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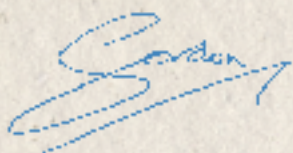
Welcome to my second North Down Constituency Report. I count it a great honour to represent the people of North Down as I continue to make serving my constituents the number one priority in my role as an MLA.

My full time North Down Constituency Advice Centre is open to serve you on any issue. The past year has been one filled with challenges and rewards as I have served the people of North Down in the Assembly Chamber at Stormont.

It is vital that the NI Assembly continues to make progress on the issues that matter to us all and I will endeavour to ensure delivery for the people of North Down as we continue to consolidate our position within the United Kingdom.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely



Gordon Dunne MLA



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## BANGOR REGENERATION

The new Bangor Aurora Aquatic and Leisure Complex represents an investment of £38m in new leisure facilities. This includes the £15m grant from the NI Executive through DCAL, and delivers long-term socio-economic and sporting benefits. DSD have given a financial commitment of £3m in conjunction with the Council's £3m to fund the Public Realm Scheme to include new footpaths, lighting and street furniture from Abbey Street through to High Street. The recent acquisition of Queens Parade by DSD is further commitment by the NI Assembly and I will continue to press for further progress on redevelopment.



## REGENERATION OF HOLYWOOD

Hollywood is set to benefit from a £2.1 million Public Realm Scheme, involving DSD and North Down Borough Council, due to commence in January 2014. Work includes; new footpaths, lighting and street furniture throughout the town centre. I have secured a commitment from the Regional Development Minister for the resurfacing of roads following completion of this work. Plans are also in place for a new Council funded 3G Sports Pitch at Spafield and I will continue to lobby for the Hollywood sports clubs provision.



## VILLAGE RENEWAL

As a member of the Down Rural Area Partnership, I have lobbied for a fair share of funding for the establishment of Village Plans for Crawfordsburn, Helen's Bay and Groomsport. The plans will be used as a tool to acquire funding from various agencies for Community led improvements to the Villages. The popular Coastal Path is also going to benefit from improvements following investment from the DRAP. Involved in liaising with DOE Planning Service and local residents concerning major planning applications in the three Villages.



## HOUSING

Lobbied DSD to secure investment for the Double Glazing scheme for all Housing Executive properties in North Down. This will help support families, elderly and our most vulnerable citizens in tackling fuel poverty. I will continue to press DSD on the need for greater access to Gas as a replacement for Oil. I have campaigned for new-build social homes to meet the ever increasing demand for housing locally and I'm glad progress has been made on delivery for new homes at West Green, Hollywood and Primacy Road, Bangor.



## DONAGHADEE

Donaghadee is set to benefit from a Public Realm Scheme from DSD in its forward work programme for 2014/15. I am also pleased that Ards Borough Council will match fund DSD's contribution. It is important that agencies work together to encourage regeneration of the Town Centre. I have also worked on Housing Executive refurbishment, window replacement schemes and with DRD on road improvements.



## EDUCATION

The Hollywood Multi-Schools project including Priory College, Hollywood Primary and Hollywood Nursery Schools must be progressed following a recent visit from the Education Minister which I initiated. The recently opened and long awaited new Bangor Grammar School facility has been a major boost for Education provision in the North Down area with its excellent educational and sporting facilities. We also continue to lobby on the need for New School provision for Bangor Central Primary School and the retention of other local Schools, as well as seeking to maintain academic selection.



## ROADS

Resurfacing and Maintenance of Roads in North Down has been raised with the DRD Minister, including funding for road and footpath repairs, A2 Dual Carriageway and Road Signage improvements. The need for improved winter gritting arrangements, installation of Grit Boxes and road cleaning has also been raised with the DRD North Down Section Office. I have also pressed the need for traffic light installations on the A2 Dual Carriageway and road safety improvements. Led delegations to both DRD and DOE Ministers about exploring all viable options for the Craigantlet Crossroads Improvement Scheme.



## HEALTH

I continue to monitor the performance of the South Eastern Health Trust including the Ulster Hospital; especially patient waiting lists and the performance of the A&E Department. I welcome the on-going investment at the Ulster Hospital including the new main Building and A&E facility, the acquisition of a second MRI Scanner this year and the decision by the Minister to provide a new purpose built Mental Health Unit at the Ulster Hospital. I've lobbied the Health Minister on securing Children's Paediatric Cardiac Services, the need for a Cath-lab at the Ulster and have continued to listen to, and support our local Pharmacies, Doctors and Dentists.



## ECONOMY

The Economy remains a key priority in these challenging times. North Down has many Small to Medium Enterprises which need our continued support. I've hosted the DETI Minister on several visits to the Constituency and have worked alongside Invest NI in support of local businesses on issues including loan funds, site acquisition and planning. Tourism also has a role to play in supporting our local economy and we must continue to develop our potential with the Ulster Folk Museum, Pickie Fun Park, Golf Tourism and other local attractions.



## AGRICULTURE

Our Agri-Food sector is one of our growth sectors, we should be very proud of our Quality Assured Produce. It's important that we support farmers to ensure they get a fair deal from Europe and from DARD. Rural Crime continues to be a problem which I've raised in the Assembly and with the PSNI. I continue to work to improve Farm Safety and have been involved in Rural Planning applications within the confines of PPS 21. I have hosted a Rural Roadshow event locally to consult and engage with the rural community.



## MILLISLE

After lobbying the DRD Minister, plans are now in place for a new pumping station. This is long overdue given the history of problems with sewage. Dog fouling is another issue which I continue to highlight, as well as the appearance and maintenance of the Beach. I am glad that an application for a Youth and Community Facility in Millisle has been awarded funding through the Down Rural Area Partnership. This will supplement the recent appointment of an SEELB outreach youth worker for the Ards Peninsula area.



## STORMONT TOURS

I have been delighted to host tours of Parliament Buildings for a wide range of groups and organisations within the North Down area and beyond. If you would like a tour for you, a charity, community group, organisation, school, club or church group please contact my Office for more details.



# STORMONT EVENTS



Watoto African Youth Choir



Ulster Rugby



Bangor Coastguard Rescue Team

## ABOUT GORDON DUNNE MLA



Gordon was elected to serve the people of North Down in the Northern Ireland Assembly in May 2011. Gordon is a member of the Health Committee and the Enterprise, Trade and Investment Committee as well as a Member of the All Party Groups on Cancer, Heart Disease and Stroke and Renewable Energy.

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