

**Causeway Coast
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
Action Plan**

2013 – 2018

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			14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19		
1. Conserve and enhance the natural environment	1.1	Review and maintain full representation according to Terms of Reference for CCAONB Management Group	CCGHT		X	X	X	X	Post Review of Public Administration; update CCAONB Management Group Terms of Reference to ensure full representation. Costs: Staff Time Potential Funding: Core AONB
	1.2	Agree and sign a MOU with consultees to ensure the CCAONB Management Group's views are considered in relevant planning responses	CCGHT	X					An MOU with consultees would provide CCAONB Management Group Members with an opportunity to comment on Planning Applications, without the need to a formal objection. Costs: Staff Time Potential Funding: Core AONB
	1.3	Host a presentation for local landowners on the replacement scheme for Northern Ireland Countryside Management Scheme (NICMS)	DARD [CCGHT]	X					DARD will work with CCGHT to host a presentation about the new NICMS and opportunities available for sensitive land management and new agri-environment schemes Costs: Venue Hire / Staff Time Potential Funding: Core AONB
	1.4	Provide links to relevant management plans and guidelines through Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust website.	CCGHT	X	X	X	X	X	CCGHT will provide and maintain an area on their website which directs users to relevant management plans and guidelines Costs: Staff Time Potential Funding: Core AONB
	1.5	Compile and circulate an annual e-newsletter to update community associations on funding and training opportunities.	CCGHT	X	X	X	X	X	CCGHT will collate and circulate funding and training opportunity information identified by stakeholders in an annual e-newsletter. Costs: Staff Time Potential Funding: Core AONB

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1. Conserve and enhance the natural environment	1.6	Provide Community Associations with a presentation which increases awareness of water environment issues in the Causeway AONB	NIEA Water Management Unit [CCGHT]	X					Presentation will focus on the implementation of the Water Framework Directive and the Bush Local Management Area Action Plan Costs: Venue Hire / Staff Time Potential Funding: Core AONB / NIEA Water Management Unit
	1.7	Through a presentation to local interest groups increase awareness of the role of the Marine Division	Marine Division [CCGHT]	X		X		X	Local interest groups will be provided with an opportunity to hear from and discuss issues with Marine Division representatives Costs: Venue Hire / Staff Time Potential Funding: Core AONB / Marine Division
	1.8	Provide and promote a traditional built heritage skills training event	CCGHT [NIEA Built Heritage Unit] [Ulster Architectural Heritage Society]		X		X		Provision and promotion will help conserve natural and built heritage whilst enhancing enjoyment of the AONB Costs: £1,500 (per event) / Staff Time Potential Funding: AONB Project Funding / NIEA Built Heritage
	1.9	Provide a local community association with training in monitoring and reporting terrestrial or marine habitats and wildlife	Local Biodiversity Officer [CCGHT] [NIEA] [Marine Division] [UW]	X		X		X	Local Biodiversity Officer will work with at least one Local Community Association to provide training in equipment for monitoring and reporting techniques Costs: £500 (per event) / Staff Time Potential Funding: AONB Project Funding
	1.10	Purchase equipment for monitoring and recording of priority habitats and species, to facilitate action 1.9.	CCGHT [Local Biodiversity Officer]	X					CCGHT will purchase equipment to assist delivery of action 1.9 Costs: £900 (project) / Staff Time Potential Funding: AONB Project Funding

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1. Conserve and enhance the natural environment	1.11	Deliver a sustainable farming workshop for local Land Managers.	DARD [Young Farmers] [CCGHT] [UFU]		X			X	DARD and partners will deliver a workshop on sustainable farming contributing to reduced energy wastage and enhanced biodiversity at farms within the AONB Costs: Staff Time Potential Funding: DARD Events
	1.12	Update CCAONB Management Group about activities within and around the Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast WHS	WHSPM	X	X	X	X	X	WHSPM will provide routine updates on implementation of the WHS Action Plan Costs: Staff Time Potential Funding: Core WHS
	1.13	Organise two annual litter picks within the AONB	CCGHT	X	X	X	X	X	Litter-picks have a visible and positive impact on the environment Costs: £200 (per event) / Staff Time Potential Funding: AONB Project Funding
	1.14	Host an AONB Management Group activity day to enhance understanding of the NCALO legislation	CCGHT [NIEA]		X			X	Provide networking and learning opportunities between the three AONBs. Costs: £1,500 (per event) / Staff Time Potential Funding: AONB Project Funding
	1.15	Monitor awareness of the CCAONB amongst politicians through social and electronic media	CCGHT		X			X	CCGHT will survey awareness of the CCAONB Management Plan via social and electronic media Costs: Time Potential Funding: Core AONB

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1. Conserve and enhance the natural environment	1.16	Based on action 1.15, increase awareness of the CCAONB amongst all Northern Ireland politicians through mixed media and evening event	CCGHT			X	X		Information provided through innovative mixed media could significantly improve awareness and understanding amongst politicians Costs: £2,000 (project) / Staff Time Potential Funding: AONB Project Funding
	1.17	Lobby Government for stronger AONB legislation	CCAONBMG [CNCC]	X	X	X	X	X	CCGHT and partner AONB management authorities will lobby Government to improve statutory recognition of AONBs Costs: Staff Time Potential Funding: Core AONB
	1.18	DoE Marine Division update the CCAONB Management Group on issues and opportunities relating to designation of marine protected areas	Marine Division		X				DoE Marine Division should be in a position to assess and summarise related issues and opportunities for the Causeway Coast AONB Costs: Staff Time Potential Funding: DoE Marine Division
	1.19	Promote the Northern Ireland Seascape Character Assessment report to CCAONB partners	CCGHT	X					NIEA have commissioned a Seascape Character Assessment for Northern Ireland. The report will be published online Costs: Staff Time Potential Funding: Core AONB
	1.20	Crown Estate will provide a presentation to the local community relating to their work and available funding opportunities	Crown Estate [CCGHT]	X	X	X	X	X	This presents an opportunity to raise awareness of the Crown Estates role in relation to coastal management Costs: Venue Hire / Staff Time Potential Funding: Core AONB / Crown Estate

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1. Conserve and enhance the natural environment	1.21	Invite update from renewable and non-renewable energy scheme developers (for CCAONB Management Group) focusing on potential landscape impacts	CCGHT	X	X	X	X	X	This provides an opportunity to discuss Potential landscape impacts with developers Costs: Staff Time Potential Funding: Core AONB
	1.22	Produce an information pack for developers which highlights potential landscape impacts of marine and terrestrial aggregate extraction	CCGHT [Marine Division]			X			This provides an opportunity to enhance awareness of potential landscape impacts of marine aggregate extraction off the CCAONB coast Costs: £1,500 (project) / Staff Time Potential Funding: AONB Project Funding / Marine Division
	1.23	Outline and circulate licensing arrangements for marine aggregate extraction.	Marine Division [CCGHT]		X				Marine Division will have an opportunity to clarify licensing arrangements for marine aggregate extraction. CCGHT will circulate this information to CCAONB members. Costs: Staff Time Potential Funding: DoE Marine Division
	1.24	Host annual event to raise awareness of the marine and coastal environment	UW [CCGHT] [Marine Division]	X	X	X	X	X	Ulster Wildlife will host a marine event to raise awareness of the marine and coastal environment within and around the AONB. Costs: £200 (per event) / Staff Time Potential Funding: AONB Project Funding / Ulster Wildlife

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2. Raise awareness, enjoyment and increase access to the area's exceptional biodiversity and geodiversity	2.1	Improve signage and where necessary access to an ASSI of geological interest	CCGHT		X	X	X	X	CCGHT will identify one site per year from ASSIs of geological interest within the AONB and work with partners and the local community to improve signage and if necessary access Costs: £2,500 (annually) / Staff Time Potential Funding: AONB Project Funding / GSNI
	2.2	Establish and support an expert Steering Group to seek Geopark status for the Causeway Coastal Route	CCGHT [GSNI]	X	X	X	X	X	CCGHT and partners in GSNI will establish an expert Steering Group to coordinate application for Geopark Status Costs: Venue Hire / Staff Time Potential Funding: Core AONB
	2.3	Develop and promote two events at a site of the geological or biodiversity interest which develops awareness of NCALO legislation	CCGHT [NIEA]		X		X		NCALO legislation outlines how the DoE might decide to manage AONBs. This presents an opportunity to develop public awareness about the legislation and the value of AONB designation Costs: £1,000 (per event) / Staff Time Potential Funding: AONB Project Funding
	2.4	Work with ORNI and Sport NI to develop and promote an annual outdoor recreation event which enhances conservation of the natural environment	CCGHT [ORNI]		X	X	X	X	CCGHT will work with ORNI and Sport NI to develop an event which enhances nature conservation e.g. sports events which include litter picks, bio blitz monitoring etc Costs: £500 (annually) / Staff Time Potential Funding: AONB Project Funding / Sports NI / ORNI
	2.5	Apply for membership of the European Network of Outdoor Sports to promote the AONB as a 'natural choice' for outdoor recreation	CCGHT		X				The European Network of Outdoor Sports (ENOS) aims to ensure demands for outdoor recreation are balanced with the requirements of the Natural Environment. Membership of this scheme could enhance and promote conservation of the AONB Costs: Admin Fee/ Staff Time Potential Funding: Core AONB

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2. Raise awareness, enjoyment and increase access to the area's exceptional biodiversity and geodiversity	2.6	Host a local business AONB information session and assess impact on understanding of AONB status and benefits	CCGHT [NITB]		X			X	CCGHT will work with its partners to establish and host a local business information session to raise awareness of the meaning and potential benefits of AONB status Costs: £500 (per event) / Staff Time Potential Funding: AONB Project Funding / NITB
	2.7	Provide Local Education Authorities with information packs of AONB literature and resources	CCGHT [NEELB]	X	X	X	X	X	Local Education facilities (schools, libraries, after school and youth clubs) will be provided with information about AONB status, its values and resources Costs: Distribution / Staff Time Potential Funding: Core AONB
	2.8	Provide private landowners with online information about permitted path agreement options	MDC CBC [CCGHT]	X	X	X	X	X	Flexible permitted path agreements facilitate greater access and ease public liability concerns Costs: Distribution / Staff Time Potential Funding: CBC / MDC
	2.9	Organise, host, monitor and promote via a printed guide at least four AONB events	CCGHT	X	X	X	X	X	Host a series of guided events throughout the year to raise awareness of the area's natural, built and cultural heritage. These events will be published as a leaflet and promoted online Costs: £600 (annually) / Staff Time Potential Funding: AONB Project Funding / Guide Partners
	2.10	At the WHS provide, update and maintain promotional materials and resources for the wider AONB	NT [CCGHT]						The National Trust will work with CCGHT to encourage customers to visit other attractions within and surrounding the AONB Costs: Distribution / Staff Time Potential Funding: NT / Core AONB

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2. Raise awareness, enjoyment and increase access to the area's exceptional biodiversity and geodiversity	2.11	Commission a report which assesses visitor understanding of AONB status and attractions at the WHS. This will provide options to enhance access and understanding	CCGHT [NT]			X			This project presents an opportunity to research barriers for visitors to attractions in the wider AONB, and present options to address these issues Costs: £3,500 (project) / Staff Time Potential Funding: AONB Project Funding / NITB / NT
	2.12	Update CCAONB Management Group members on options for joint ticketing and discount opportunities within the AONB	CCGTP [NT]	X					Local businesses have expressed an interest in joint ticketing schemes but there is no single agency with the capacity to develop and deliver a scheme on behalf of local businesses Costs: Staff Time Potential Funding: CCGTP
	2.13	Provide a public consultation opportunity on current service provision for the Causeway Rambler Service and options for improvement	Translink [CCGHT] [Local Government Authority]		X				Translink will work with CCGHT and Local Government Authorities to provide a public consultation opportunity which will produce recommendations for improving the Rambler Service Costs: Unknown Potential Funding: Translink / LGA
	2.13.1	Work with Translink to implement recommendations of public consultation	Translink [CCGHT]			X			
	2.14	Undertake an outdoor furniture condition audit	ORNI [Local Government Authority]	X	X	X	X	X	ORNI's Volunteer Ranger Programme audit key sites. These audits will be reported back to the Local Authority for redress Costs: Staff / Volunteer Time Potential Funding: ORNI / LGA
	2.15	Present activities to CCGHT which will increase awareness of and access to the AONB for operators and identify gaps in outdoor recreation provision	ORNI [CCGHT]		X	X			ORNI and partners will undertake an audit of existing providers and present actions to increase awareness of and access to the AONB for operators Costs: Staff Time Potential Funding: ORNI

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2. Raise awareness, enjoyment and increase access to the area's exceptional biodiversity and geodiversity	2.16	Bushmills Field Centre to host annual open session to promote its facilities for outdoor activity provision and fieldwork	Bushmills Field Centre		X	X	X	X	An annual open session could help improve communication between local businesses and raise awareness of the centres outstanding work Costs: Staff Time / Catering Potential Funding: Bushmills Field Centre / Core AONB
	2.17	Commission an audit which identifies outdated, duplicated or inaccurate interpretation signage at sites of bio and geo diversity interest and presents improvement opportunities	CCGHT		X				Interpretation signage and facilities will be in harmony with the areas landscape values. Costs: £2,500 (project) / Staff Time Potential Funding: AONB Project Funding / Core AONB / RDP / NITB
	2.18	Based on recommendations from action 2.17 develop and undertake a project to replace outdated, inaccurate and duplicate signage				X	X	X	The Causeway Coastal Route branding will be used where possible Costs: £10,000 (project) / Staff Time Potential Funding: AONB Project Funding / Core AONB
	2.19	Provide a report which outlines options for a comprehensive Tourist Information Service	Local Government Authority [CCGHT]			X			There is a need to comprehensively investigate and present options for an appropriate tourist information service for the AONB Costs: Staff Time Potential Funding: AONB Project Funding / Core AONB / RDP / NITB
	2.20	Develop and deliver a project which integrates CCR Alive material with existing promotional material and technologies	CCGHT [CCGTP]	X	X	X			CCGHT will maximise the potential of the CCR Alive project to raise awareness, enjoyment and increase access to the area's exceptional biodiversity and geodiversity Costs: £6,000 (project) / Staff Time Potential Funding: AONB Project Funding / Core AONB / RDP / NITB / CCGTP

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2. Raise awareness, enjoyment and increase access to the area's exceptional biodiversity and geodiversity	2.21	Deliver East (Curran) Strand dune conservation and access enhancement project	Local Government Authority [CCGHT]		X				Develop and undertake a dune conservation and access enhancement project to promote enjoyment of the AONB, improve access, conserve the area's natural beauty and conserve natural phenomena Costs: £6,500 (project) / Staff Time Potential Funding: AONB Project Funding / Core AONB / RDP / NGO Challenge Fund / LGA
	2.22	Promote AONB resources through CCGTPs annual tourist guide	CCGHT [CCGTP]	X	X	X	X	X	This provides an opportunity to share and integrate material for the mutual benefit of the agencies and the AONB Costs: Staff Time Potential Funding: Core AONB / CCGTP

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3. Protect, enhance and increase access to the historic fabric of the AONB and associated cultural traditions	3.1	Ensure at least one site within the AONB participates in the annual European Heritage Open Days event	NIEA	X	X	X	X	X	As part of the annual three day European Heritage Open Days event, NIEA and CCGHT will work with partners to ensure at least one site participates Costs: Staff Time Potential Funding: NIEA Built Heritage
	3.2	Work with interest groups to produce an information leaflet for a site of built or natural heritage interest	CCGHT	X		X		X	Information for heritage sites is often held in isolation. CCGHT and partners will produce an information leaflet which brings together information for selected sites Costs: £2,000 (per publication)/ Staff Time Potential Funding: AONB Project Funding
	3.3	Promote and deliver an archaeological experience day	CCGHT [QUB]		X			X	CCGHT will work with QUB to provide a community archaeological experience day Costs: £1,000 (per event) / Staff Time Potential Funding: AONB Project Funding
	3.4	Review and where necessary update built heritage database for locations within the AONB	NIEA Built Heritage Unit	X			X		NIEA Built Heritage Unit maintains a built heritage database for Northern Ireland. NIEA will review and update this database for locations within the AONB Costs: Staff Time Potential Funding: NIEA Built Heritage
	3.5	Identify one property on the buildings at risk register and establish a Steering Group tasked with removing the site from the list	CCGHT [NIEA] [UAS]				X		CCGHT, NIEA Built Heritage and Ulster Architectural Heritage Society will establish a Steering Group tasked with removing one site from the buildings at risk register Costs: Staff Time Potential Funding: Core AONB

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3. Protect, enhance and increase access to the historic fabric of the AONB and associated cultural traditions	3.6	Organise and promote a weekend display of traditional built and cultural heritage crafts and skills	CCGHT		X			X	CCGHT will work with local historical societies, ECONOMUSEE Artisans and other partners to showcase traditional crafts and skills Costs: £3,000 (per event) / Staff Time Potential Funding: AONB Project Funding / NITB / RDP
	3.7	Identify sources of funding which might accelerate provision of more efficient and less polluting street lighting	DRD – Roads Service	X	X	X	X	X	Roads Service will work with other stakeholders to identify any sources of funding that might accelerate replacement of older street lighting systems which are currently being replaced and upgraded within the resources made available each financial year Costs: Unknown Potential Funding: DRD
	3.8	Consult with the local community regarding development proposals at Dunluce Castle	NIEA Built Heritage Unit	X	X				Proposals for improved access, interpretation and visitor facilities at Dunluce present an opportunity to engage with the local community and activity providers to improve protection, enhance and increase access to the historic fabric of the AONB Costs: Unknown Potential Funding: NIEA Built Heritage
	3.9	Develop and launch one heritage trail linked to the natural and /or cultural heritage of the AONB	CCGHT			X	X		CCGHT will work with partners to develop one heritage trail which enhances access to and public enjoyment of the AONB Costs: £8,000 (project) / Staff Time Potential Funding: AONB Project Funding
	3.10	Publish and promote a leaflet which addresses public liability concerns regarding access within the AONB	MDC CBC [CCGHT]		X				Many individuals and businesses have significant concerns regarding public liability issues. Local Government will work with partners to develop and circulate a publication which addresses these concerns Costs: Unknown / Staff Time Potential Funding: LGA

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4. Promote vibrant and sustainable communities with a strong sense of identity	4.1	Promote Eco-Schools programme	Local Education Authority	X	X	X	X	X	The Local Education Authority will promote and actively engage with the Eco-Schools Programme. This encourages sustainable living with a bottom up approach, beginning with children Costs: Unknown / Staff Time Potential Funding: LEA
	4.2	Update Education Authority website to list sites for outdoor education opportunities	Local Education Authority			X			The Education Authorities website will have a clear area on the website dedicated to directing clients to a list of sites suitable for outdoor education opportunities Costs: Unknown / Staff Time Potential Funding: LEA
	4.3	Promote CCGHT organised events and training opportunities through social media outlets (Facebook and Twitter) and online events calendar	CCGHT	X	X	X	X	X	CCGHT will promote through online and social media all events and training opportunities Costs: Staff Time Potential Funding: Core AONB
	4.4	Distribute and promote Causeway Coast and Glens Sustainable Tourism Toolkit to local tourism businesses	CCGHT		X	X	X	X	The Sustainable Tourism Toolkit is designed to help businesses owners enhance sustainability of their tourism products Costs: Staff Time Potential Funding: Core AONB
	4.5	Establish an annual local festival forum to produce a strategic approach to promotion of festivals and events	CCGHT		X	X	X	X	A forum and strategy which will encourage local groups to share ideas and funding opportunities to support local Festivals and events Costs: Venue Hire / Staff Time Potential Funding: Core AONB

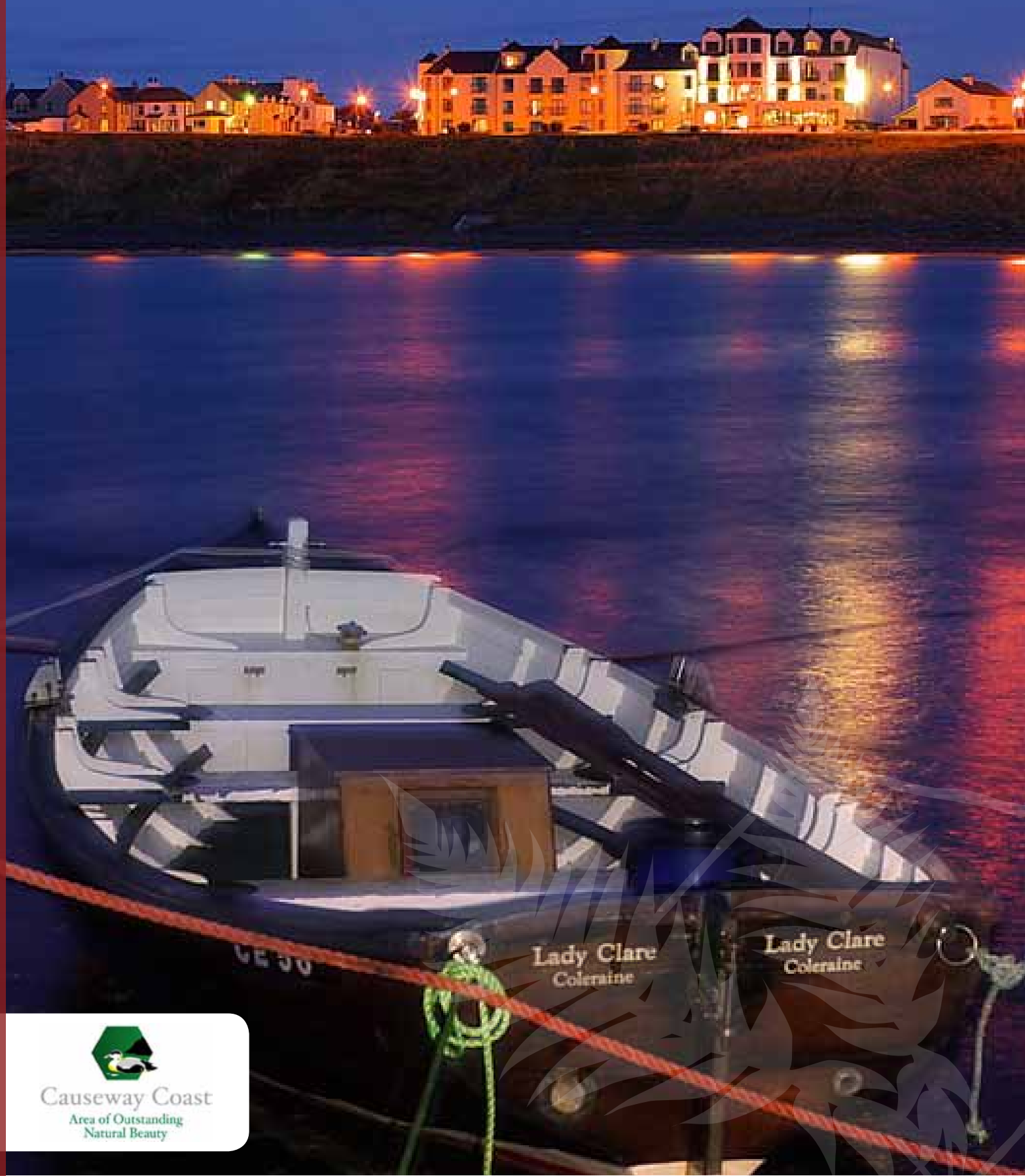
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4. Promote vibrant and sustainable communities with a strong sense of identity	4.6	Promote AONB as a centre for excellence in the management of 'living' and 'live-in' landscapes through an AONB awareness day	NIEA				X		The AONB is a dynamic Landscape. NIEA and partners will promote the AONB as a centre for excellence in the management of 'live-in' dynamic landscapes Costs: Venue Hire / Staff Time Potential Funding: NIEA Natural Heritage Unit
	4.7	Produce and deliver a presentation outlining opportunities to attract investment to the AONB	Invest NI			X			This will enhance opportunities to attract inward investment to the AONB Costs: Staff Time Potential Funding: Invest NI
	4.8	Audit existing tourist and leisure facility provision and produce an action plan which enhances private activity and recreation providers ability to increase provision	Local Government Authority					X	Tourism and leisure facilities require significant capital and revenue funding. Support should be provided where reasonable; however in many cases existing activity and recreation provider may be better placed to deliver services currently administered by Local Government Authorities Costs: Unknown / Staff Time Potential Funding: LGA

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5 Monitoring and Reporting Progress	5.1	Report on progress and conduct review with stakeholders	CCGHT			X			Review the AONB management plan, report on progress and consult on amended targets for Management Plan in 2016 for the remainder of this management plan period Costs: Staff Time and public meeting Potential Funding: NIEA
	5.2	Revise Management Plan in light of consultations	CCGHT			X			Costs: Staff Time
	5.3	Initiate new management plan for next five years	CCGHT					X	Costs: Staff Time
	5.4	Report to steering group / management group on the implementation progress of management plan	CCGHT	X	X	X	X	X	Costs: Staff Time

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