

Kilcooley Neighbourhood Renewal Area

Annual Report 2014/2015



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About Neighbourhood Renewal

Neighbourhood Renewal is about closing the gap between the quality of life for people in the most deprived neighbourhoods and the rest of society.

Neighbourhood Renewal has four interlinking strategic objectives:

- **Community Renewal** – to develop confident communities that are able and committed to improving the quality of life in their areas;
- **Economic Renewal** – to develop economic activity in the most deprived neighbourhoods and connect them to the wider urban economy;
- **Social Renewal** – to improve social conditions for the people who live in the most deprived neighbourhoods through better co-ordinated public services and the creation of safer environments; and
- **Physical Renewal** – to help create attractive, safe, sustainable environments in the most deprived neighbourhoods.

About Kilcooley Partnership

The Kilcooley Neighbourhood Partnership was established in February 2006 to take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme. It has 2 sub groups to assist it in the identification, development and, where appropriate, delivery of projects in relation to Health /Sport/Recreation, and Education/Early Intervention. It has a varied membership including the Department for Regional Development, Education Authority, South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust, Community Reps, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Police Service of Northern Ireland, Churches, Voluntary Sector, Public Health Authority, Kilcooley Primary School, Ards and Ards and North Down Borough Council and Councillors. It is defined as non-constituted entity acting in an advisory role to the Department for Neighbourhood Renewal issues in the designated Neighbourhood Renewal area. It currently meets on a 6 weekly basis and its administration services are provided through a Coordinator with North Down Borough Council.

The Partnership and Subgroups have all signed up to and abide by the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Subgroup Terms of Reference

About Kilcooley Neighbourhood Area

The Kilcooley Neighbourhood Renewal Area covers the whole of the Kilcooley and Fern Grove estates which were built between 1967 and 1976. It is located approximately two miles west of Bangor town centre and is bounded by two major roads, the West Circular Road on the East and the Belfast Road on the West. It has an estimated population of [2,655](#) with approximately 79.4% coming from a Protestant and other Christian (including Christian related) community background and approximately 4.1% coming from a Catholic community background.



The Kilcooley Vision and Action Plan

The original Kilcooley Action Plan was developed in 2006 by the Kilcooley Neighbourhood Partnership as a response to the identified needs of the area. These needs were identified through comprehensive consultation with local residents, statutory and voluntary organisations as well as utilising Neighbourhood Renewal statistics. The Action plan has been updated on a yearly basis and encompasses current regeneration projects as well as the future projects that are required to meet the identified needs. As part of this process the partnership developed its ten year vision - *'Kilcooley will become an attractive, safe and prosperous estate where the residents enjoy healthy active lifestyles'*.



Kilcooley Partnership Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund has supported eight projects during the 2014/2015 financial year in the Kilcooley Neighbourhood Renewal Area as follows:-

COMMUNITY RENEWAL



1. Kilcooley Community Forum 5

Kilcooley Community Forum is an umbrella organization consisting of representatives from local community groups, Churches and Schools, and provides assistance and advice in day to day matters. They also provide a range of programmes focusing on community development, substance abuse, training placements, and assist groups in the development of / seeking funding for community projects. Kilcooley Community Forum has played an important role in a number of projects and schemes which have had a significant impact on the development of community services and tackling deprivation in the Kilcooley Neighbourhood Renewal Area. The project has been in place from 2005 and has continued to meet its targets during the past year.

2. Kilcooley Neighbourhood Partnership - Technical Assistance

Achievement of the Department for Social Development's strategic objectives is dependent on Technical Assistance being provided to continue to service the Kilcooley Neighbourhood Partnership. The neighbourhood partnership is a voluntary body composed of people from the community / voluntary, statutory and other sectors with recognised expertise and knowledge of the local area, working together to formulate and oversee the implementation of a neighbourhood Action Plan. It requires professional support to facilitate its operation and to manage and monitor day to day activities as they develop, and to ensure its contractual obligations to the Department for Social Development are met. In the longer term these actions will impact all Neighbourhood Renewal strategic objectives and will aid in the reduction in the gap between Kilcooley and the Northern Ireland average.



ECONOMIC RENEWAL



1. Ards and North Down Borough Council - Kilcooley Multi-functional Centre appraisal.

This Project I provided an independent economic appraisal to assess the quantitative and qualitative costs and benefits of the specified options, methodology, capital costs, sources of funding and timeframe in developing the Multi Functional Centre in Kilcooley. It looked at the cost implications of taking the project forward as a social economy project. The project was managed by North Down Borough Council.

SOCIAL RENEWAL - EDUCATION

1. Kilcooley Primary School Nurturing Project 2

Kilcooley Primary School Nurturing Project' has been in place from 2009 and operates from a location within Kilcooley Primary School managed by the Education Authority. It has continued to provide a small emotionally secure unit in a specially furnished classroom where children are cherished and their needs attended to in a structured environment. The project empowers children to develop trusting relationships with adults and respond appropriately to other children, prepares children to meet the social and intellectual demands of school life; and on becoming more secure emotionally pupils find that their capacity for cognitive learning increases and they make progress with normal school tasks. The project will be maintained by the Education Authority from 1st April 2015



2. Kilcooley Women's Centre STEP Project



Kilcooley Women's Centre STEP Project 2 has been supported by the Department for Social Development from 2011. The STEP project is managed by Kilcooley Women's Centre and is an educational project targeted at women, to enhance the transferrable skills, improve employment opportunities and life chances of the participants and to address educational underachievement in the Kilcooley area. The project offers a wide portfolio of training opportunities, catering for those with no formal qualifications to those who need to re-skill due to redundancy, return to work after bringing up a family, to move from benefits, unemployed/ economically inactive or for those in low paid occupations. The training takes place in Kilcooley primary School, a safe, supportive environment, in a community setting with built in support mechanisms. It offers courses up to A-level and City and Guilds with crèche facilities available for the needs of mothers. The Women's Centre also provides onsite childcare which encourages single parents, unemployed and those in the transition from benefits to work, to benefit from affordable accessible childcare.



3. Kilcooley SEELB Transitions Programme

This project provides a range of programmes to Nurture the Transition of pupils from Years 6 and 7 in Kilcooley Primary School to Year 8 in Bangor Academy & Sixth Form College, and Priory Integrated College. It involves work with parents and adults from the Kilcooley area.

Teachers from each of the schools undertake extra hours to co-ordinate the transition programme.



The project is based in Kilcooley Primary School and has five programmes:

- *Reading Partnership Programme* -Year 13 pupils visit Kilcooley Primary School to provide Reading Partnership support to identified children in Kilcooley Primary School.
- *Numeracy Together Programme* - A numeracy programme providing additional support through the medium of ICT.
- *Parental Engagement Programme* - A programme of events to raise awareness of the importance of the transition year and support parents.
- *Pupil and Parent Transition Programme* - Additional support for pupils and parents during the transition period including joint visits to schools.
- *Home/School Yr8 Transition Support* - Designated teachers will agree a home-school support service where additional needs are identified.

SOCIAL RENEWAL - HEALTH

1. South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Early Intervention Family Project

This project has been supported from 2012 and is managed by South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust. It continues to provide parents with support from the antenatal stage to ensure children have a good start in life and are sustained into later life. It strengthens services at crisis points in their lives and at the transition stages of home to pre-school, pre-school to primary and from primary school to post primary.

The project has two elements, - **New Parent Visitor Programme** - which focuses on new parents, providing frequent ante-natal and post-natal visits to support parents until the child is 2 years, and a complementary **Family Support Home Visiting Service/Parenting Programme**, which offers practical and emotional support to families and children aged 0 - 11 during difficult periods in their lives. It focuses particularly on behaviour / crises in the home, and around the transition stages in a child's life: nursery - primary school and primary - post primary school. The main aims of this project are to help parents raise securely attached children through early intervention during pregnancy, and to provide support that will reduce the risk of problems arising providing a service to families who are experiencing chronic, well established problems thus reducing the need for the formal services of Statutory agencies.



South Eastern Health
and Social Care Trust

SOCIAL RENEWAL - CRIME

1. Bangor Alternatives Project

The project is managed by Bangor Alternatives and has supported non-protocol related activities from 2008. The project is a community based community safety project that provides a number of preventative and intervention strategies to tackle the issue of anti-social behaviour and community conflict and its impact on individuals and communities by providing a number of services.

It offers protective activities to redirect young people away from crime and offer victims a forum to have their concerns addressed and hurts healed. Additionally officers engage in detached youth work, provide prevention programmes and deliver workshops within a schools setting. It also operates a wide variety of user-led programs to tackle sensitive community issues.



Kilcooley Partnership 2014/2015 expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund. It also details the 2014/2015 individual spend for each project, the total amount of expenditure by strategic objective and the overall 2014/2014 total expenditure in the Kilcooley Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	2014/15 Spend (as at June 2015)
COMMUNITY RENEWAL			
Kilcooley Community Forum 5	1/4/2013 -31/3/2015	£96,200.91	£42,044.35
Neighbourhood Partnership - Technical Assistance	1/4/2011 – 31/3/2015	£67,884.65	£14,834.84
Total		£164,085.56	£56,879.19
SOCIAL RENEWAL – EDUCATION			
Kilcooley Primary School Nurturing Project 2	1/4/2011 – 31/3/2015	£280,000.00	£70,000.00
Kilcooley Women's Centre STEP Project 2	1/4/2011 – 31/3/2015	£177,216.18	£39,398.71
Kilcooley SEELB Transitions Programme	2/9/2013 - 31/3/2015	£28,300.00	£26,719.51
Total		£485,516.18	£136,118.22
SOCIAL RENEWAL – HEALTH			
Kilcooley South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Early Intervention Family Project	29/10/2012 –31/3/2015	£121,044.08	£34,982.00
Total		£121,044.08	£34,982.00
SOCIAL RENEWAL – CRIME			
Bangor Alternatives Project	1/4/2012 – 31/3/2015	£111,410.16	£36,574.14
Total		£111,410.16	£36,574.14
PHYSICAL RENEWAL			
		nil	nil
ECONOMIC RENEWAL			
Ards and North Down Borough Council - Kilcooley Multi-functional Centre appraisal.	8/10/2012 – 31/3/2015	£8,500.00	£1,970.50
Total		£8,500.00	£1,970.50
OVERALL TOTAL		£890,555.98	£266,524.05

ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 2014/2015 YEAR

Community/Other Output Measures

PROJECT	CR1 – Number of people participating in community relations projects	CR3 – Number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR4 – Number of people engaged/involved in unpaid voluntary work	CR5 – Number of people receiving training in community development skills/capacity building	CR6 – Number of people using new or improved community facilities	CR 9 - Number of people involved in projects that promote shared space	CR 8 - Number of community relations projects supported
Kilcooley Community Forum 5	36	40	35	24			
Kilcooley Neighbourhood Partnership - Technical Assistance				1		20	
Ards and North Down Borough Council - Kilcooley Multi-functional Centre appraisal.						20	
Kilcooley Women's Centre STEP Project 2			19				
Bangor Alternatives Project	78	92					10

Social (Education) Output Measures

PROJECT	SR(Ed)3 – Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced or improved	SR(Ed)4 – Number of pupils whose behaviour is measurably enhanced/ improved	SR(Ed)5 – Number of people engaged in parenting/ skills development programmes	SR(Ed)6 – Number of pupils directly benefitting from the project <i>(Improving Attainment in Literacy and Numeracy)</i>	SR(Ed)8 - Number of pupils directly benefitting from the project <i>(Closing the Performance Gap)</i>	SR(Ed)20 - Number of children and young people having access to specialist support to enhance their physical and emotional well-being	SR(Ed)25 - Number of pupils directly benefitting from project (ICT)
Kilcooley Primary School Nurturing Project 2	46	76	42	46			
Kilcooley SEELB Transitions Programme	48		55		51		25
Bangor Alternatives Project			12		49		

Social (Health) Output Measures

PROJECT	SR (H)1 – Number of people benefiting from Healthy Lifestyle Projects	SR (H)2 – Number of people attending Health Education/Awareness Initiatives	SR (H)3 – Number of people accessing intervention/treatment services Number of health	SR (H)4 – Number of health education/awareness initiatives provided/delivered	SR (H)5 – Number of people benefiting from new or improved health facilities	SR (H)7 - Number of new /improved sports facilities provided	SR (H)8 - Number of people using new sports facilities
Kilcooley Community Forum 5	111	52	55				
Kilcooley South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Early Intervention Family Project	68	38	25	4			
Kilcooley Women's Centre STEP Project 2		426					
Bangor Alternatives Project	71						

Social (Crime) Output Measures

PROJECT	SR (C)1 - Number of people receiving advice on crime prevention	SR (C)2 - Number of community safety initiatives implemented	SR (C)3 - Number of people participating/ attending community safety initiatives	SR (C)4 – Number of crime prevention initiatives implemented	SR (C)5 - Number of people participating/ attending crime prevention initiatives	SR (C)6 - Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversity projects	SR (C)7 - Number of victims of crime supported	(C)9 – Number of Neighbourhood Wardens supported
Kilcooley Community Forum 5	100	5		5	2500		49	1
Bangor Alternatives Project		12	1385	11		431	271	

Physical Output Measures

PROJECT	PR (6) - Number of projects improving community facilities	PR(9) Number project to improve community facilities	PR (11) - Number of people/ volunteers involved in physical development and/or environmental improvement projects
Ards and North Down Borough Council - Kilcooley Multi-functional Centre appraisal.			20
Kilcooley Community Forum 5		1	

Economic Output Measures

PROJECT	ER1 - Number of FTE jobs created	ER2 - Number of residents going into employment	ER4 - Number of people receiving job specific training	ER6 - Number of people receiving non job specific training e.g. first aid	ER9 - Number of new/existing businesses receiving advice/ support	ER10 - Number of people becoming self-employed	ER12 - Number of new business start up surviving 52 weeks	ER13 - Number of new/existing childcare places supported to facilitate training and or employment	ER14 - Number of people attaining a formal qualification from participation in Adult education	ER15 - Number of FTE jobs safeguarded
Kilcooley Community Forum 5		2	6	27	3					2
Kilcooley Neighbourhood Partnership - Technical Assistance					2					1
Ards and North Down Borough Council - Kilcooley Multi-functional Centre appraisal.					1					
Kilcooley Primary School Nurturing Project 2										2
Kilcooley Women's Centre STEP Project 2		13	228					50	228	7
Bangor Alternatives Project				45					63	1

Kilcooley Partnership Conclusion

In the 2014/2015 financial year, Kilcooley Partnership total overall spend at June 2014 was £266,524.05.

This can be further broken down into Strategic Objective spend as follows:-

Community Renewal	£56,879.19
Social Renewal	£207,674.36
Economic Renewal	£1,970.50
Physical Renewal	£0.00 (a number of physical projects are in the development stage but did not incur spend 14/15)

Breakdown of actual achievements for total expenditure

The Kilcooley NRA is a Protestant/Unionist/Loyalist area which is marked by very low levels of educational achievement. The Kilcooley Partnership as previous years has therefore continued to focus on the development of educational skills both at primary school age and in mature women students. To compliment the primary element the nurture unit has continued its activities within Kilcooley Primary School, providing assistance to those pupils who require help and then integration back into normal school life. The success of the Nurturing has resulted in the Education Authority agreeing to fund it in full from the 1st April 2015. The continuation of the Kilcooley South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Early Intervention Family Project also aids this ethos providing a family health and parenting element that improves early age health and wellbeing as well as the preparing children for school life. The SEELB Transitions Programme has also been successfully targeting pupils at the transition stage of moving from Primary to Secondary education, this project involves both primary and secondary pupils. In relation to adult education the Kilcooley Women's Centre STEP Project 2 continues to provide education courses for women, during the current year it provided 228 women with courses and 13 participants have been able to find work. These education projects have an impact on economic outputs and will have future bearing on worklessness and the quality of jobs obtained. The Kilcooley Forum 5 Project and North Down Alternatives project continue to provide a community backdrop for all these projects providing direction for the community and reducing crime in the area. In the 2015/2016 financial year £215,655.64 has already been approved mainly to continue the current educational focus, but also covering such issues as community development, community safety and early health interventions in families. Additionally the Health Authority has agreed to fund the Nurturing Project was originally developed and funded by DSD.



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