding will be launched in Spring 2015.

A breakdown of funding programmes is attached.

**Appendix 12**

\*SOAR Programme is 8 years in duration.

### Employee Implications

N/A

### Financial Implications

N/A

### Level of Delegated Authority Sought

N/A

### Equality Screening

N/A

## ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

### 6.20 LURGAN PUBLIC REALM UPDATE (D192/2014)

Report by: Richard Griffin, Development Manager

The current status of each phase of work is set out below.

#### Phase 2 (High Street & Market Street/William Street/Edward Street)

The defects liability period has now ended though the contractor is working to address a small number of minor repairs. Project close-out will be completed during October 2014.

#### Phase 2 Extension (North Street)

While resurfacing works were completed in line with the original programme, there have been a number of subsequent delays, though trees, street lighting and street furniture have now been installed. The condition of the carriageway was highlighted by some traders and Roads Service had agreed to 'patch' affected areas, and have also agreed to re-prioritise their programme of resurfacing for the town centre to allow laying of new asphalt in North Street during November. This final piece of work will complete the works in North Street. As of 02/02/14 the cost of the works are expected to be delivered at a saving relative to the estimate provided by DRD prior to commencement.

#### Phase 3 (Union Street/Carnegie Street/Castle Lane/Church Walk/Watsons Lane)

The procurement of an Integrated Consultant Team to oversee the detailed design and delivery of Phase 3 of Public Realm in Lurgan, has commenced. The PQQ process is complete and selected companies have now been invited to tender.

DSD have yet to commit funding to this phase of the project, though the estimated savings from Phase 2/North Street along with committed Council contribution are expected to make up approximately 75% of the total estimated cost.

Council has contributed £200,000 to Phase 2.

Council has committed a contribution of £130,000 to the extension of Phase 2 into North St. Any budget remaining following completion of North Street will be utilised through the Phase 3 work.

Council has committed a contribution of £300,000 to Phase 3.

## **6.21 PORTADOWN RIVERSIDES (D191/2014)**

Report by: Richard Griffin, Development Manager

Members will recall the Portadown Riversides project which will identify a series of physical interventions to improve the quality of lands adjacent to the River Bann on the edge of Portadown Town Centre by upgrading access, promoting leisure and recreation uses, and accommodating appropriate small scale development opportunities. It is anticipated that measures will include, but will not be limited to, re-surfacing, planting and landscaping, lighting, signage, furniture, orientation and interpretation, the identification of potential locations for public art or other points of interest, revised boundary treatments, additional tourism and events infrastructure, and the development of play park facilities.

A pre-qualification process has been completed and tender responses are now being sought from selected companies to form an integrated consultant team to prepare conceptual designs and associated cost estimates. Details of the appointed team and the project programme will be confirmed in a future report.

Professional fee budget of up to £25,000.00, to be funded from within existing CIDF capital budget.

## **6.22 LIFE SCIENCES INNOVATION PROGRAMME (D265/2014)**

Report by: Ciaran Tipping, Economic Development Officer

The Life Sciences Innovation project has progressed beyond its initial desktop research stage which involved an examination of local Craigavon based businesses to determine suitable candidates for the programme.

A long list of 95 possible companies has been identified and these have been invited to an initial 'Business and Product Innovation Networking Event' to be held on 13 October 2014 in Craigavon Civic and Conferencing Centre.

The event will involve a range of speakers from the Life and Health Sciences Industry speaking to the participating companies on a range of issues around innovation and new product development as well as funding and support opportunities for small businesses.

It is anticipated that 40 companies will attend the upcoming event with 10 of these being identified as suitable for specific tailored support in developing new products and services in the Life and Health Sciences Sector.

The remaining 30 participants will be offered a place on the Business Engagement Programme which provides for a wide range of business needs through mentoring or direct referral to existing support programmes most suited to their needs.

## 6.23 PEACE III CLOSURE

Report by: Emma O'Carroll, Programme Co-Ordinator for Investing in Our Future

Members will be aware that the Peace III Southern Partnership Peace & Reconciliation Action Plan, (Phases 1 and 2, 2007 – 2014) was developed in order to deliver Priority 1.1 of the Peace III Programme – Building Positive Relations at a local level.

This programme resulted in £9,094,936 being secured in order to implement the Southern Peace & Reconciliation Action Plan across the Southern cluster area. Craigavon Borough Council was responsible for the delivery of the Investing in Our Future priority with a total budget of £1,590,983.30.

Members are informed that information has been received from the Special EU Programmes Body regarding the closure of the PEACE III programme. The entire programme delivered by the PEACE III Southern Partnership will close on 30 September 2014. Members are reminded that Craigavon Borough Council is a Partner Delivery Agent of the Southern Partnership and delivers the Investing in Our Future Priority contained in the *PEACE III Southern Partnership Peace and Reconciliation Action Plan Phase 2*. The other Partner Deliver Agents are Armagh City and District Council, Banbridge District Council and Newry and Mourne District Council.

Members are informed that at present the Investing in Our Future team are currently in the process of closing down the programme. This includes archiving all the project files and claim files for the past 5 years and also ensuring that the Finance Department receive all of the claims and procurement for the month of September 2014. It also involves compiling, analyzing and uploading all evaluation questionnaires and end of project reports onto the Southern Partnerships database.

Members are informed that on 22 September 2014 The PEACE Cooperation Programme (PEACE IV) was submitted to the European Commission for negotiation and also final approval. Early indications are that the negotiations are anticipated to take 6 months. At this stage it is thought that the earliest call for applications is likely to be late spring 2015. It is envisaged that applications will have to be submitted in late Summer/early Autumn 2015 and then a 42-week assessment period will take place. At this stage it is thought that programmes will not then roll out until Winter 2016/Spring 2017.

## **6.24 RESPONSE ON CAP REFORM**

Report by: Maria Magennis, Deputy Programme Manager

Correspondence has been received from The Office of the First and Deputy First Minister regarding a resolution on CAP implementation, issued on the behalf of DARD.

This provides significant increase in funding to the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 of £623 million. Of this £287million will be allocated to improve the competitiveness of farm and agri-food businesses; £256million to protect the rural environment; and £80 million to assist in the development of rural economies and to create jobs.

The letter details further how this funding will be allocated and is attached for Members' information.

**Appendix 13**



## 6.25 TOURIST INFORMATION ENQUIRIES AT LURGAN, PORTADOWN AND LOUGH NEAGH DISCOVERY CENTRE TIPs (D276/2014)

Report by: Bronagh Harbinson, Project Officer

SLA agreements are operational at Lurgan Town Hall, Millennium Court Arts Centre and Lough Neagh Discovery Centre VIPs for the provision of visitor information.

Monthly enquiry statistics are detailed below.

<b>AUGUST 2014</b>			
	<b>COUNTER</b>	<b>TELEPHONE</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Lough Neagh Discovery Centre	4,081	121	<b>4,202</b>
Millennium Court Arts Centre	361	61	<b>422</b>
Lurgan Town Hall	246	1	<b>247</b>

**6.26 BROWNLOW COMMUNITY HUB PROGRESS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2014  
(D283/2014)**

Report by: Chris Cassidy, Facility Development Manager

CBC Arts Development hosted a Cinema/film showing of Mama Mia to 100 people at the Hub. The organiser felt the Hub was a great central Craigavon location and the main hall with its large screen and data projector suited the project perfectly.

The Hub kicked off the 'Brownlow Festival Week'. Brownlow Hub Fun Day started the week-long activities with its annual celebration birthday for the facility. The Fun Day had lots to do for all the family including, sports, arts and crafts, climbing wall, magic show to name a few with around 500 people attending.

The Hub car park facilitated a Peace 3 project 'Cinemobile'. The mobile cinema held 3 shows which achieved full capacity with around 100 people at each. This project proved very successful and offers the opportunity for further outdoor screenings in future.

Income September 2014: £8,521.52

**6.27 BROWNSTOWN JUBILEE COMMUNITY CENTRE PROGRESS REPORT –  
SEPTEMBER 2014 (D284/2014)**

Report by: Stephen Black, Centre Manager

September has seen an increase in the number of bookings using the centre as well as a continuation of all regular bookings.

New bookings for the month have included the Craigavon Foreign Bird Society Show, an eight-week family learning programme organised by Clounagh Junior High School. A new Yoga class has commenced led by instructor Julie Osborne, new dance classes are running four evenings per week led by Jill Dickson Monte and a MacMillan Cancer Coffee Morning took place in the centre on 27 September 2014.

Currently staff are sourcing foyer furniture and a reception desk for the centre. In addition, along with Killicomaine Jubilee Community Centre, staff are sourcing internal and external signage for both centres.

Income £1537.80 September 2014.

**6.28 KILLICOMAIN JUBILEE COMMUNITY CENTRE PROGRESS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2014 (D284/2014)**

Report by: Laura McGrath, Centre Manager

Killicomaine Residents group held a Citizens Advice drop-in morning in the Community Centre on 23 September 2014, this proved very successful and the event was well attended by members of the community. There have also been meetings held with the community to try and initiate a Parent and Toddlers Group and 50+ Group at Killicomaine Jubilee Community Centre.

The centre has been busy with bookings - September has seen two new fitness classes starting, a new yoga class and a cook-it programme for the community. The Southern Regional College are holding an enrolment day in the Community Centre on 30 September 2014 for a computer course and essential skills in Maths and English which are all being held at Killicomaine Jubilee Community Centre.

Income £3,171.72 for September 2014

## **6.& PLAYScheme PROGRESS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2014 (D286/2014)**

Report by: Senior Playleader

All Playschemes, (Hub, Killicomaine, Brownstown, Avenue Road and North Lurgan) reopened for normal business at the end of August 2014 following the summer schemes. Numbers have been steady throughout September 2014 and we expect them to continue to rise as Autumn approaches. The Playscheme in the Hub has initiated their sports programme with the Active Community Coaches for fun sports and badminton.

Over 200 leaflets were sent out in Killicomaine with the Centre Manager's newsletter to promote the Playscheme and increase participation. Two afterschool clubs were very lucky to have Lidl surprises visiting with goody bags for the children and vouchers for the parents.

The theme for this month is 'Autumn' with the children taking nature walks and encouraged to spend time outdoors as the weather has been so good. Playleaders and children have been busy making Autumnal creations to be displayed within the building. Future planning includes Halloween Activities and continued works with the Hub Garden Project.

# PRESS CLIPPINGS

**Client:** Craigavon Borough Council

**Date:** July/August 2014



## Press Coverage Overview

Date	Publication	Headline	Circulation	OTS	Ave	PR Value
22/07/2014	U105	Interview with Councillor Baxter	179,000	179,000	£1,500.00	£4,500.00
24/07/2014	Ulster Tatler (web)	Craigavon shares the love this summer	411	411	£100.00	£300.00
24/07/2014	Ulster Tatler (Facebook)	Craigavon has so much love to offer this summer	7,100	7,100	£100.00	£300.00
24/07/2014	Ulster Life	Craigavon shares the love this summer	5,000	5,000	£500.00	£1,500.00
25/07/2014	Downtown Radio	Interview with Councillor Baxter	290,000	290,000	£1,800.00	£5,400.00
25/07/2014	News Letter	Discovering the magic of the Craigavon area	22,198	66,594	£497.27	£1,491.81
25/07/2014	Belfast Telegraph	Step this way shoppers	63,064	189,192	£1,800.00	£5,400.00
25/07/2014	Portadown Times	Town centres come alive each Saturday	7,764	23,292	£1,012.00	£3,036.00
26/07/2014	News Letter	Bringing some magic to town centres	22,198	66,594	£1,648.00	£4,944.00
31/07/2014	Lurgan Mail	Town centre set to come alive this month	6,984	20,952	£897.00	£2,691.00
08/08/2014	Portadown Times	Free entertainment continues for local shoppers	22,198	66,594	£497.27	£1,491.81
13/08/2014	Dubbellin	Teddy bears picnic provides big surprise for local children	1,035	1,035	£30.00	£90.00
13/08/2014	Dubbellin (Facebook)	If you go down to Craigavon today you're in for a big surprise	210	210	£15.00	£45.00
14/08/2014	Ulster Life	Looking for something fun to do with the kids this Saturday?	3,803	3,803	£150.00	£450.00
15/08/2014	Portadown Times	Love Craigavon: Starz in their eyes	7,764	23,292	£1,012.00	£3,036.00
15/08/2014	Portadown Times	Teddies at the Bann	7,764	23,292	£1,012.00	£3,036.00
15/08/2014	Ni Gossip Guy	Teddy bears picnic provides big surprise for local children	10,000	10,000	£80.00	£240.00
16/08/2014	News Letter	Teddy bears picnic on the Bann	22,198	66,594	£1,638.00	£4,914.00
16/08/2014	Belfast Telegraph	New guided tours and much more in Armagh	63,000	189,000	£2,000.00	£6,000.00
18/08/2014	Belfast Telegraph	Families join teddy bears for a picnic in the pleasure gardens	63,000	189,000	£2,100.00	£6,300.00
28/08/2014	The Lurgan Mail	Clowns and magicians for town summer event	6,984	20,952	£487.00	£1,461.00
29/08/2014	Portadown Times	Pic of the week	7,764	23,292	£497.27	£1,491.81
29/08/2014	Portadown Times	In the town centre	7,764	23,292	£497.27	£1,491.81
29/08/2014	Portadown Times	Giant Mickey Mouse in town	7,764	23,292	£497.27	£1,491.81
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>655,967</b>	<b>1,332,783</b>	<b>£18,867.35</b>	<b>£56,602.05</b>

## PR Value of Coverage



£56,602.05



## Opportunities to See



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# Ulster Tatler (Facebook)

24.07.14

The screenshot shows the Facebook profile of Ulster Tatler. The cover photo features a collage of graduates in gowns and a magazine cover titled 'Ulster Tatler Magazine'. The page has 7,100 likes. The 'ABOUT' section lists the website as <http://www.ulstertatler.com/>. The 'APPS' section includes an 'Email Signup' button. The main timeline post, dated 13 hours ago, is a link post titled 'Ulster Tatler shared a link' with the text: 'Craigavon has so much love to offer this summer! Magicians, live jazz, street circus shows, complimentary treat vouchers across coffee shops and much more! Discover Craigavon <http://bit.ly/WDkamc>'. Below the text is a photo of three people and a caption: 'Craigavon Shares The Love This Summer - Ulster Tatler - [www.ulstertatler.com](http://www.ulstertatler.com)'. The caption continues: 'Visitors to Craigavon are sure to feel well and truly loved this summer as they will be treated to an exciting schedule of free entertainment, as well as vouchers for lots of goodies, all while they visit the Borough's tourist attractions, shop for their summer essentials in...'. The post has been liked by Geraldine Waddell, Sharon Alexander, and Debbie J Smallwoods.

Ulster Life (web)

24.07.14

# UlsterLife

Shares the Love this Summer

## Craigavon Shares the Love this Summer

Visitors to Craigavon are sure to feel well and truly loved this summer as they will be treated to an exciting schedule of free entertainment, as well as vouchers for lots of goodies, all while they visit the Borough's tourist attractions, shop for their summer essentials in Lurgan and Portadown town centres or simply enjoy time out with friends.

The *Love Craigavon* events, which have been organised by Craigavon Borough Council, will take place every Saturday until 30<sup>th</sup> August.

The schedule, which will include live entertainment in the form of, awe-inspiring magicians, great live jazz, hilarious street circus shows, dance groups and even a teddy bears' picnic, is set to attract shoppers to the town centres every Saturday and be a big hit with children.

The U105 street teams will also be on hand every Saturday from 10am – 12noon in Lurgan, Portadown and at Oxford Island giving out vouchers to passers-by so they can avail of lots of delicious treats in local coffee shops, restaurants and at partner visitor attractions.

The *Love Craigavon* schedule will officially kick off on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July, with entertainment running from 10am until 2pm in Lurgan and Portadown town centres. The magnificent *Streetwise Samba Band* on stilts will bring a South American feel to Lurgan town centre, while, at the same time, Portadown will be treated with performances from the *Martello Jazz Band* as well as young magician *Colm Fitzpatrick*.

Cllr Baxter, Chair of the Craigavon Borough Council's Development Committee, said: "I'm delighted to announce this jam-packed schedule of events and promotions for Craigavon this summer and look forward to welcoming visitors and locals alike to enjoy the fun-filled entertainment each week. Craigavon has a great selection of shops and tourist attractions and with the variety of events on offer, visitors are in for an extra special treat! I'd like to extend a warm invitation to everyone to come along and join in the fun, enjoy the atmosphere, and pick up a treat from one of our campaign partners."

For further information about events taking place as part of the Love Craigavon summer schedule, follow us on facebook at [www.facebook.com/discovercraigavon](https://www.facebook.com/discovercraigavon), visit [www.discovercraigavon.com](http://www.discovercraigavon.com) or phone 028 38313617.



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# Discovering the magic of the Craigavon area

## Out Around Craigavon

Throughout August  
[www.discovercraigavon.com](http://www.discovercraigavon.com)

### ENCOURAGEMENT

Craigavon Borough Council are encouraging people to visit the area's tourist attractions and are rolling out a campaign called Love Craigavon.

The Love Craigavon events will take place every Saturday until August 30.

### SCHEDULE

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### THIS WEEK

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Councillor Mark Baxter with magician Colm Fitzpatrick and U105 street team member Kiera Gormley

tertainment each week.

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# Belfast Telegraph

25.07.14

FRIDAY JULY 25 2014



## Step this way, shoppers...

Hip hop dancers Alex and Jessie Whelan get ready to wow shoppers with their moves. Visitors to Craigavon will be treated to an exciting schedule of free entertainment in Lurgan and Portadown town centres every Saturday until August 30, as well as vouchers for lots of goodies to spend in local coffee shops, restaurants and visitor attractions. Visit [www.discovercraigavon.com](http://www.discovercraigavon.com)



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# Portadown Times

25.07.14

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## Entertainment Discover Cragavon every weekend



Launching the season of entertainment in Portadown are Councillor Mark Baxter with hip hop dancers Alex and Jessie Whelan.

# Town centres come alive each Saturday

By HEAFF REPORTER  
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@portadowntimes1

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## News Letter

26.07.14

### Bringing some magic to town centres



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# Lurgan Mail

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### IN THIS WEEK'S MAIL

#### Exciting schedule of free entertainment in town centre

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### Promotion

## Town centre set to come alive this month

Visitors to Craigavon are sure to feel well and truly loved this summer as they will be treated to an exciting schedule of free entertainment, as well as vouchers for lots of goodies, all while they visit the Borough's tourist attractions, shop for their summer essentials in Lurgan and Portadown town centres or simply enjoy time out with friends.

The Love Craigavon events, which have been organised by Craigavon Borough Council, will take place every Saturday until 30th August.

The schedule of events - which will include live entertainment in the form of awe-inspiring magicians, great live jazz, hilarious street circus shows, dance groups and even a teddy bears' picnic - is set to attract shoppers to the town centres every Saturday and prove to be a big hit with children.

The U105 street teams will also be on hand every Saturday from 10am-12noon in Lurgan, Portadown and at Oxford Island.

They will be giving out vouchers to passers-by so they can avail of lots of delicious treats in some of the local coffee shops, restaurants and at partner visitor attractions.

The Love Craigavon schedule officially kicked off on Saturday, with entertainment running from 10am until 12pm in Lurgan and Portadown town centres.

The magnificent Streetwise Samba Band on stilts brought a South American feel to Lurgan town centre, while, at the same time, Portadown was treated with performances from the Martello Jazz Band as well as young magician Colm Fitzpatrick.

Cllr Mark Baxter, Chair of the Craigavon Borough Council's Development

Committee, said: "I'm delighted to announce this jam-packed schedule of events and promotions for Craigavon this summer and look forward to welcoming visitors and locals alike to enjoy the fun-filled entertainment each week."

"Craigavon has a great selection of shops and tourist attractions and with the variety of events on offer, visitors are in for an extra special treat!"

"I'd like to extend a warm invitation to everyone to come along and join in the fun, enjoy the atmosphere, and maybe pick up a treat from one of our campaign partners."

For further information about events taking place as part of the Love Craigavon summer schedule, follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/discover-craigavon](http://www.facebook.com/discover-craigavon), visit [www.discovercraigavon.com](http://www.discovercraigavon.com) or phone 098 3831 3617.



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# Free entertainment continues for

By STAFF REPORTER  
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@portadowntimes

Visitors to Craigavon are feeling well and truly loved this summer as they are being treated to an exciting sched-

ule of free entertainment every Saturday. As if that wasn't enough they are also being offered vouchers for lots of

goodies, all while they visit the Borough's tourist attractions, shop for their summer essentials in Portadown and Lurgan

town centres or simply enjoy time out with friends.

Shoppers have been going along to the town centres to enjoy the Love Craigavon events organised by Craigavon Borough Council which kicked off at the end of July and continue this Saturday, August 9, with the magnificent Babcoo and Bobbins Street Circus Shows at 11am and 4pm in Portadown.

The remainder of the schedule includes even more live entertainment from stilt walkers, dance groups, jazz and even a teddy bears' picnic. The events have been attracting shoppers far and wide to the town centres each week and are a big hit with children.

The U105 street teams are also on hand each week from 10am-12noon in Portadown, Lurgan and at Oxford Island giving out vouchers to passers-by so they can avail of lots of delicious treats in local coffee shops, restaurants and at partner visitor attractions.

The entertainment runs each Saturday from 10am until 4pm in Lurgan and Portad-

own town centres.

Cllr Mark Baxter, Chair of the Craigavon Borough Council's Development Committee, said: "It's great to see so many shoppers enjoying the jam-packed schedule of events and promotions for Craigavon this summer and we look forward to welcoming more visitors and locals to enjoy the remainder of the fun-filled entertainment we have taking place each week."

"Craigavon has a great selection of shops and tourist attractions and with the variety of events on offer, visitors are in for an extra special treat! I'd like to extend a warm invitation to everyone who hasn't done so already, to come along and join in the fun, enjoy the atmosphere, and pick up a treat from one of our campaign partners."

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## local shoppers

### PORTADOWN HIGHLIGHTS

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 9:

Babcoo and Bobbins Street Circus Shows at 11am and 4pm, offering an exciting mix of skills including juggling, diabolo, unicycling, stiltwalking plate spinning and fire juggling! Plus local musician Barry Tipping playing acoustic and the very talented Little Stars Dance Academy.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 16:

Teddy Bears Picnic at the Pleasure Gardens, River Bann. Teddy Bear Hospital, teddy bear maskmaking, magicians, supersize picture board (ideal for family photos), picnic blankets, drum circle.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 23:

Pamela Cassells School of Performance, Juggling Gent

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 27:

Samba Band on Stilts "The Streetwise Samba Band have been beating their drums for 15 years"



Councillor Mark Baxter celebrates at the launch of the 'Love Craigavon' schedule with hip hop dancers Alex and Jessie Whelan who will wow shoppers with their dance moves



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Portadown Times  
15.08.14



## Starz in their eyes

Little Starz Dance Academy enjoy the atmosphere in Portadown during the Love Craigavon events



Portadown Times  
15.08.14

**Magician**

## Teddies at the Bann

Families will be in for a big surprise tomorrow (Saturday) as the Pleasure Gardens at the River Bann are transformed into a teddy bears' paradise from 1pm - 4pm.

Children of all ages can take part in workshops on how to make their own teddy masks or admit their teddy into the teddy bears' hospital.

Families can also enjoy a magician, lunch on the lawn and visit teddy's botanical garden.

The 'Love Craigavon' event is free and has been part funded by OFMDFM.



## NI Gossip Guy (Facebook)

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### TEDDY BEARS PICNIC PROVIDES BIG SURPRISE FOR LOCAL CHILDREN

Families will be in for a big surprise on Saturday 16th August as Portadown's Pleasure Gardens at the River Bann is transformed into a teddy bears paradise from 1pm - 4pm as part of Craigavon Borough Council's series of free 'Love Craigavon' events.

Children of all ages can come along and take part in workshops on how to make their own teddy masks or admit their teddy into the special Teddy Bears Hospital. Families can also enjoy entertainment from a kid's magician, enjoy lunch on the lawn and visit teddy's botanical garden all on the banks of the scenic River Bann at Portadown.

Cllr Baxter, Chair of the Craigavon Borough Council's Development Committee, said: "Following the success of last year's Teddy Bears picnic the Council decided to host this event again as part of its busy schedule of events and promotions for Love Craigavon... this summer. The event is open to locals and visitors alike and I would encourage as many families to come along and enjoy the fantastic atmosphere whilst having fun with their favourite teddies!"

The event is completely free to attend and has been part funded by OFMDFM. For further information visit [www.discovercraigavon.com](http://www.discovercraigavon.com) or phone 028 38313617.



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# News Letter

16.08.14

## Teddy Bears Picnic on the Bann



If you go down to the woods today ... Faith and Charlotte Baxter look forward to taking their teddy bears for a picnic today at Pleasure Gardens, River Bann, Portadown, where Craigavon Borough Council will host a special family event from 1pm-4pm. Children of all ages can come along to the Teddy Bears Picnic and take part in workshops on how to make their own Teddy masks, enjoy entertainment from a magician or have their picture taken at a specially commissioned teddy board. Further information at [www.discovercraigavon.com](http://www.discovercraigavon.com)





Belfast Telegraph  
18.08.14

## Families join teddy bears for a picnic in the Pleasure Gardens



Roslyn Irwin with Ben (1) and Mayah (4) join Alison Gillespie and two-year-old Fionn at the Teddy Bears' Picnic in the Pleasure Gardens, Portadown, Co Armagh, on Saturday where children's fun included magicians and making masks

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## NEWS

### Clowns and magicians for town summer fun event

Lurgan centre is set for fun weekend, with acrobats, dancers and magicians just some of the entertainment. Craigavon Council's 'Love Craigavon this summer' campaign ends on Saturday with a blast and includes

Martello Jazz band. There will be a teddy bears' picnic and street clowns proving children and adults with much fun. The U105 street teams will be on hand giving out the last of their vouchers to

passers-by so they can avail of lots of delicious treats in local coffee shops, restaurants and at partner visitor attractions. Cllr Baxter, Chair of the Craigavon Borough Council's Development Commit-

tee, said: "This year's Love Craigavon campaign has been another great success with both Lurgan and Portadown playing host new visitors every week. There's been a great atmosphere in the towns."



Portadown Times  
28.08.14

**PIC OF THE WEEK**



Enjoying the Teddy Bears' Picnic in the Pleasure Gardens, part of the Love Craigavon series of events, are Roslyn Irwin with Ben (1) and Mayah (4) and Alison Gillespie with two-year-old Fionn.



Portadown Times  
28.08.14

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## in the town centre



Fiachra Fields with John the Magician at the Teddy Bear's Picnic in the Pleasure Gardens. INPT35-019



# Giant Mickey Mouse in town

Colonel Saunderson's iconic statue in the centre of Portadown was dwarfed on Saturday – by a giant pneumatic Mickey Mouse.

The 'original' Disney cartoon character was there, standing tall, as part of the borough council's 'Love Craigavon This Summer'

campaign.

It began towards the end of July and finishes tomorrow (Saturday, August). It embraced the three main population centres – Portadown, Brownlow and Lurgan – integrating pop-up events with the retail sector, encouraging increased footfall and profiling council's tour-



ist and leisure attractions.

The council's media partner has been U105 and street teams who have been in the towns each Saturday from 10.00am-12noon distributing complimentary treat vouchers. These can be redeemed across partner outlets, including cafes and council leisure facilities.

## Samba and hip-hop

A samba band on stilts and hip-hop dancers will entertain shoppers in Portadown tomorrow (Saturday).

The musical attractions mark the end of the council's 'Love Craigavon this summer' campaign which has been running in Portadown and Lurgan with a diverse range of free entertainment.

The hip hop dance group EADD will be fresh off the

plane from the World Hip Hop Championships in Las Vegas.

In Lurgan, the Martello Jazz band will blast out its soulful music.

As usual, the U105 street teams will be on hand giving out the last of their vouchers to passers-by so they can avail of treats in local coffee shops, restaurants and at partner visitor attractions.

Cllr Mark Baxter, chair of the Craigavon Borough

Council's development committee, said, "There's been a great atmosphere in the towns and everyone has enjoyed the fun-filled entertainment and availed of the array of vouchers from our campaign partners.

"If you haven't visited us yet this summer then make the most of the last weekend of summer and come and join in the fun and atmosphere before the kids return to school."



Three-year-old Max Groves and Rose Boyce at the Teddy Bears' Picnic in the Pleasure Gardens. INPT35-023



Shona Jean Moore (4) and her brother Ethan (2) with their mum at Dr Dappy's at the Teddy Bears' Picnic. INPT35-021



## Town Centre WiFi/Locali App



Magowan West – Portadown (front)



Magowan West, Portadown (side)



Launching the Locali App, free town centre Wi-Fi and iPad Air competition in Portadown are economic development officer Paul Kavanagh, Ryan Loney from SNL, chair of the development committee Councillor Mark Baxter and town centre manager Lyn McNeill.

## iPad Air up for grabs in council competition

An iPad Air is up for grabs for the winner of Craigavon Borough Council's 'Connect with Locali App' competition on the Discover Craigavon Facebook page.

The new Craigavon Locali App is now available to download free from the Apple App Store and Google Play. It is an innovative resource for keeping up to date with all the latest news, retail offers, events and issues in the borough. From Leisure Centre opening hours, bin collection schedules, council contact numbers.

In addition, locals and visitors are being invited to log on to council's free town centre

Wi-Fi in Lurgan, central Craigavon and Portadown - just search for Wi-Fi SPARK in any of the Wi-Fi hotspots to connect.

At the touch of a button you will be able to log on to the web in the town centres - whether you're enjoying a leisurely afternoon shopping, catching up with friends or waiting for a bus, you can get online quickly and easily.

To celebrate the launch of the Locali App & free town centre Wi-Fi, the council are giving away an Apple iPad Air to one lucky winner - enter the Facebook competition by logging on to [www.facebook.com/discovercraigavon](http://www.facebook.com/discovercraigavon) and follow

the instructions.

Chair of the development committee, Councillor Mark Baxter, comments, "We are delighted to introduce both free Wi-Fi to the town centres and launch the fantastic Locali App - both keeping you up to date on the go! We hope people make the most of the new service to discover what's happening in the local area. Don't forget to enter the competition to win an iPad Air - closing date is Monday, September 29."

For further information, contact Bronagh Harbinson, 09838 313611 or email [brnagh.harbinson@craigavon.gov.uk](mailto:brnagh.harbinson@craigavon.gov.uk)

**Portadown Times (19/09/14)**



**Exploding streetliner**





















## Memorandum of Understanding

## Appendix 7

The overall aim of the collaboration between Craigavon Borough Council (Council) and the Southern Health and Social Care Trust (Trust) is to work together to promote Craigavon as a Centre of Excellence for Life Sciences.

The objectives of the collaboration are to:

- i. Facilitate collaborative working between the Council and the Trust to promote the development of the economy through the Life Sciences in the Council area **and promote the health and well-being of the population.**
- ii. Enhance the centre of excellence at the Cardiovascular Research Department, Craigavon Area Hospital.
- iii. Exploit funding opportunities through Invest NI, European or other funding to provide business support and business development programmes that will encourage economic growth in the Craigavon Borough and to enhance facilities in the Cardiovascular Research Department, Craigavon Area Hospital, in accordance with the strategic objectives and priorities of the Trust.

The proposed framework for implementation of the collaboration is as follows:

1. The composition and terms of reference of the Steering Committee are outlined in Appendix 1.
2. The collaboration described above will operate initially for a period of five years from the date of signature and may be extended with the written agreement of both Parties. The Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Party, provided that six months' notice is given in writing.
3. **Both Parties may develop and exploit other collaboration outside the scope of this Memorandum of Understanding in accordance with and subject to the regulations of their respective organisations.**

**Memorandum of Understanding**

4. There will be an annual review of progress by the Steering Committee to assess the effectiveness of the framework for the collaboration. Changes to the content of the Memorandum of Understanding may be made with the written agreement of both Parties.

**Signed by Chief Executive**

**On behalf of Craigavon Borough Council**

**Date:**

**Signed by Chief Executive**

**On behalf of the Southern Health and Social Care Trust**

**Date:**

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

### **APPENDIX 1**

#### **Composition and Terms of Reference of Steering Committee**

##### **Composition**

###### **Craigavon Borough Council**

Head of Economic Development  
Life Sciences Project Manager  
Economic Development Officer

###### **Southern Health and Social Care Trust**

Associate Medical Director Research & Development  
Director of Performance and Reform  
Head of Service, Cardiology  
Consultant Cardiologists (Directors of Cardiovascular Research and Interventional Cardiology)  
Research Manager

(Chairman and Secretariat to rotate on annual basis between Craigavon Borough Council and the Southern Health and Social Care Trust)

##### **Terms of Reference**

1. To maintain high level contacts between Craigavon Borough Council and the Southern Health and Social Care Trust, with the aim of identifying and exploiting opportunities to promote and enhance Craigavon as a Centre of Excellence in Life

**Memorandum of Understanding**

Sciences in the area and at the Cardiovascular Research Department, Craigavon Area Hospital.

2. To consider appropriate funding opportunities to provide business support and business development programmes that will encourage economic growth in the Craigavon Borough and enhance facilities at the Cardiovascular Research Department, Craigavon Area Hospital in accordance with the strategic objectives and priorities of the Trust.
3. To assess the effectiveness of the framework for the collaboration between Craigavon Borough Council and the Southern Health and Social Care Trust as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding and to agree any changes necessary in relation to its continuation or renewal.
4. It is proposed that the Steering Group will meet at least twice annually.

## Appendix 8

All Development (YTD = Year to Date LTS = Long Term Sick)												
	2011/12	YTD	LTS	2012/13	YTD	LTS	2013/14	YTD	LTS	2014/15	YTD	LTS
<b>April</b>	5.97	5.97	96.9	1.44	1.44	41.7	2.27	2.27	60.5	6.8	6.8	80.0
<b>May</b>	4.56	5.26	72.3	4.41	2.92	0.00	5.17	3.72	23.1	6.3	6.55	65.0
<b>June</b>	4.61	5.04	81.3	3.93	3.26	84.8	4.77	4.04	80.6	6.63	6.57	66.1
<b>July</b>	1.90	4.26	73.1	2.45	3.06	74.4	7.18	4.84	64.0	6.26	6.49	87.5
<b>August</b>	1.19	3.65	0.00	2.37	2.92	45.5	9.38	5.75	81.6	8.01	6.80	87.2
<b>Sept</b>	2.18	3.40	62.9	3.70	3.05	66.1	5.99	5.79	76.4			
<b>Oct</b>	0.99	3.06	33.3	3.12	3.06	17.2	4.30	5.58	78.4			
<b>Nov</b>	2.63	3.00	0.00	5.39	3.35	43.3	6.36	5.67	52.5			
<b>Dec</b>	0.57	2.73	0.00	7.45	3.81	65.6	6.15	5.73	72.4			
<b>Jan</b>	1.14	2.57	0.00	7.24	4.15	50	4.81	5.63	73.7			
<b>Feb</b>	3.03	2.61	0.00	4.89	4.22	70.4	4.30	5.51	54.5			
<b>March</b>	2.51	2.61	65.9	7.30	4.47	75.7	3.39	5.33	33.3			

Development Absence period 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2014 to 31st August 2014	
Division	% loss rate
Administration	1.46
Community Development	10.16
Development	5.14
PCSP	0.00
Economic Development	0.48

**Development Absence  
Year to Date (YTD%) & Long Term Sick (LTS%)**

Administration			Community Development				Development		
	2014/15	YTD	LTS	2014/15	YTD	LTS	2014/15	YTD	LTS
April	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.1	11.1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
May	1.67	0.83	0.00	9.83	10.4	68.47	0.00	0.00	0.00
June	3.97	1.88	0.00	9.97	10.3	71.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
July	1.64	1.82	0.00	8.67	9.89	87.13	11.81	2.95	100.00
August	0.00	1.46	0.00	11.23	10.16	65.57	13.87	5.14	100.00
Sept									
Oct									
Nov									
Dec									
Jan									
Feb									
March									
PCSP			Economic Development				Council Total		
	2014/15	YTD	LTS	2014/15	YTD	LTS	2014/15	YTD	LTS
April	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.78	4.78	63.9
May	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.87	0.43	0.00	3.84	4.31	60.9
June	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.83	0.56	0.00	4.45	4.35	66.3
July	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.42	0.00	5.99	4.76	70.6
August	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.68	0.48	0.00	7.58	5.33	87.2
Sept									
Oct									
Nov									
Dec									
Jan									
Feb									
March									

**Development Average Days Lost per employee for the Period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 YTD**

Division	% loss rate
April	1.3
May	2.5
June	3.8
July	4.9
August	6.4
September	
October	
November	
December	
January	
February	
March	

### Days Lost Per Department by Month 2013/14

Directorate	Admin (6)	Community Development (52)	Development (7)	PCSP (4)	Economic Development (22)	Land & Property (1)	Total (92)
April	0	115	0	0	0	0	115
May	1	107	0	0	4	0	112
June	5	118	0	0	3	0	126
July	2	97	17	0	0	0	116
August	0	122	19	0	3	0	144
September							
October							
November							
December							
January							
February							
March							

### Reasons for Absence

Table 4 below shows the reasons given for absence year to date 2014/15. The category of Neurological accounts for the highest at over 25%.

<b>Table 4 Reasons for absence YTD at 31st August 2014</b>		
<b>Absence Category</b>	<b>Days Lost</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Heart, Circulatory & BP	0	<b>0.00</b>
Chest & Respiratory	7	<b>1.14</b>
Back & Neck	121	<b>19.74</b>
Stomach , liver, kidney	14	<b>2.28</b>
Musculo-Skeletal	111	<b>18.11</b>
Pregnancy Related	22	<b>3.59</b>
Genito, Urinary, Gynae	0	<b>0.00</b>
Infections	62	<b>10.11</b>
Stress, Depression, Mental Health	91	<b>14.85</b>
Eye, Ear & Nose	15	<b>2.45</b>
Other	12	<b>1.96</b>
Neurological	158	<b>25.77</b>



**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT REPORT****Appendix 9****APRIL 2014 TO AUGUST 2014****DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Expenditure Heading	Annual Budget £000's	Budget YTD £000's	Actual Spend YTD £000's	Total Variance Overbudget/ (Underbudget) £000's
Employee Costs	2,367	986	1,024	38
Premises Costs	297	129	128	(1)
Transport Costs	29	14	21	7
Supplies & Services	1,270	726	780	54
Support Costs	86	36	36	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>4,049</b>	<b>1,892</b>	<b>1,990</b>	<b>98</b>
Income	(1,141)	(475)	(581)	(106)
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2,908</b>	<b>1,416</b>	<b>1,409</b>	<b>(8)</b>

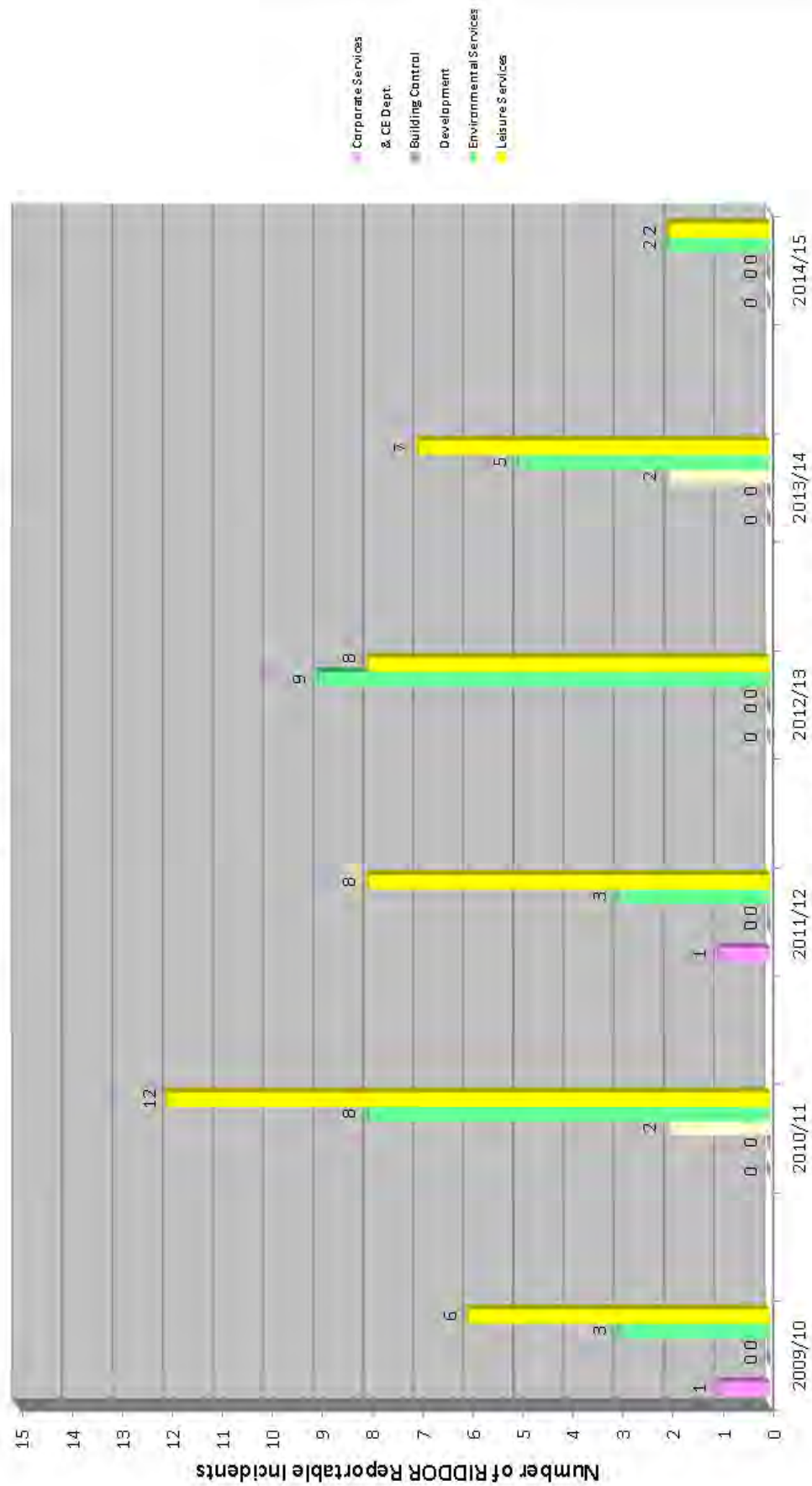
NOTE: Budget figures above do not include loan charges of £630K. Total 2014/15 budget £3,537K

**Summary of Variations – Development Department 2014-2015**  
**April 2014 to August 2014**

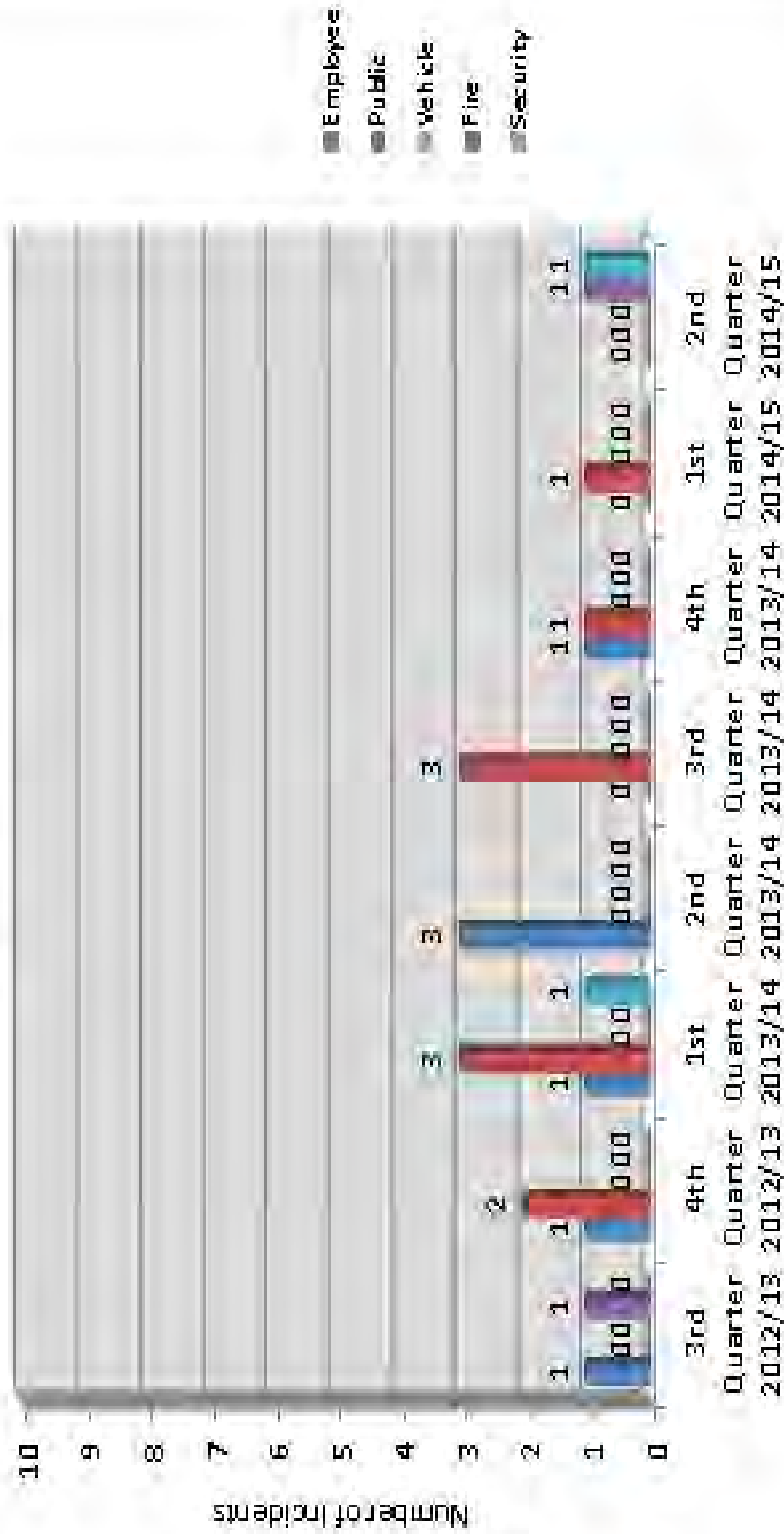
<b>Heading</b>	<b>Amount Over/ (Under) budget £000's</b>	<b>Explanation/Comment</b>
<b><u>Employee Costs</u></b>	38	There has been additional costs within Economic Development to assist with the large number of grant related projects. Please note this position includes all expenditure on overtime, agency and casual staff.
<b><u>Premises Costs</u></b>	(1)	Premises costs are currently within budget.
<b><u>Transport costs</u></b>	7	There have been travel expenses for economic development programmes and attending various conferences, some of which has been funded.
<b><u>Supplies &amp; Services</u></b>	54	There has been over spends on grant related projects such as SOAR which is covered by income shown below.
<b><u>Support Costs</u></b>	0	
<b><u>Income</u></b>	(106)	Community Centre's income is currently above budgeted figures.  Additional income has been received to cover expenditure on grant related projects shown above.
<b><u>Total</u></b>	(8)	

### Summary of RIDDOR Reportable Incidents

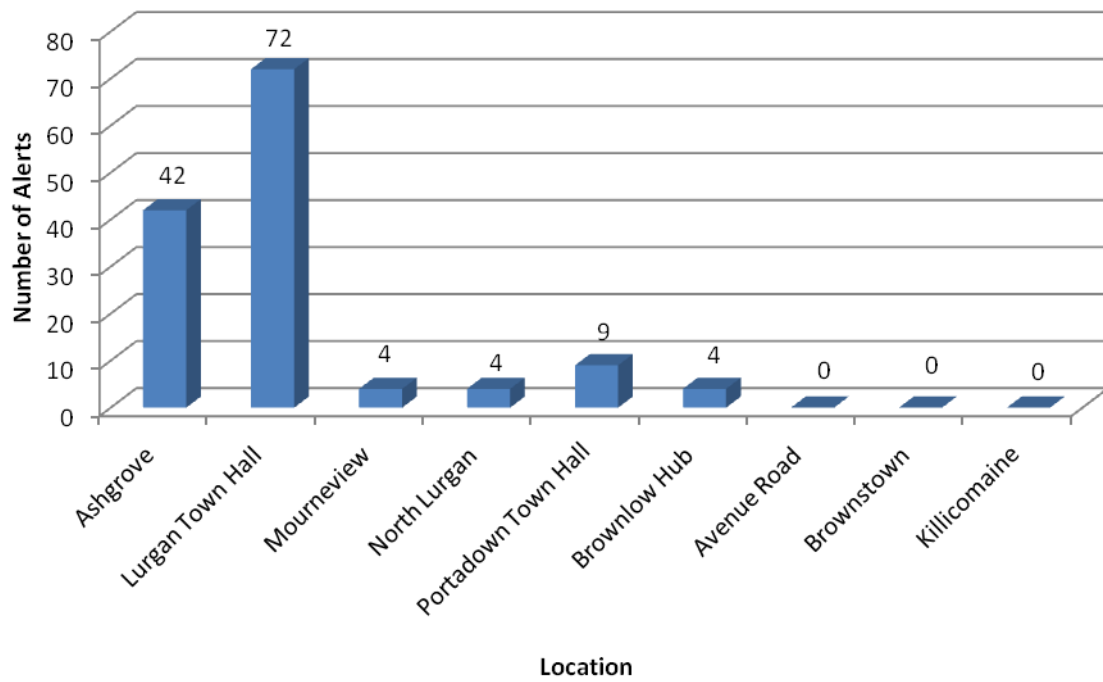
#### RIDDOR Reportable Incidents



## Development



## Legionella Alerts - Development October 2012 - September 2014



## SUMMARY OF HEALTH & SAFETY TRAINING

### Health & Safety Training Planned for the 2014/15 Training Year

1.1 The following Health & Safety Training is planned to take place during the 2014/15 training year:

- 1 Day IOSH Safety for Senior Executives – 2 Courses;
- 5 Day IOSH Managing Safely – 1 Course;
- 1 Day IOSH Managing Safely – “Refresher” Training Course – 3 Courses;
- 1 Day Risk Assessment Training – 2 Courses;
- ½ Day Health & Safety Induction Training – 4 Courses;
- ½ Day Asbestos Awareness Training Course – As required;
- ½ Day Asbestos Awareness “Refresher” Training Course – As required;
- 1 Day Legionella “Responsible Persons” Training Course – As required;
- ½ Day Legionella Awareness Training Course – As required;
- ½ Day Legionella Awareness “Refresher” Training Course – As required;
- 3 Day HSENI approved First Aid at Work Certificate – As required;
- First Aid at Work Certificate “refresher” Training Course – As required;
- 1 Day First Aid “Appointed Persons” Course – As required;
- ½ Day Fire Wardens Training Course – As required;
- ½ Day Fire Marshals Course – As required;
- 1 Day Personal Safety Awareness Training Course – As required;
- 2 Day Personal Safety Awareness Training Course – As required;
- 1 Day Personal Safety Awareness “Refresher” Training Course – As required.

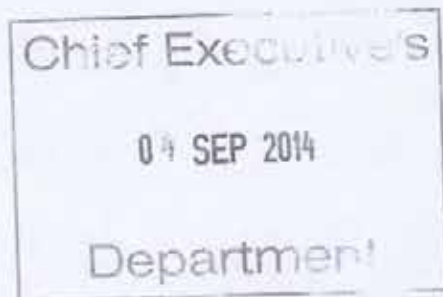
Function	Programme	Funder	Amount	Dates	Outcomes	Notes
Economic Development	Achieving Finance	ERDF	£150,000	2012-2014	100 Businesses Supported (inc 25 in Craigavon)	
	Product Transfer	ERDF	£97,500	2010-2012	20 Businesses Supported in Craigavon	Launched Sept 2010
	R&D programme - YCDI	ERDF	£125,000	2011-2012	16 Businesses Supported in Craigavon	
	Creative Edge	NPP Interreg IVB	£225,000	2012-2013	290 Businesses Supported (inc 95 in Craigavon)	
	Life Sciences Supply Chain Programme	EBR Interreg IVA	£418,000	2012-2015	29 Businesses Supported (inc 6 in Craigavon)	
	Meanwhile in Craigavon	DSD	£30,000	2012-2014	10 Businesses Supported in Craigavon	
	NRA Retail Capacity Building	DSD	£336,000	2012-2013	246 Businesses Supported in Craigavon	
	Bleary Creative Community Centre (SOAR £301,000*)			2013-2014	12 Businesses Supported in Craigavon	
	Locali App	NESTA	£50,000	2012-2013	500 Businesses Supported in Craigavon	
	Creative Economy Exporting	ERDF	£162,000	2013-2014	400 Businesses Supported (inc 90 in Craigavon)	
	Product Transfer 2	ERDF	£180,000	2014-2015	56 Businesses Supported (inc 8 in Craigavon)	
	Business Engagement	ERDF	£158,000	2014- 2015	280 Craigavon Businesses Supported	
	Bright Idea	ERDF	£376,000	2014-2015	228 Businesses Supported (inc 38 in Craigavon)	
	Life Sciences Innovation Programme	ERDF	£30,000	2014-2015	10 Businesses Supported in Craigavon	
Town Centre Management	Town Centre Wi-Fi	DSD	£63,000	2013-2014	Free Outdoor Town Centre Wi-Fi Provision in Lurgan, Central & Portadown	
	ABC Cluster - Footfall Counters & KPI Software	DSD	£18,100	2013-2014	Footfall Counters in Town Centres & Tailor Made System for KPI Reporting (Across ABC Cluster)	
Town Centre Regeneration	Lurgan Restore	DSD	£150,000	2011-2012	Shop Front Painting, Santa's Grotto, Marketing	
	Lurgan Revitalisation	DSD	£100,000	2012-2013	Shop Shutters Replacement Scheme, Interpretive Panels	
	Portadown Revitalisation	DSD	£250,000	2012-2014	2 Day Markets Jun/Dec 12, Business Matching Event, Environmental Improvements, Planters	
	Lurgan Public Realm Phase 2	DSD	£1,750,000	2011-2014	Environmental improvement works to Public Realm in Lurgan town centre complete	
Tourism		DCAL/Ministerial Advisory Group on Ulster Scots				
	Ulster Scots in Craigavon	Scots	£15,800	2013-2014	Research and production of Ulster Scots Publication in Craigavon	
	Public Art	DSD	£177,862	2013- 2014	Installation of iconic public art in Lurgan & Portadown	
	Public Art	Arts Council	£75,000	2011-2012	Fabrication of public art	
	Festival & Events Financial Assistance Policy	DCAL/Community Festivals Fund	£96,500	2011-2015	40 Events supported	
	Craigavon Integrated Visitor Strategy	NITB/ERDF	£105,000	2011	Dev of 4 Action Plans for Tourism inc. Evening Economy Strat, Craigavon Welcome Way, Southern Loughshore Trail & Eco Tourism Strat	
	Southern Loughshore Marketing Programme (SOAR £73,479*)			2013-2014	Goodlife Festival Delivery & Billboard Promotion & Radio Advertising	
	Southern Loughshore - Charlestown/Bannfoot (SOAR £54,975*)			2014	Environmental Improvement Scheme at Charlestown/Bannfoot	
	Rural Village Trail (SOAR £7,474*)			2013	Research and Production of Rural Village Trail	
	Southern Loughshore Trail (SOAR £122,399*)			2013-2014	Environmental Improvement Schemes & Interpretation Panel Installation at 10 Lough Shore Sites	
	Old Town Quay	Interreg/IVA	£187,000	2013-2015	Regeneration of the Old Town Quay site	
	Frontline Familiarisation Visits	Northern Ireland Tourist Board	£500	2013	Familiarisation visit across tourism product by key tourism staff in N. Ireland	
	Craigavon Welcome Way	Northern Ireland Tourist Board	£78,290	2014-2015	Visitor Servicing Infrastructure to be installed at key tourism sites & town centres across Craigavon	
Rural Development / Regeneration	SOAR inc. Craigavon Village Plans (£55,600*)	DARD	£14,339,987	2007-2015	279 projects supported across Armagh, Craigavon and Newry & Mourne (179 farm & rural business, 100 council & community)	8 Year Programme
	inc. Village Regeneration Project (£185,000*)			2011-2012	9 Village Plans Developed inc. 19 Village Settlement Areas	
	inc. Bleary Recreational Provision (£5,000*)			2014	16 Rural Villages Regenerated	
	inc. Bleary Recreational Provision (£5,000*)			2014	Technical Study of Recreational Provision in Bleary	
	South Lough Neagh Shared Space Project	Peace III Investing in Our Future	£9,000	2012-2013	Explored and addressed barriers to sharing space and services	
Good Relations	Core Funding	OFMDFM	£131,407	2011-2012	Contribution towards delivery of GR Plan	
	Core Funding	OFMDFM	£128,109	2012-2013	Contribution towards delivery of GR Plan	
	Core Funding	OFMDFM	£121,438	2013-2014	Contribution towards delivery of GR Plan	
Peace	Investing in Our Future	SEUPB Peace III	£743,635	2009-2011	Delivery of Phase 1 of Peace Action Plan	Completed July 2011
	Investing in Our Future	SEUPB Peace III	£847,348	2011-2014	Delivery of Phase 2 & Phase 2 Extension of Peace Action Plan	
District Policing Partnership	Core Funding	NI Policing Board	£98,500	2011-2012	Delivery of DPP Action Plan 2011/2012	
Community Safety Partnership	Core Funding	DoJ	£98,500	2011-2012	Delivery of CSP Action Plan 2011/2012	
	Alternatives to Alleygates/Graffiti	DRD	£5,000	2011-2012	Consultation, Referrals & Graffiti Removal	
	Alternatives to Alleygates/Graffiti	PSNI	£2,000	2011-2012	Consultation, Referrals & Graffiti Removal	
	Alternatives to Alleygates/Graffiti	Neighbourhood Renewal	£25,000	2011-2012	Consultation, Referrals & Graffiti Removal	
		PSNI / NIHE / Youth Justice Agency / Policing with the Community Fund / Classic Mineral Water				
	Youth Engagement Partnership		£7,700	2011-2012	Delivery of YEP Programme	

Policing and Community Safety Partnership	Graffiti Removal Programme	Neighbourhood Renewal	£25,000	2012-2013	Delivery of Graffiti Removal Programme	
	Core Funding	DoJ / NI Policing Board	£203,789	2012-2013	Delivery of PCSP Action Plan 2012/2013	
	Brownlow Terrace Footbridge	Neighbourhood Renewal	£59,000	2012-2013	Structural work to footbridge	
	Midnight Soccer	CCR funding	£15,872	2012-2013	Delivery of Midnight Soccer programme	
	Youth Engagement Partnership	Priority Youth Intervention Fund	£7,600	2012-2013	Delivery of YEP programme	
	Youth Engagement Partnership	Assets Recovery Fund / Youth Justice				
	Where is Your Child Tonight?	Agency / Classic Mineral Water	£10,285	2012-2013	Delivery of YEP programme	
	Violent Crime Campaign	Confiscation of Criminal Receipts Fund	£8,500	2012-2013	Delivery of promotional campaign	
	Burglary Packs	PSNI	£500	2012-2013	Delivery of promotional campaign	
	Engagement & Consultation	Confiscation of Criminal Receipts Fund	£8,500	2012-2013	Purchase of burglary packs	
	Core Funding	PSNI	£350	2012-2013	Public Engagement Events	
	Youth Engagement Partnership	DoJ / NI Policing Board	£203,789	2013-2014	Delivery of PCSP Action Plan 2013/14	
	ASB Areas	Assets Recovery Fund / Youth Justice				
	Youth Engagement Strategy	Agency / NIHE	£11,705	2013-2014	Delivery of YEP programme	
	Neighbourhood Watch	PSNI and NIHE	£3,000	2013-2014	Rathmore site clean up	
	Seasonal Campaigns	PSNI	£500	2013-2014	Development of Craigoogl	
	Graffiti Removal Programme	PSNI	£200	2013-2014	Support for Neighbourhood Watch Schemes	
	Graffiti Removal Programme	PSNI	£500	2013-2014	Support of Seasonal Campaigns	
	Domestic Violence Campaign	DRD	£1,216	2013-2014	Delivery of Graffiti Removal Programme	
	Youth Engagement Initiative	Neighbourhood Renewal	£25,000	2013-2014	Delivery of Graffiti Removal Programme	
Community Development	SPACE Project	Victims of Crime Fund	£8,000	2013-2014	Partnership work with Women's Aid	
	Community Support Programme	Priority Youth Intervention Fund	£7,000	2013-2014	Engagement project with hard-to-reach youth	
	Community Support Programme	PEACE III	£5,469,045	2013-2015	Shared Space capital build Peoples Park & Community Engagement	Completes June 2015
	Community Support Programme	DSD	£326,798	2012-2013	Contribution towards core running costs of Community Centre	
	Community Support Programme	DSD	£414,801	2013-2014	provision, grant aid and advice services	
	Citizen 21	DSD	£326,796	2014-2015		
	Citizen 21	Peace III	£19,902	2013-2015	12 attained OCN L2 in Comm Dev, Training Res & Political Structures/Comm Planning Study Visits	
	Positive Leadership	DSD Neighbourhood Renewal	£53,800	2010-2013	2 x 21 participants attained OCN Level 1 in Community Development	Commenced Nov 2010
Community Resources	Brownlow Festival (SEUPB Peace III £24,200#)	Peace III	£10,000	2014-2015	20 Community Reps undergoing Leadership Skills	
	NLCC Multi Sensory Garden			2012-2014	Delivery of week long festival and action plan	
		DSD Neighbourhood Renewal	£42,000	2013-2014	Provision of New Multi Sensory Garden at North Lurgan CC	
Total			£29,225,624			

\* SOAR funded projects led by other Development Officers are included in total SOAR value of £14,339,987

# Funding for Brownlow Festival included in grant secured by Peace Officers, delivered by Community Development Team





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3 September 2014

Dear Dr Donaldson

Thank you for your letter to the First Minister and deputy First Minister regarding CAP Reform issues. They have asked that we respond on their behalf.

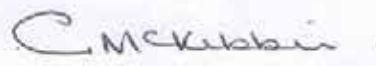
The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development announced on 26 June, that the Executive has agreed a resolution on CAP implementation which will provide a significant increase in funding for the Rural Development Programme for the 2014-20 period, of up to £623 million. Of this, £287 million will be allocated to improve the competitiveness of farm and agri-food businesses; £256 million to protect the rural environment; and £80 million to assist in the development of rural economies and to create jobs.

This funding will also help to deliver on the aims and objectives of the Agri-Food Strategy Board's 'Going for Growth' report, including the Farm Business Improvement Scheme, which will be an important element of the next Rural Development Programme.

We hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

  
**Judith Wallwin**  
PS/First Minister

  
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