

APPENDIX 2

INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN BY COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL

APRIL 2006 – MARCH 2007

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS CURRENTLY BEING PROGRESSED
IN INVESTING FOR HEALTH**

ACTION	INITIATIVES CURRENTLY BEING PROGRESSED	OUTCOMES
<p><u>HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELL BEING</u> <u>Smoking initiatives</u> To ensure that all partners are implementing a smoking policy and comply with the smoke-free legislation to be introduced in April 2007</p>	<p>Legislation passed through Parliament, The Smoking (Northern Ireland) Order 2006. Advice, literature and signage provided to 2,500 premises</p>	<p>Smoking ban in all work and enclosed spaces due to be introduced 30 April 2007</p>
<p>To support the Northern Tobacco Control Group (NTCG) in the implementation of the Tobacco Action Plan</p>	<p>Supported the introduction of smoke-free workplaces</p>	<p>Number of premises that introduced a smoking policy and attained a smoke free award</p>
<p>Sales of tobacco to under aged persons</p>	<p>Test purchases undertaken in number of premises.</p>	<p>Number of retail shops surveyed. No sales witnessed.</p>
<p>Citizen cards</p>	<p>Work with schools to promote the use of citizens cards</p>	
<p>No smoking day – 13 March 2007</p>	<p>Had a competition in local secondary schools to raise awareness on the health risks associated with smoking. Had a health nurse at local shopping centre. Promotion of the health risks associated with smoking</p>	<p>Three awards presented by the Mayor, Councillor William King. (see photos)</p>
<p>Promotion of smoking cessation services</p>	<p>Signposting people who need help on smoking cessation services locally</p>	<p>List of clinics and pharmacies locally that have smoking cessation services readily availability on the website</p>

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<u>HEALTH & SAFETY INITIATIVES</u> Delivery of joint initiatives targeted at employers and employees in order to raise awareness of the major causes of workplace accidents	Provided education and literature	Provided training, instruction and information leaflets
Safe practices in hairdressers/tattooists	Various targeted initiatives aimed at high risk work activities	
Gas safety		
Retail fuel. Storage depots – falls from height		
Musculoskeletal disorders		
Asbestos in workplaces		

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<u>FOOD</u> Eat Safe	Promote the Eat Safe Award in catering premises that attain a hygiene standard over and above the legal requirement and safety hygiene practices	To date 25 number of premises have attained the Eat Safe Award in the Borough
Nutrition training for Environmental Health Staff	To train our professional staff to attain a qualification on nutrition so that when they are carrying out inspections, they can advise occupiers and owners of food businesses in nutritional aspects of their business	Hope to complete during 2007/2008 financial year, resources permitting.
Support and develop community based food and nutrition programmes	Nutritional food training (practical 1 day course) planned for April 2007 for Chinese caterers	Completed 19/20/21 April 2007 in Belfast Training specifically for Environmental Health staff on Chinese cookery
Obesity	Officers will engage and support community based nutritional initiatives	Participate in NIFH obesity subgroup. Source funding available for initiatives
Support the implementation of the Regional Breastfeeding Strategy	Support those persons who wish to breastfeed their children in public buildings/places	Ongoing
Healthy Eating	Promote and support healthy eating initiatives within our community	Ongoing
Country Market	Support the running of a monthly Country Market, sourcing local/fresh produce	Ongoing
Community Garden	Council participating in a partnership grouping to possibly provide a community garden in the Borough	Ongoing

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<u>HOME SAFETY</u>		
Home Safety Officer	Part-finance the employment of the Home Safety Officer. Raise awareness of home safety issues	Barbara Allison in place since July 2006. Work plan formulated for Coleraine Borough Council
Home Safety Checks	Undertake inspections of households where persons under 5 years and over 60's reside to ensure they are safe places	Provide home safety equipment where necessary
HAP	Provide staffing resources and actively participate in Home Accident Prevention Coleraine (HAP)	Various initiatives undertaken during the year to promote safety in the home.
Streetwise	Annually organize and participate in an event to promote health and well-being for P7 school children	Annually in June approx 400+ children attend this multi-agency event to raise awareness of personal, home, road and computer safety among children aged 10/11yrs old
Hazard House	Support and promote the use of Hazard House in Ballymoney	Provide resources to man and finance the facility at Hazard House
Home Safety Training	Officers engage in ROSPA training to raise awareness of Home Safety issues	Ongoing

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<u>FUEL POVERTY</u>		
Fuel Poverty Officer	Support the work of the Fuel Poverty Officer	Jacqui Frazer, Fuel Poverty Officer, now in place to co-ordinate fuel poverty issues throughout the Borough and the ten other Councils in the Northern Group area
Work with St Vincent De Paul & Salvation Army	Promote a fuel stamp scheme to assist with the purchase of fuel	Hope to launch May 2007
Work with Ega to promote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - energy efficiency - house insulation - provision of grants for replacement/provision of oil fired boilers - promote renewable technology 	Warmer homes Warmer ways to Better health Home efficiency Promotion of renewable energies	Ongoing 10 Households availed of grant aid to insulate and provide proper heating systems for their homes 2006/2007 period with expenditure in the region of £45,000 spent in the Borough

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<u>CLEAN AIR</u>		
To achieve air quality targets set out in UK Air Quality Strategy	Continue to monitor air quality in the Borough <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - identify areas of poor air quality - provide reports on the quality of air in the Borough - forward to central government 	Monitor 12 strategic locations in the Borough for NO ₂ Prepare an annual air quality report for the Borough and submit to the D.O.E., Environment and Heritage Service

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<p><u>LIFESKILLS, EDUCATION AND TRAINING</u></p> <p>Support for the implementation of Health Promoting Schools Initiative</p> <p>Accident Prevention integrated into the curriculum</p>	<p>Seven local schools have signed up to the scheme.</p> <p>Council will work with Principals in helping them achieve their action plans</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Local Democracy</p>	<p>Promotion of visits to the Council Civic building.</p> <p>Run who wants to be a Councillor?</p>	<p>Completed in December 2006</p>
<p>Beach Safety</p>	<p>Council worked with ROSPA, Coastguard and the relevant agencies and drew up codes of practice to promote good beach safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - provide lifeguards at our beaches during the busy summer period - provide literature and signage to promote beach safety and raise awareness of particular hazards on all coastal waters 	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Promotion of Healthier Lifestyles</p>	<p>Council's Leisure Centre provides a comprehensive suite of facilities and activities to promote healthier lifestyles for its inhabitants and visitors eg community centres, leisure facilities, open spaces, parks, coastal walks</p>	<p>Various events/sporting activities provided throughout the year and particularly during holiday periods, to encourage young children/teenagers to participate and get active</p>

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<p><u>NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL</u></p> <p>To support measures for renewing our most disadvantaged neighbourhoods and communities</p>	<p>Engage with other stakeholders and support initiatives in communities identified as disadvantaged eg Ballysally, Churchlands and Dhu Varren estates</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Action plans now drawn up for both the Churchlands and Ballysally estates to promote better health and well being for their inhabitants</p>
<p>Actively support the implementation of the Road Safety Strategy</p>	<p>Provide participation in local road safety committee. Support in kind initiatives undertaken.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>VIPs – Vulnerable Isolated Persons</p>	<p>Promote safer homes/environments for vulnerable isolated persons. Work in partnership with other lead agencies. Source funding where appropriate</p>	<p>Funding now available. Hoping to roll out the VIP’s initiative during 2007/2008 financial period</p>

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<p><u>MENTAL HEALTH</u></p>	<p>Council to encourage inhabitants of the Borough to engage in activities that will promote healthy lifestyles and wellbeing Support the Health Promotion Agency strategy to raise awareness on mental health and suicide</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

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<p><u>NIGHT SAFE COLERAINE</u></p> <p>Support the Northern Drug and Alcohol Co-ordination Team</p>	<p>Support partnership working engaging with the statutory and voluntary agencies and businesses to help promote a safer night time economy in the Borough</p>	<p>Introduce a charter status for businesses to adopt an acceptable code of practice - provide literature materials eg CDs to raise awareness of the risks of the use/misuse of alcohol, drugs, solvents</p>

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<p><u>DOG CONTROL</u></p>	<p>Promote responsible dog ownership - support neutering, microchipping, anti-bark collars etc</p>	<p>Dedicate a ½ unit of officer to undertake education initiatives. Provide advice and literature on responsible dog ownership to school children, community and voluntary groupings</p>

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<p><u>SPORTS DEVELOPMENT</u></p> <p>Support the Northern Partnership for Physical Activity</p>	<p>Working in partnership with various partners to encourage physical activities, healthier lifestyles and promoting wellbeing with particular focus on areas identified as disadvantaged.</p> <p>Promote sporting activities for all inhabitants and visitors to the Borough</p>	<p>Various programmes available, at the local Leisure and Community Centres. Promote and encourage cycling, walking and uses of our beaches</p>
<p>Establishment of an information sub-group to agree key indicators for monitoring performance against key targets and objectives within Investing for Health</p>	<p>Participate in a forum to develop a framework for monitoring the progress being made to meet the objectives and targets of the investing for health strategy</p>	<p>To commence 2007/2008 financial period</p>

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<p><u>INCREASE AWARENESS WITHIN COMMUNITIES OF THE ROLE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH</u></p> <p>Workshops to be run, in partnership with CABs, delivering advice to increase awareness within communities of the role of Environmental Health by providing literature and roadshows for community groups, general public, voluntary groups, elected members and opinion formers</p>	<p>Work in partnership with CAB.</p> <p>Provide a clinic at CAB offices for two hours monthly.</p> <p>Provide literature for the public, voluntary and community groups.</p>	<p>Reported to Council March 2007</p> <p>Launched by the Mayor of Coleraine, Councillor William King April 2007</p> <p>First clinic at C.A.B. April 2007</p>

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Minimisation of waste promoting segregation of waste at source and increasing recycling opportunities	Appointment of biodiversity officer. Promote segregation of waste at source and increase recycling opportunities.	Provide blue bin collection. Look to providing brown bins for composting. Provide talks and literature on recycling. Provide adequate recycling facilities in the Borough
Support for NNHAZ	Support initiatives in Ballysally on NNHAZ	Ongoing
Explore the way forward in ensuring implementation of the Regional Malignant Melanoma Strategy	Remove all the sunbeds from Council facilities. Work with businesses to promote safer use of sunbeds.	Completed Training scheduled for May 2007
Agree monitoring and reporting arrangements for initiatives identified		
Agree methods of continuing to influence respective Departmental Policies		
Undertake training in effective partnership working for with partners as appropriate		