



Enhanced & Revitalised Place Thematic Action Planning Team Workshop 4 Meeting Notes

DATE: Thursday 7 March 2019 **TIME:** 9.30 am **VENUE:** Lough Neagh Discovery Centre, Craigavon

Attendees: NIHE – Ailbhe Hickey, Mona Conway, Stephen Reynolds, HSCB – Alison Patterson, DfC – Andrew Petrie, John Downey, Deirdre McCann, Brownlow Ltd – Brendan Curran, National Trust – Chloe Dobson, Sport NI – Danny McCann, ABC Council – Elaine Cullen, Elaine Gillespie, Jennie Dunlop, Julie, Brown, Kathryn Barry, Lynn Esler, Michelle Markey, Richard Griffin, Shane Kelland, Sharon O’Gorman, Samantha English, Noelle Garvey, Gerard Houlahan, Pontzpass Community Regeneration Company Ltd – John Waddell, Waringstown Together – Lenny Deans, PSNI – Matthew Keys, Libraries NI – Sean Beattie, DfI Roads – Sid Stevenson, National Lottery Heritage – Úna Duffy, Craigavon Foodbank – Chris Leech, Business Partnership Alliance – Paul Slevin, Townscape Heritage – Peter McNeill, ABC Sports Forum – Ken Redpath, West Armagh Consortium – Stephen Fields, Lislea Community Association – Sheila McCreech

Apologies: ABC Council – Eric Morton, Helen Stoops, Therese Rafferty, Sara McGeary, Brian Johnston, Invest NI – Stephen Fullerton, SHSCT – Clare Drummy, Lynne Smart, Armagh Planetarium & Observatory – Michael Burton, PHA – Orlaith Moley, DfC – Caroline Maguire, Sport NI – Willie Devlin

1. Welcome and Reconnecting

Ailbhe Hickey, Northern Ireland Housing Executive welcomed everyone as Chair to the final 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 inside and outside of the action planning workshops.

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

Members were asked to share with their table: What’s the best pieces of advice you’ve ever got?

2. Setting the Scene for Workshop 4

Eleanor outlined the objectives for the four session:

- Review, refine and agree ERTAP action plan
- Identify action coordinators and key partners to take

- Identify ERTAP's key messages
- From planning to action:

3. Completing the ERTAP Action Plan

Eleanor presented the plan on a page and reminded the team of the strategic context for community planning and the approach used (partnership working, engaging with community and using evidence) for developing the ERTAP action plan.

She provided a recap on the 4 step build on the tasks for each of the workshops and how the team built the evidence base during and between the workshops.

Eleanor presented the four strategic themes and the priorities for action and led the team in table exercise to check:

- Are these the right priorities and actions?
- Do they support the cross cutting themes of connectivity, sustainability and equality?

Agreed Themes:

Theme 1 Integrating place, visioning planning and investment

Theme 2 Connecting People and Places

Theme 3 Demonstrating and Supporting Good Custodianship

Theme 4 Supporting Social Aspirations

Following discussion and feedback there was general consensus in the room and members agreed that these were the right strategic actions and priorities for action. The group agreed that the actions supported the cross cutting themes and that there was a clear need to ensure the actions supported these as the plan moved into implementation.

Eleanor outlined the role of the action coordinator as outlined below:

The action coordinator will:

- ✓ Bring together partners to agree:
 - the plan (who – what – when – how)
 - outcomes (performance measures – making a difference)
 - themes (connectivity, equality, sustainability)
- ✓ Lead and coordinate the team in line with agreed plan and roles and responsibilities
- ✓ Act as key point of contact for Ailbhe: report on progress against agreed performance measures, and provide information for the partnership's communications

Eleanor led a second table exercise where each table was allocated a priority action and went through the action plan to identify partner organisations/group that needed to be involved to the successful delivery of the action.

Team members were also asked to identify where their organisation could sign up to be an action coordinator and team member for the action.

All agreed that Eleanor would take account of the suggestions and update the action coordinator and partner list ahead of the plan being presented to the Community Planning Strategic Partnership by Ailbhe.

4. Agreeing ERTAP's Key Messages

Eleanor led a plenary session where the team were asked to think about what were the key messages about the ERTAP Action Plan. Some of the key discussion points are shown below:

- People make places – about making connections to help people move around the Borough, and beyond
- Focus on integrating our ways of working, thinking and being innovative – setting the longer term goals and legacy for our place, heritage and infrastructure for future generations
- Solid foundations and infrastructure for our natural and built heritage and environment – not a pipe dream or list of “to-dos”
- It is all about integration of our ways of working, thinking, investing, being innovative
- Built through strong partnership working and shared commitment to being better together and actively engaging with the community, business and other stakeholders
- Recognises that each place has its own strengths and distinctions within the overall Borough
- It is a living, flexible plan that can adapt and refresh according to changing needs of local people, business, visitors, and opportunities to grow and live an active life.

5 & 6 Agreeing Nest Steps and ERTAP Team Closing and Thanks

Eleanor presented the next steps following the final workshop:

- **Community Planning Team** to incorporate comments and finalise ERTAP's Action Plan
- **Ailbhe** to present ERTAP Action Plan to Community Planning Strategic Partnership
- **Action Coordinators** to meet as a group to agree how best to:
 - bring teams together to scope out project plans
 - develop performance measures

Ailbhe closed the workshop by thanking everyone for their ongoing participation, particular thanks were extended to the Community Planning Team and Eleanor Gill.