



KILLINCHY

Integrated Village Plan 2018-2023



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1 Introduction to Killinchy and District Village Plan

1.1 BACKGROUND TO VILLAGE PLANNING

As part of the Rural Development Programme 2014–2020, Ards and North Down Borough Council have provided support to help villages within the Council area revise and update their village plans. These plans identify the specific needs of each village and set out a range of agreed actions to be delivered over the next five years that will help improve the village for everyone.

The village plan is a working document that has been developed through a process of engagement with the local community. The plan sets out the key issues, concerns and priorities people wish to see addressed in order to improve the quality of life within the local area.

The village plan sets out a clear vision for Killinchy and the surrounding areas of Balloo, Kilmoody and Whiterock. The plan details the actions needed to build upon the unique strengths and distinctive qualities the area has, whilst seeking to address the issues which need to be tackled.

1.2 A (REVISED) VILLAGE PLAN FOR KILLINCHY AND DISTRICT AREA

A village plan for Killinchy and surrounding areas was first produced through consultation with the local community in March 2013. Progressing actions contained within the plan has remained a focus for Killinchy and District Community Development Association ever since.

Therefore, it is important to recognise that the development of this new plan (2018–2023) represents a continuing development of the initial plan and considerable ongoing effort of the local community. As five years have passed since the village plan was first produced it is important to now review, revise and update it to ensure the actions remain relevant, and consider any emerging issues or concerns.

1.2.1 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS FROM THE 2013 KILLINCHY PLAN

Killinchy and District Community Development Association led in producing the 2013 village plan for the local area. The plan was produced after extensive consultation with the local community and included 22 actions which covered issues such as community facilities, services, village infrastructure, heritage, tourism, enterprise and the local environment.

Killinchy and District Community Development Association, in partnership with key stakeholders, has progressed several actions within the 2013 plan. This has included increasing the number and range of community activities and events within the local area, and undertaking work to improve the appearance of the village and surrounding areas.

The local community has faced challenges in progressing actions that require additional funding, or are under the responsibility of statutory agencies. In the initial plan, it was clear, as it is in this revised plan, that traffic management, community facilities, road safety and suitable parking are issues that residents want to see addressed.

1.3 METHODOLOGY – OVERVIEW

The village plan for Killinchy and District sets out a vision for how the local area can continue to improve and sustainably develop. Through in-depth community engagement, a range of key actions and improvements has been identified to improve the overall physical, economic and social aspects of the area and help address local needs.

Agreeing priorities and developing a plan also provides opportunities for funding by providing a central point of reference for future investment throughout the area, whether through public sector, private sector or the community and voluntary sector.

Whilst the plan also includes a range of actions, which assign priorities and timescales to the improvement projects, this document should not be treated as a final blueprint for development. Instead it should be viewed as a series of priorities and actions that will deliver significant benefits for the area. Each action will need to be developed to a greater level of detail, including any further needs assessment, consultation with stakeholders, consideration of any deliverability issues as well as outcomes and indicators of success.

2 The Killinchy and District Area

2.1 VILLAGE LOCATION

Killinchy is a small rural village in County Down, taking in the communities of Balloo and Whiterock, which are less than a mile away and Kilmood, which is under three miles away. Situated on top of a hill, Killinchy is close to the western shores of Strangford Lough, which is a recognised Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Killinchy is approximately 15 miles from Belfast and 11 miles south of Newtownards.

Located close by is Sketrick Castle, dating back to the 15th century. The Annals of the Four Masters record the capture of the castle in 1470. The castle remained intact until the late 1800s when a storm destroyed most of it. A stone subterranean passage was discovered in 1957.

2.2 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

There are several churches in the local area with Killinchy Presbyterian Church, Killinchy Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church and Killinchy Church of Ireland being the main ones. In 1978 a new church hall, car park and playing fields were built, on the opposite side of the road, to complement the Anderson Memorial Hall (built 1898).

The primary school is located on Main Street in the village and has an active Parent Teacher Association which reaches out for community support via its dedicated Facebook page. There is a range of groups and organisations aimed at supporting young people in the area, including, Killinchy Community Youth Association, Killinchy After Schools Club, Kilmood Play Group and Killinchy Rainbows Brownies & Guides.

Within the village there is a convenience store, general store and the Crafty Fox, which sells craft supplies and bespoke handcrafted gifts. The local area is also home to two popular restaurants, Balloo House and Daft Eddy's.

Killinchy Community Hall provides a range of social, cultural and community-based activities for Killinchy and the surrounding area. The local community established Killinchy and District Community Development Association Ltd to help manage the community hall and it is still run by volunteers.



Figure 1: Location of Killinchy

Killinchy Community Hall has a Facebook page to inform the local community about events and activities. There is a range of other groups and associations active within Killinchy that also make use of the community hall. These include Killinchy Cycling Club, which was formed in 2012, and now has over 200 members of all abilities.

2.3 COMMUNITY PROFILE

Killinchy is a rural settlement located within the Killinchy2 Super Output Area¹. Information relating to the community profile for the local area has been sourced from the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency² through the Northern Ireland Neighbourhood Information Service (NINIS). The NINIS³ website provides access to statistical and locational information about small areas across Northern Ireland. It contains datasets on a range of socio-economic themes at small-area statistical geographies. These area profiles can be used to provide a statistical snapshot of a local area such as Killinchy. Such a snapshot is given below.











¹ Northern Ireland is divided into 890 super output areas which are relatively small scale areas containing on average just over 2000 people. Super output areas are the core reporting geography of the NI Multiple Deprivation Measure [2010]

² Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (www.nisra.gov.uk)

³ NINIS [<https://www.ninis2.nisra.gov.uk/public/Home.aspx>]

⁴ Killinchy and District covers the area of Killinchy, Balloo, Kilmood and Whiterock


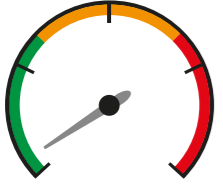
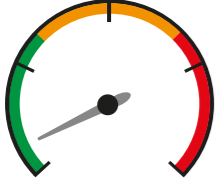
⁵ Economically inactive persons are defined by the fact that they do not have a job and are either not actively looking for a job or are not immediately available to work (or both). Unemployment is when a person who is actively searching for employment is unable to find work.

 POPULATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Census Day (27 March 2011) the population of Killinchy and District⁴ was 3,116 living in 1,172 households, giving an average household size of 2.6 Since the 2001 Census there has been a population increase of +11.2%
 AGE PROFILE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21% of the population are aged 0–15 18% of the population are aged 16–39 28% of the population are aged 40–64 12% of the population are aged 65+ The average age is 38 years old
 GENDER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 47.9% of residents in the local area are male 52.1% of residents in the local area female
 RELIGION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Of the residents 6.3% belong to or were brought up in the Catholic religion 85.5% belong to or were brought up in a 'Protestant and Other Christian' religion
 HEALTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12.4% of people have a long-term health problem or disability that limited their day-to-day activities 86.8% of people stated their general health was either good or very good; and 10.8% of people stated that they provided unpaid care to family, friends, neighbours or others
 EDUCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 31.5% of people have a degree or higher qualification 29.2% of people have no or low level qualifications
 LABOUR MARKET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 74.6% of people were economically active and 25.4% were economically inactive⁵ 67.9% of people were in paid employment 4.0% of people were unemployed
 HOUSEHOLDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 79.5% of homes were owner occupied (37.6% owned outright) and 18.5% were rented 11.7% of homes were comprised of a single person aged 65+ years 8.3% were lone parent households 6.8% of households did not have access to a car or van
 SCHOOL NUMBERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2016/17 358 children were enrolled at Killinchy Primary School 6.1% of these were in receipt of free school meals
 ECONOMIC ACTIVITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Killinchy Ward has a total of seven retail and business units, all of which are currently occupied The current vacancy rate is 0%

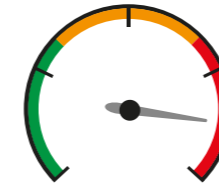
2.4 LOCAL DEPRIVATION

An indication of the level of deprivation local areas experience can be identified through the Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure 2017⁶. This report identifies small area concentrations of multiple deprivation across Northern Ireland. All 890 super output areas (SOAs) in Northern Ireland are ranked, with 1 being the most deprived and 890 the least deprived.

Killinchy and the local surrounding area mainly fall within the Killinchy2 Super Output Area. Therefore the information from this SOA has been used to reflect the community profile of the local area.

INCOME DEPRIVATION	
 <p>Score 620</p>	<p>Killinchy2 ranks 620 out of 890 super output areas in Northern Ireland in relation to income deprivation.</p> <p>The residents of Killinchy are in the top third of areas in Northern Ireland which suffer least in terms of income deprivation</p>
HEALTH DEPRIVATION	
 <p>Score 861</p>	<p>Killinchy2 ranks 861 out of 890 super output areas in Northern Ireland in relation to health deprivation.</p> <p>Killinchy is in the top third of areas which suffer least in terms of health deprivation.</p>
EMPLOYMENT DEPRIVATION	
 <p>Score 838</p>	<p>Killinchy2 ranks 838 out of 890 super output areas in Northern Ireland in relation to employment deprivation.</p> <p>This means Killinchy is in the top third of areas across Northern Ireland which suffer least from employment deprivation.</p>

ACCESS / PROXIMITY TO SERVICES

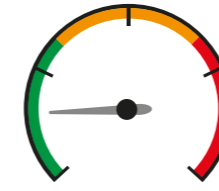


Score
109

Killinchy2 ranks 109 out of 890 super output areas in Northern Ireland in relation to poor or deprived access to key services.

This means Killinchy village is in the top third of areas which suffer most in relation to difficulty accessing services.

CRIME AND DISORDER



Score
765

Killinchy2 ranks 765 out of 890 super output areas in Northern Ireland in relation to crime and disorder deprivation.

Killinchy is in the top third of areas which suffer least from crime and disorder.

To Summarise...

Killinchy and the local surrounding area are amongst the least deprived areas in Northern Ireland across a range of measures including income, employment, health and crime. Accessing key services such as health, leisure or financial services is one measure in which the area scores less well. Indeed it is in the top 15% of areas across Northern Ireland which experience most difficulty accessing services.

There is a relatively even gender split across the local area and the average age of residents is 38 years old [which is close to the Northern Ireland average

of 37 years]. Population change for Killinchy and surrounding area is +11.2% which is slightly higher than the Northern Ireland average of +7.5%.

A higher proportion of people in the local area, when compared to the Northern Ireland average, have a degree, rate their health as good and live in their own home. More people are economically active, there is less unemployment and fewer people than the Northern Ireland average have a long-term health problem or disability that limits their day-to-day activities.

⁶ <https://www.nisra.gov.uk/statistics/deprivation/northern-ireland-multiple-deprivation-measure-2017-nimdm2017>

2.5 KILLINCHY AND DISTRICT VILLAGE PLAN – WIDER STRATEGIC FIT

The Killinchy and District Village Plan focuses on specific issues and actions needed within the local area. However, it does not exist in isolation – the plan links closely to the focus and themes of the ‘Big Plan’, and issues relevant to other statutory stakeholders including health, education, policing and public transport.

The village planning process ensures the involvement of local communities in agreeing actions to address local needs which is essential to securing sustainable improvements and positive outcomes for each village.

Engaging with local communities and supporting the development of village plans is a key activity for local councils. The actions contained within each village plan link closely to the broad remit of council in terms of supporting regeneration, facilitating economic development, promoting tourism, protecting the environment and encouraging participation in health and wellbeing activities.

The action plan for Killinchy and surrounding area is structured around five key themes which match

to the outcomes contained in the Big Plan for Ards and North Down. The village plans also feed into the Council’s Corporate Plan and its three categories of People, Place and Prosperity.

The forthcoming Local Development Plan (LDP) shall provide a 15-year framework to support economic, environmental and social needs of the Borough while providing for the delivery of sustainable development. It shall guide development decisions within the Borough up to 2030.

There is also a range of thematic Council strategies which provide a specific context for many of the actions contained within each village plan. These relate to key issues or sectors including, for example, food, car parking, or recreation. As these are updated and revised, it will be important to ensure tie-in between each strategy and the village plan.

Village plans are also set within the wider government policy context, including the Draft Programme for Government, Regional Development Strategy, and sector specific policies for tourism, investment and regeneration.

3 Killinchy and District Village Plan – Consultation Process

The key aim of village planning is to ensure the local community has a clear role and input into agreeing the issues to be addressed, and the actions to be taken forward as part of the plan.

At the beginning of this process engagement took place with Killinchy and District Community Development Association to ensure a partnership approach in the preparation and delivery of this village plan.

3.1 KILLINCHY VILLAGE AND DISTRICT PLAN – REVIEW AND UPDATE

The revised village plan for Killinchy and the surrounding areas has been developed through several key stages which provided opportunities to consult with the local community. Engagement with a range of stakeholders including Ards and North Down Borough Council, statutory partners, community and voluntary groups was undertaken to help develop the final action plan.

The village plan has been shaped by a thorough assessment process including site analysis, village profiling, public consultation and the gathering of information through the distribution of questionnaires.

The plan seeks to build upon partnership working and capacity building within the community by consolidating existing and creating new working partnerships. Through the plan, responsibilities are also placed on identified groups and stakeholders to lead on specific actions.

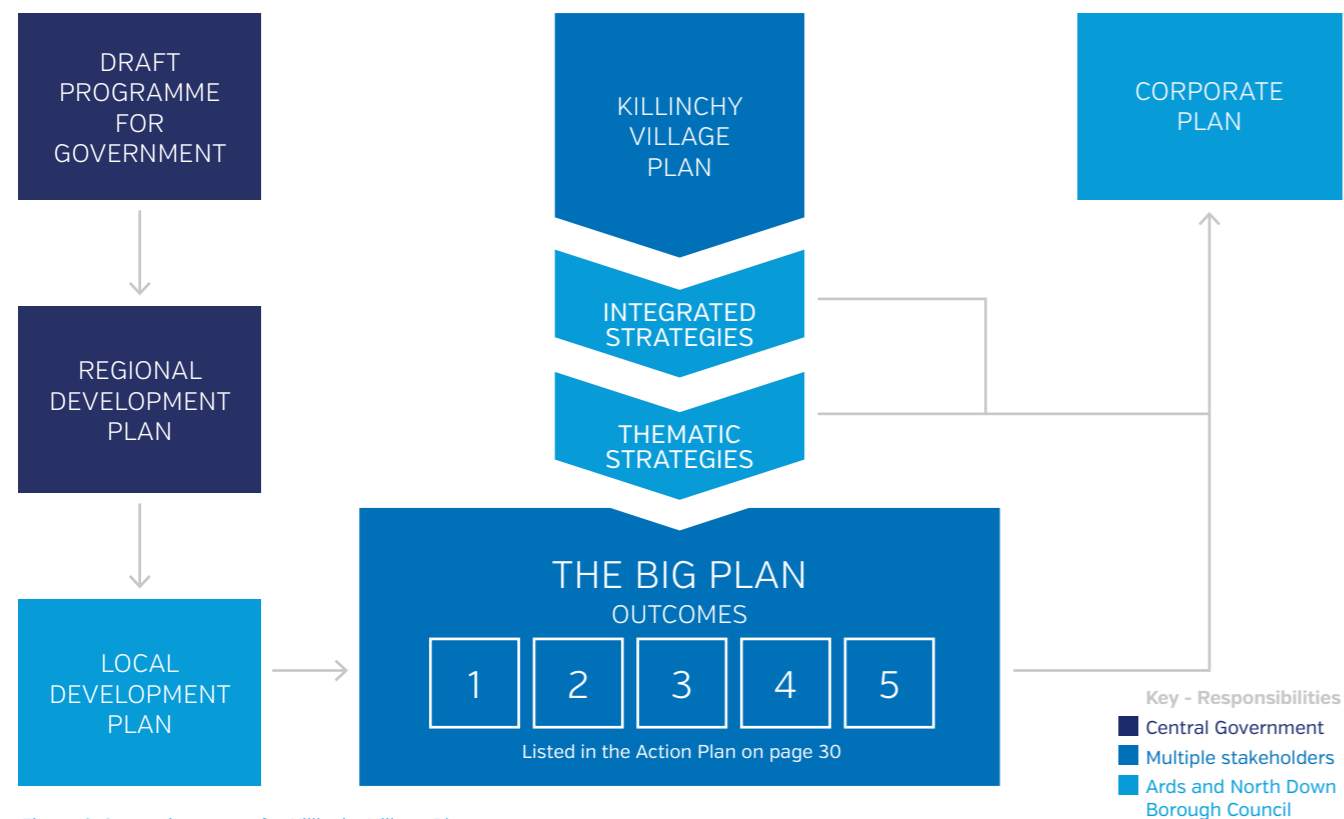


Figure 2: Strategic context for Killinchy Village Plan



7 The Big Plan for Ards and North Down April 2017–2032..

The key stages in developing the Killinchy and District Village Plan are detailed in Table 1 below:

STAGE	ACTION / ACTIVITY UNDERTAKEN
1. Initial Community Engagement	An initial meeting was held with Killinchy and District Community Association to secure engagement with the village planning process. The meeting provided an opportunity to review the current plan and achievements as well as emerging issues and priorities.
2. Village Plan Review, Profiling and Analysis	An in-depth review of the current village plan was undertaken including an assessment of delivery against agreed actions. In addition, a review of all available statistical information was undertaken alongside a review of documentation and desktop research to establish a detailed profile of the area.
3. Community Consultation (Stage 1)	The local community was invited to attend a consultation event on Thursday 30th November 2017 in the Killinchy Community Hall.. The meeting was facilitated by Insight Solutions and the Rural Development Council with assistance from the Killinchy and District Community Association. Approximately 20 members of the local community attended the meeting. This meeting helped bring the local community together to share their views and generated considerable feedback regarding the strengths, weaknesses and future opportunities for Killinchy and surrounding area.
4. Community Survey	A community survey was developed to ensure that everyone in Killinchy and surrounding area could participate in the village planning consultation process. The survey was designed to allow people to highlight the issues and actions they felt were important to include in the final action plan. The survey was circulated online and hard copies were provided at key locations throughout the village (e.g. school). In total 70 responses were returned. Details of the findings from the community survey are contained in Appendix A.
5. Community Consultation (Stage 2)	Based on the initial profiling, consultation and community survey a draft village plan was developed which aimed to reflect the issues raised by the local community. A meeting to agree the draft plan was held with Killinchy and District Community Association to ensure it reflected local needs and was deliverable.
6. Final Village Plan	In the context of the feedback that was provided in relation to the draft plan, a final village plan was produced for 2018–2023.

Table 1 – Community Consultation and Engagement Process

Want to have your say on Killinchy's Village Plan?

Public meeting to review and update the current Village Action Plan

Thursday 30th November 2017 at 7.30pm
Killinchy Community Hall

- Have your say on issues affecting the local community
- Identify priority actions to help improve your local area
- Help develop a plan to secure funding and support

For more information and to complete the online survey visit www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk/village-plans



4 Analysis and Findings

A total of 70 surveys were returned (57 hard copy and 23 online) which provided a useful source of information on actions to be included in the final village plan. A summary of the findings from the survey is included in Appendix A.

Some 90% of residents believe Killinchy and surrounding area provides a good quality of life.

The rural location and being surrounded by peaceful countryside and natural beauty is a key attraction for residents. In addition, many comment on a strong sense of community and those consulted believe that the area provides a safe and stable community for young families.

The quality of local amenities such as the school, shops and being able to commute to Belfast and Downpatrick was highlighted with many commenting on the proximity of good restaurants and the ability to enjoy the great outdoors.



Two-thirds of those consulted believe facilities in the local in the area are good. However, 30% are not aware of the services and facilities in the community and do not believe there is sufficient information about them. Around 40% of respondents felt facilities and services are of a high standard and a similar proportion (37%) felt they reflect local need.

Community Services and Facilities

- Improve space, facilities at community hall
- Lack of parking at community hall
- Improved play facilities
- Improve access to services
- More community activities and events
- More community safety and reduce fear of crime
- More activities for young people
- More facilities to support sports and recreation
- Improve drainage at football pitch



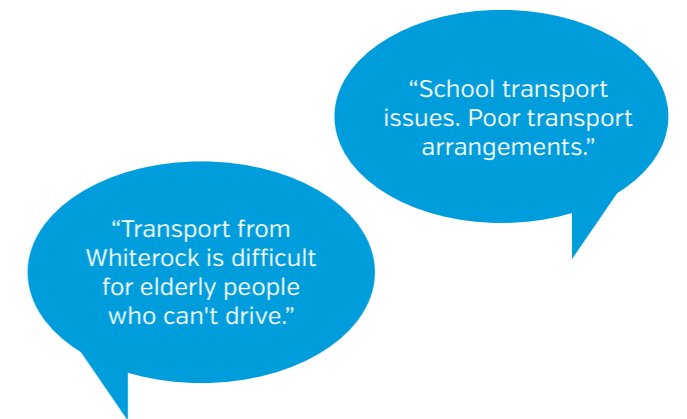
Road Safety and Footpaths

- Speeding traffic throughout area
- Pedestrian safety (crossings)
- Traffic survey/Traffic management
- Poor condition of roads and footpaths throughout village
- Parking on footpaths
- Lack of suitable street lighting
- Parking at school



Public Transport

- Lack of public transport services
- Lack of bus shelters and bus stops
- School transport provision (no direct service to Saintfield High)
- Difficulty accessing transport services across wider Killinchy and District area



Village Appearance

- Village looks tired and untidy in places
- Gateway signage entry/exit points
- Maintain hedges, verges grass cutting
- Clean-up of moss-covered paths
- Dog fouling and littering
- Environmental improvements at village hall (overgrown area)
- Seating, flower beds and benches throughout local area



4.1 IDENTIFYING PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS

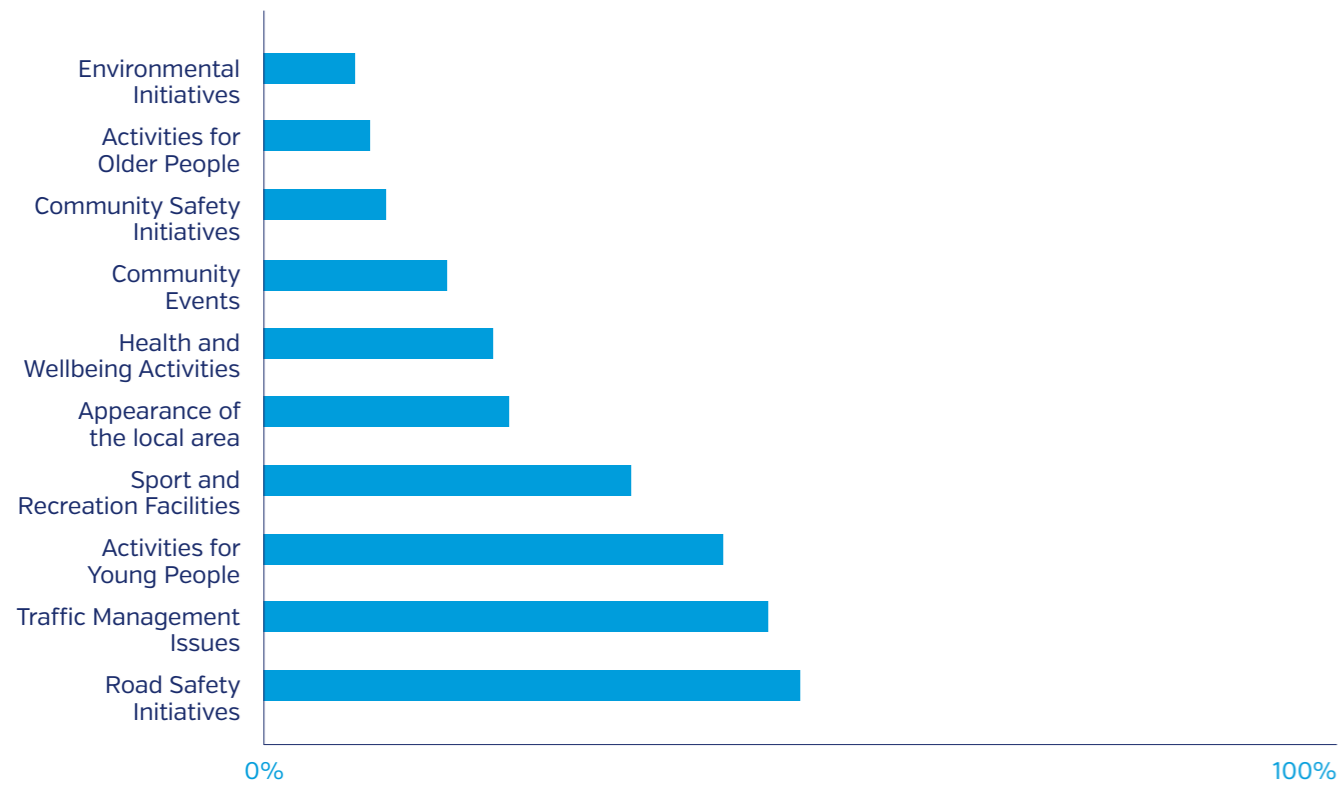


Figure 3: Programmes, activities and service priorities

Those consulted were asked about the key issues impacting on the local area as well as the types of activities, programmes or services they would like to see in Killinchy and surrounding areas (Figure 3). This is to ensure the village plan included actions that focused on issues beyond those relating to only the physical environment or infrastructure improvements within the local area.

Given the time spent discussing road safety at the public meeting, it is no surprise that when asked to prioritise community services, programmes or activities (Figure 3), road safety initiatives and traffic management feature highly. This is followed by activities for young people, sport and recreation facilities and appearance of the local area.

When survey respondents were asked to prioritise the key issues affecting the local area (see Figure 4) road safety and traffic management is ranked in first place, followed by facilities for young people and community facilities in third.



Figure 4: Priorities for Killinchy

5 Vision and Overarching Outcomes

5.1 KILLINCHY AND DISTRICT VISION STATEMENT

Killinchy to develop after final draft (if wish to have one)

5.2 OVERARCHING THEMES

1. Killinchy and District – Achieving its Full Potential

- Development of activities and programmes for young people
- Provision of pre-school facilities and childcare
- Development of activities and programmes for older people
- Outreach of key community services
- Community events and sharing of information
- Community capacity, support and involvement
- Redevelopment of community hall
- Ongoing assessment of community need for local facilities

2. A Healthy and Active Killinchy and District

- Improve playing field and grass area at community hall
- Enhanced play facilities at playpark
- Support for sports clubs
- Sports development plan

3. A Connected, Safe and Secure Killinchy and District

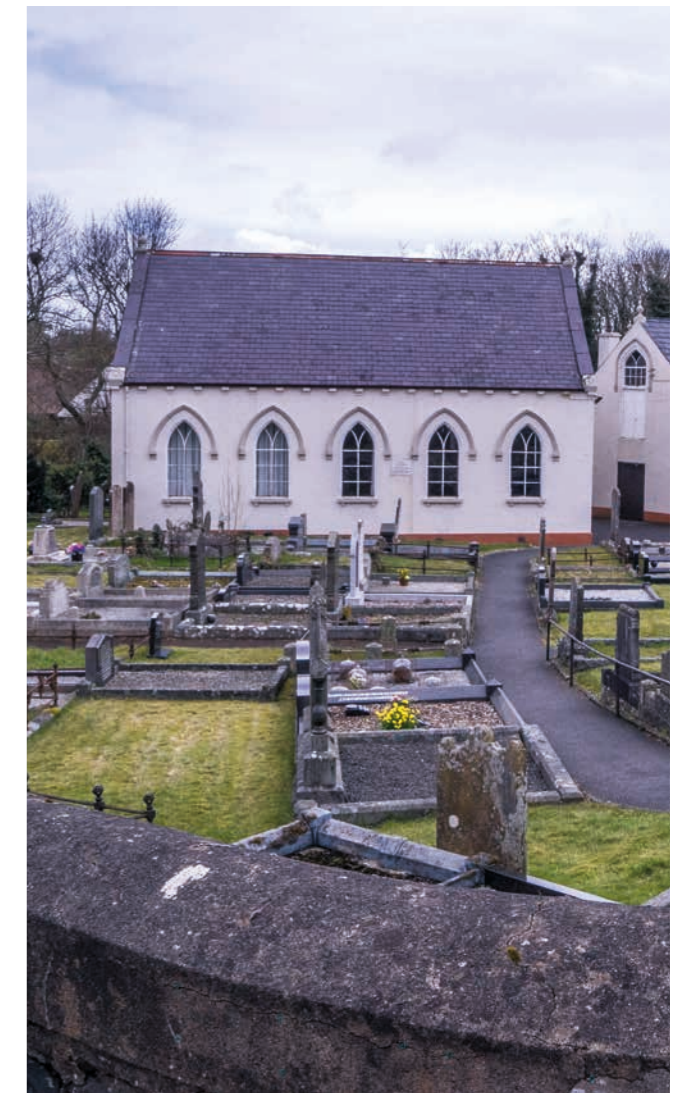
- Improve the quality, surface (and maintenance) of key footpaths
- Improved road safety and traffic calming measures
- Improve provision of street lighting
- Resurfacing of minor, access and connecting roads
- Improved provision of public transport services
- Provision of appropriate bus stops/shelters
- Neighbourhood watch scheme
- Address anti-social behaviour and low-level crime
- Undertake a traffic survey
- Maintain hedges and grass verges

4. Supporting the Local Economy and Employment in Killinchy and District

- Support for business start-up and growth
- Support for micro/small business (sales and promotion)
- Digital hub space to support business development, education and skills

5. Supporting the Local Environment, History and Heritage in Killinchy and District

- Provision of gateway signage
- Dog fouling and littering bins
- Environmental improvements, planting schemes, flower beds and greenery
- Improved provision of benches/seating throughout village
- Tourist information on history and heritage of local area
- Provision of facilities to support motor home parking



5.3 KILLINCHY AND DISTRICT – ‘AT A GLANCE’

The Killinchy and District infographic summarises the key findings and issues emerging from the community consultation. It highlights the positive aspects about living in the local area and summarises the key concerns of residents. It also sets out actions people wish to see delivered over the next five years in terms of infrastructure, facilities and local services.

<p>At a Glance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90% Rated Quality of Life as Good • 41% Rated Quality of Facilities as Good • 47% Rated Quality of Services as Good 		
<p>Key Issues</p>  <p>1. Road Safety</p>  <p>2. Community Facilities</p>  <p>3. Sports and Recreation</p>  <p>4. Facilities for Young People</p>  <p>5. Public Transport</p>	<p>Best Part of Living in Killinchy and District Area</p> <p>Quiet; community spirit; countryside; Strangford Lough; scenery; central location; people are friendly; walks; rural setting; close knit; restaurants; good school; peaceful; wildlife; outdoor activities; cycling</p>	<p>Top 5 Physical Improvements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Road Safety 2. Facilities for Young People 3. Community Facilities 4. Sport and Leisure Facilities 5. Village Appearance
	<p>Top 5 Service Delivery Improvements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Road Safety Initiatives 2. Traffic Management Issues 3. Activities for Young People 4. Sport and Recreation 5. Appearance of Local Area 	
<p>Priority Action: Improvement to Playing Field and Grass Area [at Community Hall]</p>		



6 Detail of Village Projects

OUTCOME 1: KILLINCHY AND DISTRICT ACHIEVING ITS FULL POTENTIAL

1.1 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICES

1.1.1 Development of activities and programmes for young people [all areas]

Many residents in the local area report a lack of activities for young people in the area with limited provision for older children and teenagers.

This action focuses on developing activities aimed at involving all young people in the area; there is a wish to see specific engagement with young people aged 11-16. Actions include encouraging increased participation in sport and programmes to develop life skills, employability and personal development. In addition, it is suggested that programmes are developed to support young people to interact and build relationships with other young people from other areas and backgrounds.

A focused needs assessment with young people in the area will be undertaken to understand the range of activities and programmes that could be delivered.

1.1.2 Pre-school facilities and childcare [all areas]

There is a lack of pre-school childcare facilities in the local area. This is an issue that many rural communities face.

Killinchy and District Community Development Association in partnership with Killinchy Primary School should organise a parents meeting with potential childcare and after-schools providers to assess whether there is sufficient demand and interest to establish a Killinchy based childcare/ after-schools service and determine where such a service could be located.

1.1.3 Development of activities to support engagement and inclusion of older people [all areas]

There are limited activities organised for older people in the local area. Around 12% of the local population are aged 65+ and there are concerns regarding social isolation, wellbeing and loneliness for older members of the community.

Older people in the local area highlighted an interest in further education, hobby and lifestyle programmes. This action would focus on the development of services aimed at supporting engagement and inclusion of older people, such as a weekly coffee morning, exercise and IT classes.

1.1.4 Community events and information sharing [all areas]

The local community wishes to develop a programme of events and activities to take place throughout the year. This is in response to a demand for a greater range of programmes and activities to be organised and offered locally. The focus of events could be linked to sport and recreation, natural heritage, health and wellbeing, history or community fun days. In addition, ensuring sufficient sharing of information [community noticeboards, leaflets, social media] is required to support people to participate in community-based activities.

1.1.5 Outreach of key community services [all areas]

The provision of services is a key concern for the community and will be a continuing focus for the next five years of the village plan. In particular the local community wishes to see the provision of key health services such as a GP or pharmacy. In addition, support for local groups, education, employment and childcare services [as mentioned in 1.1.2] are needed within the local area. There is demand for support from advice organisations such as Advice NI or Citizens Advice in relation to financial capability, debt advice and welfare reform.

A needs assessment of services available within the local area as well as services people would like to see will be the first stage in taking forward this action.

1.1.6 Community capacity, support and involvement [all areas]

Killinchy and District Community Development Association plays a key role in managing the community hall and leads in organising activities and events. This work is undertaken by volunteers who are keen to ensure Killinchy and the wider area is a vibrant and active rural community. There are also a number of other groups and associations active in the local area.

This action aims to ensure that Killinchy and District Community Development Association and other groups in the local area are supported so that they remain sustainable, increase membership and continue to deliver for the local community.

A needs assessment of services available within the local area as well as services people would like to see will be the first stage in taking forward this action.

1.2 COMMUNITY SPACE

1.2.1 Development of community hall (Killinchy and Kilmood)

There is support for the redevelopment of the community hall at Killinchy to ensure it continues to provide a key community resource for the village. The community hall is well used by a range of local groups. However, due to its current internal layout it is not possible to hold more than one activity at a time and the type of activities that can be organised is restricted.

This action aims to redevelop the community hall to meet increased community demand from local groups for meeting space, activities and events. It includes creating an overall improved space by raising the roof. It is important that any planned development provides adequate parking facilities to prevent parking along Beechvale Road, which currently happens when the hall is busy, and ensures safe pedestrian access from Beechvale Road.

In addition, a community needs assessment should be undertaken to determine the feasibility and options to develop a new community hall.

1.2.2 Ongoing assessment of community need (all areas)

The population across Killinchy and surrounding areas has been increasing over recent years and further new homes are planned. As a result there is a need to assess and keep under review community needs due to the increasing population, additional homes and proposed new school. This action aims to review the community and socio-economic profile on a regular basis to ensure it provides an accurate reflection of local needs.

OUTCOME 2: A HEALTHY AND ACTIVE KILLINCHY AND DISTRICT AREA

2.1 SPORTS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

2.1.1 Mini environmental improvement scheme around community hall (Killinchy)

Priority Project

The area around the community hall is in need of regeneration.

The playpark is outdated and the current equipment is suited to younger children; it should be updated with a suitable offering to cater for a wider age group.

The playing field next to the park is currently not fit for purpose. A poor surface combined with a lack of drainage restricts its use for sports and recreation activities.

The overgrown grass areas and bank next to the playing field is currently a designated biodiversity area. However, it appears unmaintained and its potential has not been maximised.

In addition, the current available car parking at the site isn't sufficient for the level of hall users.

As a first stage to addressing the issues raised, consultants could be appointed to develop a concept design for the site to ensure a mixed-use recreation, leisure and play area for a variety of users. This process will include a series of public consultation events. The concept design developed could identify a number of phases so that funding for projects can be sourced and applied as and when it becomes available.

2.1.2 Enhanced play facilities at playpark (Killinchy)

The playpark at the community hall is in need of improvements works. Updated play equipment and an increase in the provision of play equipment for older children would ensure greater use. Therefore, the plan proposes that the playpark is modernised, and provision of age-appropriate play equipment is improved. It is suggested that access to public toilets is provided for families and children using the playpark.



2.1.3 Support for sports clubs (all areas)

There is a wide range of active sports clubs in the area. This provides an important way for people to get involved in sport and recreational activities and helps contribute to improved health and wellbeing, and a sense of community. This action aims to support the establishment and development of sports and recreation clubs within the local area helping them to increase participation in sport and encourage active lifestyles.

2.1.4 Sports development plan (all areas)

Those consulted wish to see a strategic approach to ensuring there are sufficient facilities to support participation in sport and exercise, especially for young people. Currently people have to travel to other areas to ensure children can participate in sporting activities.

This action aims to assess the current level of sports provision facilities and programmes in the area and identify areas for improvement based on local need. The aim is to increase the provision of exercise and active lifestyle programmes to suit all ages and abilities.

OUTCOME 3: A CONNECTED, SECURE AND SAFE KILLINCHY AND DISTRICT

3.1 IMPROVED ROADS AND ACCESS

3.1.1 Improve the quality, surface and maintenance of key footpaths (all areas)

A key issue is the poor quality and condition of footpaths throughout the village. Following consultation with the local community, a programme of footpath improvement works to identify and prioritise problematic footpaths in the local area is to be agreed in consultation with the Department for Infrastructure. In particular, concern was expressed regarding the lack of footpaths between areas such as Killinchy to Balloo, and Killinchy to Whiterock and Killyleagh Road. Those consulted also wish to see the clean-up of moss-covered paths and roads, as well as regular grass and hedge cutting.

3.1.2 Resurfacing of minor, access and connecting roads (all areas)

Many roads within the village are in a poor state of repair, with numerous potholes and uneven surfaces with are commonplace. Those consulted use local roads for walking on a regular basis and they highlighted the poor condition of the roads including, in particular, Whiterock Road, Willowbrook Road, Saintfield Road and Main Street.

A full roads conditioning assessment could be undertaken in the village and a prioritised programme of remedial works developed for future delivery.



3.1.3 Provision of street lighting (all areas)

The quality of street lighting throughout the village could be improved. Provision is poor especially from Balloo crossroads to Killinchy village along Beechvale Road.

An assessment of the current provision of street lighting across the local area could be undertaken to identify improvements required that could be included in planned works. Consideration could be given to bespoke design of street lighting that is in keeping with the character of the local area.

3.1.4 Improved public transport provision (all areas)

Public transport is inadequate across Killinchy and District which prevents access to local services, visiting friends and family or accessing towns such as Newtownards and Bangor. There is no direct bus service for pupils attending Saintfield High School and limited routes serving Killinchy, Whiterock and Kilmood, which means people often have to travel to Balloo to access public transport services.

It is suggested that engagement takes place with public transport providers including Translink and Down Community Transport to secure improvements to services where these are deemed to be required.

3.1.5 Provision of appropriate bus stops/shelters (all areas)

The village plan supports the installation of new and renovation of existing bus shelters across the Killinchy and District area. This includes improving the condition of the existing bus shelter at Balloo crossroads.

Further consultation with the local community and Translink will help determine the location of additional bus shelters. New and replacement shelters should be designed to reflect the rural character of the village, and should incorporate seating and hardstanding waiting areas.

3.2 ROAD SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CALMING

3.2.1 Traffic survey (Killinchy)

The high volume of traffic which passes through the village and, in particular, heavy goods vehicles is a concern for residents. Comments focused on the impact this traffic has in terms of congestion, speed and the poor quality of the road network. Those consulted request that a traffic survey is undertaken at several points during the year to measure the volume and type of traffic passing through the village to understand traffic flow and the issues this presents for the local area.

3.2.2 Improved road safety and traffic calming measures (all areas)

Despite the presence of speed restrictions in the village, speeding traffic remains a key concern for those consulted. Specific issues were raised in relation to the main road between the Crafty Fox and McCann's due to the volume of traffic and number of pedestrians who cross the road on a daily basis. Concerns were raised in relation to the safety of pupils walking to and from the local primary school.

Traffic calming measures are required at key entry/exit points in Killinchy and throughout the local area including Balloo, Whiterock Road and Ballybunden Road junction. Two pedestrian crossings are required at the community hall and at the crossing between the Crafty Fox and McCann's shop on the Comber Road.

3.2.3 Hedges and grass verges (all areas)

The poor maintenance of hedges and grass verges has an impact on road safety. This action focuses on establishing an ongoing programme for the cutting and maintenance of hedges and grass verges in and around the village to improve road safety.

3.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY

3.3.1 Establish a neighbourhood watch scheme (all areas)

Rural crime and the fear of crime are a concern for those consulted in the local area. This was particularly evident for older people living in the more remote, surrounding areas of Killinchy. In order to address this, the consultees wish to establish a neighbourhood watch scheme, with the support of the PSNI and the Police and Community Safety Partnership.

The local community also wishes to see an increase in regular visible PSNI patrols.

3.3.2 Address anti-social behaviour and low-level crime (all areas)

Those consulted believe there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour and low-level crime in the local area. Many recognise that this often arises because of a lack of activities, services and programmes available for people in the local area. This action focuses on developing a range of activities working alongside the Police and Community Safety Partnership and other key statutory agencies to help reduce anti-social behaviour and low-level crime.



OUTCOME 4: SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND EMPLOYMENT

4.1 SUPPORT FOR LOCAL BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

4.1.1 Support for business start-up and growth (all areas)

Across the local area there are a number of micro, small and medium-sized craft or food produce businesses. This action aims to develop support programmes to help businesses and start-ups in the local area. The programmes should focus on mentoring, business growth and encouraging routes to market.

4.1.2 Support for micro/small businesses (sales and promotion) (all areas)

Micro and craft businesses often struggle to promote their products or secure agreement with outlets to carry their stock or produce. Linked to 4.1.1, this

action will examine the potential of providing assistance and infrastructure to support local small businesses to get in front of consumers. This could be encouraging retailers in the area to carry produce from these small craft/cottage businesses, supporting pop-up shops or encouraging owners to take stalls at farmers markets.

4.1.3 Digital hub facilities (Killinchy)

Those consulted reported that although they commute for work they would make use of 'hot desk' facilities or a digital hub if this was available in Killinchy. A digital hub could also help attract new businesses to the local area. A feasibility study should be undertaken to determine the benefit and options of developing a digital hub for the local area which could provide space for small businesses as well as hot desk and co-working facilities. The facilities could also be used by the local community to support education programmes and skills development in relation to IT.



OUTCOME 5: SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT, HISTORY AND HERITAGE

5.1 VILLAGE APPEARANCE

5.1.1 Environmental improvements (all areas)

There is a general view that the local area, especially Balloo to Killinchy, is run down and untidy. A range of environmental improvements implemented across the village which could help improve the general appearance of the entire area. Those consulted are keen to ensure a joined-up approach is taken to planning any improvement works to ensure an overall theme or identity for the local area is developed.

Scope exists to enhance existing planters and install additional planters throughout the village as well as increasing the frequency of replanting to maximise floral displays throughout the year.

5.1.2 Provision of gateway signage (all areas)

Scope exists to improve the welcome to Killinchy and District in terms of signage and visual appearance. In addition to gateway signage, it is proposed that artwork, planting, lighting or other visual improvements

are considered for key arrival points in Killinchy, Balloo, Kilmoody and Whiterock.

Those consulted would also like to see the mosaic at the entry to Killinchy village being replaced.

5.1.3 Dog fouling and littering (all areas)

A key concern expressed by consultees is the prevalence of dog fouling across the local area. This could be addressed via the installation of additional bins along walking routes within the village, supported by adequate enforcement and education. A programme of works to replace old and broken bins should also be undertaken.

5.1.4 Improved provision of benches/seating (Killinchy)

The provision of benches and seating throughout the village area should be improved. A designated community or family picnic area could be located at the planned wildflower area next to the playpark at the community hall. Those consulted are keen to ensure that any improvements to street furniture and streetscape are in keeping with the character of the village.

5.2 TOURISM AND PROMOTION OF LOCAL ASSETS

5.2.1 Information on history and heritage of Killinchy and District (all areas)

There is an abundance of information to share in relation to the history and heritage of Killinchy and surrounding areas. Its close proximity to Strangford Lough presents an opportunity to build on the tourism potential in relation to the natural beauty of the local area.

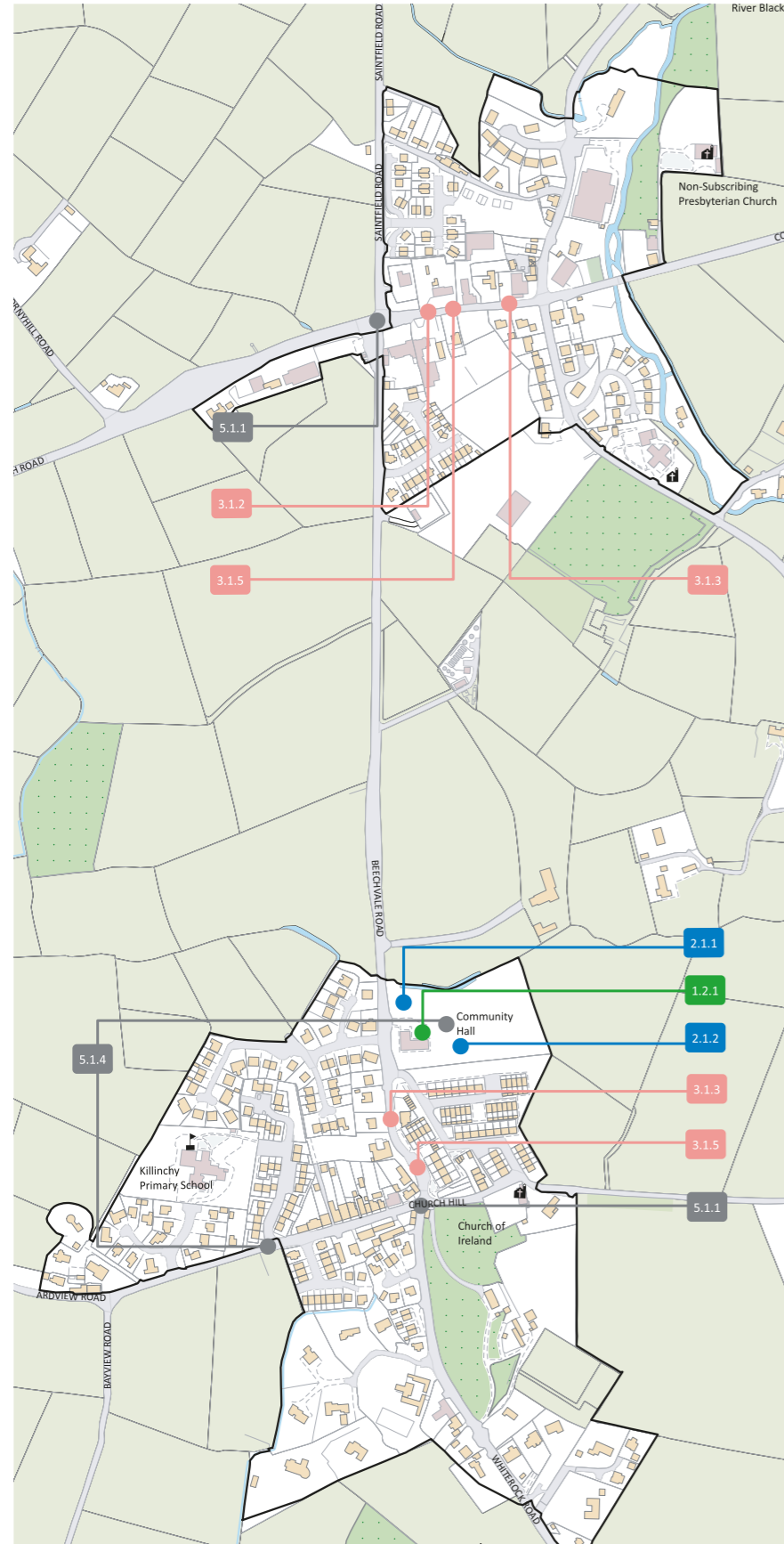
This action proposes that signage is erected at key locations to promote the rich history, heritage and nature of the local area. Further work should be undertaken to agree the information to be presented and identify where best to locate the panels. Those consulted also wish to see an up-to-date tourist map for the local area (print/online) to help promote the local area including key attractions, areas of interest and businesses.

5.2.2 Facilities for motor homes (Whiterock)

There could be facilities to support motor home overnight parking and associated services including toilets, charge points, fresh drinking water and waste water disposal at Whiterock. This could encourage visitors to choose the Killinchy area as a place to visit and as an overnight destination, which will contribute to the local economy. Further consultation is required to investigate if this is the most appropriate site available.



6.1 MAP OF KILLINCHY AND DISTRICT VILLAGE ACTIONS



KILLINCHY

OUTCOME 1 – KILLINCHY ACHIEVING ITS FULL POTENTIAL

1.2.1 Development of community hall

OUTCOME 2 – A HEALTHY AND ACTIVE KILLINCHY

2.1.1 Mini environmental improvement scheme around community hall (Killinchy)

2.1.2 Enhanced play facilities at playpark (Killinchy)

OUTCOME 3 – A CONNECTED, SAFE AND SECURE KILLINCHY

3.1.2 Resurfacing of minor, access and connecting roads (all areas)

3.1.3 Provision of street lighting (all areas)

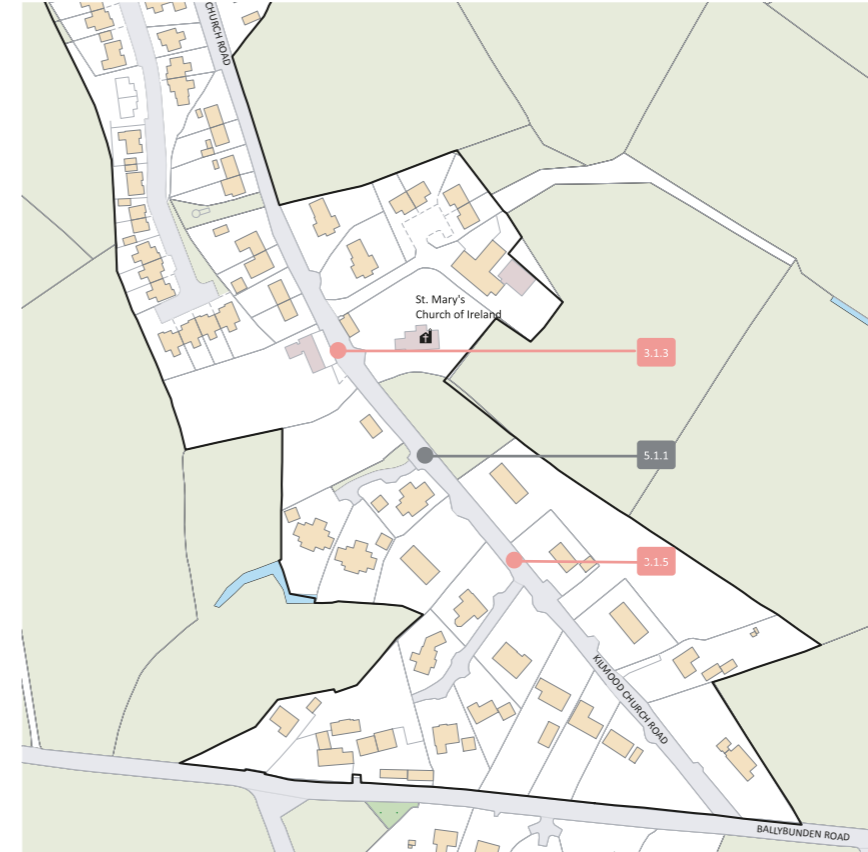
3.1.5 Provision of appropriate bus stops/shelters (all areas)

OUTCOME 4 – SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT, HISTORY AND HERITAGE

5.1.1 Environmental improvements (all areas)

5.1.4 Improved provision of benches/seating (Killinchy)

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KILLMOOR

OUTCOME 3 – A CONNECTED, SAFE AND SECURE KILLINCHY

3.1.3 Provision of street lighting (all areas)

3.1.5 Provision of appropriate bus stops/shelters (all areas)

OUTCOME 4 – SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT, HISTORY AND HERITAGE

5.1.1 Environmental improvements (all areas)



WHITEROCK

OUTCOME 3 – A CONNECTED, SAFE AND SECURE KILLINCHY

3.1.3 Provision of street lighting (all areas)

3.1.5 Provision of appropriate bus stops/shelters (all areas)

OUTCOME 4 – SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT, HISTORY AND HERITAGE

5.1.1 Environmental improvements (all areas)

*Wider Village Projects – Location to be agreed

7 Delivery of Killinchy and District Village Action Plan

7.1 INTRODUCTION

The key aim of the Killinchy and District Village Action Plan is to prioritise projects which the local community has identified as key to progress.

The successful achievement of these actions will require input from a wide range of organisations across the public, private and community sectors. A review of available funding streams will also be important on an ongoing basis to ensure that the actions in the plan are implemented and that Killinchy and District can achieve its long-term vision for the future.

7.2 DELIVERY STRUCTURES

It is important that there are appropriate local structures in place to maintain a focus on delivering the plan and tracking its progress. This will ensure actions to be progressed by the local community are delivered, but also provide a mechanism to ensure actions led by statutory partners or other stakeholders are kept 'live' and progress reported upon on a regular basis.

It is proposed that a local steering group with representation from a number of organisations will be established with the support of Ards and North Down Borough Council. The key focus for this group is on delivery of the plan and to ensure responsibility for achieving actions is shared across all stakeholders.

The steering group will monitor and report on progress, whilst also considering any issues which may impact the successful completion of actions within the plan, ensuring accountability across all stakeholders.

To support delivery of the action plan a monitoring framework has been included in Appendix B. This will allow the local steering group to agree priorities, identify key actions, oversee delivery, track progress and report on achievements over the lifetime of the village plan.

7.3 SUPPORTING DELIVERY OF THE ACTION PLAN

There is a wide range of funding sources available from the public, charitable and corporate sectors which can help the local community maximise opportunities to deliver their village plan. Notable funding bodies and organisations include the Big Lottery Fund, Community Foundation for Northern Ireland, Children in Need, Comic Relief and Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust.

However, the eligibility criteria, application process, focus and money available will be specific to each funder and individual programmes. Each village will be supported, where appropriate, by the Regeneration, Development and Planning Directorate and any other relevant Council departments, including on how to track and identify suitable sources of funding available in Northern Ireland.



7.4 ACTION PLAN

The action plan links through to the outcomes of the Big Plan. This ensures that the plan is set within the context of the wider strategic fit.

Included within the action plan is a priority of each project (high, medium and low), based on the demand expressed by the local community and likely impact it will have on the area. In terms of delivery each project has been allocated a short, medium or long-term timeframe which relates to the following timescales:

- Short-term projects are those actions the community would like to see progressed within 18 months;
- Medium-term refers to those projects which are to be taken forward within 18 months to three years;
- Long-term actions would be delivered over the next three to five years.

As highlighted this action plan reflects the ongoing development from the initial plan produced in March 2013. Some actions have been carried over into this revised plan, other actions have been amended to reflect the progress achieved (or changing need) whilst other actions will be new. Therefore, the action plan includes the following indicators:

- Existing action: an action which has been included (in full) from the original March 2013 plan;
- Amended action: an action that had been included in the original March 2013 plan which has been amended or changed for the revised plan (due to changing needs or the action has partially been delivered);
- New action: an action which was not included in the March 2013 plan.

The action plan is structured around the five key outcomes of the Big Plan for Ards and North Down. As part of the Big Plan an initial set of indicators

has been identified to measure progress towards each outcome – these are the 'Agreed Indicators'. In addition, there is a series of indicators currently being progressed for which data is not yet available or robust enough – these are the 'Indicators to be developed'. In the Killinchy and District Village Action Plan the 'Success Indicator' column links each action to an indicator (either agreed or to be developed) from the Big Plan. The keys used for each outcome and indicator are included in Table 2.

In addition, the action plan also identifies the stakeholders, including lead partner, whose involvement in the relevant action or project would be necessary. It is important to note that the action plan should be used as a 'live' document to ensure progress is monitored regularly and updated accordingly (Appendix B). It is only natural that priorities may change over time or new projects and opportunities will arise in future, and these should be assessed against the overarching aims identified in the action plan where appropriate.

7.5 KILLINCHY AND DISTRICT VILLAGE ACTION PLAN (2018–2023)

OUTCOME 1: KILLINCHY AND DISTRICT AREA – ACHIEVING ITS FULL POTENTIAL								
Action	Area	Plan Reference	Description	Timescale (S, M, L)*	Action Status	Lead Partner(s)	Stakeholders	Success Indicators
1.1 Community Engagement and Services	All	1.1.1	Development of activities and programmes for young people	S	Amended	KDCDA	ANDBC, CDRCN	1.8, 2.4, 2.6, 3.6
	All	1.1.2	Pre-school facilities and childcare	M	New	KDCDA	ANDBC, CDRCN	1.6
	All	1.1.3	Development of activities to support engagement and inclusion of older people	M	New	KDCDA	ANDBC, CDRCN	1.4, 1.8, 2.4, 3.5
	All	1.1.4	Community events and information sharing	S	New	KDCDA	ANDBC, CDRCN	1.4, 1.8, 2.4
	All	1.1.5	Outreach of key community services	S/M	New	KDCDA	ANDBC, CDRCN	1.4, 2.3, 2.4
	All	1.1.6	Community capacity, support and involvement	S/M	New	KDCDA	ANDBC, CDRCN	1.8
1.2 Community Safety	Killinchy / Kilmood	1.2.1	Development of community hall	M	New	KDCDA	ANDBC	1.8, 2.4
	All	1.2.2	Ongoing assessment of community need	M/L	New	KDCDA	ANDBC, CDRCN	

OUTCOME 2: A HEALTHY AND ACTIVE KILLINCHY AND DISTRICT AREA								
Action	Area	Plan Reference	Description	Timescale [S, M, L]*	Action Status	Lead Partner(s)	Stakeholders	Success Indicators
2.1 Sports and Recreation Facilities	Killinchy	2.1.1	Mini environmental improvement scheme around community hall [Killinchy]	S	New	ANDBC	KDCDA	1.8, 2.4
	Killinchy	2.1.2	Enhanced play facilities at playpark	M	New	ANDBC	KDCDA	2.4
	All	2.1.3	Support for sports clubs	M	Amended	KDCDA	ANDBC, CDCRN	1.8, 2.4
	All	2.1.4	Sports development plan	M	New	ANDBC	KDCDA, CDCRN	

OUTCOME 3: A CONNECTED, SECURE AND SAFE KILLINCHY AND DISTRICT								
Action	Area	Plan Reference	Description	Timescale [S, M, L]*	Action Status	Lead Partner(s)	Stakeholders	Success Indicators
3.1 Improved Roads and Access	All	3.1.1	Improve the quality, surface and maintenance of key footpaths	S/M	Existing	Dfi	ANDBC, KDCDA	3.2, 5.7
	All	3.1.2	Resurfacing of minor, access and connecting roads	S/M	Existing	Dfi	ANDBC, KDCDA	
	All	3.1.3	Provision of street lighting	S/M	New	Dfi	ANDBC, KDCDA	3.2
	All	3.1.4	Improved public transport provision	M	Existing	Translink	KDCDA, DCT	5.11
	All	3.1.5	Provision of appropriate bus stops/shelters	M	Existing	Translink	KDCDA	3.2, 5.11
	3.2 Road Safety and Traffic Calming	Killinchy	3.2.1	Traffic survey	S	New	Dfi	ANDBC, KDCDA
All		3.2.2	Improved road safety and traffic calming measures	S/M	New	Dfi	ANDBC, PSNI, KDCDA	
All		3.2.3	Hedges and grass verges	M	New	Dfi	ANDBC, KDCDA	
3.3 Community Safety	All	3.3.1	Establish neighbourhood watch scheme	S	Amended	PSNI	KDCDA, ANDBC	3.3, 3.4
	All	3.3.2	Address anti-social behaviour and low-level crime	M	New	PSNI	KDCDA, ANDBC	

OUTCOME 4: SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND EMPLOYMENT IN KILLINCHY AND DISTRICT								
Action	Area	Plan Reference	Description	Timescale [S, M, L]*	Action Status	Lead Partner(s)	Stakeholders	Success Indicators
4.1 Support for Local Business and Economy	All	4.1.1	Support for business start-up and growth	S	New	ANDBC	KDCDA	1.5, 4.1, 4.3, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8, 5.3
	All	4.1.2	Support for micro/small business [sales and promotion]	M	New	ANDBC	KDCDA	
	Killinchy	4.1.3	Digital hub facilities	M	Amended	KDCDA	ANDBC, CDCRN	

OUTCOME 5: SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT, HISTORY AND HERITAGE IN KILLINCHY AND DISTRICT								
Action	Area	Plan Reference	Description	Timescale [S, M, L]*	Action Status	Lead Partner(s)	Stakeholders	Success Indicators
5.1 Improved Village Appearance	All	5.1.1	Environmental improvements	S	Amended	ANDBC	Dfi, NIHE, KDCDA	1.8, 2.4, 4.2, 4.4, 5.4, 5.7
	All	5.1.2	Provision of gateway signage	S	New	ANDBC	Dfi, KDCDA	
	All	5.1.3	Dog fouling and littering	S	Existing	ANDBC	Dfi, KDCDA	
	Killinchy	5.1.4	Improved provision of benches/seating	M	New	ANDBC	Dfi, NIHE, KDCDA	
5.2 Tourism and Promotion of Local Assets	All	5.2.1	Information on history and heritage of local area	M	New	ANDBC	Dfi, KDCDA, TNI	1.8, 4.2, 4.4, 4.5
	Whiterock	5.2.2	Facilities for motor homes	M	New	ANDBC	Dfi, KDCDA, TNI	

Abbreviations:

- ANDBC** – Ards and North Down Borough Council
- CDCRN** – County Down Rural Community Network
- Dfi** – Department for Infrastructure
- DCT** – Down Community Transport
- KDCDA** – Killinchy and District Community Development Association
- NIHE** – Northern Ireland Housing Executive
- PSNI** – Police Service of Northern Ireland
- TNI** – Tourism NI

***Timescales:**

- S** – Short (0–18 months),
- M** – Medium (18 months – 3 years),
- L** – Long (3–5 years)

****Actions Status:**

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Success indicators

This is an indication of how individual actions may contribute to the overall Big Plan. NB: these indicators may change and evolve over time.

The 'Big Plan' Outcomes	Agreed (Success) Indicators	(Success) Indicators to be Developed
<p>OUTCOME 1</p> <p>All people in Ards and North Down fulfil their lifelong potential</p>	<p>1.1 Gap between % of non-free school meal entitlement school leavers and % FSME school leavers achieving level 2 or above (In English and Maths)</p> <p>1.2 Percentage of babies born at low birth weight</p> <p>1.3 Number of further education regulated enrolments by age</p>	<p>1.4 Number of older people living independently or in care i.e. having the correct support to allow them to live as they wish.</p> <p>1.5 Breakdown of types of skills and different demographics who are engaged in further education.</p> <p>1.6 % of children at appropriate stage of development in the immediate preschool year</p> <p>1.7 % of schools found to be good or better</p> <p>1.8 Number of people formally and informally volunteering</p>
<p>OUTCOME 2</p> <p>All people in Ards and North Down enjoy good health and wellbeing</p>	<p>2.1 Number of anti-depressant drug items dispensed per head of registered population</p> <p>2.2 Number of admissions to hospital per 100,000 for drugs or alcohol-related causes</p> <p>2.3 Number of preventable deaths per 100,000 population</p>	<p>2.4 % of the population participating in exercise (sports and physical activity) one, three or five times per week.</p> <p>2.5 Monitoring of extent of long-term health conditions such as diabetes.</p> <p>2.6 GHQ12 scores as a measure of mental health</p>
<p>OUTCOME 3</p> <p>All people in Ards and North Down live in communities where they are respected, safe and feel secure</p>	<p>3.1 Number of hospital admissions due to accidents</p> <p>3.2 Number of road traffic casualties per 10,000</p> <p>3.3 Number of recorded crime offences</p> <p>3.4 Number of recorded anti-social behaviour crime offences</p>	<p>3.5 % of the population who feel safe in their community</p> <p>3.6 Opportunities for children to be involved in shared education</p>
<p>OUTCOME 4</p> <p>All people in Ards and North Down benefit from a prosperous economy</p>	<p>4.1 Working age population – skill levels</p> <p>4.2 GVA – Value of Estimate (£m) – Ards and North Down</p> <p>4.3 Proportion of working age population who are economically inactive (%)</p> <p>4.4 Total spend (£m) during overnight trips</p>	<p>4.5 Breakdown of visitors to local tourism facilities, public parks, nature and historic sites.</p> <p>4.6 Breakdown of wages by sector e.g. tourism, arts and crafts, agri-food, technology etc.</p> <p>4.7 A skills barometer – matching skills of people to businesses and a better jobs index.</p> <p>4.8 Breakdown of people who are economically inactive and proportions of those who don't want to work</p>
<p>OUTCOME 5</p> <p>All people in Ards and North Down feel pride from having access to a well-managed sustainable environment</p>	<p>5.1 Number of applicants on Social Housing Stress list</p> <p>5.2 Area of pollinator friendly plants by Ards and North Down Borough Council (m2)</p>	<p>5.3 Availability of good broadband and mobile phone coverage.</p> <p>5.4 Number of people in urban areas who live within 1km of quality green space.</p> <p>5.5 Number of designated sites in favourable condition and number of buildings at risk.</p> <p>5.6 Number of biodiversity audits (habitat and species surveys) undertaken on publicly owned land</p> <p>5.7 Length of greenways, walking routes, canoe trails and cycle paths.</p> <p>5.8 Extent of coastal changes and the economic social and environmental impacts.</p> <p>5.9 Reporting of invasive species on publicly owned/managed land.</p> <p>5.10 % of energy from renewable sources (generated or used within Ards and North Down).</p> <p>5.11 Investment in and use of transport infrastructure (private and public).</p>

NB: these indicators may change and evolve over time.

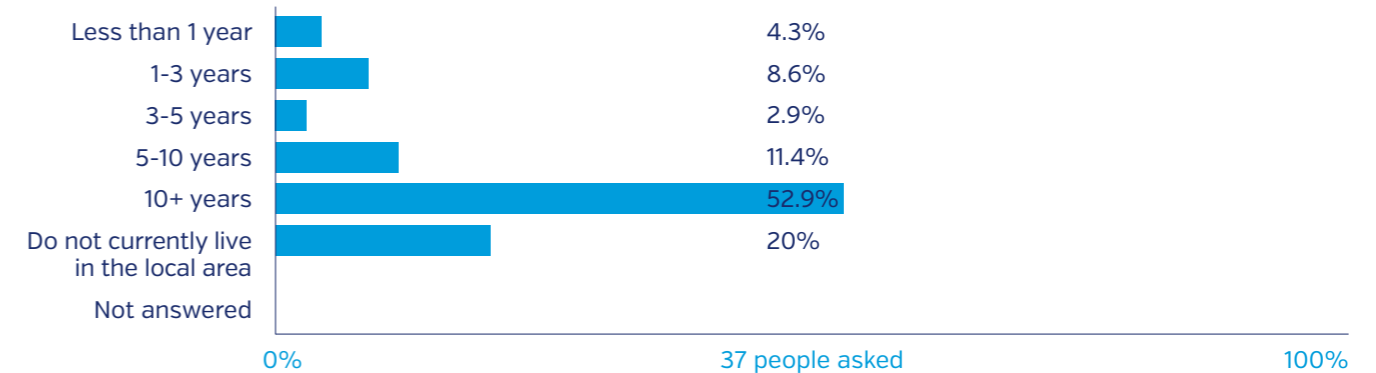
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APPENDIX A – COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

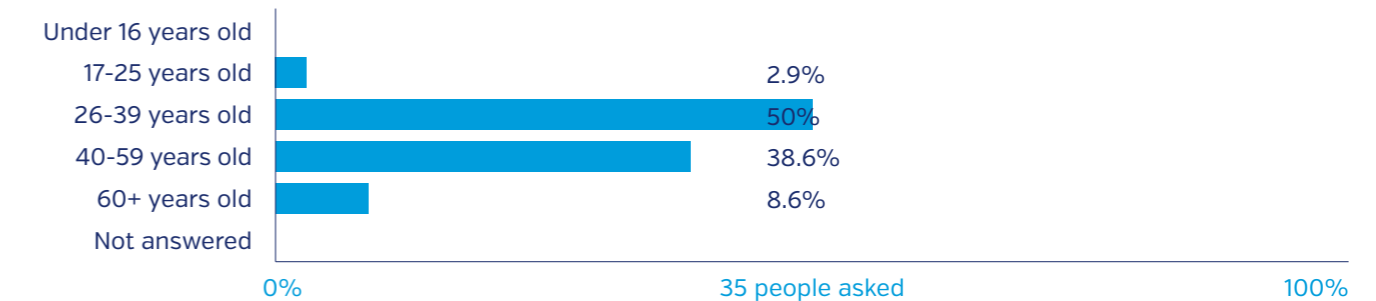
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KILLINCHY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY SURVEY – SUMMARY RESULTS

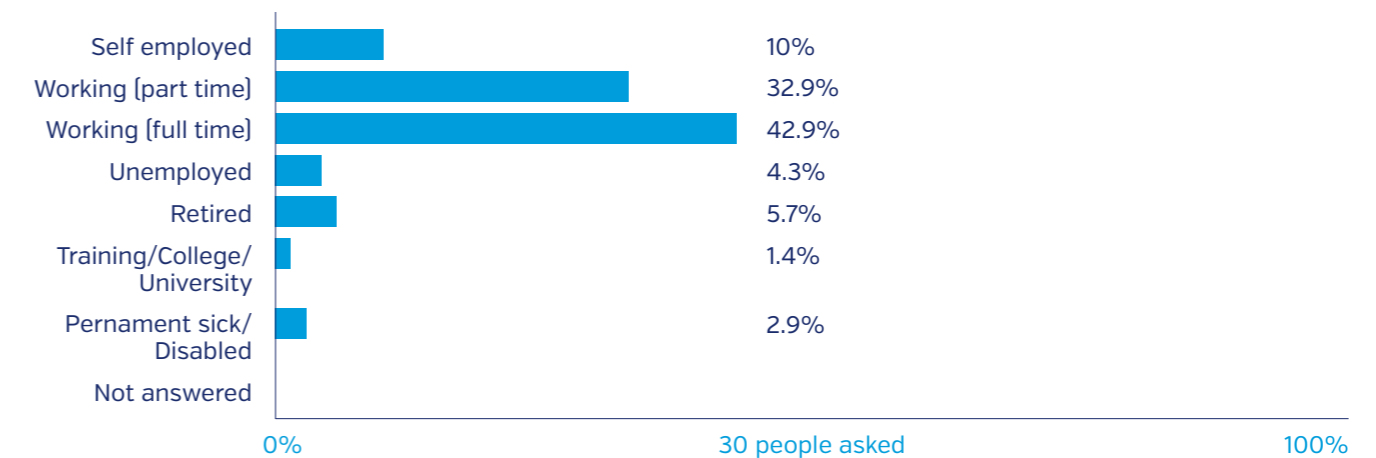
Question 1: How long have you lived in the local area?



Question 2: What is your age?



Question 3: What is your employment status?

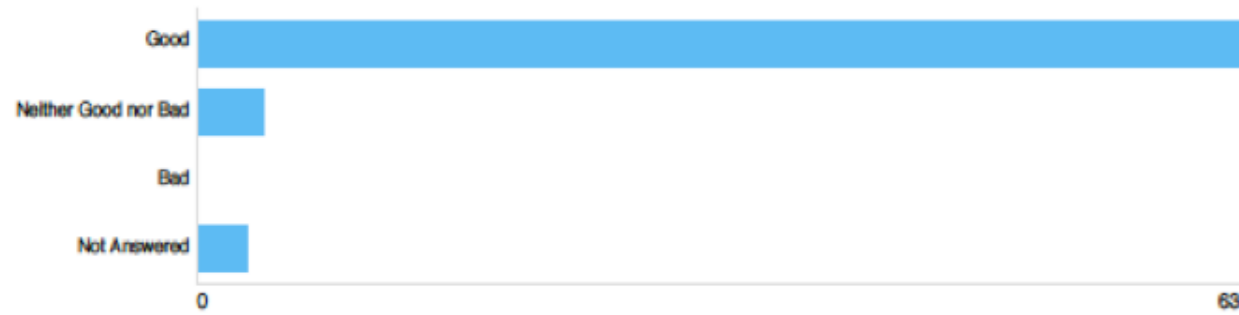


Question 4 & 5: How many people, including yourself, are there in your household in each of the following age groups?

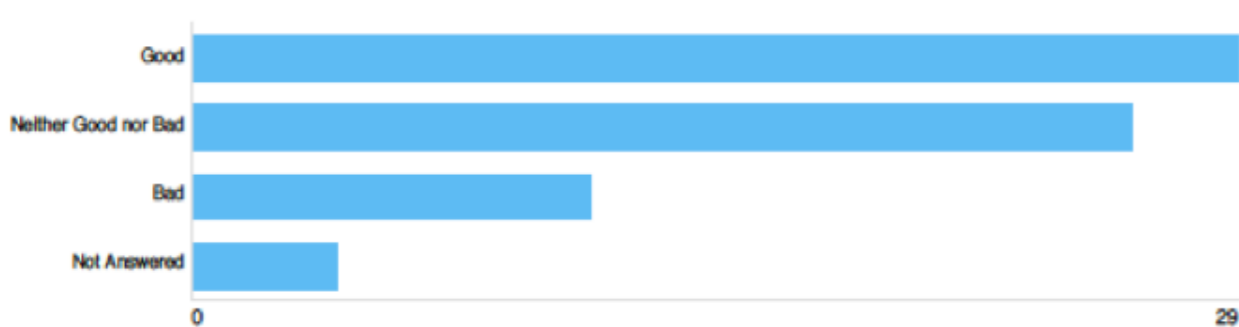
Age Group		Number in Household										Not Answered
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+	
0-4	Male	8	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59
	Female	13	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
5-17	Male	21	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
	Female	18	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44
18-35	Male	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57
	Female	19	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
36-50	Male	36	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
	Female	39	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
51-65	Male	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
	Female	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69
65+	Male	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65
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Question 6: Overall, taking all into consideration how would you...

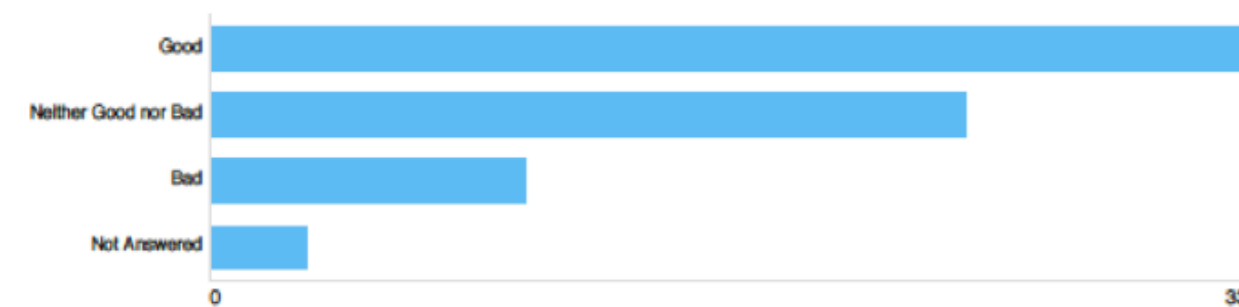
6.1 Rate the quality of life in Killinchy



6.2 Rate the quality of facilities in Killinchy



6.3 Rate the quality of services in Killinchy



Question 7: What do you feel is the best thing about living in Killinchy and District?

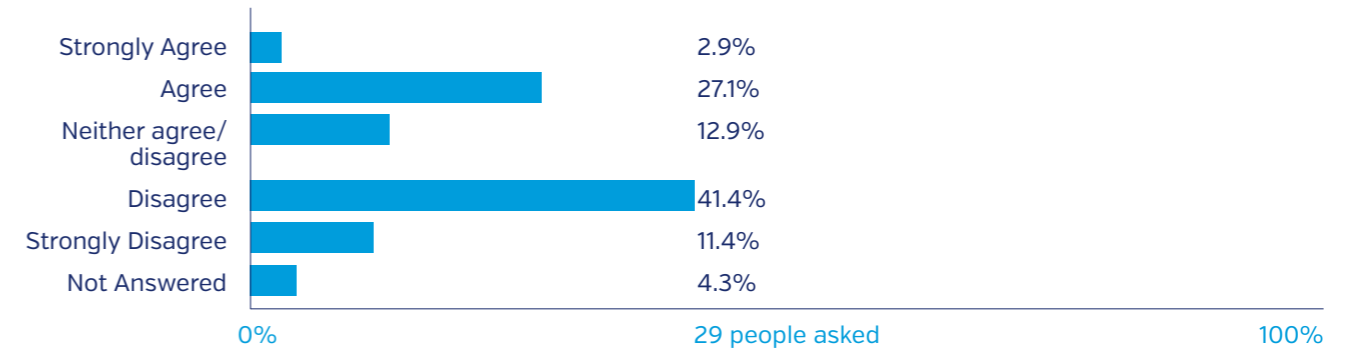
- Quiet, rural, surrounded by nature, not buildings.
- A peaceful community
- Community spirit. Beautiful countryside. Access to Strangford Lough
- Great community feel and nice countryside.
- The countryside is the best thing
- Central to Downpatrick & Newtownards. Plus primary school very handy.
- Sense of community, restaurants and close of the beautiful shores of Strangford Lough
- The community spirit and relationships, however this has been tested in recent years due to relationship breakdowns between some of the churches.
- Community
- Countryside
- Location within Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).
- Services and shops.
- Natural environment.
- The rural setting and community spirit.
- Strangford Lough.
- The people and country setting.
- The surrounding countryside.
- Rural area and small community.
- Central location and friendly community.
- The beautiful countryside. Good restaurants.
- The local community and the area surrounding it (countryside).
- Rural but yet close to Belfast, Saintfield, Ballygowan, Comber, Ballynahinch, Lisburn, Downpatrick etc. Well positioned.
- Close to countryside.
- Community spirit.
- The rural community and neighbourly feel.
- The homely feel.
- I live in Killyleagh but am in Killinchy three times per week as my 3 children attend the local school.
- The best thing is the playpark and the Spar shop at Balloo - good range of products.
- Strength of community and welcome for families.
- Peaceful, rural setting.
- The countryside and small community feeling.
- Being in a small village community.
- Not being in a built up town.
- Like not having major facilities - just the essentials.
- The lovely people.
- Natural landscape.
- The scenery!
- Quiet, rural community.
- The countryside and peacefulness.
- Scenery, peace and access to good schools.
- Feels like country living yet easy commute to Belfast and airports.
- Good primary school.
- Good neighbourhood feel.
- Access to the countryside and a real sense of community.
- Peaceful, friendly people.
- Good local school, nice restaurants and local shops.
- Safe, friendly community with lots of young families.
- Scenery.
- Friendly neighbours and strong community spirit.
- Countryside.
- Rural aspect to life. Amazing place to live.
- Quiet, peaceful, great neighbours
- Close to our places of work as we work in Downpatrick and Ards.
- Shops are within walking distance, as well as Community Hall and park.
- Killinchy is a nice place to live in.
- Amazing sea view, local Spar shops, quiet area. Handy to school!
- Quiet and peaceful.
- The countryside, wildlife, close proximity to the sea. Little or no paramilitary flags. Feels relatively unspoilt.
- It is quiet and clean.
- It is a good community.
- Quiet area.
- Good for children.
- Respectable.
- Living in the countryside but close to towns when needed.
- Killinchy is a quiet village to live in and my family live close by. You can call and speak to your neighbours at anytime
- Friendly neighbours, good community spirit
- Being close to Strangford Lough. Quiet setting but still close enough to be convenient to Belfast. Friendly people.
- Quiet, proximity to amenities yet rural
- Near to coastal areas and Strangford Lough. Walking, cycling and outdoor activities
- Rural and is fairly quiet.

Question 8: What is the key issue that needs to be addressed in Killinchy?
If you have ideas on how this issue should be addressed please let us know.

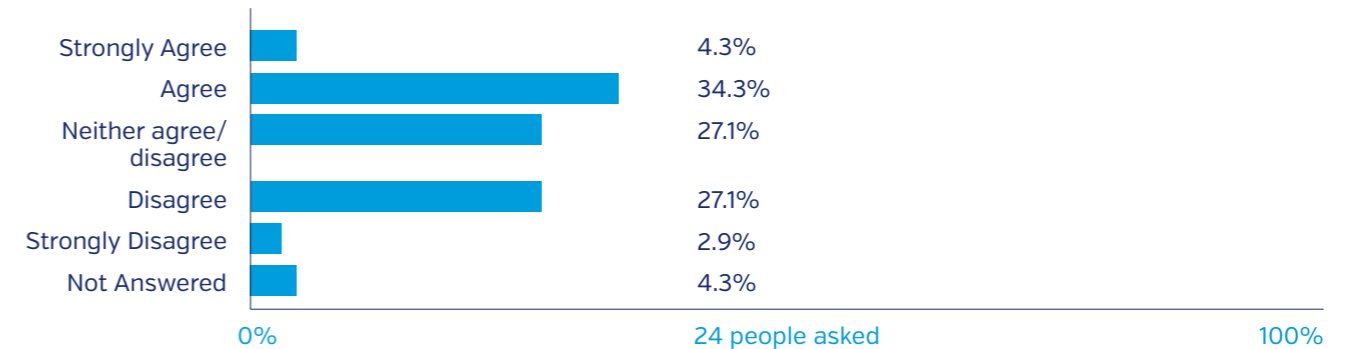
- Main road between the Crafty Fox and McCanns - very dangerous - especially crossing from McCanns side.
- Public toilets at playpark.
- The bus service is inadequate.
- Facilities for young people.
- Transport, access to doctors, chemist.
- Community activities.
- An issue would be not to knock down old buildings that add character to the village and have historic value.
- Zebra crossings.
- Traffic calming - make village area 20mph.
- Speed bumps on the Whiterock Road to slow down cars and massive Willowbrook lorries, who are too big for the road.
- Better parking at Killinchy Primary School.
- Dangerous roads.
- Better play park - using overgrown area beside the park.
- Transport.
- Community facilities and activities for all ages. More shops.
- A large number of big lorries on small country roads.
- Speed at crossroads.
- Better sports facilities.
- Street lights to Balloo.
- Speed ramps on Main Street for school.
- Upgrade park and play area at Community Hall.
- Theft and damage to property.
- Bad traffic in Balloo during school time.
- Speeding traffic through the village. Dogs should be kept under control and on leads
- Constant flow of lorries through the village going to Willowbank Farm.
- Speed of traffic through village
- Crime
- Lorries travelling through village. Children crossing road to playpark Bigger community hall with bigger kitchen
- Lack of a natural focal point in the village - there is no shop or doctor. Focal point is therefore either the school or community hall.
- Maintain Green Belt and Area of Outstanding Beauty status
- Maintain hamlet status
- Clear background of planning status,
- clear set of transport regulations and implementation
- Poor planning regulation.
- Road quality issues - potholes etc.
- No issues.
- Public transport, burglaries and school parking.
- Facilities for nursery, too small.
- Quality of roads.
- Parking for local primary school.
- 30mph speed limit from Killinchy community hall through village until Whiterock Hills [is a major]. The speed of all vehicles.
- Parking.
- Road safety at Ballybunden junction.
- Speed coming into Balloo.
- Youths causing problems at the park. They play football in the park putting younger kids in danger of being hit by a ball and stopping them from playing. There are a lot of burglaries in the village at the moment.
- Busy main road crossing it as a pedestrian and the speed cars and lorries drive through it.
- Local transport. Not enough bus stops/bus services.
- Local toddler group - Killinchy needs to be church run to run smoothly and attract members.
- Road safety on Main Street - Ardview Park for school times.
- Traffic at local school. Quality and width of roads.
- Road surfaces are poor and not maintained
- Streetlighting is poor and sparse.
- Roads are not wide enough nor safe enough, especially given the volume of cyclists.
- Traffic calming measures in Balloo, it's very dangerous for pedestrians, unsafe footpaths, there is no bus shelter. Poor lighting between the villages,
- anti-social behaviour from local teenagers around the community hall and play park.
- Increase in crime - in relation to thefts from sheds and garages. Dog fouling
- Street lighting on the hills from Balloo to Killinchy
- When events are on at the Community Hall cars park everywhere on the Hills, in the village, over people's garages!
- General untidiness of the area - footpaths are extremely uneven and have weeds growing out of them all shapes!
- Land at Community Hall beside the football pitch is just a wasteland and is so untidy looking it's ridiculous!.
- Walk ways. There is no path on the Killyleagh Road
- Overall appearance especially driving up from Balloo. Very untidy in areas, dog fouling & rubbish.
- Traffic issues - small roads - large vehicles. Many large lorries delivering to Whiterock through Killinchy. More new houses on Saintfield Road.
- Large lorries on Saintfield Road hills with little consideration for other road users, especially at narrow corners.
- Poor broadband in our location.
- Transport.

Question 9: Please respond to the following statements regarding the facilities and services available in Killinchy...

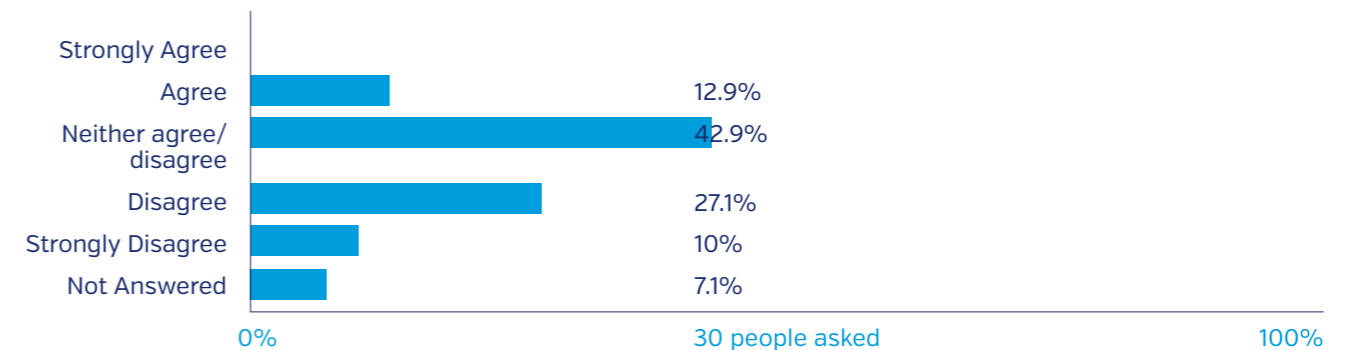
9.1 am not aware of the range of services and facilities available in Killinchy



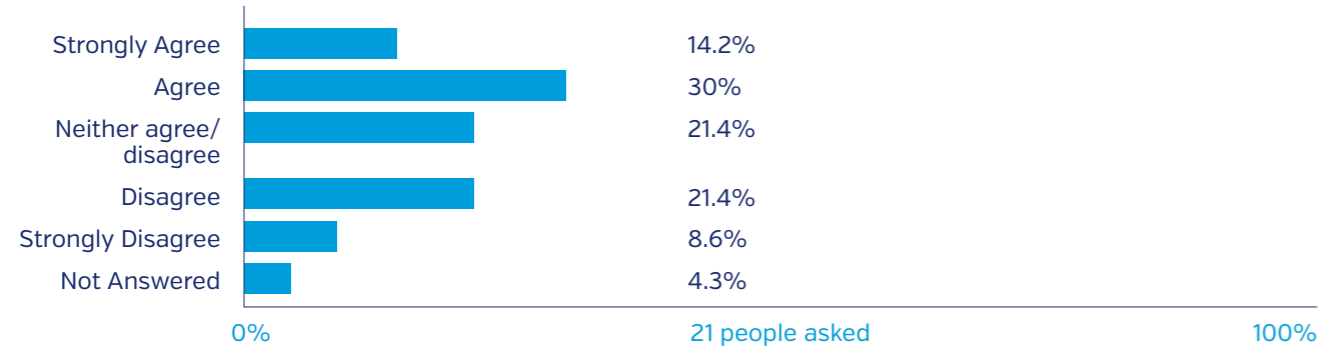
9.2 I feel that there is sufficient information about the services and facilities available in Killinchy



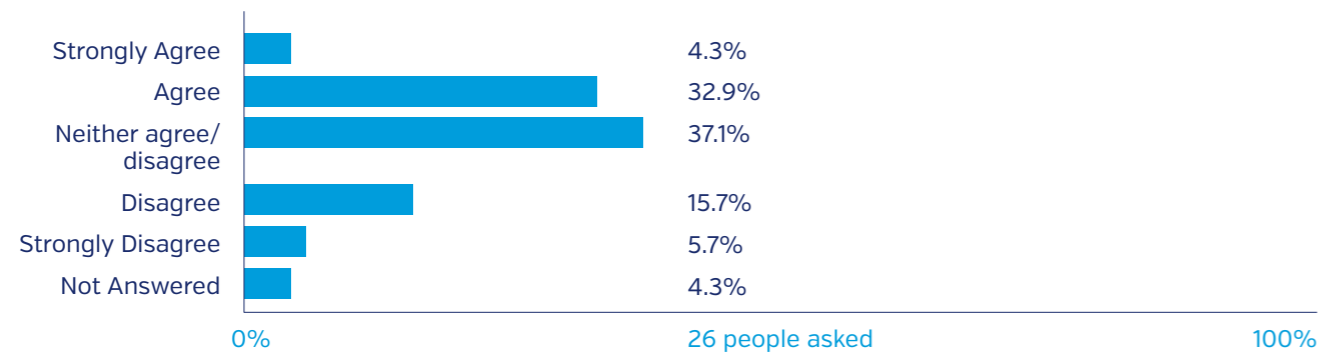
9.3 I find accessing services in Killinchy difficult and rarely use them



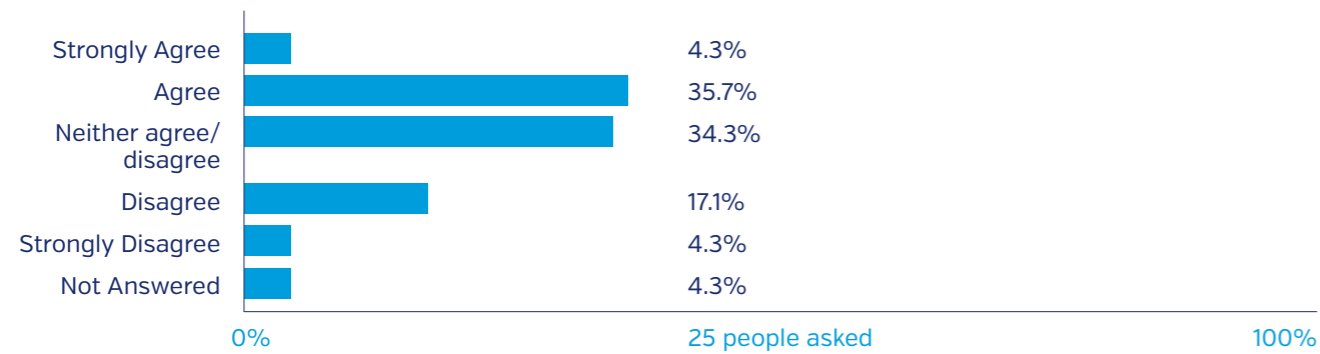
9.4 I access and use community facilities or services on a weekly basis



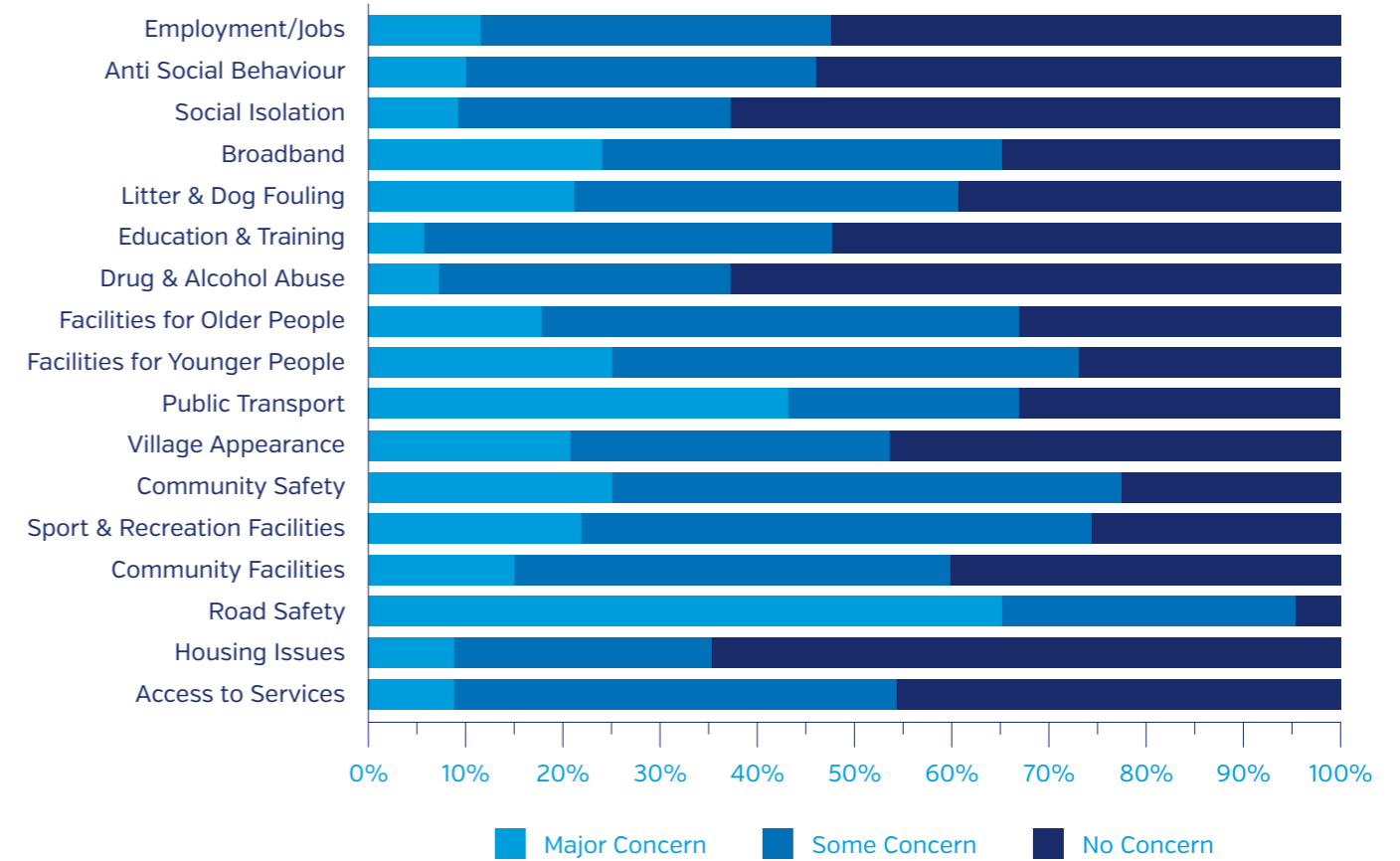
9.5 Services and facilities in Killinchy are reflective of local needs



9.6 I feel community facilities are of a high standard and meet local needs



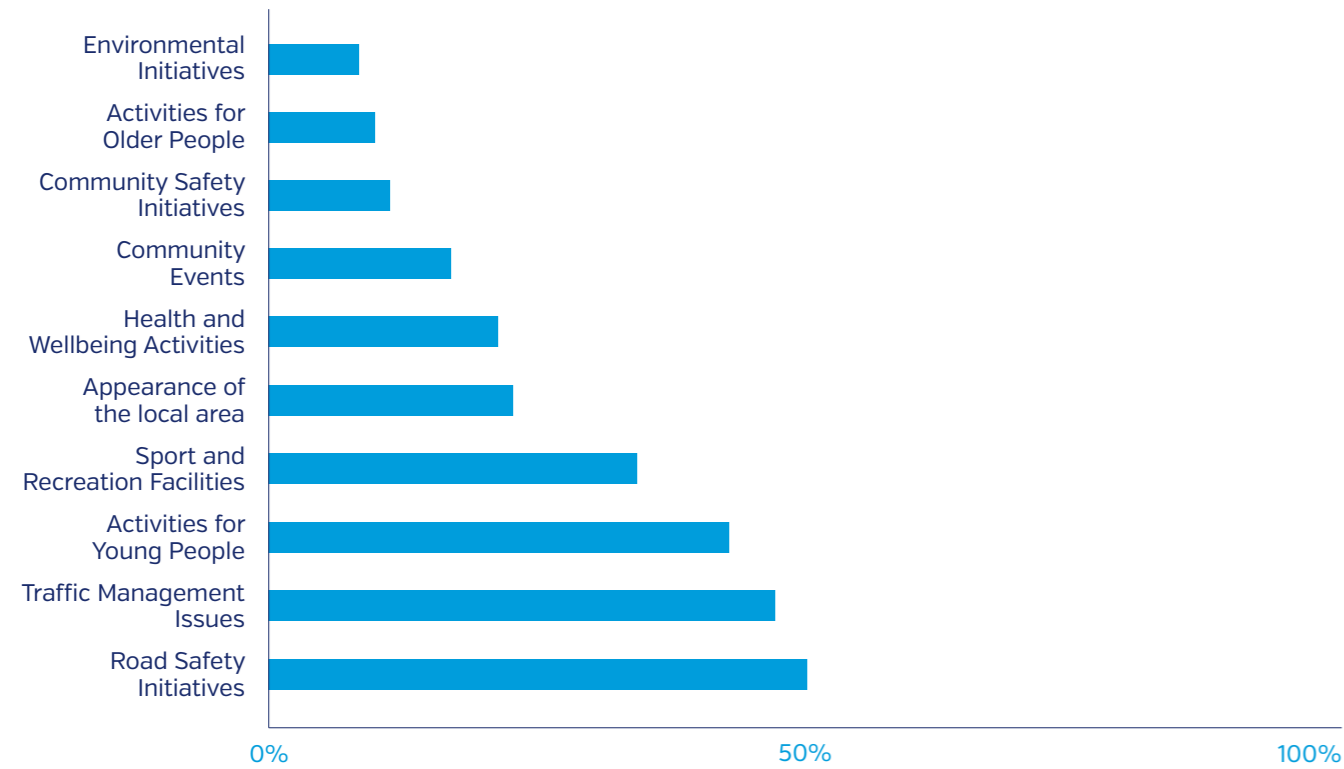
Question 10: A number of issues that may affect the local area are listed below - please respond to each of the issues listed as to whether you feel it is of 'No Concern', 'Some Concern' or 'Major Concern'



Question 11: Please consider the following list and RANK IN ORDER OF PRIORITY with 1 being the MOST important issue you feel should be addressed through to 7, which is the LEAST important issues to address for Killinchy.



Question 12: In terms of community services, programmes or activities please mark the ones that you feel should be prioritised for Killinchy. Please select a maximum of 3.



Question 13: Are there any other needs, issues or actions you would like to highlight or feel should be prioritised for Killinchy?

- Road safety in Balloo, where dozens of people cross the road daily, many school children too.
- Pedestrian crossings required on Beechvale Road at community hall and between Crafty Fox and McCann's shop on Comber Rd.
- There is no access to GP services or a pharmacy within the village
- There is little provision for older children and teenagers. A skate park and/or pump track would be a positive addition to facilities at the current community centre.
- The Killinchy area has outgrown the school. School needs made bigger.
- Large grass area below park at community centre needs levelled or something done with it.
- No bus service from main Killyleagh Road to Killinchy village.
- Community hall carpark too small.
- Parking always an issue at Killinchy Primary School.
- Lack of street lighting from Balloo crossroads to Killinchy village.
- Need to encourage more classes for all age groups in the village.
- Improve on the sports classes available for children, e.g. football, hockey, netball, tag rugby etc.
- Toilets near the park.
- Road safety.
- Zebra crossings.
- Traffic speed calming.
- A neighbourhood watch.
- Trees between Beechvale and Community Hall all cut down so drivers can see the park and entrance/exit of nursing home better to ensure safety is maximised.
- More signage for park/children playing.
- Speed of motorists needs fixing!
- Clelland Avenue requires a makeover
- Car Park needs resurfacing
- Footpaths require updating
- Grass / Weeds growing everywhere
- Grass cutting / Hedges more often
- Speed limit at Balloo needs reinforced.
- Greater variety of activities at community centre.
- Perhaps more play facilities/flat cycle path around football pitch.
- Public transport into the village.
- An improved playpark for children would be great.
- Better provision of bus stops and bus services.
- An outdoor tennis court or football/rugby pitch.
- Major improvements are required at Balloo crossroads and especially in light of new development (housing).
- Housing

Question 14: Please make any additional comments that you feel would help to develop a village plan for Killinchy.

- Involvement by the local, elected MPs, MLAs, to monitor, and push, for improvements
- Invest money in the place. I feel like no money has been invested of late in the area especially since the amalgamation of the council!
- Don't just develop a plan - implement the plan!!
- No ball games signs in park. More litter bins. Pedestrian crossings.
- Inadequate and dangerous parking provision at the community hall which prevents the maximum use of this facility
- Better parking facilities at Killinchy Primary School?
- Can flowers be planted somewhere
- Some type of young people project to bring our local community together with others. Cycling project to help encourage road safety for cyclists and road users.
- Rethink advertising - no board outside community hall?
- Cultural project to help communities accept different religions and cultures.
- Some community events I only get information through primary school and therefore many locals are missing out.
- Address traffic speed.
- Zebra crossings.
- Traffic in a school area.
- Volume and speed of lorries in the area.
- Neighbourhood watch scheme.

APPENDIX B. TRACKING AND MONITORING TEMPLATE

OUTCOME 1: KILLINCHY AND DISTRICT AREA - ACHIEVING ITS FULL POTENTIAL				
Outcome	Action	Output/Indicator(s)	Update on Actions/Outputs (date)	Status
Community Engagement [EXAMPLE]	Provision of services aimed at supporting engagement and inclusion of older people and specifically older men	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete needs assessment with older people / men. At least one new programme for older people At least one new programme for older men 	Completed needs assessment with 112 older people (including 47 men) providing views (Nov 18) 'Good Morning Service' established and running for two months. Work underway to establish 'mens shed' (Dec 18)	Ongoing (on track)
1.1 Community Engagement and Services	1.1.1 Development of activities and programmes for young people			
	1.1.2 Pre-school facilities and childcare			
	1.1.3 Development of activities to support engagement and inclusion of older people			
	1.1.4 Community events and information sharing			
	1.1.5 Outreach of key community services			
	1.1.6 Community capacity, support and involvement			
1.2 Community Space	1.2.1 Development of community hall			
	1.2.2 Ongoing assessment of community need			

OUTCOME 2: A HEALTHY AND ACTIVE KILLINCHY AND DISTRICT AREA				
Outcome	Action	Output/Indicator(s)	Update on Actions/Outputs (date)	Status
2.1 Sports and Recreation	2.1.1 Mini environmental improvement scheme around community hall (Killinchy)			
	2.1.2 Enhanced play facilities at playpark			
	2.1.3 Support for sports clubs			
	2.1.4 Sports development plan			

OUTCOME 3: A CONNECTED, SECURE AND SAFE KILLINCHY AND DISTRICT AREA				
Outcome	Action	Output/Indicator(s)	Update on Actions/Outputs (date)	Status
3.1 Improved Roads and Access	3.1.1 Improve the quality, surface and maintenance of key footpaths			
	3.1.2 Resurfacing of minor, access and connecting roads			
	3.1.3 Provision of street lighting			
	3.1.4 Improved public transport provision			
	3.1.5 Provision of appropriate bus stops/shelters			
3.2 Road Safety and Traffic Calming	3.2.1 Traffic survey			
	3.2.2 Improved road safety and traffic calming measures			
	3.2.3 Hedges and grass verges			
3.3 Community Safety	3.3.1 Establish neighbourhood watch scheme			
	3.3.2 Address anti-social behaviour and low-level crime			

OUTCOME 4: SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND EMPLOYMENT IN KILLINCHY AND DISTRICT AREA				
Outcome	Action	Output/Indicator(s)	Update on Actions/Outputs (date)	Status
4.1 Support for Local Business and Economy	4.1.1 Support for business start-up and growth			
	4.1.2 Support for micro/small business (sales and promotion)			
	4.1.3 Digital hub facilities			

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