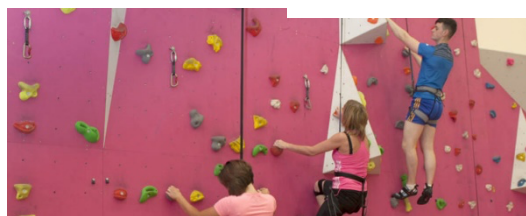


## Update from the 'Leisure Transformation Project Team

24<sup>th</sup> June 2022



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## **STAFF ENGAGEMENT**

The 'Leisure Transformation Project Team' continue to move forward with the Review/Transformation of the Health and Recreation Department.

## **STAFF ENGAGEMENT SESSION FOR HEALTH AND RECREATION STAFF**

In the last number of weeks of staff engagement sessions have taken place across the Borough.

These engagement sessions were organised to discuss the Review/Transformation of the Health and Recreation Department.

Thank you to those staff members who were able to attend and for the feedback provided to the team.

For all those staff members unable to attend one of these session a mop up on line session is being organised, details on how to attend this session will be distributed.

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## **UNIFORMS - CONSULTATION**

At the staff engagement sessions a number of staff were asking about uniforms.

So at the moment the tender has been written for uniforms, it will be looked at by management and agreed who the successful supplier will be.

On a number of occasions during the sessions the question was asked if our lifeguard/leisure attendants could go back to wearing the internationally recognised yellow and red uniforms.

We would now like to consult with staff members on the issue and would ask for your feedback on this issue.

**Please email [joanne.grattan@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk](mailto:joanne.grattan@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk) to let her know your thoughts on this issue and if we should go back to wearing the yellow and red lifeguarding uniforms.**



As you are all aware Council has launched E-Learning which allows staff to carry out training on line, which was highlighted in the last edition.

For any staff member who does not know how to use E Learning the link below will provide access the e-learning modules and the step by step guide on how to use it below, but if anybody has any queries please contact [fiona.hamill@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk](mailto:fiona.hamill@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk)

<http://lgtg.learningpool.com/>

<http://abc-svr-intra.abc.local/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/E-Learn-Guide1.pdf>

There are a number of mandatory training session on E- Learning that Health and Recreation must complete; please speak to you line manager regarding this training. It is vital that all staff members undertake this mandatory training.

Details can be found on the table below:

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## **MANDATORY E-LEARNING MODULE**



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Module	Refresher Period	Mandatory for the following staff:
<b>Health &amp; Safety</b>		
Display Screen Equipment	3 years	All Display Screen Equipment Users
Office Safety Awareness	3 years	All office based staff
Fire Safety Awareness	1 year	All Staff
Manual Handling Awareness	3 years	All Staff (Manual workers will receive job specific training)
Asbestos Awareness	1 year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waste Management Illegal dumping operatives and supervisors</li> <li>Recycling centre attendants and supervisors</li> <li>Building Maintenance and Electrician employees</li> <li>Environmental Wardens</li> <li>Environmental Health Officers - Public Health and housing officers</li> <li>Building Control and Planning Officers</li> <li>Line Managers of above job roles</li> </ul>
<b>Equality &amp; Diversity</b>		
Equality & Diversity in the workplace	2 years	<p>All Staff</p> <p>Please note all new starts must attend the session delivered by our Policy &amp; Diversity Officer. The e-learning should then be used for refresher purposes.</p>
Basic Autism Awareness	2 years	<p>Mandatory for all staff in the following Departments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Development</li> <li>Health and Recreation</li> <li>Tourism Arts and Culture</li> <li>Facilities Management</li> </ul> <p>Please note it is best practice for all other staff to complete in line with the Council's Customer Focus approach.</p>
<b>Compliance</b>		
Fraud Prevention	3 years	All Staff
<b>Safeguarding</b>		
Safeguarding Awareness	3 years	All Staff

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## NEWS & UPDATES

**Wellbeing Week 2022**



After a two-year break, our much loved Wellbeing Week will make a return this September! And to help us create a successful programme of activities tailored to you and your needs, we'd love to hear your feedback on what health and wellbeing sessions you've enjoyed in the past, what you would like to see included going forward and more! [To share your views, complete our short survey by clicking here.](#) **Closes Friday 8 July 2022.**

**Please note:** This is an anonymous survey and the option to provide an email address is entirely optional. It will only be used to issue a receipt and a copy of your survey responses. As it's not possible to include all suggestions during this Wellbeing Week, we will endeavour to plan, where feasible, proposed activities in our future health and wellbeing plans.

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## Learning and Development Opportunities



### Give as you earn scheme

**Today**, Wednesday 22 June | 12.30pm

Microsoft Teams

We understand supporting charities is important to you, which is why all employees can support their favourite charity or charities through our Payroll Giving Scheme. The tax efficient scheme enables you to donate to causes you care about through your monthly salary without paying tax on it.

Learn more about the Give As You Earn Scheme during a short StC Payroll Giving webinar.

**How to join?** Please seek permission from your Line Manager and [join the webinar by clicking here](#).

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### Time Management

Thursday 30 June | 9.30am-1.00pm

South Lake Leisure Centre

Provides information on making the most efficient use of your working time and prioritising effectively.

**How to join?** If you would like to attend, please seek permission from your Line Manager and [book your place via booking bug \(job related section\) by clicking here](#).

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To access more learning and development modules, [click here to visit our E-Learn ABC platform](#). New to the system? Then [click here to check out our user guide](#).

## WHAT IS TAKING PLACE IN THE HEALTH AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT



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### GETACTIVEABC CARERS' CARD PILOT SCHEME EXPANDED AND EXTENDED ❤️

Thanks to this reduced membership pilot scheme, local eligible caregivers can avail of 20% discount on normal membership fees across all nine of our leisure centres - providing access to the gym, swimming pools and classes in all centres 🏊🏊🏊

If you are:

✅ An ABC borough caregiver for an adult or child with learning disabilities

✅ Registered with [Southern Health and Social Care Trust](#) Learning Disability & Fostering services then contact us below before Wed 31 Aug 2022.

👉 Bernie Marshall on [bernadette.marshall@southerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:bernadette.marshall@southerntrust.hscni.net) or 07557819172

👉 Majella Gorman on [majella.gorman@southerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:majella.gorman@southerntrust.hscni.net) or 07557858749

👉 Mark Irwin on [mark.irwin@southerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:mark.irwin@southerntrust.hscni.net) or 07825988697

👉 Portadown & Family Placement Team 02837 560750

Further details on the scheme here:

[getactiveabc.com/news/carers-getactiveabc-card-pilot-scheme](https://getactiveabc.com/news/carers-getactiveabc-card-pilot-scheme)



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**#getready to Shake up Summer kids with our new 7 week FREE MUGA Programme** ⚽



📅 Starting from 4 July 2022

📍 Taking place at 29 Venues across the Borough

👤 Age range 7 -17 years

The programme offers a variety of sports including soccer, multi-sports, netball, volleyball and street soccer 🏐

Find a venue, date & time that suits you & register online 📱 [getactiveabc.com/cemugas](https://getactiveabc.com/cemugas)

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## **Adventures await at Craigavon Lakes**

South Lake Watersports Activity days are perfect for kids chasing an adrenaline filled adventure this summer with friends 🏊‍♂️

### **July & August**

Every Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday

🕒 10.00am – 3.00pm


£25 per person per day (picnic lunch included)

£20 for each additional family member

Suitable for age Age 8+

Includes banana boat | aqua park | climbing wall | paddleboards | canoeing and kayaking | cycling...and much more



Book online 



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Kayaking, canoeing, stand up paddleboarding, banana boating, and much more! Say hello to unforgettable 'whoopieeee' water and land-based adventure whatever your age, experience and ability, all set within the stunning grounds of Craigavon City Park.

Our Aqua Inflatable Obstacle Course promises even more 'total wipeout' style adventure. We cater for individual 'pay and play' sessions as well as visits from groups. Fuel your adventure at our on-site 'Cafe Incredible' serving delicious all-day food and beverages.

**NEW FOR 2022!**  
**WATERSPORTS ACTIVITY DAYS**

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in July and August 10.00am - 3.00pm | £25 per person per day [picnic lunch included] | £20 for each additional family member | Age 8+

This exciting mix of watersports and dryside activities will include banana boat | aqua park | climbing wall | paddleboards | canoeing and kayaking | cycling... and much more [subject to change and weather].

Bring some snacks and a change of clothes.

Book at  [getactiveabc.com/southlakewatersports](https://getactiveabc.com/southlakewatersports)

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## **#getready to 'Shake Up Summer' with Love Parks Week 2022** 🌱🌳🌞

We're offering a packed programme of **free activities** designed to appeal to all ages and interests at many of our most stunning parks and green spaces from Sunday 24 July until Friday 29 July. Activities include:

✔ Multi sports ✔

Bushcraft activities ✔

Forest school taster sessions ✔ Foraging tour ✔ Chi me sessions ✔ Historical walk ✔

Tannaghmore Farm tour ✔ RSPB information sessions ✔ Folklore tour ✔ Tree study and activities ✔ Recycling information sessions ✔ Traditional playground games and scavenger hunts.

During Love Parks Week 2022, we hope to inspire communities across the borough to [#getoutdoors](#), enjoy the benefits of reconnecting with nature and appreciate the beauty of their local parks.

Click on the link below to find out what's on during Love Parks Week 2022

<https://getactiveabc.com/loveparksweekabc/>

Some activities need to be booked as places are limited. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. To book an activity, email:

[parksdevelopment@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk](mailto:parksdevelopment@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk)

[#getactiveabc](#) [#getoutdoorsabc](#) [#LoveParks](#) [#LiveTheParksLife](#)



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## CORPORATE NEWS



### New Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor Elected

At the Annual Meeting of Council on Monday 6 June, the new Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor for the Borough were elected. Councillor Paul Greenfield of the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) is the new Lord Mayor, along with party colleague Councillor Tim McClelland as Deputy Lord Mayor.

In his first official address, the newly elected Lord Mayor said:

***"I am committed to working for all residents in the ABC Council area, and I am determined to raise the profile of the borough as a place to live, to invest and to visit. I am particularly focused on improving the social and economic landscape to ensure that all our citizens are better connected, better supported and have greater social and economic parity".***

We wish them well during their term in office, and you can find out more about the new Lord Mayor and his priorities for his term in office here w [bit.ly/3MACTr0](https://bit.ly/3MACTr0)



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## **Platinum Jubilee Marked Across the Borough**



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We held a number of fantastic events over the Bank Holiday Weekend to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee across the Borough. It was wonderful to see so many people out and about, enjoying time with friends and family.... and even better, the sun was shining!

On Thursday evening 2 June, a special service of thanksgiving was held at St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral Armagh, to recognise Her Majesty The Queen's 70 years of public service.



Eamon Martin, Lord Lieutenant of County Armagh Lord Caledon, Countess Caledon, Chief Executive of Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council Roger Wilson, and The Right Revd The Lord Eames OM. Former Lord Mayor Alderman Glenn Barr and Chief Executive

Later in the evening Council joined the UK and Commonwealth in lighting beacons at the following locations across the borough:

- St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh
- Banbridge Civic Centre
- South Lake Leisure Centre, Craigavon.



A host of community events also took place including street parties, picnics and family fun-days, finishing off with a Party in the Park on Saturday 4 June, at Lurgan Park.

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A large crowd enjoyed the live streaming of the Party at the Palace event, while soaking up the sunshine. Thank you to all staff involved, who worked hard over the Bank Holiday weekend, to make these events memorable and enjoyable occasions for everyone in attendance.



### Lurgan Show a Celebration of Farm to Fork

What a day we had at the Lurgan Show on Saturday 4 June, with thousands descending upon a sun lit Lurgan Park to celebrate the great and the good of local agriculture. What more could the Lurgan & District Horse and Cattle Show Society have wished for!



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Alderman Glenn Barr paid a visit to some of our local Food Heart and producers, breeders and farming businesses in his final few days as Lord Mayor. Commenting at the show he said:

***“It was my absolute pleasure, in my final few days as Lord Mayor, to attend the renowned Lurgan Show and meet so many of the borough’s artisan food and drink producers, and champion breeders.***

***“Bringing together the great and the good of local agriculture as well as showcasing the borough’s unrivalled produce and award-winning livestock, the Lurgan Show highlights just why this region has earned its reputation as the Food Heartland of Northern Ireland.***



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### **Latest Blood Donation Sessions**

The Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service invites donors to book an appointment for one of its forthcoming sessions in Lurgan and Banbridge, during the month of June. If you have time please pop along to one of the sessions and donate – giving blood saves lives!

#### **Lurgan**

Thursday 16 June 2022 | Jethro Centre  
12.30pm to 4.00pm and 5.00pm to 7.30pm

Friday 17 June 2022 | Jethro Centre  
12.30pm to 4.00pm and 5.00pm to 7.00pm

#### **Banbridge**

Thursday 23 June 2022  
Bannside Presbyterian Church  
12.30pm to 4.00pm and 5.00pm to 7.30pm

Friday 24 June 2022 | Bannside Presbyterian Church  
12.30pm to 4.00pm and 5.00pm to 7.00pm

**All donation sessions by appointment**

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