



**Enhanced & Revitalised Place Thematic Action Planning Team
Workshop 1 Meeting Notes**

DATE: Thursday 17 January 2019 **TIME:** 9.30 am **VENUE:** Marlborough House, Craigavon

Attendees: Chamber of Commerce Portadown – Adrian Farrell, NIHE – Ailbhe Hickey, Mona Conway, Stephen Reynolds, HSCB – Alison Patterson, Louise McMahon, Brownlow Ltd – Brendan Curran, National Trust – Chloe Dobson, SRC – Christopher Hobson, DfC – Deirdre McCann, John Downey, ABC Council – Elaine Gillespie, Gerard Houlahan, Jennie Dunlop, Jonathan Hayes, Julie Brown, Kathryn Barry, Louis O’Neill, Lynn Esler, Martin Connell, Michelle Markey, Richard Griffin, Sara McGeary, Shane Kelland, Therese Rafferty, Melior Fortius – Gerard McCleave, DART Partnership – Ian Wilson, Translink NI – Jennie Falconbridge, Pontzpass Community Regeneration Company Limited – John Waddell, Waringstown Together – Lenny Deans, Armagh Planetarium & Observatory – Michael Burton, Business Partnership Alliance – Paul Slevin, DfI – Sid Stevenson, West Armagh Consortium – Stephen Fields, Libraries NI – Tim Neeson, John Hewitt Society – Tony Kennedy, Sport NI – Willie Devlin, Townscape Heritage – Peter McNeill, London Borough of Tower Hamlets – Adele Maher, Craigavon Area Foodbank – Chris Leech

Apologies: ABC Council – Denise Girvan, Brian Johnston, SLNRA – Mary McAlinden, SHSCT – Clare Drummy, Lynne Smart, Guide Dogs NI – Andrew Murdock, Richmount Rural Community Association – Joe Garvey, DfI – James Kelly, Lislea Community Association – Sheila McCreech, Translink NI – Gerry D’Arcy, Gary Mawhinney

1. Welcome and Introductions

Ailbhe Hickey, Northern Ireland Housing Executive welcomed everyone to the first workshop for the Enhanced Revitalised Thematic Action Planning (TAP) Team. She introduced herself as chair of this group and set the context of what the session would cover. Ailbhe welcomed Adele Maher as the guest speaker to the session and Eleanor Gill to and advised the team that Eleanor would facilitate each of the workshops.

2. Setting the Scene

Eleanor outlined the objectives of the workshop for the ERTAP Team to:

- develop a clear understanding of ABC’s Community Planning process and the action team’s “task in hand”

- begin the process of developing a strong sense of purpose, and creating a shared vision and ambition for the Borough as an enhanced and revitalised place
- agree the team's next steps to developing ERTAP's 2 year Action Plan and Performance Measures.

Eleanor outlined the approach and provided an overview of the future sessions.

3. Getting to Know each other as a team

Eleanor led an Ice breaker session to help get to know who was in the room. Members were asked to share the following:

- Who you are and where you work
- One or two big ticket items on your 2019 agenda
- Your favorite place, and why

A little bit about each team member is shown in Appendix one overleaf.

4. Being Inspired by Others and Sharing Learning

We were delighted to welcome Adele Maher from London Borough TowerHamlets as our guest speaker for this first workshop.

Key Learning from Adele:

- Reaching out to, engaging and forging trusted ongoing relationships with local community
- Buy-in from top down and bottom up across communities, sectors, providers
- Getting everybody together with common purpose, interest and intent to make things better in structured and creative spaces
- Starting with shared "place vision"
 - what place means - imagining what it could look like
 - agreeing what needs to happen across defined places and projects – and how to deliver, fund, sustain
- Keep eye to the desired future when delivering in present, and finding the "easy wins"
- Celebrate achievements, learning and collective efforts and relationships made!

5 Overview of Community Planning Process/Progress

Jennie provided a brief update on community planning in the borough. The Community plan for this area is named Connected, it is a long term plan that runs to 2030. Community planning is about improving wellbeing and ensuring communities are more involved in decision making. The Plan is built around nine long term outcomes and three cross cutting themes. Jennie stated that the nine long-term outcomes were being taken forward through six Thematic Action Planning Teams. Each action planning team is being chaired by a Statutory partner from one of the organisations listed in the legislation. The action planning teams were all progressing at different stages and to date there are 4 action plans developed.

Jennie provided a recap of the Enhanced Place and Revitalised Place long-term outcomes and population indicators and how these outcomes link to the draft programme for government outcomes.

This group will work towards realising two of the long-term outcomes in the community plan:

Enhanced Place: Our rich and varied built heritage and natural assets are protected, enhanced and expanded for current and future generations to enjoy.

The following population indicators will be used to track progress over time:

- Number of buildings at risk saved
- Number of high quality parks/green spaces (those holding Green Flag Award® status)

Revitalised Place: Our distinctive and vibrant urban and rural areas are at the heart of community and economic life.

The following population indicators will be used to track progress over time:

- City and town centre vacancy rates
- Level of social housing needs

6 Sharing our Vision for an Enhanced and Revitalised Place

Eleanor led a participative session where members had to:

- Fast forward to 2024: pick a card about how they imagined the Borough to be as an enhanced and revitalised place in 2024.
- A member from each table fed back on their card and what it meant to them.

Members were asked If there was 1 thing that would make the biggest contribution to building an enhanced and revitalised place - what would that be? Thoughts are outlined below:

- Physical connectivity
- Integrated resourcing and investment
- “Open for Business”
- Space and support to imagine and build
- Long term view and strategic approach
- Addressing inequalities and supporting well-being
- Courage, Commitment, Resilience and Creativity

7 How we work together

Eleanor advised that the Terms of Reference for the team was contained in the resource pack. The Terms of Reference were generic for each team with

- ✓ Membership, Roles and Responsibilities
- ✓ Reporting
- ✓ Making decisions and conflicts of interest

Each team are able to personalise the Terms of Reference. Following a discussion the following values will be included in the Terms of Reference.

- Working together to deliver real outcomes that make a difference
- Being strategic, collegiate, evidence-based, knowledgeable, approachable, relevant
- Embracing inclusion and diversity
- Listening carefully and respectfully and having conversations with purpose
- Acting with passion, empathy, curiosity, creativity and courage
- Moving outside the comfort zone
- Building on what is there and prioritising what next – and how
- Reaching out to and engaging with people to connect with the needs and priorities across the Borough

Members were asked to read over the Terms of Reference, contained in the resource pack for agreement and discussion at Workshop 2.

8. ERTAP 2 - year action plan: evidence-based approach and mapping exercise

Eleanor provided an overview of the agreed Community Planning approach to action planning process. There are four key deliverables:

1. Develop clear, achievable and measurable shared **action plans** to cover a 2-year period
2. Consult with stakeholders and promote involvement of Section 75 groups in this process
3. Implement within a performance management framework
4. Ensure cross-cutting themes are integrated (Connectivity, Equality, Sustainability)

In advance of next workshop on 28th January ERTAP members are tasked to:

- **Provide any comments on the terms of reference**
- **Complete major project and partnership mapping grids**

9 Next Steps and Close

Therese closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their ongoing participation in the action planning session and looked forward to next sessions.

The remaining workshops are scheduled as follows:

- Workshop two, Monday 28th January 2019, 09.30am – 1.00pm, Armagh City Hotel, Armagh
- Workshop three, Thursday 28th February 2019, 9.30am – 1.00pm, Old Town Hall, Banbridge
- Workshop four, Thursday 7th March 2019, 9.30am – 1.00pm, Lough Neagh Discovery Centre, Craigavon

Appendix one: ENHANCED AND REVITALISED PLACE

A Little Bit About Each Other

- Kathryn Barry, Project Officer, ABC Council
 - On agenda: to get settled into her new role
 - Favourite Place: no place like home
 - Email:

- Julie Brown, Planning Department, ABC Council
 - On agenda: Local Development Plan, Draft Planning Strategy and delivery of strategic priorities across the Borough including urban, landscape character, tree and green/natural spaces
 - Favourite Place: caravan in Portrush
 - Email:

- Michael Burton, Armagh Planetarium and Observatory
 - On agenda: maximising the position of the planetarium and observatory within the natural heritage of Armagh
 - Favourite Place: looking out of Armagh Conservatory
 - Email:

- Martin Connell, Support Office, ABC Council
 - On agenda: delivery of action plans across the Borough
 - Favourite Place: Galway
 - Email:

- Mona Conway, Place-Shaping team, Northern Ireland Housing Executive
 - On agenda: housing investment plan and preparation of sample plan, assessing social needs
 - Favourite Place: Lough Neagh Shores
 - Email:

- Lenny Deanes, Waringstown Together
 - On agenda: sourcing funds through SOAR for a community building in Waringstown
 - Favourite Place: Highlands in Scotland, the Mourne, Lurgan Park
 - Email:

- Willie Devlin, Capital Development Manager, Sport NI
 - On agenda: Casement park, Safety regulators in sport area, Multi-investment hubs of sports facilities (where is the need/sustainability)
 - Favourite Place: anywhere he can coach kids
 - Email:

- Chloe Dobson, National Trust
 - On agenda: extending volunteer opportunities
 - Favourite Place: Isle of Skye in Scotland
 - Email:

- John Downey, Regeneration Development, Department for Communities
 - On agenda: aiming to transfer DforC's surplus properties
 - Likes to: run around Lakes in under 20 minutes
 - Favourite Place: Co. Down, the Lakes and at home
 - Email:

- Jennie Dunlop, Community Planning, ABC Council
 - On agenda: supporting the 6 actions as they get off the ground, embedding the greater involvement of communities in community planning
 - Favourite Place: by the sea
 - Email:

- Jenny Falconbridge, Translink NI
 - On agenda: Biz Choice and strategic planning
 - Favourite Place: New York
 - Email:

- Adrian Farrell, Manager, Meadows Shopping Centre and Chairperson of Business Partnership Alliance (BPA)
 - On agenda: Meadows Centre to be fully let and BPA playing full part in influencing and shaping the Borough
 - Favourite Place: Fermanagh National Trust – Estate Walk
 - Email:

- Stephen Fields, West Armagh Consortium
 - On agenda: more local community involvement in decision-making and involvement in initiatives such as community planning, and redevelopment of old Parochial Hall as a community hub if funding becomes available
 - Favourite Place: fishing and hiking
 - Email:

- Elaine Gillespie, Head of Community Planning, ABC Council
 - On agenda: getting Community Plan and actions over the line and in a way that everyone involved is proud of achievements and there is engagement and participation of all, especially the local community
 - Favourite Place: having her caravan in Tollymore and Benone Strand and finding magical places to stay
 - Email:

- Richard Griffin, Regeneration, ABC Council
 - On agenda: delivery of regeneration projects and investments
 - Favourite Place: Venice (where he is going to visit soon!)
 - Email:

- Jonathan Hayes, Head of Estates and Asset Management, ABC Council
 - On agenda: delivering the Council's Capital Programme
 - Favourite Place: out on a bike in the Mourne. Gives him time to think and appreciate the scenery
 - Email:

- Ailbhe Hickey, Head of Place-Shaping South Area, NI Housing Executive
 - On agenda: embedding Community Planning in Housing Executive
 - Favourite Place: Inishowen, North Donegal where her family is from
 - Email:

- Chris Hobson, Southern Regional College
 - On agenda: £95 million investment in ABC area
 - Favourite Place: Gosford Park where he enjoys being with his kids
 - Email:

- Ger Houlihan, Leisure, ABC Council
 - On agenda:
 - Favourite Place:
 - Email:

- Shane Kellan, Regeneration, ABC Council
 - On agenda: regeneration of Armagh
 - Favourite Place: Portugal
 - Email:

- Tony Kennedy, Chairperson, John Hewitt Society
 - On agenda: development of International summer school and sustainability of the Society
 - Favourite Place: Cushendall in the Glens of Antrim. Kilmore Church
 - Email:

- Chris Leech, Chairperson, Craigavon Area Foodbank and Emmanuel Church. Member of Community and Voluntary Sector Panel
 - On agenda: ensuring the vulnerable and poorly/unhoused are kept safe, moving office facilities and the co-ordination of faith-based organisation
 - Favourite Place: cycling in Donegal
 - Email:

- Brendan Curran, Brownlow Limited and member of Community and Voluntary Sector Panel
 - On agenda: further development of the Brownlow Festival
 - Favourite Place: Brownlow - watched it grow, work there and want to see it developed further
 - Email:

- Deirdre McCann, Department for Communities
 - On agenda: grants for community and an intention to do the same work this year with the money and within budget
 - Favourite Place: Craigavon Lakes for the beautiful scenery
 - Email:

- Gerard McCleave, Melius Fortius
 - On agenda: significantly improve city deal in line with programme for government aspiration
 - Favourite Place: the beach
 - Email:

- Sara McGeary, Tourism, ABC Council
 - On agenda: the place more internationally renowned and increase investment for hotel accommodation
 - Favourite Place: the rolling hills and Apple Orchards in Armagh
 - Email:

- Louise McMahon, Health and Social Care Board
 - On agenda: meeting the potential and aspirations of Community Planning, in an era of transformation and realisation of better well-being outcomes. More emphasis on how we eat, live, stay well and safe, stay warm and feel included
 - Favourite Place: Lagan Meadows
 - Email:

- Peter McNeill, Townscape Heritage and retired teacher
 - On agenda: his escape plan, participating in Kilmore Community Heritage Association and Townscape Heritage in Armagh
 - Favourite Place: The Mall in Armagh. Appreciates work that went into its development – a really lovely place
 - Email:

- Tim Neeson, Asset Manager, Libraries NI
 - On agenda: asset management plans for properties in Northern Ireland over next 4 years and investment in Belfast Central Library
 - Favourite Place: walking with dogs/running in nice places
 - Email:

- Louis O'Neill, Corporate Planning Manager, ABC Council
 - On agenda: get teeth into corporate planning. Make sure things are happening
 - Favourite Place: greyhound racing/football and places to go with his young family
 - Email:

- Alison Patterson, Health and Social Care Board
 - On agenda: developing services for older people and carers
 - Favourite Place: Towpath, Portadown
 - Email:

- Sid Stevenson, Road Services, Department of Infrastructure
 - On agenda; development and maintenance of transport links including around Casement Park and linking with local development planning and delivery of road services
 - Favourite Place:
 - Email:

- Therese Rafferty, Head of Regeneration, ABC Council
 - On agenda: deliver Capital Projects Borough wide and development of town centres and town heritage
 - Favourite Place: West Ireland
 - Email:

- Paul Slevin, Branch Manager, Bank of Ireland. Member of Business Partnership Alliance and Townscape Heritage
 - On agenda: embed role of Business Partnership Alliance across the Borough and transformation of Townscape Heritage across Armagh
 - Favourite Place: Mourne Mountains and Slieve Martin (currently doing the 30-day challenge!)
 - Email:

- Stephen Reynolds, Place-Shaping South, NI Housing Executive
 - On agenda: shaping the Borough as a great place to live
 - Favourite Place: Fermanagh – born and raised there
 - Email:

- John Waddell, Poyntzpass Community Association and retired from DEARA
 - On agenda: more housing in the area, restoration of old facilities to meet needs of community
 - Favourite Place: Lough Maas in Galway for fishing
 - Email:

- Ian Wilson, Department of Infrastructure
 - On agenda: delivering transport programme and rural transport fund (DART), helping to sustain services in Craigavon and Banbridge areas
 - Favourite Place: Turkey
 - Email: