

Appendix 4: Fermanagh and Omagh Sustainability Framework – SA Themes, Objectives and Indicators

SA Theme		Objective	Decision Making Criteria	Suggested Indicators
<b>Social</b>	Prosperity and Social Inclusion	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion, in particular in those areas affected?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Average income</li> <li>• Unemployment figures</li> <li>• Most deprived wards (NI Multiple Deprivation Measure)</li> </ul>
	Health and Wellbeing	To improve the health and wellbeing of the population	Will it improve affordability of essential services?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in average life expectancy</li> <li>• Supported housing development</li> <li>• Lifetimes homes development</li> <li>• Health deprivation and disability</li> <li>• Number of doctors surgeries, health facilities</li> <li>• Prescription rates for respiratory related illnesses and anti-depressants</li> <li>• Noise nuisance</li> </ul>
			Will it improve access to high quality health care?	
			Will it encourage health lifestyles and provide opportunities for sport and recreation?	
			Will it reduce health inequalities?	
			Will it improve physical and mental health?	
			Will it reduce noise levels and concerns?	
	Education and Skills	To improve the education and skills of the population	Will it improve qualifications and skills of the population?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government statistics for those in F/T, P/T education both academic and vocational</li> </ul>
			Will it improve access to high quality educational facilities?	
			Will it help fill key skill gaps?	
Housing	To provide everybody with the opportunity to live in a decent home	Will it increase access to affordable housing?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing Growth Indicators</li> <li>• Annual Housing Need Assessment Publication (NIHE)</li> <li>• Housing Completions</li> </ul>	
		Will it encourage a range of dwelling type, size and tenure?		
		Will it reduce homelessness?		

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homelessness figures</li> <li>Waiting lists and allocations information</li> <li>Mixed tenure development/tenure balance</li> <li>Provision of Travellers accommodation</li> <li>DSD/ NIHE Affordable housing pilots</li> </ul>
Crime Prevention and Community Safety	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	Will it reduce actual levels of crime?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National and local crime statistics (NISRA)</li> <li>Crime rate figures (NISRA)</li> </ul>
		Will it reduce the fear of crime?	
Community Identity	To encourage a sense of community, identity and welfare	Will it encourage engagement in community activities?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The provision of new health, education facilities.</li> <li>New shared future housing developments</li> <li>The provision of new shared community facilities</li> </ul>
		Will it foster satisfaction and a sense of pride in the local area?	
		Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?	
		Will it improve ethnic relations?	
		Will it improve understanding between different communities of their respective needs and concerns?	
Will it encourage people to respect and value their contribution to society?			
Accessibility	To improve accessibility to key services, especially for those most in need	Will it improve the level of investment in key community services?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The provision of new public transport routes</li> <li>New mixed use developments and town centre living initiatives</li> </ul>
		Will it make access more affordable?	
		Will it make access easier for those without access to a car?	
Traffic	To reduce the effect of traffic on air quality	Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Average distance travelled to work or school (NISRA)</li> </ul>
		Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	

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		Will it encourage walking and cycling?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percentage of population travelling to work or school by means of public transport</li> <li>Public transport usage (DRD/Translink)</li> <li>Traffic volume figures</li> <li>Traffic congestion figures</li> </ul>
Climate Change and Floor Risk	To reduce flood risk and the adverse consequences of flooding and to increase resilience to flood risk	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption and the need to travel?</p> <p>Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable sources?</p> <p>Will it reduce emissions of ozone depleting substances?</p> <p>Will it minimise the risk of flooding from rivers and watercourses to people and property?</p> <p>Will it reduce the risk of damage to property from storm events?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frequency of flood events</li> <li>Increase provision for flood management systems including SuDS</li> </ul>
Water Quality & Resources	To improve water quality; conserve water resources and provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<p>Will it improve the quality of surface and ground water?</p> <p>Will it reduce water consumption and improve water efficiency?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National water quality figures (NIEA)</li> <li>NI Water – Water quality figures</li> <li>Water consumption figures (NI Water)</li> </ul>
Air Quality	To improve air quality	<p>Will it improve air quality?</p> <p>Will it help achieve the objectives of the Air Quality Management Plan?</p> <p>Will it reduce emissions of key pollutants?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air quality data</li> </ul>
Biodiversity	To conserve and enhance biodiversity	Will it conserve and enhance habitats of borough or local importance and create habitats in areas of deficiency?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of SAC and SPA sites</li> </ul>

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<b>Environmental</b>		<p>Will it conserve and enhance species diversity; and in particular avoid harm to protected species?</p> <p>Will it conserve and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest at the regional or national level?</p> <p>Will it protect and enhance woodland cover and trees and promote their management?</p> <p>Will it improve access to and promote the educational value of sites of biodiversity value?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of areas designated for their Nature conservation interest</li> <li>• Open space provision</li> <li>• Landscape buffers</li> <li>• Natural corridors</li> </ul>	
	Landscape & Townscape	To maintain and enhance the character and quality of landscape and townscapes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Areas of landscape quality</li> <li>• Number of Areas of Townscape Character/Areas of Village Character</li> <li>• Local Landscape Policy Areas</li> <li>• Revitalisation schemes</li> <li>• Urgent Works Notices</li> </ul>	
	Historic Environment & Cultural Assets	To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural assets	Will it improve the landscape character and visual amenity of open spaces?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of conservation areas scheduled monuments and listed buildings</li> <li>• Buildings at risk Northern Ireland register</li> <li>• Urgent Works Notices</li> <li>• Number of new tourist facilities linked to historical and cultural assets.</li> </ul>
			Will it enhance the quality of priority areas for townscape and public realm enhancements?	
			Will it protect and enhance local distinctiveness and sense of place?	
Climate Change	To reduce contributions to climate change and improve	Will it minimise visual intrusion and protect views?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carbon dioxide emissions</li> </ul>	
		Will it decrease litter in urban areas and open spaces?		
Historic Environment & Cultural Assets	To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural assets	Will it protect and enhance Conservation Areas and other sites, features and areas of historical and cultural value?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carbon dioxide emissions</li> </ul>	
		Will it protect listed buildings and their settings?		
		Will it help preserve, enhance and record archaeological features and their settings?		

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	resilience to climate change	<p>Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable sources?</p> <p>Will it reduce emissions of ozone depleting substances?</p> <p>Will it minimise the risk of flooding from rivers and watercourse to people and property?</p> <p>Will it reduce the risk of damage to property from storm events?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land at 'significant' risk from flooding</li> <li>• Percentage of energy from renewable sources</li> </ul>
Waste Management	To minimise the production of waste and use of non-renewable resources	<p>Will it help reduce the impact of increased urban temperatures on people and property?</p> <p>Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?</p> <p>Will it reduce household waste?</p> <p>Will it increase waste recovery and recycling and improve facilities?</p> <p>Will it reduce hazardous waste?</p> <p>Will it reduce waste in the construction industry?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recycling targets</li> <li>• Council recycling figures</li> <li>• Number of waste recovery/recycling facilities</li> </ul>
Land and Soil	To conserve and enhance land quality and soil resources	<p>Will it minimise development on greenfield sites?</p> <p>Will it ensure that where possible, new development occurs on derelict; vacant and underused, previously developed land and buildings?</p> <p>Will it ensure contaminated land is remediated as appropriate?</p> <p>Will it minimise the loss of soils to development and maintain and enhance soil quality?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proportion of development on brownfield sites</li> </ul>

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		Will it reduce the risk of subsidence and heave?		
<b>Economic</b>	Economic Growth	To encourage sustainable economic growth	Will it encourage new business start-ups and opportunities for local people?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic activity rates</li> <li>• Uptake of zoned land</li> <li>• VAT registered business start-ups</li> <li>• Business Scale</li> <li>• Vacancy rates</li> <li>• Funding secured from externally owned businesses</li> <li>• Increase in high value manufacturing base</li> </ul>
			Will it improve business development and enhance productivity?	
			Will it improve the resilience of business and the local economy?	
			Will it promote growth in key sectors?	
			Will it promote growth in key clusters?	
			Will it enhance the image of the area as a business location?	
	Employment	To offer everybody access to high quality jobs, reducing disparities between surrounding areas	Will it reduce short and long-term local unemployment?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employment activity rates</li> <li>• Average income figures</li> <li>• Private sector medium wage</li> <li>• Claimant Counts Rates</li> <li>• Employment Sectors</li> </ul>
			Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	
			Will it help to improve earnings?	
	Regeneration	To promote sustainable regeneration	Will it promote regeneration, reducing disparity with surrounding areas?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revitalisation schemes</li> <li>• Neighbourhood renewal schemes</li> <li>• Rural Development Programme grants</li> <li>• Community funding</li> <li>• Social enterprise</li> </ul>

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	Investment	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	Will it encourage indigenous business?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uptake of zoned land</li> <li>• Uptake of Invest NI sites</li> <li>• Funding secured from externally owned businesses</li> </ul>
			Will it encourage inward investment?	
			Will it make land and property available for business development?	
	Efficient Movement	To encourage efficient patterns of movement of people and goods	Will it reduce commuting?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Average distance travelled to work or school</li> <li>• Percentage of population travelling to work or school by means of public transport.</li> </ul>
			Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport; walking and cycling?	
			Will it improve access between key employment areas and key transport interchanges?	
			Will it encourage rail and water based freight movement?	
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