

**Enhanced & Revitalised Place Thematic Action Planning Team
Workshop 2 Meeting Notes**

DATE: Monday 28 January 2019 **TIME:** 9.30 am **VENUE:** Armagh City Hotel, Armagh

Attendees: NIHE – Ailbhe Hickey, Stephen Reynolds, **Brownlow Ltd** – Brendan Curran, **Department for Communities** – Deirdre McCann, John Downey, **ABC Council** – Brian Johnston, Gerard Houlahan, Jennie Dunlop, Jennifer Doak, Julie Brown, Kathryn Barry, Louis O’Neill, Lynn Esler, Mechelle Brown, Michelle Markey, Richard Griffin, Sara McGeary, Shane Kelland, Therese Rafferty, Samantha English, **Craigavon Area Foodbank & Emmanuel Churches** – Chris Leech, **SHSCT** – Clare Drummy, Lynne Smart, **Waringstown Together** – Lenny Deans, **Armagh Planetarium & Observatory** – Michael Burton, Carol Conan, **Business Partnership Alliance** – Paul Slevin, **Lislea Community Association** – Sheila McCreech, **Department of Infrastructure** – Sid Stevenson, **Invest NI** – Stephen Fullerton, **Libraries NI** – Tim Neeson, **Heritage Lottery Fund** – Úna Duffy, **Townscape Heritage** – Peter McNeill

Apologies: **ABC Council** – Jonathan Hayes, **CIDO** – Cara Dallat, **National Trust** – Chloe Dobson, **Translink NI** – Jenny Falconbridge, **HSCB** – Louise McMahon, **NIHE** – Mona Conway, **Sport NI** – Willie Devlin, **West Armagh Consortium** – Stephen Fields,

1. Welcome

Ailbhe Hickey, Northern Ireland Housing Executive welcomed everyone as Chair to the second workshop for the Enhanced Revitalised Thematic Action Planning (TAP) Team. Ailbhe thanked everyone for their input to the previous session. Ailbhe welcomed Eleanor Gill to the session Eleanor praised the team on the amount of work done in first workshop together – but also got lot of relationships and understanding reached too.

Eleanor outlined the objectives for the session:

- Developing shared understanding of outcome-based assessment model for ERTAP’s 2-year action plan
- Looking at the evidence to hand and identifying the gaps
- Getting shared sense of challenges, issues, needs and priorities to building enhanced and revitalised place
- Agreeing engaging others to inform ERTAP’s action plan

2. Reconnecting with each other

Eleanor led an exercise to allow the team to reconnect with each other following the first workshop. Eleanor stressed the importance of building the partnership and an opportunity to get to know each other has been built in to the workshop.

Members were asked to share the following:

- Something that has made you smile since we last met
- One thing that stuck with you from our first workshop

Some of the feedback from the last session included:

- Number, expertise, diversity of participants and engagement from everyone – buzz in room
- Wide-ranging subjects discussed with passion and commitment by everyone – wanting to get things moving
- Clarity of process and facilitation – presentations and workshop exercises excellent – gathered lot of information to help the task of ERTAP
- Meeting new people and making relationships across public/private/community sectors
- Potential for collaborative working and areas that everyone can contribute to
- Need to think of people not in the room and develop cohesion between people and areas/sectors - i.e. need to be holistic in thinking and approach, and join up the dots
- Breadth of task ahead for ERTAP
- Engagement is key
- Plenty of options to consider for planning what best to do
- Inspired by Adele's experience
- Need for a conservation strategy – more control of place visioning and shaping
- Roads and how they feed into every aspect of connectivity
- Lack of consideration of social housing
- Vacancy in town centre. Costs? Online retail/parking issues in town centre

3. Where have we got so far? – Recap of Workshop 1

Eleanor reminded the team of the overarching community planning framework presenting the Community Planning Our 2030 Vision, the Plan on a Page, the Community Planning Partnership and the long-term outcomes for an Enhanced and Revitalised Place.

Eleanor went through some of the outputs from the first workshop:

- **Being Inspired by Others: some Takeaways**
Eleanor shared some of the key messages from Adele's presentation to the team.
Action: CPT to circulate copy of Adele Maher Presentation from workshop 1.
- **An Enhanced and Revitalised Plan: Some of the foundation Stones**
Shown as appendix one overleaf.
- **ERTAP Terms of Reference: Values and Behaviors**
Eleanor presented the Values and Behaviours developed at the first meeting on how the team want to work together. All in Agreement to adopt these.
Action: CPT to circulate final Terms of Reference.
- **ERTAP Mapping Exercise: Summary of Key Projects and Partnership Bodies**

Eleanor presented a summary of key projects and partnership bodies. The purpose of the mapping is for ERTAP to be aware of major projects and partnerships that are already out there to help identify priorities for action. There have been 12 returns to date. Shown as appendix one overleaf.

Action: ERTAP members to send in completed mapping returns before Friday 15th February 2019.

4. Looking to the evidence to inform ERTAP Action Plan

Eleanor explained why it was important to look to evidence to inform the ERTAP Action Plan and laid out the three step process that this team would use (one and two completed as part of the workshop session).

Why?

- Establishes openness and transparency
- Supports planning and prioritising
- Enables starting point to measure change and the difference made over time

How?

- Borough-Wide Baseline Statistics
- ERTAP Assessment of Needs, Issues and Priorities
- Stakeholder Needs, Issues, Experiences, Expectations

Jennifer Doak provided a detailed overview of the key indicator data for the Enhanced and Revitalised Place outcomes we would be working toward. All ERTAP members were circulated a copy of the Enhanced and Revitalised Place Baselines ahead of the workshop.

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)

The data highlighted:

- There are 87 buildings at risk in the borough on the 'Heritage at Risk Register' managed by DfC
- From 2007 there have been 21 buildings at risk saved and 3 demolished
- 11 parks in the borough hold the Green Flag award in 2018
- Large number of natural heritage sites which are deemed a site of international importance, national importance and local importance

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

The data highlighted:

- City and Town Centre vacancy rates varied across the borough: Dromore 28%, Portadown 26%, Lurgan 25%, Armagh 23%, Banbridge 21% and Craigavon 8%.
- Population to rise with most notable rise in older people by 28% (2016 – 2026)
- The age profile is becoming older as people live longer and household sizes are getting smaller. This long term trend towards smaller households and a greater number of older person households will result in a sustained demand for smaller accommodation.

Jennifer provided some contextual data to help inform ERTAP discussions.

- Population of borough 211,900 set to rise by 9% (2017-2027)
- Population to rise with most notable rise in older people by 28% (2017 – 2027)
- The age profile is becoming older as people live longer and household sizes are getting smaller. This long term trend towards smaller households and a greater number of older person households will result in a sustained demand for smaller accommodation.
- Deprivation levels in ABC – 4th to Belfast, DCS, NMD
- Multiple deprivation areas: Woodville 1, Drumgask 1, Court 1, Callan Park, Church, Annagh 2, Drumgor 2, Corcrain, Drumnamoe, The Cut
- Access to services deprivation areas: Bannside, Katesbrige, Derrynoose, Gransha, Derrytrasna 2, Killlylea, The Birches 2, Quilly, Carrigatuke, Pontzpass

Discussions ensued around the data. Requests for more information included:

- Usage of parks to include breakdown of demography of users eg. Children, older people, families and equality groups
- EQIA breakdowns
- Are the vacancy rates available over time?
- What is the mixed use of the economy?
- How many of occupied properties pay rates?
- Do town centre vacancy rates include upper floors within premises?
- Establish ownership of heritage at Risk buildings/monuments i.e. private/public
- Discussion ensued around development and parking issues.

This overview provided the context to allow the groups to consider the key needs and issues

Summary of the issues and needs discussed by the ERTAP:

- Lack of joined up and integrated planning, investment, decision making and delivery
- Need to continue work of ERTAP to ensure strategic joining up, replicating knowledge, speaking as one voice
- Identifying and meeting community expectations and bringing ideas out to communities
- Need list/location of the projects and investments underway/planned to feed into planning
- Need for community and councillor involvement in the process
- Private sector key to delivery, how we communicate and have confidence to invest in Borough
- Need more to do in Armagh ... link in with other places
- Getting a coherent strategy for diverse geography – large area/urban/rural
- Tiered and strategic approach
- People's identify linked to place – small settlements
- Sustaining ageing population where they are – housing, leisure, health

- Resources – coordinating priorities and aligning with each other
- Continued partnering
- Engaging with private sector e.g. living above shops
- Divided past

5. Engaging with the Community

As part of the process ERTAP members are required to seek the views of the community and take them into account when planning and delivering activities. Engagement should involve Section 75 groups and rural dwellers. Eleanor shared the engagement questions with the team.

- What does place mean to you?
- What are the top 3 strengths in the place you live or work that we should build on?
- What are the key issues or needs that we should address to deliver an enhanced and revitalised place?
- Who should work together more? Why?
- Who else should we speak to?

Actions:

- ERTAP member to identify who to engage with and by which method and send this to CPT to allow CPT to collate the list of engagement commitments.
- CP Team to circulate questionnaire to ERTAP.
- ERTAP members to complete engagement and submit feedback to CP Team as soon as possible and by **15th February 2019** at the latest.

6. Preparations for Workshop 3

Eleanor outlined the preparations ahead of the next workshop.

By 15th February, ERTAP members to:

- Provide any further information on major projects, partnerships and service information to supplement ERTAP's baseline statistics
- Advise Community Planning Team who they are intending to carry out engagement with.
- Engage with key stakeholders and provide feedback

At next workshop:

- Consider stakeholder feedback
- Develop ERTAP's first-cut action plan, priorities and activities (what, when, by whom, impact)

7. Next steps and close – Chair

Ailbhe closed the workshop 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 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

An Enhanced and Revitalised Place: Some of the Foundation Stones



Physical connectivity



"Open for Business"



Integrated resourcing
and investment



Space and support to
imagine and build



Long term view and
strategic approach with early wins



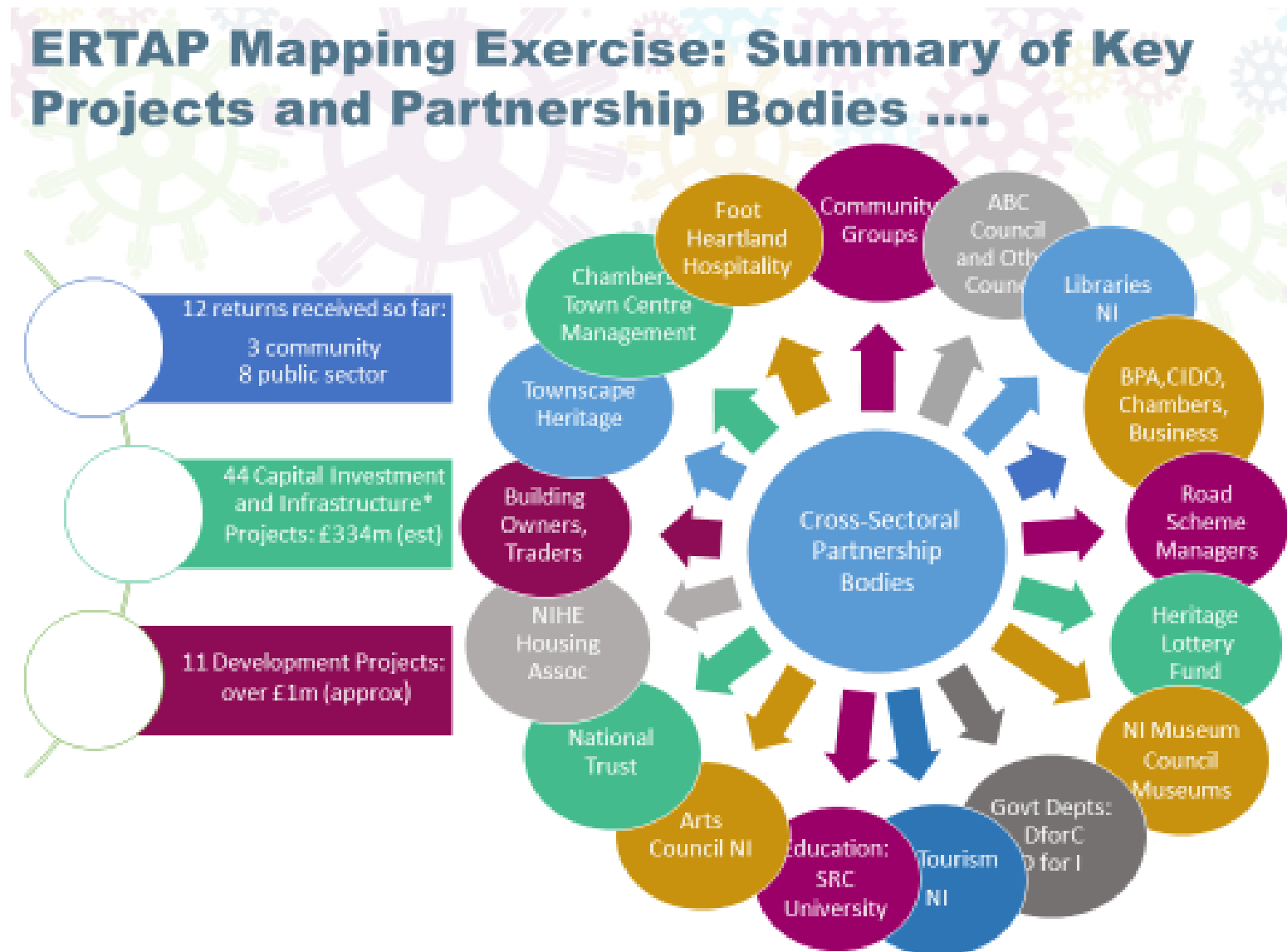
Addressing inequalities
and supporting well-being



Courage, Commitment
Resilience and Creativity



Appendix two



Appendix three

Who to Engage With	How to Engage	By Whom