



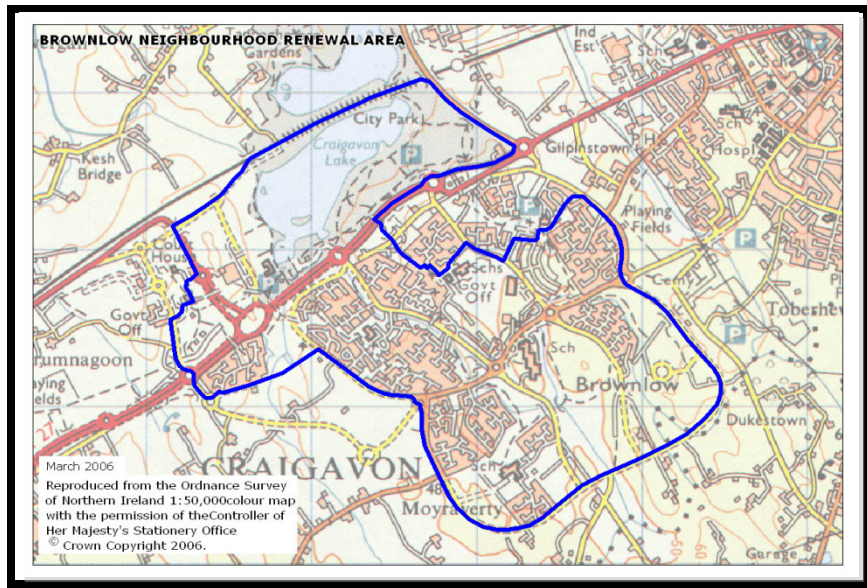
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About Neighbourhood Renewal

The Neighbourhood Renewal Programme aims to reduce the social and economic inequalities which characterise the most deprived areas. The Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy 'People and Place' was published in June 2003 to close the gap between the quality of life for people in the most deprived neighbourhoods and the rest of society. 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. The Strategy 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.

About Brownlow Partnership

The Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal Area has a population of just over 8,600, and is based around the wards of Drumgor and Drumgask. It comprises the housing estates mainly built during the 1960s as part of a regional plan to halt the development of the Belfast Urban area. While the economy at this stage was buoyant, an economic downturn led to out migration of residents, thus creating an environment for anti-social behaviour in certain areas.

The Brownlow Neighbourhood Partnership was established in 2007 to take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme. It comprises 33 members from the community/voluntary, private and statutory sectors. It is defined as a non-constituted entity acting in an advisory role to the Department for Neighbourhood Renewal issues in the designated Neighbourhood Renewal area. It meets on a monthly basis (moving to bi-monthly from September 2013) and its administration services are provided through a Coordinator based in Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council (ACB&CBC).

It has established 3 sub-groups to assist it in the identification, development and where appropriate the delivery of projects which aim to address the Programme's 4 strategic objectives of community renewal, social renewal, economic renewal and physical renewal.

The Brownlow Vision and Action Plan

The Partnership's vision for Brownlow is that by 2018 Brownlow will be a place where "all of the people living here have the quality of life to which they aspire"; this will include:

- (a) living in affordable good quality housing;*
- (b) having access to suitable education, training and employment opportunities;*
- (c) having access to high standards of health care;*
- (d) enjoying a range of cultural, social, leisure and recreational pursuits;*
- (e) having access to a variety of appropriate community facilities;*
- (f) enjoying the full range of civil liberties.*

- ▶ There is a peaceful society, at peace with itself and with its neighbours and where crime is minimal.
- ▶ Those who are vulnerable or weak are cared for and where the values of shared responsibility, mutual support and self-help are practised.
- ▶ There is a safe, clean and welcoming environment with everyone accepting their share of responsibility for that environment.
- ▶ There is accessibility for all local facilities and services.

- ▶ Diversity is recognised and valued through accepting that everyone has a unique contribution to make to the life of the community.
- ▶ There is strong community spirit and pride.
- ▶ Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership is also committed to the need to have due regard to the promotion of equality of opportunity.

(a) between persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation;

(b) between men and women generally;

(c) between persons with a disability and persons without; and

(d) between persons with dependants and persons without.

- ▶ Also, to have due regard for the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion, or racial group.

It should be noted that Brownlow 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.

Brownlow Partnership Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund is currently supporting **12 projects** in the **Brownlow** Neighbourhood Renewal Area as follows:-

- 1. Armagh & Craigavon - Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council (ACB&CB) - Technical Assistance**
- 2. Craigavon – Education Authority (EA) - Inclusion in Education**
- 3. Craigavon - Education Authority (EA) - Youth Engagement +**
- 4. Craigavon – Education Authority (EA) - Count, Read, Succeed**
- 5. Craigavon - Education Authority (EA) - Transitions Programme**
- 6. Craigavon - ACB&CBC - Sport in the Community**
- 7. Craigavon - Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council (ACB&CBC) Building Sustainable Communities**
- 8. Craigavon – Southern Health & Social Care Trust - Health Improvement Project**
- 9. Southern Region – Southern Regional College (SRC) – Enterprise Firm**
- 10. Craigavon – Southern Regional College (SRC) - TOPS Programme**
- 11. Armagh & Craigavon - Southern Regional College (SRC) - The Grow Project**
- 12. Southern Region – Southern Regional College (SRC) - OCEANS**

Community Renewal

1. **Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council (ACB&CBC) - Technical Assistance** - provides a secretariat and coordination service which is key to the development of an effective neighbourhood renewal partnership, and development and delivery of the Brownlow Action Plan.



Social Renewal – Education

1. **Education Authority - Inclusion in Education** - provides mentoring to young people who are disaffected and /or not attending school. It focuses on pupils in transition from primary to secondary school and involvement of parents. It focuses on pupils in transition from primary to secondary school and involvement of parents. The project is run within Brownlow Integrated College and Lismore Comprehensive College.

**Peer Mentors from St Anthony's Primary School
who participated in the
Peer Paired Reading Programme.**

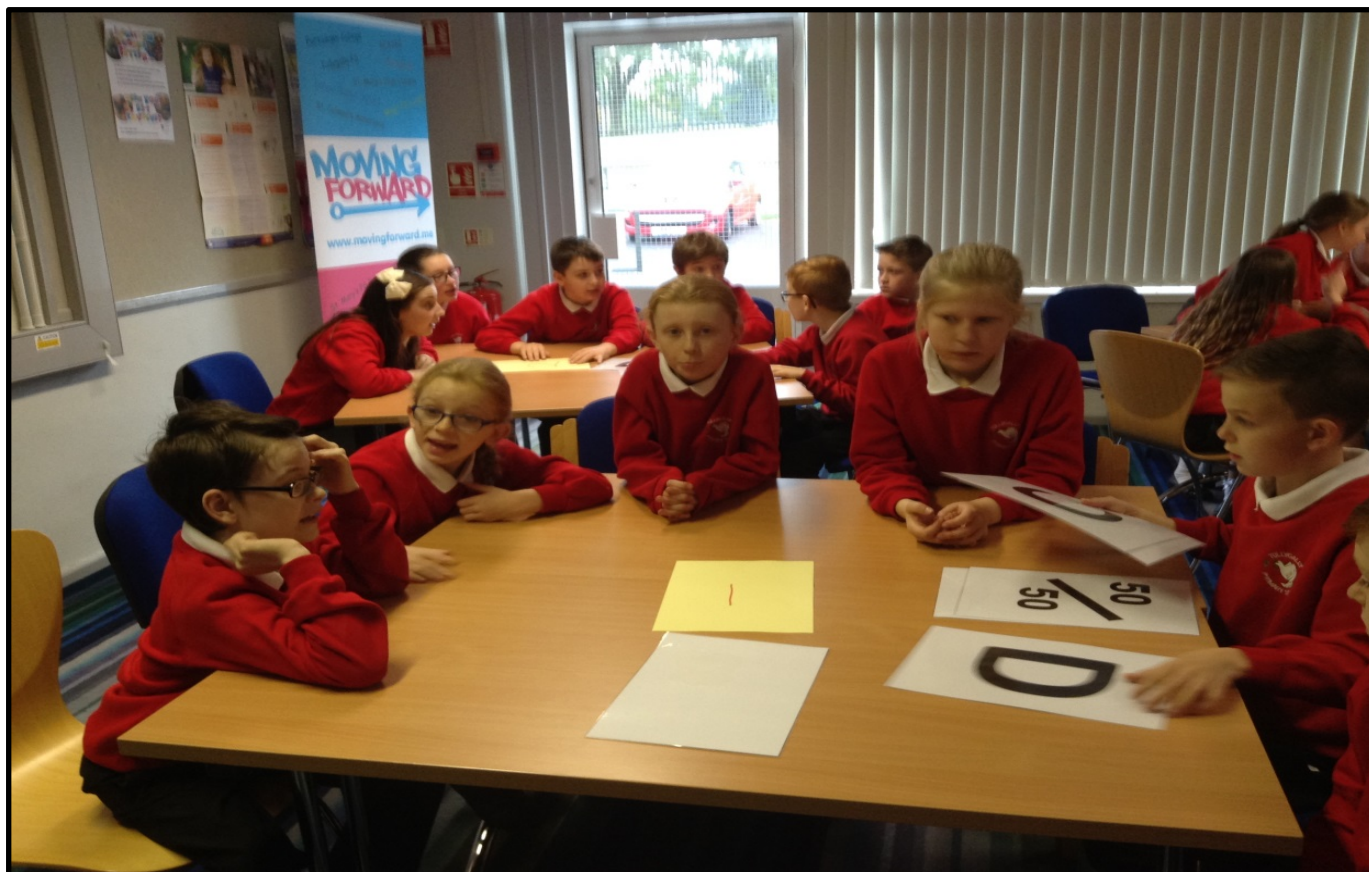


2. **Education Authority - Youth Engagement +** - works with young adults about to disengage from education or who have left education already i.e. young adults described as 'NEETs' – Not Engaged in Education, Employment or Training. The programme offers local support through their school, youth centres, health centres and specialised partners through a range of personal development, education, training and life coaching or counselling activities to help them improve their current and future lives.

3. **Education Authority - Count, Read, Succeed** - is a tailored programme designed to meet the needs of parents and children in the Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal area and complements the schools' central role by providing additional support through working with communities and parents and linking their children's work back into the classroom. This programme focuses on parental engagement (especially parents of underachieving pupils) to help raise educational standards through (a) school and community-based out of school hours' learning, (b) in-school and out of school hours parental engagement and (c) 'Twilight' sessions to empower and capacity-build the teaching and classroom assistant workforce.

4. **Education Authority - Transitions Programme** – has been developed by young people working with the Education Welfare Service. An App through this project was developed and input on tablets which is available for all Primary Schools in the NR area for P7 pupils in transition to post primary. It is also available for all post primary schools in the area for pupils in transition to different sectors and changing schools for various reasons, including as a result of school closure. The programme has helped young people make the transition, by attempting to allay any fears and concerns they have through the sharing of experiences and learning of others. It also assisted in the improvement of attendance levels, levels of educational attainment and general engagement in school.





Primary 7 pupils from Tullygally Primary School participating in some practical activities during their Transitions - Moving Forward programme.

Social Renewal – Health

1. Craigavon - Sport in the Community 15/18 - has been developed by ACB&CBC and Lurgan residents to provide targeted sporting activities which maximise usage of Multi Use Games Areas. It provides opportunities for residents to participate in sport and physical activity, gain qualifications and leader's awards, build relationships with people from other areas and backgrounds, encourage healthier, more active lifestyles and take part in positive activities as an alternative to anti-social behaviour. The programme has **six main elements:** -

MUGA Sports Programme

The MUGA Sports programme is aimed at providing an organised and structured community led programme of coaching and competitive sporting opportunities for young people on each of the DfC funded Multi-Use Games Areas, through close consultation with local communities and sports clubs. The Sport in the Community Programme engaged with a range of stakeholders to plan the MUGA Sports programme in the Parkmore area. One of the potential programmes was the delivery of tennis as it was quite an expensive sport to get involved in and opportunities were scarce. Weekly tennis sessions for 8 – 18 year olds were organised and they proved very successful with two individuals, Jason and Gordon, having been identified as having some talent and the potential to be involved in a tennis club. An approach was made to Lurgan Tennis Club who agreed to cover the club fees and enabled the two young lads to take club tennis on a regular basis. As a consequence Jason and Gordon have not only developed their tennis skills and been selected for the Lurgan Club tennis team but they have also started volunteering at the club with younger age groups as well as volunteering at the MUGA. Over 20 participants from the Parkmore area gained the opportunity to engage within a minority sport when it was perceived that socio-economic issues would be a barrier to participation. The participation in such sessions has provided various health benefits, in terms of physical, social and emotional well-being and increase self-esteem.

Midnight and Junior Street Soccer



Midnight Soccer Winners

The Midnight and Junior Street Soccer project provided a number of community youth diversionary soccer leagues held at various synthetic pitch venues throughout the three Neighbourhood Renewal areas. The format for the leagues changed from 6 week leagues at various stages throughout the year into a monthly league format.

DV8 Youth Sports Project

This Community Youth Diversion Project brought together a mixed group of youths aged 16-19 to engage in sport and physical activity. The project increased awareness of the benefits of health and fitness, in terms of physical, social and emotional well-being and increased self-esteem and confidence in the young people and enhanced employment and educational opportunities.



DV8 Go-carting event



Participants at the DV8 Disability Qualification Event

Kickback Project

This programme used sport as a tool to help young people who were unemployed to develop their skills and confidence, thereby improving their employability. The programme run over 28 weeks with the aim to set up a Kickback team (20 people) within the Craigavon Neighbourhood Renewal areas.

Sports Festival Events

This project provided assistance and support to sports clubs, youth clubs and community groups in setting up/developing small community based sports events particularly throughout the summer months in the form of community fun days.



Health Initiatives

For the previous seven years the Council have supported several health initiatives in the Neighbourhood Renewal areas through coordination of physical activities including venue hire.

2. **Craigavon Building Sustainable Communities** - is divided into separate programmes - the **Bushcraft Participation Programme** provides residents with an opportunity to take part in a unique outdoor residential experience. Each course consists of a team building session, a 2 day residential camp and a follow up development session. The second element, the Marine Ranger Training Programme, targets residents aged 18 years and above who are currently long term unemployed. The programme combines periods of training and assessment with valuable work based placement within ACB&CBC. The aim is to encourage the trainees to respect their local environment, highlight the opportunities on their door step and to create a positive outlook on local life styles.



Craigavon Building
Sustainable Communities:
Craigavon Walking Group

3. **Craigavon Health Improvement Project** - has been designed by Southern Health and Social Care Trust and Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership working in partnership with a wide range of bodies to maximise the services and deliver a range of health promotion initiatives, the 4 main themes being:



1. Establish a network of healthy living centres in the Craigavon NRA
2. Deliver healthy lifestyle programmes across the area
3. Promotion of volunteering initiatives
4. Delivery of family support and early intervention programmes

It was developed to help tackle the significant inequalities in health that people living in the three Craigavon areas experience. The benefits that will be achieved will go some way towards improving life for residents and will provide sustainable health improvement programmes and build the capacity of the Verve Network and the bank of

Health Trainers that has been built from inception from previous DfC NR funding. The project identifies and engages effectively with members of the community from all backgrounds, abilities and ages, including parents, older people, young people and families and to listen and interpret their health needs and to provide health education to improve health and encourage healthy lifestyles and promote behavioural change. This programme addresses the hard to reach residents in the Craigavon Neighbourhood Renewal areas who are at risk of ill-health and premature death due to unhealthy behaviours such as unhealthy eating habits, physical inactivity, smoking, alcohol use, unsafe sex, driving habits and violence. A key combined priority of the three NR Action Plans for the Craigavon wide area is in relation to **Health** by way of promoting health and well-being with a desired outcome of helping local residents live healthy lifestyles and have access to the best possible range of health services.

Economic Renewal

1. **Craigavon – TOPS** - the Brownlow ‘**Training and Employment Opportunities Programme**’ has been developed in consultation with members of the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and the Southern Regional College to provide additional support in education and training for neighbourhood renewal residents. The programme provides mentoring support to those school pupils currently involved in the Schools Partnership Programme, Additional Mentoring to young people who progress from school to apprenticeship and other programmes; TOPS also includes additional enhanced Vocational training and driving programmes. This will improve and enhance the employability and educational chances by providing life skills.

2. **Southern Region - The Grow Project** - provides training in horticulture skills and horticulture management. Participants in the project are skilled up to grow and care for plants in their own gardens and then later act as horticulture advisors to the local community. It is hoped that in the long term local communities will establish social enterprises with allotments and outlets where locally produced fruit and vegetables are available for sale.



3. **Southern Region - The Enterprise Firm** - aims to ensure that people gain skills which are designed to inspire entrepreneurial spirit. Working in an Enterprise Firm will provide different types of learners with the necessary skills and knowledge to either become an entrepreneur or find employment after they finish their work in an Enterprise Firm. Enterprise Firms do not only foster entrepreneurial attitudes and skills among young people e.g. secondary school pupils and College students but also among adults e.g. employees, unemployed people, women returning to work, adults with disabilities, etc.

4. Southern Region – OCEANS 15-18 - the Offshore Career Employment and New Skills (OCEANS) 15-18 this has been developed in consultation with members of the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships and the Southern Regional College the project aims to improve community well-being, skills and environment through targeting residents interested in working in UK and Irish coastal waters. The project provides accredited training in essential skills and provides a gateway to employability in the offshore industry, on oil rigs and renewable energy platforms. The OCEANS Project includes MIST (Minimum Industry Safety Training), an essential qualification required to gain employment in the offshore industry. The module includes risk assessment, COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health), manual handling and working at height.



Ocean's participants doing HEIGHTs training in Enniskillen

Brownlow Partnership 17/18 Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund. It also details the 17/18 individual spend for each project, the total amount of expenditure by strategic objective and the overall 17/18 total expenditure in the Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	Spend (as at 31/03/18)
COMMUNITY RENEWAL			
ACB&CBC- Technical Assistance 4	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£15,322.10	£15,296.87
Total Community Renewal Expenditure		£15,322.10	£15,296.87

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	Spend (as at 31/03/18)
SOCIAL RENEWAL – EDUCATION			
EA - Inclusion in Education	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£47,029.92	£46,570.55
EA - Youth Engagement	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£34,686.62	£32,594.74
EA - Count, Read, Succeed	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£45,986.96	£45,700.34
EA – Transitions Programme	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£22,510.71	£21,457.66
Total Social Renewal Education Expenditure		£150,214.21	£146,323.29

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	Spend (as at 31/03/18)
SOCIAL RENEWAL – HEALTH			
Craigavon Sport in the Community 15/18	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£38,449.74	£38,449.74
Craigavon Building Sustainable Communities	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£49,333.34	£49,333.34
Craigavon Health Improvement Project	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£28,728.46	£28,728.46
Total Social Renewal Health Expenditure		£116,511.54	£116,511.54
Total Social Renewal Combined Expenditure		£266,725.75	£262,834.83

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	Spend (as at 31/03/18)
ECONOMIC RENEWAL			
Craigavon – TOPS	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£26,406.06	£26,406.06
Southern Region - The Grow Project	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£5,334.56	£5,334.56
Southern Region - The Enterprise Firm	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£5,207.10	£4,642.62
Southern Region – OCEANS 15-18	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£6,963.93	£6,963.93
Total Economic Renewal Expenditure		£43,911.65	£43,347.17
GRAND OVERALL EXPENDITURE		£325,959.50	£321,478.87

ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 17/18 YEAR

Community/Other Output Measures

PROJECT	CR2 – Number of people participating in community bonding projects	CR3 – Number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR7- Number of community/ voluntary groups supported
ACBCBC - Technical Assistance	33		
Craigavon Sport in the Community (2015-2018)		2	
Craigavon – ACB&CBC Building Sustainable Communities 15/18			11

Social (Education) Output Measures

PROJECT	SR(Ed)2 (Tackling barriers to learning) Number of pupils whose attendance is measurably enhanced or Improved	SR(Ed)3 (Tackling barriers to learning) Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced or improved	SR(Ed)5 (Tackling barriers to learning) Number of people engaged in parenting skills/development programmes	SR(Ed)7 (Literacy & Numeracy) Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced or improved	SR(Ed)8 (Closing the Performance Gap) Number of pupils directly benefitting from project	SR(Ed) 14 (Youth Services) Number of young people directly benefitting from the project.	SR(Ed) 17 (Youth Services) Type and Number of accredited qualifications completed	SR(Ed) 25 (ICT) Number of pupils directly benefiting from project
Craigavon - EA Inclusion in Education			100		150			
Craigavon - EA Youth Engagement+						83	14	
Craigavon - EA Count Read Succeed Plus			50	83				
Craigavon - EA Transitions Programme	17				100			24
Craigavon – TOPS (Training Opportunities)		96						

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	SR (H)4 Number of Health Education/Awareness Initiatives provided/delivered	SR (H)10 Number of people using existing sports facilities
Craigavon Health Improvement Project		4236	365	6	
Craigavon Sport in the Community (2015-2018)	861			15	275
Craigavon Building Sustainable Communities Project 15/18	1859				
Southern Region - The Grow Project	5				

Social (Crime) Output Measures

PROJECT	SR(C)6 number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects
Craigavon Building Sustainable Communities Project 15/18	190
Craigavon Sport in the Community	361

Economic Output Measures

PROJECT	ER2 number of residents going into employment	ER3 number of Careers advice	ER4 Number of people receiving job specific training	ER14 Number of people attaining a formal qualification from participation in Adult education	ER15 Number of FTE jobs safeguarded
Southern Region OCEANS	1	4	4		
Southern Region - The Grow Project		5	5	5	
Craigavon - TOPS	6		29	46	
Craigavon Sport in the Community (2015-2018)			20		
Craigavon Building Sustainable Communities Project 15/18					2
Southern Region - The Enterprise Firm		6	2	2	

Brownlow Partnership Conclusion

In the 17/18 financial year, Brownlow Partnership total overall spend was **£321,478.87**

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

Community Renewal	£15,296.87
Social Renewal	£262,834.83
Economic Renewal	£43,347.17

Breakdown of main achievements for actual expenditure

Some of the main achievements in the Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal area in 2017/2018, as a result of Neighbourhood Renewal funded projects:

- ▶ **60 people received job specific training;**
- ▶ **250 (Closing the Performance Gap) Number of pupils directly benefitting from Education Projects;**
- ▶ **4,236 people participated in health education/awareness/sport initiatives;**
- ▶ **365 people benefitted from accessing healthy intervention/treatment services;**
- ▶ **551 number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects.**

Partnership members are content that the projects funded in this year are addressing key priorities identified in the Brownlow Action Plan.



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