



Fermanagh & Omagh  
District Council

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**Consultation on the Draft  
Disability Action Plan for 2017-2019**

**Consultation Response Questionnaire**

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## **Introduction**

On 1 April 2015, as a result of the Local Government Reform, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council was established to replace the former Fermanagh District and Omagh District Councils.

The aim of the reform programme is to create stronger, more efficient and more effective services.

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council will be citizen focused, responding to the needs, aspirations and concerns of the local community.

The new council area is home to 115,799 people (as of June 2017). The District Council area is Northern Ireland's largest region in terms of land mass - approximately 3,000km<sup>2</sup>, or 20% of NI - and the smallest in terms of population. As a result, the population density of approximately 39 people per km<sup>2</sup> is the sparsest in NI. This is a feature of the region which also provides specific challenges in relation to service delivery.

## **Purpose of this Consultation**

Section 49A of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 [as amended by Article 5 of the Disability Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 2006] requires Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, in carrying out its functions, to have due regard to the need to:

- Promote positive attitudes towards people with disabilities, and
- Encourage participation by people with disabilities in public life.

The Council is committed to the fulfilment of its Disability Duties in all parts of the organisation, and as required (under Section 49B of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995) through this draft Disability Action Plan sets out how it proposes to fulfil these duties in relation to its functions.

The draft Disability Action Plan for 2017-2019 is a series of actionable measures, outlining the Council's proposals for fulfilling its statutory obligations.

The draft Disability Action Plan for 2017-2019 will provide a framework until 31 March 2019 and details four strategic themes, specifically:

- 1 Disability Action Plan (Consulting, Reviewing and Reporting).
- 2 Increased Awareness and Understanding of the Needs of People with Disabilities.
- 3 Provision of Responsive and Accessible Services to Increase Opportunities for People with Disabilities to Participate in Public Life.
- 4 Improved Effectiveness of the Disability Advisory Group and Access & Inclusion Groups.

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is seeking your views on the content and actions contained within the draft Disability Action Plan for 2017-2019.

## How to Respond

The Council recognises the importance of consultation in all aspects of the implementation of our statutory disability duties and invites you to take part in this public consultation exercise.

We are happy to receive feedback by:

**Letter:** 'Public Consultation', Policy and Strategic Services, Townhall, Enniskillen BT74 7BA

**Email:** [finbar.maguire@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:finbar.maguire@fermanaghomagh.com)

**Telephone:** 0300 303 1777 ext. 21178

**Textphone:** (028) 8225 6216

Or by completing an **online questionnaire** on-line at  
[www.fermanaghomagh.com](http://www.fermanaghomagh.com)

If you prefer a meeting in which to give your comments face-to-face, we will do our best to meet your request.

## Consultation Documents

All documents are available in different formats on request.

You can obtain copies of any, or all, of the documents from the Townhall, Enniskillen, from The Grange in Omagh, or by

1. **Downloading** it from the Council's website at: [www.fermanaghomagh.com](http://www.fermanaghomagh.com)
2. **Telephoning** the Council on: 0300 303 1777 ext. 21178, Textphone (028) 8225 6216
3. **Emailing** the Council at: [finbar.maguire@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:finbar.maguire@fermanaghomagh.com)

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire and for sharing your views with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.

\* Please note, there is a Statement of Confidentiality and Access to Information Legislation at the beginning of this questionnaire \*

## 1. Consultee Information

### Confidentiality and Access to Information Legislation

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be published or disclosed in accordance with access to information legislation: these are chiefly the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, under the Freedom of Information Act, there is a statutory Code of Practice (section 45) with which public authorities must comply and deals with amongst other things, obligations of confidence. In view of this, it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information, we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.

For further information about confidentiality of responses please contact the Information Commissioner's Office on 028 9026 9380 or email [ni@ico.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ni@ico.gsi.gov.uk) (or see their website at [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)).

Question 1:

I am responding as:

Individual: ☐

Organisation: ☐

Question 2:

My details are as follows:

Name:	
Job title (if appropriate):	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone:	
Email:	

Question 3:

If you would like to be added to the Council's Equality Database for future consultation processes, please check this box: ☐

**The 'Consultation Response Questionnaire' is contained overleaf**

## **2. Consultation Response Questionnaire to the Council's Draft Disability Action Plan for 2017 - 2019**

The draft Disability Action Plan for 2017-2019 outlines how the Council will fulfil its statutory Disability Duties in all parts of the organisation, through its services and functions.

There are four key strategic themes contained within the draft Disability Action Plan and they have been outlined in the following questionnaire for your consideration and feedback.

**Do you agree or disagree with the following strategic themes and actions outlined within the draft Disability Action Plan for 2017-2019?**

**Strategic Theme 1:** 'Disability Action Plan (Consulting, Reviewing and Reporting).'

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neither Agree or Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>

Please tell us why:

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**Strategic Theme 2:** 'Increased Awareness and Understanding of the Needs of People with Disabilities'

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Please tell us why:

**Strategic Theme 3:** 'Provision of Responsive and Accessible Services to Increase Opportunities for People with Disabilities to Participate in Public Life.'

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Please tell us why:

**Strategic Theme 4:** ‘Improved Effectiveness of the Disability Advisory Group and Access & Inclusion Groups.’

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Please tell us why:

## Information About You.

To help ensure that our consultations are reflecting the views of the community, please fill in the information below. Although we will use this statistical information in our analysis of the consultation response rate], it will not be linked to your personal details – nor will it be linked to your consultation response.

Please complete **Section 1** if you are responding as an individual or **Section 2** if you are responding on behalf of an organisation

### Section One (If you are responding as an individual)

#### 1. Religious Belief

Do you have a religious belief? Yes ☐ No ☐ (If no, please go to Q2)

If yes are you,

Bahai	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hindu	<input type="checkbox"/>	Presbyterian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Baptist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jewish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Roman Catholic	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buddhist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Methodist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sikh	<input type="checkbox"/>
Church of Ireland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Muslim	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### 2. Political Opinion

How would you describe your political opinion?

Unionist generally ☐ Nationalist generally ☐ Other ☐

#### 3. Racial Group

To which of these Racial Groups do you consider you belong?

Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black African	<input type="checkbox"/>	Indian	<input type="checkbox"/>	White	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>	Irish Traveller	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black (Other)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed Ethnic Group	<input type="checkbox"/>		

#### 4. Age

0-15 ☐ 16-29 ☐ 30-44 ☐ 45-59 ☐ 60-74 ☐ 75+ ☐



## 5. Marital Status

Co-habiting ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Separated ☐  
Single ☐ Widowed ☐ Civil Partnership ☐

## 6. Sexual Orientation

How would you describe your sexual orientation?

Heterosexual ☐ Homosexual (Gay or Lesbian) ☐ Bi-sexual ☐

## 7. Gender

Female ☐ Male ☐ Trans-gendered ☐

## 8. Disability

**Under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, a disabled person is defined as a person with “a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day to day activities”.**

Do you consider that you meet this definition of disability? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please state the type of disability,

Visual Impairment ☐ Communication Difficulty ☐

Learning Difficulty ☐ Hearing Impairment ☐

Multiple Impairment ☐ Mobility Impairment ☐

Learning Difficulty ☐

## 9. Dependants

We are asking you to tell us something about your caring responsibilities. By that we mean looking after a child, whether as a parent, guardian or foster parent, or helping an adult carry out their daily routine. This might mean providing assistance to an adult relative or friend who is disabled or has a long-term illness.

I look after children ☐ I help an adult with their daily routine ☐

**Please indicate how often you undertake these responsibilities:**

Daily ☐ Frequently ☐ Occasionally ☐

## Section Two (If you are responding on behalf of an organisation)

### 1. Persons of Differing Religious Belief: Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, will the focus be on all ☐, or any of the following?

Roman Catholic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Baptist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Buddhist	<input type="checkbox"/>
Presbyterian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Muslim	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sikh	<input type="checkbox"/>
Church of Ireland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hindu	<input type="checkbox"/>	Baha'i	<input type="checkbox"/>
Methodist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jewish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 2. Persons of Differing Political Opinion: Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, will the focus be on all ☐, or any of the following?

Nationalist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unionist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### 3. Persons of Different Racial Groups: Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, will the focus be on all ☐, or any of the following?

White	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black (Other)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed ethnic group	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black African	<input type="checkbox"/>	Indian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>	Irish Traveller	<input type="checkbox"/>		

### Persons of Different Age: Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, will the focus be on all ☐, or any of the following?

0-15	<input type="checkbox"/>	16-29	<input type="checkbox"/>	30-44	<input type="checkbox"/>	45-59	<input type="checkbox"/>	60-74	<input type="checkbox"/>	75+	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### 4. Persons of Different Marital Status: Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, will the focus be on all ☐, or any of the following?

Single (Never married)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Divorced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Civil Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>
Married	<input type="checkbox"/>	Widowed	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Separated	<input type="checkbox"/>	Co-habiting	<input type="checkbox"/>		

### 5. Persons of Different Sexual Orientation: Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, will the focus be on all ☐, or any of the following?

Heterosexual	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gay or Lesbian (Homosexual)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bi-sexual	<input type="checkbox"/>		

**7. Persons of Different Gender:** Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, will the focus be on all ☐, or any of the following?

Male ☐ Female ☐ Transgendered People ☐

**8. Persons with a Disability:** Yes ☐ No ☐

**Under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, a disabled person is defined as a person with “a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day to day activities”.**

If Yes, will the focus be on all ☐, or any of the following?

Visual Impairment ☐ Communication Difficulty ☐ Learning Difficulty ☐

Hearing Impairment ☐ Multiple Impairment ☐ Mobility Impairment ☐

Other ☐

**9. Persons with Dependants:** Yes ☐ No ☐

This is about caring responsibilities. By that we mean looking after a child, whether as a parent, guardian or foster parent, or helping an adult carry out their daily routine. This might mean providing assistance to an adult relative or friend who is disabled or has a long-term illness.

If Yes, will the focus be on all ☐, or any of the following?

People who look after children ☐ People who help an adult  
with their daily routine ☐