



<b>Subject:</b>	2025-26 People and Communities Committee Plan Six-Month Update
<b>Date:</b>	04 November 2025
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**Yes**

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**No**

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**After Council Decision**

**Sometime in the future**

**Never**

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**Call-in**

**Is the decision eligible for Call-in?**

**Yes**

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**No**

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
<b>1.1</b>	This paper provides a mid-year progress update on the key actions contained in the 2025-

	26 People and Communities (P&C) Committee Plan, as agreed by the Committee in May 2025.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note the content of the mid-year progress report against the agreed actions within the 2025-26 People and Communities Committee Plan.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	Members will recall that the 2025-26 P&C Committee Plan was agreed at the Committee meeting on 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025.
3.2	At that time, it was proposed that the Committee would receive a six-month progress update report regarding the priorities. This report outlines the progress in the first six months of 2025-26, that is the start of April to end September 2025 (i.e. the end of Q2).
3.3	The plan was developed in the context of the Council's Corporate Plan and the Belfast Agenda and considering the Belfast Agenda Refresh. Consequently, the Committee Plan contains the commitments within the Corporate Delivery Plan, which fall under the remit of this Committee, plus additional deliverables that were agreed in May.
3.4	<p>The structure of the plan is themed under the following, aligned to the Belfast Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our People and Communities</li> <li>• Our Place</li> <li>• Our Planet</li> <li>• Compassionate City</li> <li>• Improving our Services</li> <li>• Organisational Priorities.</li> </ul>
3.5	The Committee Plan demonstrates that the Department is continuing to focus on the delivery of business-as-usual services while progressing the transformation and improvement agenda in the CNS Departmental key priority areas (Open Spaces & Streetscene; Neighbourhood Services; City Services; and Resources & Fleet).
3.6	The Committee has received specific reports on a number of these priorities, and while it is likely that some of these areas of focus will take several years to deliver, the update table in Appendix 1 provides detail and commentary on the progress of all the actions.
3.7	39 actions were identified across the Department's three Directorates. Of these, 21 are currently on track (marked 'green'), 8 are considered at risk and change is required (marked 'amber'), 6 actions are considered behind, requires intervention, and are marked 'red' in the attached table and a further 4 are marked 'blue' for target met/complete.
3.8	The Department intends to bring a further report to provide an end of year update to the 2025-26 Committee Plan to a subsequent P&C Committee meeting.
	<b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b>

3.9	The Committee Plan and annual programme of work aligns with the budget agreed by Strategic Policy & Resources Committee on 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025, for 2025-26 for the People and Communities Committee, of £109,423,272.
3.10	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>There are no implications directly relating to this report however individual strategies and plans will be subject to the council's equality, good relations, and rural needs requirements.</p>
4.0	<b>Appendices</b> - Appendix 1 – People & Communities Committee 2025-26 six-month update on key priorities.