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ABC COMMUNITY PLANNING RESPONSE & RECOVERY PLAN, 2020 - 2021

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PART A- Maximise community response and partnership working to reduce impact of the virus across our borough

Action	Issue to be addressed/impact	Lead Partner	Partners	From existing thematic action plan?
<p>Address barriers to services and community support and enhance targeting, communication and coordination of needs and referral pathways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Further roll out of borough-wide helpline to support community-based points of contact ▪ Agree protocols for responder organisations to share information make referrals and coordinate response to needs as they arise ▪ Identify new and enhance existing referral pathways to reach those most in need in liaison with, food banks, CVS, credit unions, JBO, schools, advice sector etc. ▪ Continue to deliver Support Hub 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CVS and statutory agencies combining local knowledge and intelligence. ▪ Enhance communications between CVS & statutory agencies ▪ Better targeting of needs and signposting/referral services ▪ Focus particularly on those facing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - unemployment, financial hardship, digital exclusion (broadband, devices), mental health issues, older people, children and young people, BAME communities, women, other groups as identified through evidence-gathering - food insecurity, fuel poverty, digital technology and broadband, referrals to mental health services, financial advice, supporting schooling and learning. 	Community Development, ABC Council	Advice Services, SHSCT, NIHE, PSNI, PCSP, CVS Panel, DfC, CYPSP/Southern Outcomes Group Libraries NI etc	Confident and Welcoming Community
<p>Tackle Food Insecurity: Enhance coordination of food assistance services and networks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maximise and target use of resources through local coordination and regional supply networks to meet differing needs ▪ Referrals to other services and support ▪ Link to work on poverty to address causes of food insecurity 	Community Development, ABC Council	Food banks, CVS Panel, SHSCT, NIHE, Advice NI, DfC, CYPSP/Southern Outcomes Groups. etc	New

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<p>Support Recovery and Strengthening of Employment and Skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rapidly mobilise all delivering employment services ▪ Provide co-ordinated work focused support to new claimants, and labour market reconnection ▪ Access to skills enhancement including digital skills, and intensive support to engage adults in learning including DfE’s online courses, SRC Skills Focus programme etc ▪ Help shape DfC support programmes and target its implementation locally ▪ Explore pilot programme on social prescribing to ensure link between employment and health ▪ Promote, enhance and expand online and telephone job advice, dedicated employment support and career services to support young people engagement in education and skills development ▪ Grow apprenticeship offering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Address falling employment demand, job availability, economic/social vulnerability, lack of access to social protections, paid and sick leave, income support ▪ Commitment to inclusive growth. Disproportionately impacted groups from virus crisis include long-term unemployed and newly unemployed; young people; older people; women; people with disabilities; unprotected workers e.g. self-employed, casual, gig workers; agricultural, tourism and hospitality sectors 	<p>ABC Council: Economic Development have a convening role. Actions will be taken through the Local Works Forum and its partners which include business representatives</p>	<p>ABC Council, Department for Economy (DfE), Department for Communities (DfC), Invest NI, Southern Regional College, DEARA, Business Partnership Alliance and Chambers of Commerce, Jobs and Benefits Offices (JBOs), European Social Fund (ESF), Training Organisations, SHSCT, PHA, CYPSP/Southern Outcomes Group etc</p>	<p>Enhancement on the thematic action plan.</p>
<p>Resilience of Community and Voluntary Sector post-lockdown: Analysis of health of sector and support capacity to respond.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Build resilience and capacity of sector to support communities ▪ Support self-care, resilience and address trauma of those volunteering and working in communities 	<p>Volunteer Now/ Craigavon Banbridge Volunteer Bureau</p>	<p>CVS Panel, ABC Council, Community Development, SHSCT, PHA, Sports N, CYPSP/Southern Outcomes Groups. etc</p>	<p>New</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Share good practice 			
Continue to engage with and listen to communities to ensure partnership is responsive to existing and emerging needs across our Borough.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Focus on hearing voices of children and young people, BAME communities, women, older people, people with a disability, rural groups, unemployed etc 	CVSP & Community Planning, ABC Council	ABC Seniors Network, TADA, CYPSP, etc	Community Engagement Strategy
Deliver final phase of Carnegie UK Trust Embedding Wellbeing in NI Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shared leadership programmes to enhance relationships, partnership working and explore ways to build back better ▪ TAKE500 Participatory Budgeting Project to build on community response to Covid and put decision making in community hands. ▪ Involve children and young people in TAKE500 	CPSP Leadership & Community Engagement Sub-Committee & PB Working Group	Coordination by Community Planning Team All working group partners	Carnegie Embedding Wellbeing in NI & Community Engagement Strategy
Establish Peer Network – current recovery planning group to continue to meet during implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Building on action planning to provide a platform for cross-sectoral partnership networking to strengthen connections, share information and explore solutions to move action plan and the delivery of meaningful outcomes forward ▪ Connect with CPSP Better Outcomes Sub-Committee, NI cross-departmental and agency recovery steering/working groups ▪ Support dissemination of Covid health messages through reach of community planning partnership 	CPSP Better Outcomes Sub-Committee	All existing and new members of recovery planning group	New. Arising from Recovery Planning Group

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Part B: Partnership Programmes to Support Recovery

1. Support Mental, Physical and Emotional Health and Wellbeing

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Continue to embed Take 5 Ways to Wellbeing Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning, Give				
Deliver Take 5 Ambassador training to community volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empower participants to bridge gap between communities and professional services 	Deirdre McParland SHSCT	Verve Healthy Living Network	Healthy Community
Implement “Get Moving ABC” Framework Action Plan to positively impact the health and wellbeing of the people living in the borough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build on the increased awareness during lockdown of the importance of physical activity for health and wellbeing through consistent and coordinated messages about Get Moving ABC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to support active recreation interventions including safe active travel, walking, running and cycling Scale up successful programmes to encourage more people to Get Moving Continue to engage those less likely to participate in sport and physical activity Support schools extra-curricular physical activities e.g. daily mile Encourage more families to Get Moving Make best use of collective resources 	Gillian Dewart, Health & Recreation, ABC Council,	Get Moving ABC Partnership	Healthy Community

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Volunteering: promote opportunities, support organisations and recognise the contribution and impact of volunteering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Build on the increased awareness of the value of volunteers and volunteering during lockdown ▪ Mental health and wellbeing ▪ Isolation and loneliness 	Volunteer Now/CB Vol Bureau	ABC Council, PHA, Libraries NI, EA, CCMS and schools, CVS Panel	Healthy Community
Support regional mental wellbeing campaign	#mentalwellbeing2020 (from 10 September 2020) Take 5 Ways to Wellbeing	SHSCT Deirdre McParland, SHSCT	Community planning partners	New
Mental Health and Business: Promote uptake of support channels for mental health and wellbeing with business owners including agricultural sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reduce stigma of mental health and promote help seeking behaviour ▪ Promote awareness of sources of support 	SHSCT Orla Murtagh	Business Partnership Alliance, ABC Council, CVS Panel, Libraries NI, DEARA etc	New
Deliver webinar on Protect Life Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Models for suicide prevention ▪ Importance of trauma informed & responsive approaches 	SHSCT Orla Murtagh	Community planning partners	New
Continue to deliver Children and Young People's Plan through locality groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improve the lives of children and young people ▪ Focus on early intervention. 	Children in NI & Southern Outcomes Group	CVS and statutory agencies.	CYPS
Community Participation in Sports: Deliver COVID-related Sports NI/Department for Communities funds - "Sports Hardship Fund" and "PPE for Sports Clubs"	Enabling engagement of all communities and groups in positive physical and mental health activities Survival of important community & sporting infrastructure	Sport NI	All	New

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Eating Well: Ensuring access to nutritional information and skills to support healthier eating choices, address obesity and prevent development of long term conditions such as diabetes etc.	Addressing health and wellbeing inequality issues and reducing risk of developing chronic health conditions that increase risk of COVID infection	SHSCT Collette O Brien	PHA, ABC Council Health and Recreation Department, Health Improvement Team etc.	Healthy Community

2. Grow Business, Employment and Skills Development Opportunities

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Continue to deliver a business advisory hub	Access to information & support for businesses through signposting; mentoring; webinars; funding opportunities & lobbying NI government.	ABC Council: Economic Development	Invest NI; Tourism NI	New
Boost our Borough: Continue to promote post-lockdown campaign to stay local, shop local, dine local	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supporting local economic development ▪ Strengthening social connection and sense of belonging ▪ Reducing social isolation and increase feelings of safety connecting locally. 	ABC Council: Communications	Business Partnership Alliance, Chambers of Commerce, ABC Council Departments, Health Trust	New
Revitalising Town Centres: Implement COVID Revitalisation Recovery Grant	https://www.armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uik/business/grant-schemes/	ABC Council: Regeneration	Revitalisation Recovery Stakeholder forum	New
Align Visit Armagh tourism destination brand with the Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collaboration on branding to ensure consistent messaging in the domestic and international markets 	ABC Council: Tourism, Arts	Tourism NI; Tourism Ireland	Tourism Economy

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NI 'Embrace a Giant Spirit' experience brand.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of exemplar 'Embrace a Giant Spirit' visitor experiences so that Visit Armagh, Tourism NI and Tourism Ireland can showcase them in domestic and international markets and travel trade 	& Culture / Tourism NI		
Support, connect and showcase the creative sector from across the borough. Use #CreativeABC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote commercial opportunities for artists and creative businesses Create connections across the creative sector Deliver training and share good practice and innovations in response to Covid restrictions Explore feasibility of online events 	ABC Council: Tourism, Arts & Culture	AmmA Centre, SRC, Libraries NI	New
Develop a place-shaping locality plan for Armagh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embed an integrated approach to local place visioning, local development planning, regeneration, infrastructure and investment through a tiered approach across the Borough Improve social, economic and environmental wellbeing Promote resilience Proof of concept project for Armagh City 	Elaine Gillespie, ABC Council, Community Planning	DfC, BPA, NIHE & other local stakeholders.	Enhanced and Revitalised Place

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3. Target Hardship, Poverty and Inequality

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Continue to deliver Children and Young People's Plan through locality groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the lives of children and young people Focus on early intervention. 	Children in NI& Southern Outcomes Group	CVS and statutory agencies.	CYPS
Continue to deliver Age Friendly Borough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-agency approach to service delivery Ensure needs of older people embedded in local services and place plans to promote recovery 	ABC Council: Environmental Health	ABC Senior Network, CVS, PHA, SHSCT, Libraries NI, Community Planning Partners	New
Multi-agency approaches to address poverty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Craigavon & Banbridge poverty forums Longer-term collaborative actions around addressing and preventing poverty 	ABC Council/SHSCT	SHSCT, CVSP, NIHE,	New
Deliver social and affordable housing solutions that sustain the changing needs of people and place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce poverty through provision of affordable and social housing. 	NIHE	Housing Associations, ABC Council, Department for Communities.	Enhanced & Revitalised Place

4. Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness

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Making and Enhancing Connections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring inclusion of all communities, groups and sectors in work to tackle social isolation 	Forging a sense of connection and belonging with vulnerable groups and communities e.g. older people, farming community, people		ABC Council Environmental Health, Community Development, SHSCT,	New

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▪ Expanding contact services with older/isolated people e.g. Good Morning scheme, Age Friendly Officer	experiencing financial hardship, poor physical and mental health, detached young people etc		NIHE, CVS Panel, Libraries NI.	
Utilise specialist expertise of panel members to address social isolation of those experiencing domestic violence.	▪ Increase in domestic abuse during lockdown ▪ Increased financial impact on women, employed in sectors worst hit by covid.	Women's Aid & Chrysalis Centre	All partners	New