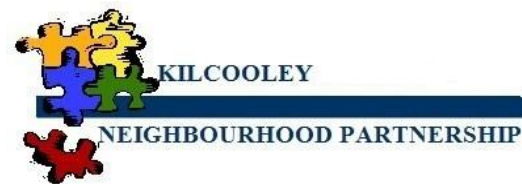


Bangor Neighbourhood Renewal Area Annual Report 2015/2016



Introduction to Neighbourhood Renewal

The Department for Social Development's (DSD) Neighbourhood Renewal Programme (NRP) aims to reduce the social and economic inequalities which characterise the most deprived areas in Northern Ireland. The Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy 'People and Place' was published in June 2003 to close the gap between the quality of life for people in these neighbourhoods and the rest of society. The DSD has made a long-term commitment to work in partnership with communities to identify and prioritise needs and co-ordinate interventions designed to address the underlying causes of poverty. To tackle the complex, multi-dimensional nature of deprivation in an integrated way, the NRP has four interlinking strategic objectives:

- *Community Renewal* – to develop confident communities 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.

Bangor Neighbourhood Renewal Area

Bangor Neighbourhood Renewal Area (NRA) covers the whole of the Kilcooley and Fern Grove estate (shown in Figure 1). Kilcooley estate is the third largest estate in Northern Ireland with a population of 2,655 based on NISRA figures (2013). 79% of residents identified themselves as having a Protestant or Christian faith background and approximately 4% of respondents identified themselves as having Catholic faith background. Situated approximately three miles west of Bangor Town Centre, the estate is bounded by two major roads, the West Circular Road on the East and the Belfast Road on the West. £3.2 million has been invested in Bangor NRA by the DSD since the programme's inception in 2004. Significant additional match funding and in-kind support has also been levered into Bangor NRA by other supporting partners.

Bangor NRA is one of 36 Neighbourhood Renewal areas in Northern Ireland as measured by the Multiple Deprivation Measure. Levels of ‘multiple deprivation’ remain much higher in Bangor NRA than within North Down and Ards.

Please note that as a result of Local Government Reform in 2015 the geographical boundaries changed and the area now falls within the newly established Kilcooley Ward. NRA statistical data at the new ward level is currently unavailable (2015).



Figure 1: Map showing location of Kilcooley Estate

Kilcooley Neighbourhood Partnership

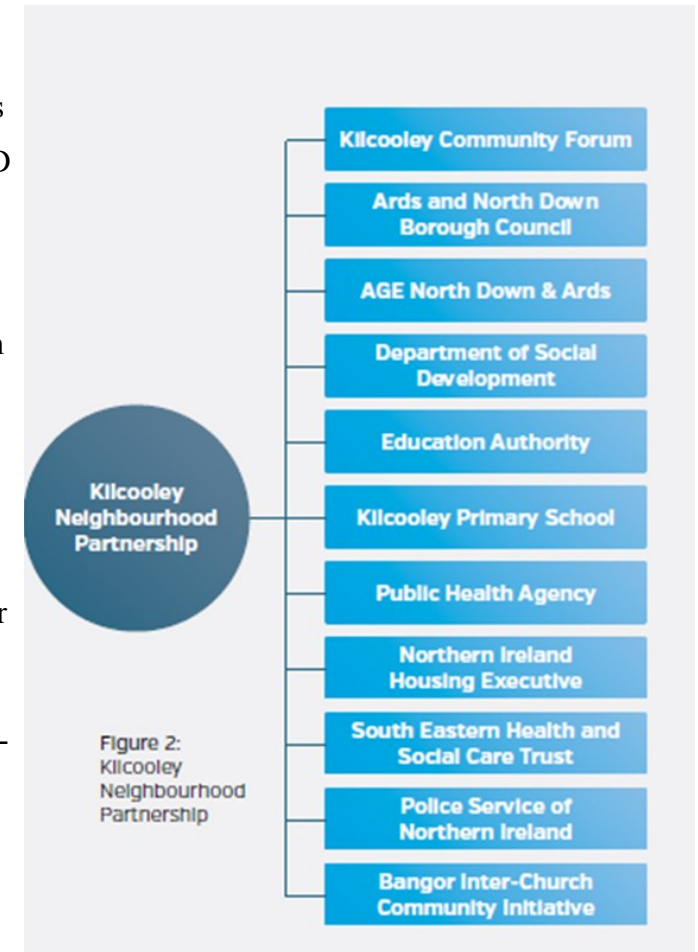
The Kilcooley Neighbourhood Partnership (KNP) was established in 2004/ 2005 to take forward the NRP in Bangor. Comprised of members from the community/voluntary, private and statutory sectors as shown in Figure 2, it is defined as non-constituted entity acting in an advisory capacity to the DSD on issues identified in the designated Bangor NRA.

The overall aim of the KNP is to engage in effective working partnerships with key stakeholders from all relevant sectors to pro-actively deliver priorities detailed in the Kilcooley Vision and Action Plan to improve the well-being and quality of life for residents.

The objectives of KNP are to manage, develop and oversee the regeneration of Bangor NRA to:

- Ensure that people living in the Bangor NRA 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 Bangor NRA and connect the community to the wider economy of Bangor, Belfast and Northern Ireland.
- Develop confident communities that are able and committed to improving the quality of life in the Bangor NRA.
- Improve the environment and image of the Bangor NRA so that it becomes an attractive place in which to live and invest.

The council employs a part time Neighbourhood Renewal Officer funded by the DSD to provide secretariat support to the Partnership which meets on a six weekly basis. The KNP has signed up to, and abides by, the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Sub-Group Terms of Reference.



The Kilcooley Vision and Action Plan

The Initial Vision and Action Plan 2007-2010 was completed in 2006, outlining the following vision for the areas as:

Kilcooley will become an attractive, safe and prosperous estate where the residents enjoy healthy active lifestyles.

The environment in which the KNP now operates has changed significantly since the inception of the NRP. Need within the community has changed and priorities have been revised to reflect this. In addition, major changes in the global economy means that KNP now operates in an environment of funding cuts and budget restraint. During 2015 the KNP agreed to conduct a full review of the action plan to ensure priorities contained therein are based on and commensurate to, identified evidence based need and to determine progress in tackling deprivation since the development of the initial plan.

The aim of the Kilcooley Vision and Action Plan for 2015-2018 is to deliver a real and significant improvement in people's quality of life by focusing on key priorities such as, educational attainment, income deprivation, health inequalities and early year intervention. The development of the Multi-Functional Centre and 3G sports facility, together with the continued provision and supporting infrastructure of programmes will contribute significantly to delivering against all four neighbourhood renewal strategic objectives (physical, social, economic and community).

The Kilcooley Vision and Action Plan 2016-2018 continues to establish an overarching structure for regeneration and community development activity within Bangor NRA. The Action Plan demonstrates outcomes that contribute to DSD's key priorities and mission statement whilst simultaneously providing a foundation for community planning and the revised regeneration policy framework.



Kilcooley Neighbourhood Partnership Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Programme has supported seven projects during the period 2015-2016 under the key strategic objectives as outlined below:

Community Renewal

Kilcooley Community Forum

Kilcooley Community Forum (KCF) is the umbrella organisation consisting of representatives from local community groups, churches and schools that are active in Kilcooley estate. KCF provides assistance to community groups and residents and delivers a range of programmes focusing on:

- Community development
- Substance abuse
- Training placements
- Social economic projects.



KCF is currently planning for the future and undergoing restructuring with emphasis on professional assistance and support in continued community development.

Kilcooley Neighbourhood Partnership – Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance enables Ards and North Down Borough Council to employ a part-time Neighbourhood Renewal Officer (NRO) to provide secretariat support and coordination of services for the Kilcooley Neighbourhood Partnership. The NRO ensures the implementation of the Kilcooley Vision and Action Plan 2016-2018 and works in conjunction with Community/Voluntary and Statutory organisations to ensure the needs of the community are met under the four key strategic objectives of the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme.

Key milestones achieved for 2015-21016 include:

- Production, design and launch of the Kilcooley Vision and Action Plan 2016-2018
- Establishment of the Kilcooley Education Working Group to promote education and raise educational aspirations and confidence of the community
- Consultation Response to the All Party Working Group established to tackle educational underachievement by the Executive
- Launch of Kilcooley's First Education Fair
- Funding Award from the Social Investment Fund to further progress the 3G pitch in Kilcooley

Kilcooley Neighbourhood Partnership Presents:

Kilcooley's 1st Education Fair

Thursday, 9 June 2016 4pm-6pm
Main Hall, Kilcooley Community Centre



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Economic/Physical Renewal

Multi-Function Centre

The provision for a Multi-Functional Centre within the Kilcooley estate was identified as a key economic/physical renewal priority. This project has provided an independent feasibility study and economic appraisal to assess the feasibility as well as the quantitative and qualitative costs and benefits of the options identified for the proposed Multi-Functional Centre in Kilcooley.

The economic appraisal outlines a full analysis of the location, specified options, methodology, capital costs, maintenance costs, sources of funding and timeframe for developing the Multi-Functional Centre as well as evaluating the implications and benefits of the project becoming a Social Economy.

The Multi-Functional Centre remains a key priority in the revised Vision and Action Plan 2015-2018.



Social Renewal

Kilcooley Women's Centre – STEP Programme

Kilcooley Women's Centre (KWC) develops and delivers an educational project targeted at women who face challenges in finding work. KWC offers a wide portfolio of activities, including:

- Training and education
- Employability skills
- Health and wellbeing programmes
- Peace and reconciliation activities
- Arts and social events



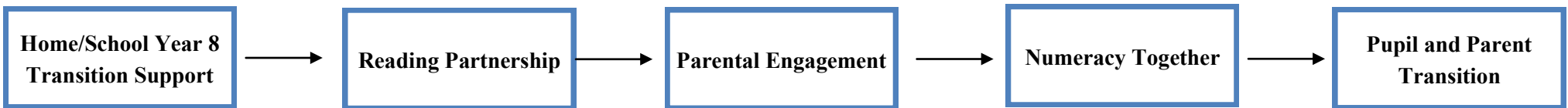
- Personal development programmes to build skills, confidence and self-esteem.

A variety of courses are also on offer such as: GCSE English, GCSE Maths, Numeracy, Literacy, ECDL, ITQ, Basic IT and Word Processing skills.

KWC also provides onsite affordable and structured childcare facilities. The childcare facility supports the education programme by encouraging and supporting single parents to gain qualifications and return to employment.

Education Authority – Transition Programme

This is an on-going project providing 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. The project has five programmes (please see below) that are in addition to the current provision in schools to support year 8 pupils and their parents in their transition year.



South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust – Family Health and Wellbeing Programme

This early intervention project is aimed at developing and providing a coordinated network of health and family support services which will enhance parenting skills and improve the mental and emotional well-being of children and their families. The project has two key elements:

- A New Parent Visitor Programme - which focuses on new parents, ante-natal and post-natal visits to support parents until the child is two years old.
- A Family Home Support Programme – which offers practical and emotional support to families and children aged 0-11 years during difficult periods. It focuses on behavioural management and supports families during the transition stages of a children life.

Bangor Alternatives

Bangor Alternatives is a government accredited community based restorative justice project. It was established to address low level crime and anti-social behaviour in a holistic fashion. It operates a wide variety of user-led programs to tackle sensitive community issues to redirect young people away from crime and offer victims a forum to have their concerns addressed. Neighbourhood Renewal Funding supports the following elements of this project:

- Intensive Youth Support because of their involvement in anti-social behaviour
- Engagement of youth in prevention projects
- Sessions delivered in Schools
- Young people carrying out volunteer hours in the community
- Crime prevention sessions offered to community
- Crime and anti-social behaviour prevention sessions
- Vulnerable residents offered Community Support services, home visits personal/home security products
- Community volunteers engaging with Alternatives to help 'renew' their local communities
- Residents engaging in mediation as a means of resolving anti-social behaviour and neighbourhood disputes
- Working with organisations/agencies to deliver community services



Bangor Neighbourhood Renewal Expenditure 2015/2016

The following table details the funding amount awarded through the DSD's Neighbourhood Renewal Programme and the actual spend achieved by the projects under each of the four strategic priorities for the period 2015/2016.

Programme/Project	Funding Period	Funding Amount	2015/16 Spend (as at 31 March 2016)
Community Renewal			
Kilcooley Community Forum	01/04/2015-31/03/2016	£42,946.84	£39,955.45
Kilcooley Neighbourhood Partnership – Technical Assistance	01/04/2015-31/03/2016	£19,200.00	£18,602.02
Total		£62,146.84	£58,557.47
Social Renewal			
Kilcooley Women's Centre – STEP Project	01/04/2015-31/03/2016	£48,340.32	£44,054.21
Education Authority – Transition Project	01/04/2015-31/03/2016	£12,450.00	£12,450.00
Bangor Alternatives	01/04/2015-31/03/2016	£37,136.72	£36,323.53
South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust – Family Health and Wellbeing Project	01/04/2015-31/03/2016	£49,986.00	£49,986.00
Total		£147,913.04	£142,813.74
Physical/Economic Renewal			
Multi-Functional Centre Appraisal	08.10.2012-31.03.2015	£8,500.00	£6,699.70
Total		£8,500.00	£6,699.70

ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 2015/2016

Community/Other Output Measures

Project	CR1 – Number of people participating in community relations pro- jects	CR3 – Number of people volunteering for community development	CR4 – Number of people engaged/ involved in unpaid voluntary work	CR5 – Number of people receiving training in community development skills/ capacity building	CR7—community/voluntary groups supported each year	CR 8 - Number of community relations projects supported
Kilcooley Community Forum	12		28	38	27	
Kilcooley Neighbourhood Partnership - Technical Assistance	60			22	4	
Kilcooley Multi-Functional Centre Appraisal						
Kilcooley Women's Centre STEP Project			14			
Bangor Alternatives Project	150	115			23	12

Social (Education) Output Measures

Project	SR(Ed)1 —Number of Child-care/nursery school places created/ safeguarded	SR(Ed)5 – Number of people engaged in parenting/ skills development programmes	SR(Ed)6 – Number of pupils directly benefiting from the project <i>(Improving Attainment in Literacy and Numeracy)</i>	SR(Ed) 7 —Health education/awareness initiatives provided/delivered in NRA each year	SR(Ed)8 - Number of pupils directly benefiting from the project <i>(Closing the Performance Gap)</i>
Education Authority Transitions Programme		30	42		59
Bangor Alternatives Project		105			
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust—Family Health and Wellbeing Project				9	
Kilcooley Women’s Centre—STEP Project	1879				

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
Kilcooley Community Forum	158		0
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust – Family Health and Wellbeing		39	42
Kilcooley Women's Centre - STEP Project	412		

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/ diversionary projects	SR (C)7 - Number of victims of crime supported	(C)9 – Number of Neighbourhood Wardens supported
Kilcooley Community Forum					1000+		20	1
Bangor Alternatives Project	228	20	344			306	298	

Economic Output Measures

Project	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	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	0	4	18	9	0			
Kilcooley Multi-Functional Centre appraisal								
Kilcooley Women's Centre STEP Project	10	261						
Bangor Alternatives Project							57	1

Conclusion

The Neighbourhood Renewal Programme has delivered significant investment into Bangor NRA and laid a solid foundation necessary for future action. This investment has contributed to addressing some of the challenges and deprivation impacting the community's ability to prosper. Since the inception of the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme in Kilcooley a series of projects have been developed in response to community need as identified under the key strategic themes of Community, Economic, Social and Physical Renewal.

During 2015/2016 the Kilcooley Neighbourhood Partnership had a total over all spend of **£208,070.91**.

This can be further broken down into the following spend under each of the strategic objectives:

Community Renewal	£58,557.47
Social Renewal	£142,813.74
Economic/Physical Renewal	£6,699.70

It is acknowledged that neighbourhood regeneration is a long-term objective and that significant change can only be achieved over an extended period of time. Whilst there has been some narrowing of the gap in the quality of life between Bangor NRA and non-NRA's, given the pervasive and entrenched nature of deprivation and its impact on the community, there is a requirement to continue to deliver regeneration investment in Kilcooley on an on-going basis.

The Kilcooley Neighbourhood Partnership continues to be the driving force overseeing the delivery of the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme for Bangor NRA.