

# Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Area Annual Report 2014/15 year



## Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership ANNUAL REPORT – 2014/15 year

### Neighbourhood Renewal (NR)

In June 2003 the Department launched the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy 'People and Place'. This long term strategy seeks to target those communities throughout Northern Ireland who are suffering from higher than average rates of unemployment, ill health and crime, lower levels of educational attainment and higher rates of income deprivation. It does so by making a long term commitment to communities to work in partnership with them to identify and prioritise needs and co-ordinate interventions designed to address the underlying causes of poverty and close the gap between the quality of life for people living in the most deprived neighbourhoods in Northern Ireland and the rest of society. The Neighbourhood Renewal Programme aims to reduce the social and economic inequalities which characterise these areas of deprivation and decline.

The Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy has four interlinking strategic objectives under the following themes:

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.*

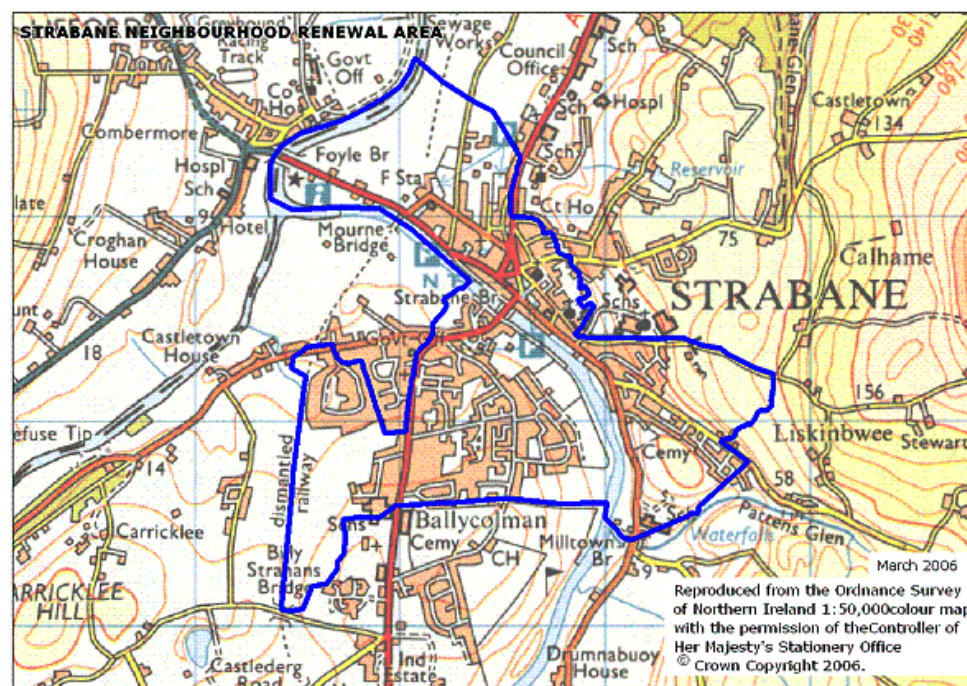
Physical Renewal – *to help create attractive, safe and sustainable environments in the most deprived neighbourhoods.*

North West Development Office (NWDO) is responsible for the delivery of the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy in Londonderry and the neighbouring towns of Limavady and Strabane. It produced an implementation plan which set out the Department's approach to the selection of the Neighbourhood Renewal areas and the establishment of delivery structures in the City and neighbouring towns. The Neighbourhood Renewal Areas were identified as those within the top 10% most deprived areas according to the Noble Multiple Deprivation Measures. Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Boards were set up in each

Neighbourhood Renewal Area i.e. 4 across Londonderry, Strabane and Limavady to manage the delivery of the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme. The Neighbourhood Partnership Boards took the lead in the process of drawing up the Neighbourhood Vision Framework and Neighbourhood Action Plans for their Neighbourhood Renewal areas. Following a local consultation process Neighbourhood Action Plans were developed which identified priority issues and actions required meeting the specific needs of local neighbourhoods and achieving the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Board's vision for their respective area.

### Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Area

The Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Area broadly covers the five main housing estates of Ballycolman, Carlton Drive, Lisnafin Park, Barrack Street, Springhill Park, Fountain Street, Innisfree Gardens, Drumrallagh and the town centre. A map of the Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Area (NRA) is shown below.



At the last Census (2011) there were 2,430 households and 5,583 people living within the boundaries of the Neighbourhood renewal area. Some of the estates were constructed during the late 1960s and 1970s.

This Neighbourhood suffers high levels of unemployment since the decline of the textile and agricultural industries. There is multiple deprivation with high levels of benefit dependency and low levels of educational attainment. Local Communities suffer significant problems with underage drinking and anti- social behaviour and on-going problems with graffiti. The town centre has seen a reduction in footfall as a result of shop closures and retailers moving out of the town centre to the edge of town retail parks. There are a number of vacant and derelict properties that have added to the town's decline and desolation. There are clear links between low income, poor health and low educational attainment prevalent amongst those living in these areas of deprivation and decline. Historically there are community divisions within the Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

### **Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership**

Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership was established in 2005 to take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme and oversee the development and delivery of the Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan, with the vision that '*Strabane will be physically attractive and economically prosperous, with strong, well-led communities that work together for lasting change. Public services will be accessible and responsive to need. Local neighbourhoods will be safe, attractive places where people want to live. Opportunities will be available to build a healthier community and a positive future for our children and young people*'. The Partnership is defined as non-constituted entity acting in an advisory role to the Department for Neighbourhood Renewal issues in the designated Neighbourhood Renewal area. Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership currently comprises of 26 members who include representatives from local voluntary and community organisations, elected representatives, other government departments and local statutory organisations. It currently meets on a six weekly basis. A Neighbourhood Renewal Officer and Part-time Administrator provide the administrative services to the Partnership.

Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership has established 4 Action Teams and a number of sub/working groups to assist it in the identification, development and where appropriate the delivery of projects which aim to address the Programmes four strategic objectives of community renewal, social renewal, economic renewal and physical renewal. The Partnership and Subgroup members have all signed up to and abide by the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Subgroup Terms of Reference.

### Composition of Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

<b>Statutory Sector</b>	<b>Representation</b>
Mr Seamus Bradley	Western Education & Library Board
Ms Avril Mc Allister	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Mr Sean Quinn	Department for Employment & Learning
Sgt David Mc Ilwaine	Police Service for Northern Ireland
Ms Sonia Montgomery	Western Health & Social Care Trust
Ms Joanna Mc Conway	Department of Culture Arts & Leisure
Mr Declan Maguire	Extended Schools Cluster (Melmount)
Ms Anne Lindsay	Extended Schools Cluster (Strabane)
Mrs Karen McFarland	Strabane District Council
Mrs Anne McMurray	Department for Social Development
Mrs Cynthia Porter	Department for Social Development
<b>Community &amp; Voluntary Sector</b>	
Mr Ivan Barr	Community & Voluntary Sector
Mr Michael Cunningham	Community & Voluntary Sector
Mrs Jacqueline Gallagher	Community & Voluntary Sector
Ms Gina Gallagher	Community & Voluntary Sector
Mr Damien Gavigan	Community & Voluntary Sector
Mr Bobby Rao	Community & Voluntary Sector
Mr Aodhan Harkin (Vice Chairperson)	Community & Voluntary Sector

Mr Gerard Harkin	Community & Voluntary Sector
Mrs Liz Kavanagh	Community & Voluntary Sector
Ms Teresa Stewart	Community & Voluntary Sector
Mr Jarlath McNulty	Community & Voluntary Sector
Ms Joan Kelly	Community & Voluntary Sector
Mr Paul Gallagher	Strabane Local Strategy Partnership
<b>Political Representatives</b>	
Cllr Jay McCauley (Chairperson)	Strabane District Council
Cllr Karina Carlin	Strabane District Council
Cllr Patsy Kelly	Strabane District Council

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

### Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Objectives

The objectives of the Partnership are to manage, develop and oversee the regeneration of Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Area to:

- Ensure that people living in the Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Area have access to the best possible services and to opportunities which make for a better quality of life, better prospects and the creation of a safer environment for themselves and their families.
- Develop economic activity in the Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Area and connect the community to the wider economy of Strabane and Northern Ireland.
- Develop confident communities that are able and committed to improving the quality of life in the Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Area.
- Improve the environment and image of the Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Area so that it becomes an attractive place to live and invest in.

The Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership is responsible for:

- Analysing and prioritising the needs of the Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Area.
- Engaging with and consulting local communities to drive and implement Neighbourhood Renewal.
- Leading the process in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan
- Overseeing the implementation of the Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan.
- Reviewing the Action plan annually to ensure that it reflects the priority needs in the area.
- Monitoring and evaluating progress against the priorities in the action plan quarterly.
- Publicising and building awareness of Neighbourhood Renewal by informing and updating local communities of progress made on a regular basis.
- Facilitating and securing agreement between local service providers on integrated working in the Neighbourhood Renewal Area.
- Taking decisions on individual projects and activities to be undertaken in the Neighbourhood Renewal Area.
- Establishing systems to monitor the overall progress and impact of Neighbourhood Renewal in the area and providing monitoring reports to the Department.

The Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership has established 4 Sub/Working Groups to address the priorities under the themes Community Renewal, Social Renewal – Crime & Anti Social Behaviour, Education, Health, Economic Renewal – Worklessness, and Physical Renewal.

#### **Composition of Social Renewal Action Team**

<b>Statutory Sector</b>	<b>Representation</b>
Mr Seamus Bradley	Western Education & Library Board
Ms Oonagh McNeillis	Western Education & Library Board
Mrs Lynsey Brannif	Western Education & Library Board
Mr Gavin Deeny	Western Education & Library Board
Mrs Patricia Devine	Western Education & Library Board
Mrs Anne McMurray	Department for Social Development



Sgt David Mc Ilwaine	Police Service for Northern Ireland
Mrs Vanessa Russell	Policing & Community Safety Partnership
Ms Sonia Montgomery	Western Health & Social Care Trust
Mr John Kerr	Strabane District Council
Mr Aidan Lynch	Strabane District Council
Mr Ryan Porter	Strabane District Council
<b>Community &amp; Voluntary Sector</b>	
Mr Ivan Barr	S&ATUC
Mr Michael Cunningham	Melmount East Bank Community Association Forum
Mrs Jacqueline Gallagher	Springhill Park Community Development Association
Ms Louise Boyce	Strabane Community Project
Mr Damien Gavigan	Lisnafin Ardnalee Trust Cross Community Community Development Association
Mr Aodhan Harkin	Strabane Sigersons GAA
Ms Wenda Graham	Koram Centre
Ms Siobhan McGuckin	Koram Centre
Ms Grainne McNickle	Strabane & District Caring Services/NHIP
Mr Gerard Harkin	Strabane & District Caring Services
Ms Janine Cummings	Strabane & District Citizen's Advice Bureau
Ms Marirose Cunningham	North West Volunteer Centre



Ms Liz Kavanagh	Barnardo's
Mr Dessie Kyle	HURT
Ms Teresa Stewart	Strabane AYE
Ms Joan Kelly	Fountain St Community Development Association
Mrs Marie Brown	Foyle Women's Aid
Mrs Gina Gallagher	Strabane & Lifford LGBT
Mr Max Beer	Playhouse
Ms Siun O'Doherty	Playhouse
Ms Perpetula Foley	Strabane Community Unemployed Group
Mr Andrew Kelly	Coderdojo Strabane
Mr Jarlath Mc Nulty	Cairde
<b>Local Schools</b>	
Ms Maire Ni Dhocartaigh	Gaelscoil Ui Dhocartaigh
Mrs Bridgid Wilders	St Catherine's Primary School
Mrs Sandra O'Doherty	St Mary's Primary School
Ms Martina McComish	Knockavoe Resource Centre
Mr Declan Maguire	Extended Schools Cluster (Melmount)
Ms Anne Lindsay	Extended Schools Cluster (Strabane)
Mrs Patricia McLaughlin	Holy Cross College

## Education Committee Steering Group

This group was established to develop programmes/initiatives that help to improve children's educational/life outcomes. A central element to this work has been increased involvement and collaboration with parents and families, community organisations and other support services. The Group brings together the community and voluntary sector, school principals, Western Education & Library Board and Strabane Surestart.

Through the Department of Education's *Community Education Initiatives Programme* (CEIP), the Education Steering Committee has facilitated the development of a number of projects including:

- Delivery of accredited parent educator/facilitator training to school staff, parents and community workers;
- Delivery of eight *Incredible Years* pre-school basic programmes for 92 parents with children aged 3-5 years;
- The establishment of four community learning hubs at Coderdojo Strabane, Ballycolman Community Centre, Lisnafin Community Centre and Springhill Park Community Centre (through the investment of ICT equipment). These hubs are currently providing a range of programmes including an after school homework club and teaching young people how to code, develop websites, apps, programs and games;
- Improvements/additions to schools' ICT infrastructure that will be used to deliver programmes for the benefit of schoolchildren, parents and the wider community.

The Neighbourhood Partnership has also continued to develop effective working relationships with schools located in the NRA through the Melmount and Strabane Extended Schools Clusters.

### **Community Safety Sub Group**

This sub group is made up of representatives from the Voluntary & Community Sector, Police Service for Northern Ireland, Strabane Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) and the Western Education & Library Board's Youth Service. The sub group has focused on providing information/updates on current initiatives, particularly the ongoing work of the Policing Community Safety Partnership, Youth Intervention Programmes and to identify potential new projects.

### **Neighbourhood Health Improvement Sub Group**

This Group also functions as part of the Social Renewal Action Team and is primarily responsible for the implementation of the Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project (NHIP). In 2014/15, over one thousand residents from Strabane NRA participated in NHIP programmes designed to help people:

- Become more physically active
- Lose weight and maintain an overall healthy diet
- Cease smoking
- Reduce the risk of cancer
- Raise awareness about eating disorders and suicide prevention.

### **Poverty Working Group**

On foot of research carried out by Strabane Neighbourhood Partnership into approaches used to help address the underlying causes of poverty, a Poverty Working Group was established to help develop more co-ordinated and holistic approaches to helping people move out of poverty. This working group currently brings together CAB, DEL, WELB, Barnardo's, WHSCT and a number of local community organizations. To date the sub group has focussed on researching project models designed to address child poverty and, in the coming year, intends to bring forward and test the feasibility of a proposed 'Community Entrepreneur' scheme.

## Composition of Physical Renewal Action Team

Statutory Sector	Representation
Mrs Anne McMurray	Department for Social Development
Mr Robert Mc Cartney	DRD Roads Service
Ms Michael Dallat	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Mr Noel McNulty	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Community & Voluntary Sector	
Mr Michael Cunningham	Melmount Community Forum
Mrs Jacqueline Gallagher	Springhill Park Community Development Association
Mr Damien Gavigan	Lisnafin Ardnalee Trust Cross Community Community Development Association
Mr Aodhan Harkin	Strabane Sigersons GAA
Mr Jarlath McNulty	Cairde
Mrs Gina Devine	Fountain St Community Development Association

### Physical Renewal Working Group

The Physical Renewal Working Group is made up of selected representatives of the Physical Renewal Action Team. They represent the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, DRD Roads Service, Voluntary & Community Sector and Strabane District Council. During the 2014/15 year the Steering Group liaised with DRD and DSD to undertake improvement works to resurface footways and streets including provision of upgraded street lighting within Springhill Park, Barrack Street, Ballycolman Estate Lisnafin Park and Townsend Terrace. These works were completed by late 2014. The Steering Group also liaised with NIHE and DSD to take forward environmental improvements in Drumrallagh, Springhill Park and other estates, in particular the upgrading of steps leading from Springhill Park to Fountain Street.

A derelict site at Patrician Villas has been brought back into use to create a park, multi use games area and play facilities for families living in the Fountain Street, Drumrallagh Estate and Springhill Park. Works to construct new female changing rooms, treatment room and committee room at Sigerson's Park are also at an advanced stage.

For the year 2014/15 there was a Neighbourhood Renewal investment of £846,069 invested in capital projects that commenced in the 2014/15 year and will be completed within the 2015/16 year.

### Composition of Economic Renewal Action Team

<b>Statutory Sector</b>	<b>Representation</b>
Mrs Anne McMurray	Department for Social Development (DSD)
Miss Susan Doherty	Strabane District Council
Mr Sean Quinn	Department of Employment & Learning
<b>Community &amp; Voluntary Sector</b>	
Mr Niall Allen	Job Directions Ltd
Mr Paul Gallagher	Springhill Park Community Development Association
Mr Gerard Harkin	Strabane & District Caring Services
Mr Jarlaith McNulty	An Cairde
Ms Christina Mullen	Strabane Enterprise Agency
<b>Other Public Bodies</b>	
Ms Angela McConnell	North West Regional College
Mr Ciaran McManus	South West College
Miss Eilis Coyle	South West College

The Economic Renewal Action Team's main priorities have been to help improve access to skills and employment and to foster bottom up economic growth through the promotion and development of the Social Economy. The Action Team has liaised with DSD and South West College to develop and deliver the 'Going Places' programme which targets tailored training and mentoring support to the unemployed and young people who are no longer in education. The Action Team's Social Economy Working Group has worked with Omagh Enterprise Centre to help promote awareness of and interest in the New Social Enterprise Incubation Hub. The Hub, which is part of the OFMDFM Delivering Social Change framework, provides two 'test trading' retail units, Hot Desk/Virtual Office facilities, mentoring and action planning for individuals/groups who want help with establishing a new social enterprise.

### Composition of Community Renewal Action Team

<b>Statutory Sector</b>	<b>Representation</b>
Mrs Anne McMurray	Department for Social Development
Ms Amanda Biega	Strabane District Council
Sergeant David Mclwaine	Police Service for Northern Ireland
<b>Community &amp; Voluntary Sector</b>	
Mr Paul Gallagher	Springhill Park Community Development Association
Mr Gerard Harkin	Strabane & District Caring Services
Mr Jarlaith McNulty	Cairde
Mr Michael Cunningham	Melmount East Bank Community Association Forum
Ms Marirose Cunningham	North West Volunteer Centre
Ms Louise Boyce	Strabane Community Project
Ms Jacqueline Gallagher	Springhill Park Community Development Association

Ms Gina Gallagher	Strabane LGBT
Mr Aodhan Harkin	Strabane Sigersons GAA
Mr Bobby Rao	Strabane Ethnic Community Association
Ms Theresa Stewart	Fountain Street Community Association
Mr Damien Gavigan	Lisnafin Ardnalee Trust Cross Community Development Association
<b>Other Public Bodies</b>	
Mr Ivan Barr	S&ATUC

The key actions sought under Community Renewal aim to involve local communities in improving local services by providing for effective consultation, representation and partnership working; improving the capacity of community groups to identify and meet community needs; supporting more people to get involved in community activity and promoting equality and good relations.

During the year 2014/15 Action Team members, led by Strabane District Caring Services, undertook a community audit of 660 households (out of 2,400) in Strabane NRA. The scope of the research was extensive and the audit has mined a wealth of information about quality of life issues in the NRA. The data that has been collected and analysed provides a strong body of evidence in relation to living environment, education, employment, health & well-being, community involvement etc. The report's findings were widely publicised in the local press and ILEX is currently studying the report as part of its work in helping to bring forward the Derry City & Strabane District Council Community Plan.

During 2014/15, the Department for Social Development used a range of statistical indicators to monitor trends over time in Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Area (*Measurement of Outcomes Report 2014*). A number of findings have been drawn from these indicators:

- Benefit uptake in Strabane NRA is currently considerably higher than Non NRAs and also has among the highest percentage of benefit claimants among all other NRAs. This applies to the percentages of Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) claimants, Disability Living Allowance (DLA) claimants and Pension Credit (PC) claimants.



- The percentage of pupils achieving Key Stage 2 Level 4 in Strabane NRA is among the highest of all NRAs and is now higher than the percentage in Non NRAs. This does not follow through completely to GCSE, where the percentage achieving 5 or more GCSE's is lower than the Non NRAs. However, the percentage achieving 5 or more GCSE's has increased by more than 50% since 2004 / 05 and there are no school leavers with no GCSE's.
- Strabane NRA has the lowest percentage of school leavers becoming unemployed or unknown in 2011 / 12 compared to other NRAs and also has one of the highest percentages of leavers going on to further education.
- Overall crime level in Strabane NRA has decreased since 2003 with the main driver of that decrease being a reduction in the level of 'violence against the person, sexual offences and robbery'. However, anti-social behaviour incidents have increased since 2006 and are now more than double the level recorded in Non NRAs.

## Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Projects

A snap shot of the ongoing work of the projects in the Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Area as follows:-

### Community Renewal

#### 1. Springhill Park Community Development Association – Springhill Park Regeneration Project – Manager, Administration Officer & Running Costs

Springhill Park Community Development Association delivers social, educational and recreational community based facilities and works directly with young and old people in activity and learning programmes as follows:

- Summer Scheme
- Junior Youth Club, Senior Youth Club, After Schools Club
- Youth Intervention Programme – Drugs and Alcohol, Smoking Cessation
- Halloween Project
- Health Awareness
- Neighbourhood Health Improvement Scheme – Boxercise, Yoga, Massage Therapy, Step Aerobics
- State of the Art Play park facilities



**Youth Club**



**Women's Group**

## 2. Strabane Ethnic Community Association – Ethnic Community Development Worker Salary, P/T Administrator Salary, Running & Programme Costs

Strabane Ethnic Community Association works directly with ethnic minority and local residents in activity and learning programmes surrounding cultural awareness and to assist ethnic minority groups to integrate into communities. They provide the following:

- English Language Classes, Anti Racism & Diversity Training, IT Courses
- Cultural Events - Diwali Festival, Polish Night, Bollywood dancing, multi cultural food
- Health Initiatives
- Local Primary Schools Project – Diwali Story presentation
- Youth Intervention Project – Cricket Tournaments, football, cross community activities
- Sign post to local statutory bodies – Housing issues, Education, Employment, Social Security Benefits



**Diwali Festival**



**SECA's new town centre premises**

### 3. Strabane & Lifford Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender (LGBT) Group – Strabane & Lifford LGBT Inclusion Project

Strabane LGBT is a social group that tackles social exclusion experienced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people living in the Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Area. They deliver the following services.

- Weekly 'Drop In' activities
- Personal Development Programmes
- Support and information
- Art Projects
- Health Improvement Initiatives
- Promote Education & Awareness for LGBT and wider community
- Strabane LGBT Festival



Launch of 'Gay Best Friend', Community Relations Week



Foyle Pride Parade

#### **4. Lisnafin/Ardnalee/Trust Cross Community Development Association – Project Co-ordinator’s Salary/ENIC and Running Costs**

Lisnafin Ardnalee Trust Cross Community Development Association delivers a comprehensive package of services, interventions, training etc. that address Education, Worklessness, Health, Crime and Anti-social behaviour. In addition to the above, the Project delivers social and recreational activities from the local Community Centre. Some of the activities are as follows:

- IT Classes, both accredited and non-accredited, Construction Skills Register
- Play and Stay (0-4 years)
- Over 50’s Fitness Classes
- Irish Dancing, Box-exercise, Zumba
- Summer Scheme – Gaelic training, soccer training, multi-sports,
- Arts & Crafts
- Guest Teas, Birthday Parties and other charitable events



**First Aid Classes**



**Physical Activity Programmes**



**Play & Stay Club**



## 5. Fountain Street Community Development Association – Head of the Town Rejuvenation Project

This project delivers services, interventions and programmes that address the issues of crime and anti-social behaviour, underage drinking, vandalism, graffiti, drugs and alcohol, unemployment, poor health, low education attainment etc. for residents of all age groups living in the Fountain Estate and Neighbouring Areas.

- Department of Education – Surestart Programme
- Junior and senior youth club
- Essential Skills Maths, English & ICT
- First Aid
- Personal Development Programmes
- Health Awareness Projects
- DEL – Steps to Work and Steps Ahead Programmes
- Strabane AYE (Access to Youth Engagement)

The community centre delivers social and recreational activities such as bingo, local community fun days, senior citizen's lunch etc.



**St Patrick's Day Parade**



**Christmas Grotto**



**'Burn Walk' Outdoor Education Park**

## 6. Melmount East Bank Estates Community Association Forum – Uniting Communities

Melmount East Bank Estates Community Associations Forum represents a number of community groups with unpaid staff based in the Ballycolman Estate and surrounding area. In association with the delivery of a number of health education/awareness initiatives the Community Allotment Project has given local residents the opportunity to improve their mental and physical health through getting out into the environment and growing their own vegetables and herbs. The project takes a lead role in the delivery of the St.Patrick's Day festival. The organisation delivers a number of programmes as follows:

- Community Safety Initiatives – Feel safe in the Home, Help at Hand, Winter Packs,
- Senior Citizens social outings and events
- St.Patrick's Day Parade
- Good relations – Travellers Project
- Health Initiatives – Community Allotment, Flexicare
- Youth Initiatives – Summer Project (Tournaments and Competitions), volunteering
- Environmental Enhancement Project that involves graffiti removal, tree and shrub planting, creation of community garden, public art projects



**Social Justice Project**



**Celebrating the Installation of a Memorial Bench**



## 7. Strabane Community Project – Project Co-ordinator and Part-time Finance/Admin Officer Salaries

Strabane Community Project provides a range of services for older people, in particular those who are vulnerable and suffer from isolation as follows:

- Meals on Wheels Service
- Luncheon Club
- Good Morning Listening Ear Telephone Alert Service
- Respite Care for Carers
- Transport
- Sign posting to other services
- Information and Advice sessions – Social Security Benefit checks
- Social & Recreational Activities
- Health & Safety initiatives, Community Safety initiatives
- Strabane Foodbank
- Fuel Stamp Savings Scheme



**Premises and green space that will shortly be developed into a new Community facility and allotments**

## 8. Strabane District Caring Services – Community Audit for Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Area

Strabane District Caring Services was appointed as the lead organisation to carry out a community audit for the Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Area (NRA). The project took nine months to complete and sought to update information across five key renewal themes – community, economic, health, physical and social renewal. A total of thirty volunteer peer researchers were recruited and trained to carry out the door to door questionnaires and 660 households (out of 2,400) were surveyed



**Official Launch of the Strabane NRA Community Audit, January 2015.**

## Economic Renewal

### 9. North West Play Resource Centre (The Playhouse) – Learning through Arts

North West Play Resource Centre - Learning through Arts Project works with young people in the form of culture and arts and provides Essential Skills training focusing on providing accredited Literacy qualifications through the medium of Performance, Creative Writing and 3D Visual Arts (set design and building) to young people who have underachieved through the education system and need training to increase their chances of employment.

- Open College Network accredited training in Creative Writing, Drama and 3D Visual Arts
- CCEA Essential Skills Literacy
- Personal Development, Building self esteem and confidence



**Theatre & Performance Skills**

## 10. South West College – Going Places Programme in the Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Area

The project involves a targeted training programme for the unemployed and young people who are no longer in education. The programme also includes the provision of a mentor who will support participants both during and after their training. The Programme is delivered in three phases annually.

### Phase 1

Engages 36 residents in accredited training; participants are unemployed and not participating in education, training or employment at point of entry.

### Phase 2

Provides progression from Phase 1 and provides an opportunity for 24 residents to obtain a driving licence via access to 18 driving lessons and two funded attempts at the driving test. Residents are also provided with directed training in preparation to sit the Driving Theory Test; the Programme provides for two attempts at theory test. All participants have access to accredited employability training and Basic First Aid during this phase. A four-week work placement is completed by participants at the conclusion of phase 2.

### Phase 3

Provides progression from phase 2 and engages with 12 residents. Phase 3 provides residents that have fully engaged with the programme during phase 1 and 2 the opportunity to undertake specialist education or training to enhance their job prospects. Residents choose the most appropriate option from a menu of provision which include:

- Specialist Driving (LGV, HGV, PSV and Fork Lift Truck)
- Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA)
- Course Fees for Foundation Degree

## 11. Strabane District Council – Generalist Advice Service

DSD Neighbourhood Renewal Funding is awarded to Strabane District Council who has a service level agreement with Strabane & District Citizen's Advice Bureau to deliver Advice Services within the Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Area. This project specifically targets local residents in receipt of social security benefits to ensure they are encouraged and supported to take up their full entitlement and that the process of seeking advice on a wide range of benefit and other issues is made more accessible. The Generalist Adviser provides advice and support as follows:

- Provides individual assessment of Social Security Benefits to ensure that individuals living in Neighbourhood Renewal areas receive maximum income
- Advice on passport benefits – road tax, free school meals, prescriptions, blue and white badges, medical treatment
- Advice on consumer rights, employment, housing issues
- Outreach Centre based in Housing Estates
- Debt Management
- Ongoing changes to Welfare Reform and Tribunal Advocacy



**Strabane CAB – Generalist Advisers**



## 12. Strabane Community Unemployed Group – Salary Costs – Full time Co-ordinator

This project provides funding toward the recruitment of a Project Co-ordinator to work within communities to help people who are unemployed, in particular long term unemployed and people suffering from long term health problems, to overcome barriers to learning that prevent them moving into employment. Through partnership working with the North West Regional College, the organisation delivers a number of formal education courses from the Unemployed Centre.

- Essential Skills, Numeracy, Literacy and ICT
- Introduction to Computers
- START IT
- Arts and Crafts
- Creative Writing



**Successful ICT and Essential Skills Students**



## Social Renewal - Health

### 13. Western Health & Social Services Board – Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project

The aim of the project is to develop an integrated and collaborative approach to addressing health improvement. The project is instrumental in addressing health related issues identified in the Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Area. Some of the programmes delivered are as follows:

- Weight Management
- Smoking Cessation
- Cancer Awareness
- Healthy Eating
- Grow Your Own
- Fit Families
- Mental Health Awareness
- Drugs and Alcohol Awareness
- Teenage Outreach Programme



**Biggest Loser Programme**



#### **14.HURT (Have your Tomorrows) – Support and Treatment Programmes for those Marginalised through Drugs and Alcohol**

HURT is a drug and alcohol family support group that provides opportunities for those individuals and their family members, marginalised as a result of alcohol and drug use, to help them reintegrate within home, community and employment life. HURT provides holistic services through a tailored care plan designed to meet the needs of the individual. It offers the following services:

- Operates an open referral system and works closely with relevant Statutory Body and Voluntary Sector
- Following initial assessment provides a tailored care plan that meets individual needs
- Provides counselling, a range of complimentary therapies to individuals and family members affected by addiction.
- Delivers Drugs and Alcohol Workshops and Programmes to Youth Groups, Local Schools and Communities.



**Misuse of Prescription Drugs Workshop**



**Counselling and Complementary Therapies**

## 15. Strabane Sigerson's GAA – Project Co-ordinator delivering for a better Ballycolman

Strabane Sigersons GAA designs and facilitates the delivery of social, health and education programmes addressing the inequalities in health and improving the health and well-being of local people along with the delivery of appropriate programmes and courses aimed at empowering local people and extending the impact throughout the community. They deliver a number of programmes to provide opportunities for people of all age groups to improve health and well-being through the medium of sport as follows:

- Gaelic football – children, young people and adults
- Youth Intervention - Off the Streets Project
- Youth Tournaments – local schools
- Use of Flood Light Football Pitch, Youth Football Pitch
- Health initiatives – Drugs and Alcohol Awareness, Keep fit classes, Health & Well being Promotion, First Aid & Defibrillator training,
- Coaching courses
- Easter & Summer Coaching Camps

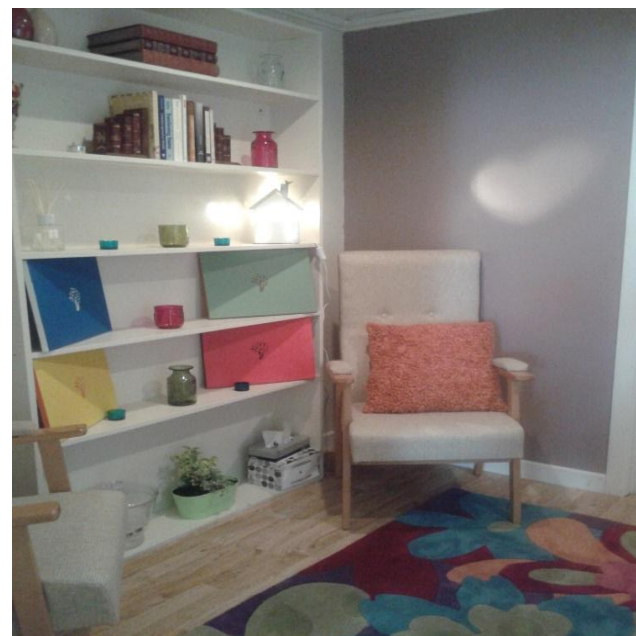


**Summer Coaching Camp at Sigerson's GAA**

## 16. The Koram Centre - Provision of counselling, psychotherapy and psycho social support to beneficiaries of the Strabane NRA

This project provides funding toward the recruitment of a Manager/Cognitive Behavioural Therapist/Researcher, Part-time Clerical Officer, Running and Programme Costs to deliver a professional counselling and psychotherapy service.

The Koram Centre offers therapeutic interventions that include individual treatment plans for depression, anxiety, suicidal ideation, agoraphobia, trauma – physical and sexual, obsessive compulsive disorder, and bereavement, anger and relationship difficulties. It provides couples therapy, family therapy, learning disability counselling and child counselling. The Koram Centre works closely with the Western Health & Social Care Trust (WHSCT) – Public Health Agency and receives referrals through the local health centre, social services,



**Counselling Rooms at The Koram Centre**

## **Social Renewal – Education**

### **17. Holy Cross College – Strabane Educational Support Programme**

Holy Cross College, in partnership with Strabane Academy delivers this programme that targets pupils who are disengaged from the current education system providing academic and pastoral support. A Learning Mentor works with thirty pupils on an individual basis and assists them to remain engaged with mainstream education. Pupils are offered a tailored education support and personal development plan to meet individual needs. The Learning Mentor supports each young person in academic and vocational courses that are not available at local schools and improves their opportunities for employment, training or employment.

### **18. Western Education & Library Board – Strabane Community Support Programme**

This Youth Led Programme was developed in response to an identified need for youth intervention programmes to tackle issues of low educational attainment, underage drinking, regular incidents of anti-social behaviour and lack of facilities for young people living in the Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal area who are disengaged from the current education and youth services.

The programme provides leadership training and peer mentoring which includes pathways to qualifications/accreditation leaving a lasting legacy of new community leaders across the Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal area. The key drivers of the programme are the Neighbourhood Renewal Youth Forum made up of 10 young people aged 16-25years. Two Drop in Centres have been established within Community Centres in Ballycolman and Lisnafin estates to engage young people on a weekly basis in various accredited and non accredited personal development programmes with support from an area youth worker. During the summer months young people will engage in the Summer Youth Intervention Programme during periods of social unrest/heightened tensions to reduce incidents of anti social behaviour. Young people are involved in a number of programmes that address community relations, health issues, promote active citizenship and volunteering to build community capacity and cohesion within local neighbourhoods.

## Social Renewal - Crime

### 19. Foyle Women's Aid - Rapid Response Project

Foyle Women's Aid Rapid Response Project provides an immediate support system to vulnerable victims of domestic violence within 24 hours of the incident taking place through the employment of a Criminal Justice Support Worker who will give a co-ordinated response to any victim of domestic violence and rape providing immediate information and support, assisting the victim to make informed choices and providing immediate crisis intervention with the courts, social services and other agencies.

- Response to victims of domestic violence within 24 hours of incident
- Provides information, emotional support to enable the victim to make informed choice
- Risk assessment, legal needs, emotional and physical well-being of victim and any children
- Improved access to services, multi-agency approach, avoid homelessness
- Liaises with victim and Police Service for Northern Ireland through court process



**Criminal Justice Support Worker and colleague**



## Physical Renewal

### 20. DRD Roads Service –Upgrade of footpath and streets within the Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Area



## 21. Environmental Improvement Works – Northern Ireland Housing Executive



The steps leading from Springhill Park to Fountain Street were identified as an area of priority and improvement works are ongoing.



**22. Strabane District Council – Creation of multi-use play/recreation area at Fountain Street/Patrician Villas, Strabane**





**23. Strabane Sigersons GAA – Construction of 4 female changing rooms and associated facilities at Pairc Mhic Sioghair (Sigerson’s Park ), Ballycolman Estate, Strabane**



During Construction

**Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership 2014/15 year Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)**

*The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund. It also details the 2014/15 year individual spend for each project, the total amount of expenditure by strategic objective and the overall 2014/15 year total expenditure in the Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Area.*

<b>Programme/Project</b>	<b>Contract for Funding (CFF) Funding Period</b>	<b>CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)</b>	<b>2014/15 Spend (as at 31/03/15)</b>
<b>COMMUNITY RENEWAL</b>			
Fountain Street Community Development Association – Head of the Town Rejuvenation Project	1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015	£126,919	£43,071
Lisnafin/Ardnalee/Trust Cross Community Development Association –Project Co-ordinator Salary & Running Costs	1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015	£89,428	£30,018
Melmount East Bank Estates Community Association Forum – Uniting Communities	1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015	£125,683	£42,155
Springhill Park Community Development Association – Springhill Park Regeneration Project	1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015	£145,034	£49,205
Strabane & Lifford Lesbian, Gay Bisexual Transgender Group – Inclusion Project	1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015	£125,770	£42,120
Strabane Community Project – Project Co-ordinator and Part-time Finance/Admin Officer salaries	1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015	£85,291	£29,897
Strabane Ethnic Community Association – Ethnic Community Development Worker’s Salary, P/T Administrator Salary, Running & Programme Costs	1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015	£110,464	£46,829
Strabane Local Strategy Partnership – Technical Assistance	1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015	£114,165	£38,818
Strabane & District Caring Services – Community Audit for Strabane NRA	1 May 2014 to 31 January 2015	£44,042	£44,042
<b>Total Community Renewal Expenditure</b>			<b>£366,155</b>

<b>SOCIAL RENEWAL – HEALTH</b>			
HURT (Have your Tomorrows) – Support and Treatment Programmes for those marginalised through Drugs and Alcohol	1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015	£24,713	£9,694
Strabane Sigersons Gaelic Athletic Association – Project Co-ordinator delivering for a better Ballycolman	1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015	£89,066	£29,764
The Koram Centre – The Provision of Counselling, Psychotherapy and Psycho-Social Support to Beneficiaries of the Strabane NRA	1 March 2014 to 31 March 2015	£70,838	£70,198
Western Health & Social Services Board – Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project (spend allocated on a population pro-rata basis)	1 April 13 to 31 March 2014	£484,437	£28,974
<b>Total Social Renewal – Health Expenditure</b>			<b>£138,630</b>
<b>SOCIAL RENEWAL – CRIME</b>			
Foyle Women’s Aid – Rapid Response Project	1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015	59,558	£22,762
<b>Total Social Renewal – Crime Expenditure</b>			<b>£22,762</b>
<b>SOCIAL RENEWAL – EDUCATION</b>			
Holy Cross College – Strabane Educational Support Programme	1 September 2013 to 31 March 2015	£54,639	£35,301
Strabane Community Unemployed Group - Salary Costs - F/T Co-ordinator	1 February 2014 to 31 March 2015	£22,233	£20,520
WELB Strabane Community Support Project	1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015	£49,211	£49,211
<b>Total Social Renewal – Education Expenditure</b>			<b>£105,032</b>

<b>ECONOMIC RENEWAL</b>			
North West Play Resource Centre (The Playhouse) – Learning through Arts	1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015	£124,520	£42,611
Strabane District Council. Service level agreement with Strabane & District Citizens Advice Bureau to deliver services – Advisor & Administrator salaries & running costs. (Facilitated through Voluntary & Community Unit)	1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015	£39,201	£39,201
South West College – Going Places Programme	1 May 2014 to 31 March 2015	£113,671	£113,671
<b>Total Economic Renewal Expenditure</b>			<b>£195,483</b>
<b>PHYSICAL RENEWAL</b>			
DRD Roads Service – Upgrade of footpath and streets within the Strabane NRA	1 January 2014 to 31 March 2015	£415,000	£295,000
Strabane Sigersons GAA – Construction of Female Changing Rooms and associated facilities at Pairc Mhic Sioghair (Sigerson’s Park, Ballycolman Estate, Strabane	1 December 2014 to 18 August 2015	£216,393	£132,140
Strabane District Council – Creation of Multi Use Play/Recreation area at Fountain Street/Patrician Villas	1 September 2014 to 31 July 2015	£271,870	£176,716
Northern Ireland Housing Executive – Environmental Improvement Scheme	1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015	£62,806.06	£42,800
<b>Total Physical Renewal Expenditure</b>			<b>£646,656</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>			<b>£1,468,994</b>

## ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 2014/15 YEAR

### Community Output Measures\* Pre April 2013

<b>PROJECT (STRABANE)</b>	<b>O1- Number of people given access to new cultural opportunities/facilities.</b>	<b>O3- Number of people benefiting from projects to promote personal and social development.</b>	<b>O4 - Number of feasibility / research projects carried out</b>
Fountain Street Community Development Association – Head of the Town Rejuvenation Project.		903	
Lisnafin/Ardnalee/Trust Cross Community Development Association –Project Co-ordinator Salary & Running Costs		688	
Melmount East Bank Estates Community Association Forum – Uniting Communities	30	57	
North West Play Resource Centre - The Playhouse – Learning through Arts	51		
Springhill Park Community Development Association – Springhill Park Regeneration Project		195	
Strabane & Lifford Lesbian, Gay Bisexual Transgender Group – Inclusion Project	163	15	3
Strabane Ethnic Community Association – Ethnic Community Development Worker’s Salary, P/T Administrator Salary, Running & Programme Costs	1268		

**Community Output Measures\* Post 31 March 2013**

<b>PROJECT (STRABANE)</b>	<b>CR3-13/1-Number of people volunteering for community development activities</b>	<b>CR5-13/1-Number of people receiving training in community development skills/capacity building</b>	<b>CR4-13/14-Number of people engaged/involvement in unpaid voluntary work</b>
Strabane & District Caring Services – Community Audit for Strabane NRA	44	30	
Strabane Community Unemployed Group - Salary Costs - F/T Co-ordinator			8



### Economic Output Measures\* Pre April 2013

<b>PROJECT (STRABANE)</b>	<b>A2 – Number of FTE Permanent jobs safeguarded</b>	<b>A4 - No of people who live in an area who get jobs as a consequence of training, advice or other specifically targeted assistance</b>	<b>A9 - Number of training places sustained/created</b>	<b>A10 - Number of volunteers sustained/created</b>
Fountain Street Community Development Association – Project Co-ordinator’s Salary/ENIC and Running Costs (Head of the Town Rejuvenation Project)	1		75	44
Foyle Women’s Aid – Rapid Response Project	1			8
Holy Cross College – Strabane Educational Support Project	1			
HURT (Have Your Tomorrows) – Support and Treatment Programmes for those marginalised through Drugs and Alcohol				6
Lisnafin/Ardnalee/Trust Cross Community Development Association – Project Co-ordinator’s Salary & Running Costs	1			32
Melmount East Bank Estates Community Associations Forum – Uniting Communities	2			20
North West Play Resource Centre – The Play House – Learning through Arts	0.5		50	
Springhill Park Community Development Association – Springhill Park Regeneration Project	2	2		
Strabane & Lifford LGBT – Strabane & Lifford LGBT Inclusion Project	1		7	6
Strabane Community Project – Project Co-ordinator & Part-time Admin Salaries	1.5		23	58

Strabane Ethnic Community Association – Ethnic Community Development Worker’s Salary, P/T Administrator Salary, Running & Programme Costs	1.6			93
Strabane Local Strategy Partnership – Technical Assistance	1.7			
Strabane Sigersons GAA – Project Co-ordinator - Delivering a better Ballycolman	1			

### Economic Output Measures\* Post 31 March 2013

<b>PROJECT (STRABANE)</b>	<b>ER1- Number of FTE jobs created.</b>	<b>ER3- 13/14 – Number of people accessing careers advice</b>	<b>ER4-13/14- Number of people receiving job specific training</b>	<b>ER6-13/14- Number of people receiving non job specific training e.g. first aid</b>
Strabane Community Unemployed Group - Salary Costs - F/T Co-ordinator	1	48		
South West College – Going Places Programme	1		32	32
The Koram Centre - Provision of Counselling, Psychotherapy and Psycho Social Support to beneficiaries of the Strabane NRA.	1.5			

### Social (Education) Output Measures\* Pre April 2013

<b>PROJECT (STRABANE)</b>	<b>B1</b> – Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	<b>B3</b> – Number of residents in area who obtain a qualification on completion of formal training	<b>B4</b> – Number of training weeks (expressed as person weeks)	<b>B5</b> – Number of childcare/nursery school places created/safeguarded	<b>B6</b> – Number of pupils directly benefiting from project	<b>B7</b> – Number of pupils whose attendance is measurably enhanced / improved	<b>B8</b> - Number of people engaged in parenting skills/development programmes.
Foyle Women's Aid – Rapid Response Project							4
Holy Cross College – Strabane Educational Support Project	79				79	30	33
Lisnafin/Ardnalee/Trust Cross Community Development Association – Project Co-ordinator's Salary & Running Costs		35					
North West Play Resource Centre – The Play House – Learning through Arts		15		13			
Springhill Park Community Development Association – Springhill Park Regeneration Project					115		
Strabane Community Project – Project Co-ordinator & Part-time Admin Salaries		29					
Strabane Ethnic Community Association – Ethnic Community Development Worker's Salary, P/T Administrator Salary, Running & Programme Costs		34	24.6				
Strabane Sigersons GAA – Project Co-ordinator - Delivering a better Ballycolman		55			200		

### Social (Education) Output Measures\* Post March 2013

<b>PROJECT (STRABANE)</b>	<b>SR(Ed)3_13/14</b> -Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/Improved	<b>SR(Ed)6_13/14</b> -Number of pupils directly benefitting from the project	<b>SR(Ed)24</b> – Number of residents in an area who obtain an (ICT related) qualification on completion of formal training
Strabane Community Unemployed Group - Salary Costs - F/T Co-ordinator	194	51	25

### Social (Health) Output Measures\* Pre April 2013

<b>PROJECT (STRABANE)</b>	<b>C1 – Numbers participating in health education/awareness initiatives</b>	<b>C2 – Number of people accessing advice or treatment for the misuse of non-prescribed drugs</b>	<b>C3 – Number of people accessing new/improved health facilities</b>	<b>C4 – Number of people accessing intervention/treatment service</b>
Fountain Street Community Development Association – Project Co-ordinator’s Salary/ENIC and Running Costs (Head of the Town Rejuvenation Project)	107			
Foyle Women’s Aid – Rapid Response Project	23			102
HURT (Have Your Tomorrows) – Support and Treatment Programmes for those marginalised through Drugs and Alcohol		11		45
Lisnafin/Ardnalee Trust Cross Community Development Association – Project Co-ordinator’s Salary & Running Costs	296			
Melmount East Bank Estates Community Associations Forum – Salaries/ENIC & Running Costs	276		86	
Springhill Park Community Development Association – Springhill Park Regeneration Project	55			
Strabane & Lifford LGBT – Strabane & Lifford LGBT Inclusion Project	21			
Strabane Community Project – Project Co-ordinator & Part-time Admin Salaries	350			
Strabane Ethnic Community Association – Ethnic Community Development Worker’s Salary, P/T Administrator Salary, Running & Programme Costs	42			
Strabane Sigersons Gaelic Athletic Association – Project Co-ordinator delivering for a better Ballycolman	226	45	1395	

**Social (Health) Output Measures\* Post March 2013**

<b>PROJECT (STRABANE)</b>	<b>SR(H)3-13/14- Number of people accessing intervention/treatment services</b>	<b>SR(H)6- 13/14- Number of people participating in suicide prevention projects.</b>
Koram Centre Counselling, Psychotherapy and Psycho Social Support Ltd – Provision of Counselling, Psychotherapy and Psycho Social Support to beneficiaries of the Strabane NRA.	424	90



### Social (Crime) Output Measures\*Pre April 2013

	<b>D1</b> – Number of community safety initiatives implemented	<b>D2</b> – Number of people who participate in community safety initiatives	<b>D4</b> – Number of crime prevention initiatives implemented	<b>D6</b> – Number of victims of crime supported
<b>PROJECT (STRABANE)</b>				
Fountain Street Community Development Association – Project Co-ordinator’s Salary/ENIC and Running Costs (Head of the Town Rejuvenation Project)		115	5	
Foyle Women’s Aid – Rapid Response Project	1			169
Lisnafin/Ardnalee/Trust Cross Community Development Association – Project Co-ordinator’s Salary & Running Costs	2	3		
Melmount East Bank Estates Community Associations Forum – Uniting Communities	1	91		
Springhill Park Community Development Association – Springhill Park Regeneration Project	2	58		
Strabane & Lifford LGBT – Strabane & Lifford LGBT Inclusion Project	2			
Strabane Community Project – Project Co-ordinator & Part-time Admin Salaries	2	204		
Strabane Ethnic Community Association – Ethnic Community Development Worker’s Salary, P/T Administrator Salary, Running & Programme Costs	2			
Strabane Sigersons Gaelic Athletic Association – Project Co-ordinator delivering for a better Ballycolman	1	180		

**Physical Output Measures\* Post 31 March 2013**

<b>PROJECT(STRABANE)</b>	<b>PR (10) _14/15 – Area of land improved and made ready for shared space</b>
DRD Roads Service -Environmental Improvements within Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal area.	7780m <sup>2</sup>

The Project below is a North West wide project covering Strabane, Cityside (TRIAX), Outer North, Outer West, Waterside and Limavady

**Economic Output Measures**

<b>PROJECT (NORTH WEST WIDE)</b>	<b>A2 – Number of FTE Permanent jobs safeguarded</b>
Western Health & Social Services Board – Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project	4

**Social (Health) Output Measures\* pre April 2013**

<b>PROJECT (NORTH WEST WIDE)</b>	<b>C1 – Numbers participating in health education/awareness initiatives</b>
Western Health & Social Services Board – Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project	8065

**Social (Education) Output Measures\* pre April 2013**

<b>PROJECT (NORTH WEST WIDE)</b>	<b>Other – Number of training courses offered through ongoing delivery of a comprehensive health improvement training programmes and related materials</b>
Western Health & Social Services Board – Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project	36

## **Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Conclusion**

In the 2014/15 financial year, Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership total overall spend was £1,468,994

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

Community Renewal	£366,155
Social Renewal	£260,700
Economic Renewal	£195,483
Physical Renewal	£646,656

The total value of funding invested in Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal projects during the year 2014/15 was £1,468,994. The programmes/services supported by the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund ranged from locally based community services through to physical renewal and neighbourhood health improvement programmes. Neighbourhood Renewal funding addressed a number of key priorities identified in the Strabane Neighbourhood Action Plan.

### **Community Renewal**

The key actions sought under Community Renewal aim to build the area's social capital by improving the capacity of community groups to identify and meet community needs; support more people to get involved in community activity and to promote equality and good relations between people of different nationalities, race, gender, sexuality, religion and political opinion.

During 2014/15, local community groups and other stakeholders continued to plan, organize and deliver a wide range of services to residents from Strabane NRA. A total of twenty four projects were funded through the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme to deliver a range of services in support of;

- Community Development,
- Community Research,
- Counselling/psychotherapy treatment,
- Education,
- Employability/vocational training,
- Drug & alcohol support & treatment,
- Health improvement,
- Physical renewal works,
- Welfare advice,
- Technical assistance (Neighbourhood Partnership).
- Youth Intervention

The undertaking of an extensive community audit produced important and significant data about quality of life issues in the NRA. The audit's findings have provided a strong body of evidence in relation to living environment, education, employment, health & well-being and community involvement. The report's findings were widely publicised in the local press and ILEX is currently studying the report as part of its work in helping to bring forward the Derry City & Strabane District Council Community Plan.

### **Economic Renewal**

In 2014/15, Strabane Neighbourhood Partnership sought to focus on fostering 'bottom up' economic development through supporting the development of social economy enterprises and helping to raise the skills levels of NRA residents to take advantage of emerging job opportunities. This was done by working alongside other stakeholders from the statutory and community & voluntary sectors to promote the use of the pilot Social Enterprise Incubation Hub which opened in September 2014 and by working closely with the South West College in support of the *Going Places* employability programme.

### **Social Renewal**

The priority actions sought under Social Renewal broadly focus on improving early child development and educational attainment; reducing inequalities in health; supporting low income households and preventing crime and reducing anti-social behaviour. The Social Renewal Action Team represents a wide range of stakeholders with interests in health, education, early years, welfare advice, the arts and sports & leisure.

The Partnership's Health Sub Group continues to direct and oversee the delivery of the Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project in Strabane. In the past year, the project reached over one thousand people through the delivery of programmes and events designed to improve family health and help people become more physically active, maintain an overall healthy diet, cease smoking, reduce the risk of cancer and raise awareness about suicide, eating disorders and the use/misuse of drugs and alcohol.

The various Barnardo's Surestart programmes continue to be delivered on an ongoing basis. The services delivered by Surestart range from baby massage and baby yoga classes through to speech and language and school readiness programmes. In 2014/15, Two hundred and twenty six children from the NRA registered with Surestart. Children from the NRA represented 33% of all registrations (679) from Strabane Town.

Through the Department of Education's *Community Education Initiatives Programme* (CEIP), the Education Steering Committee facilitated schools based and community based initiatives that help to improve children's educational/life outcomes. A central element to this work has been increased involvement and collaboration with schools, parents and families, community organisations and other support services. In 2014/15, the Programme delivered eight *Incredible Years* pre-school basic programmes in schools across the NRA and established four community learning hubs at Coderdojo Strabane, Ballycolman Community Centre, Lisnafin Community Centre and Springhill Park Community Centre.

In 2014/15, Strabane Citizens Advice Bureau helped clients in the Neighbourhood Renewal Area generate additional income of £371,849.

### **Physical Renewal**

The Physical Renewal Action Team has worked on the following priority actions during 2014/15.

#### **Improvements to Estates**

- Support the development of public artwork projects that will physically renew/change the appearance of public spaces and help to create inclusive, safer neighbourhoods. The Neighbourhood Partnership has worked closely with Strabane District Council and other stakeholders to deliver a "Re-imaging" project that uses creative arts processes and the installation of public artworks to help create inclusive, safer neighbourhoods in Strabane Town and other areas.



- Liaise with DRD and DSD to implement further estate improvements in Springhill Park, Ballycolman Estate, Lisnafin Park, Barrack Street, Newtownkennedy Street and Townsend Terrace.
- Liaise with NIHE and DSD to upgrade the steps leading from Springhill Park to Fountain Street. These works are at an advanced stage and due to complete in May 2015.

### **Sport, Leisure and Recreation Facilities**

Support Strabane District Council to take forward:

- A multi-use play and recreation area at Patrician Villas. This project is scheduled to complete in July 2015.
- The development of a new 3/4g playing surface at Melvin Sports Complex.

One of the key priority actions identified under the Physical Renewal element of the Neighbourhood Action Plan is the development of pedestrian footbridges upstream and downstream of Strabane Bridge to improve access between the town centre, residential areas, schools, public transport, sport and leisure facilities. Construction by Strabane District Council of the upper pedestrian and cycle bridge, which will link the Ballycolman and Fountain Street/Springhill areas of the town, is expected to be complete by July 2015.



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