Our Community Plan 'Fermanagh and Omagh 2030', published in March 2017, is an overarching strategy which sets out our belief that we can improve services and quality of life for all in our district by getting the public, private and community/voluntary sectors working together better towards our agreed, shared Vision and eight long term Outcomes.

This Action Plan sets out the initial partnership actions we will take towards achieving the agreed Outcomes. The actions included are those which will help us to begin to jointly tackle the major issues in our district and which require a high level of partnership working to achieve, with a focus, where possible, on prevention and early intervention.

Some of the actions can be delivered in the short to medium term, others will take longer to fully achieve. Delivering on these actions will bring added value to the core work of each of the individual partners, thereby effecting added benefits for citizens and service users.

This document is the short version of the Action Plan. You can download the full Action Plan from www.fermanaghomagh.com/communityplanning.
People and Communities

Outcome 1: Our People are Healthy & Well – Physically, Mentally and Emotionally

Progress will be measured against these indicators:

- The gap in life expectancy between most and least deprived areas
  - The number of anti-depressants prescribed per 100 patients
  - The standardised admission rates due to alcohol and/or drugs

- The number of residents suffering from hypertension and/or obesity (per 1,000 patients)
- The number of preventable deaths

What will we do....

1.1 Increase uptake of physical, social, culture, arts and leisure activity programmes across all age groups and amongst under-represented groups to improve physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing

1.2 Increase awareness amongst community partners of the impacts of adverse childhood experiences on life outcomes and expectancy and develop targeted initiatives to address these

1.3 Deliver co-ordinated programmes to reduce the effects of alcohol and drug misuse and work to change mindsets through the promotion of healthy lifestyle alternatives

1.4 Work with partners to encourage and support the identification and development of Mental Health Champions (commencing with workplaces and progressing to other sectors such as schools and communities where feasible)

1.5 Provide accessible support services that assist people to obtain, understand and apply health information to make informed and appropriate health decisions and make better use of health services, including community led services

FURTHER ACTION UNDER DEVELOPMENT: Progress community resuscitation programmes across the district to positively influence the indicator relating to the number of preventable deaths.

Action Leads:
People and Communities

Outcome 2: Older people lead more independent, engaged and socially connected lives

Progress will be measured against these indicators:

- Number of people aged over 75 years who are hospitalised due to a fall: 80
- Number of patients with a diagnosis of ‘tendency to fall’: 449
- Number of crimes directed against people aged 60 years or above: 467
- % of people aged over 65 years who have never used the internet: 77%
- % of the people aged over 65 years in good health: 88%
- Number of Senior Smart Pass holders: 77%
- Of those eligible for a Senior Smart Pass have one
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What will we do....

2.1 Establish Fermanagh and Omagh as an age friendly district:
This action will work towards the 8 themes in the World Health Organisation Guidelines with specific programmes and initiatives aimed at better adapting structures and services to the needs of the aging population, particularly in respect of:
1. Outdoor spaces and public buildings
2. Transportation
3. Housing
4. Respect and social inclusion
5. Social participation
6. Communication and information
7. Civic participation and employment
8. Community health and support services

Action Lead:
People and Communities

Outcome 3: Our communities are inclusive, safe, resilient and empowered

Progress will be measured against these indicators:

- The number of incidents of any crime
- % who believe their cultural identity is respected by society
- % who feel they can influence local decision making
- % of people living in poverty

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What will we do....

3.1 Maintain and extend the Neighbourhood Watch Initiative
3.2 Investigate initiatives and develop programmes to deliver early warning communications aimed at preventing incidents of crime
3.3 Explore further opportunities to increase positive engagement between young people and the Police Service of Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service and other emergency services
3.4 Increase awareness of and work to improve/increase capacity to support those at risk of domestic and sexual abuse
3.5 Develop/extend initiatives to prevent and increase awareness of cyber-crime and cyber-bullying
3.6 Explore further opportunities to support/deliver programmes of inclusive activity promoting equality and celebrating diversity
3.7 Progress additional research and analysis to identify opportunities and pilot projects aimed at alleviating the effects of poverty with particular reference to the areas and communities most affected.
3.8 Identify and introduce more interactive and joined up processes to communicate and engage with service users
3.9 Explore further opportunities to strengthen community capacity and resilience across rural and urban areas, including promoting and development of volunteering
3.10 Expand and develop activities for people living with a disability across the district's culture/arts and leisure venues
3.11 Deliver road safety programmes (both safe driving and wider road safety) across a range of age groups
3.12 Deliver a targeted programme of home safety assessments and, where appropriate, ensure safety improvement measures are implemented Community health and support services.

Action Leads:
People and Communities

Outcome 4: Our people have the best start in life with lifelong opportunities to fulfil their potential

Progress will be measured against these indicators:

- % of school leavers achieving 5 GCSEs A*-C (inc English and Maths) - 69.3%
- % of children achieving expected levels at KS2 - Maths 81%, English 79%
- % babies born at a low birth weight - FODC 6%, NI 6.2%
- % of children (P1 & Y8) who are obese - FODC 80%, NI 66%
- % of children in care who, at age 19, are in employment or training - P1 5.7%, Y8 7.8%

What will we do....

4.1 Promote and expand co-ordinated early intervention/support for under achievers not reaching their potential - including pupils with special educational needs, new-comer pupils, looked after pupils, and pupils entitled to free school meals

4.2 Establish a Focus Group to consider the potential to deliver a pilot programme, involving a target group of school children, to increase physical activity and promote better nutrition with a view to expansion of the programme, if successful

4.3 Promote partnerships between early years, schools, parents, communities and other relevant agencies to:
   - deliver community based education and learning support initiatives,
   - support physical and mental wellbeing of children and young people,
   - consider opportunities to make school facilities available for community use

4.4 Facilitate community involvement in area planning for schools to ensure we have the right number of schools in the district and that they are of the right size, type and in the right place, to ensure pupils receive the best education possible

Action Leads:
Economy, Infrastructure and Skills

Outcome 5: Our economy is thriving, expanding and outward looking

Progress will be measured against these indicators:

5.1 In line with the concept of ‘Smart Region’, develop a compelling proposition to attract investment into the area;

5.2 Provide accessible mentoring and inclusive training to support new and growing businesses (including social enterprises), help existing firms create and sustain employment opportunities, and encourage growth and internationalisation.

5.3 Encourage businesses to prepare a robust Brexit plan to help mitigate risks and leverage opportunities which may arise from Brexit.

5.4 Improve opportunities for our tourism businesses through a programme of support and capacity building around business innovation, development, customer care and marketing to encourage locally produced products/tourism products.

5.5 Develop and progress a sectoral development programme with potential emerging/high growth sectors.

5.6 Increase and promote the availability of R&D support for new and existing businesses in emerging/high growth business sectors.

5.7 Support the Gas to the West initiative and promote uptake across the region.

5.8 Develop/extend the availability of pre-incubation facilities and advice for new/potential businesses.

5.9 Develop initiatives to encourage the return of high skilled diaspora to the district.

5.10 Availing of and building on potential digital networks, promote Omagh and Enniskillen as economic and digital hubs for the district and support commercial and industry led development.

What will we do....

Tourism Expenditure

£68 million

per annum

over the last

3 years

% of the population who are economically inactive

34% of 16+ population

Number of registered businesses

7,690

11% of NI

Source: Inter-Departmental Business Register

Progress will be measured against these indicators:

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Economy, Infrastructure and Skills

Outcome 5: Our economy is thriving, expanding and outward looking

Progress will be measured against these indicators:

What will we do (continued)....

5.11 Ensure and monitor the on-going availability and supply of appropriate industrial/commercial land and premises within the district, alongside consideration of opportunities for the sustainable redevelopment and use of key 'opportunity sites'

5.12 Design a development and branding programme for farmers to enable them to promote awareness of local quality produce and to increase the potential to get better value for products

5.13 Develop new, and enhance existing, tourism products, infrastructure and visitor experiences to international standard alongside better promotion/branding

5.14 Develop an inclusive and accessible continuum of support to encourage post-school young people to follow modern apprenticeships and higher level skills training to meet the needs of emerging industries.

Further Action Under Development: Work is continuing to develop a further actions which focuses on developing closer links between schools, training providers, businesses and the Careers Service to better identify and meet future skills requirements and to help those who are not in education, employment or training into sustainable employment, with support once in work.
Economy, Infrastructure and Skills

Outcome 6: Our district is better connected

Progress will be measured against these indicators:

Length of motorways, dual carriageway and ‘A’ Roads

- 0 km of motorway
- 0.6 km of dual carriageways
- 320 km of ‘A’ Roads

% of premises unable to access broadband in excess of 10 Mbps

- FODC: 37%
- NI: 14%

Length of listed walkways and cycle paths in the district

- 200 miles of cycle paths
- 40 quality listed walkways

% of journeys made on public transport and active travel

- FODC: 19%
- NI: 23%

What will we do....

6.1 Lobby for/promote a joint government initiative to address the infrastructure deficit in border counties.

6.2 Establish a Working Group to identify key local transport concerns around rural connectivity and access needs and to consider/contribute to emerging proposals aimed at improving integration of transport services.

6.3 Improve access to and uptake of sustainable forms of transport (cycling, walking and public transport).

6.4 Establish a Fermanagh and Omagh Steering Group to contribute to the Department for Infrastructure's review of the Regional Strategic Transport Network Transport Plan (RSTN – TP) with a view to achieving more balanced regional development and with a particular emphasis on the upgrade of the A5, A4, A32 and associated cross-border linkages.

6.5 Lobby for increased and improved broadband coverage across the district (NB: it is expected that this action will be expanded when information becomes available on potential new government funding streams and initiatives)

Action Leads:
Environment

Outcome 7: Our outstanding natural environment and built and cultural heritage is sustainably managed and, where possible, enhanced

Progress will be measured against these indicators:

- % of municipal waste preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting
- Biodiversity Levels
  - 30 priority habitats
  - 216 priority species
- Usage of quality listed walkways and cycle paths in the district
  - FODC: 46.9%
  - NI: 42%
- Number of buildings on the Buildings at Risk (NI) Register
  - 76

What will we do....

7.1 Identify recycling champions and promote increased recycling across both the business sector and households

7.2 Deliver targeted programmes with communities to promote pride of place (e.g., litter picks, planting etc), promote volunteering and enhance the community awards scheme to recognise positive impact on the environment

7.3 Through partnership working, deliver the Fermanagh and Omagh Local Biodiversity Action Plan with a specific focus on:
   (i) Helping conserve and enhance local habitats and species
   (ii) Raising awareness and knowledge of local biodiversity
   (iii) Involving local people and communities in developing wildlife projects and improving physical and mental health through conservation and outdoor activities

7.4 Identify, promote and engage with opportunities to protect, manage, conserve and invest in our built heritage

Action Leads:
Environment

Outcome 8: Our outstanding natural environment and built and cultural heritage is sustainably managed and, where possible, enhanced

Progress will be measured against these indicators:

- Number of fly tipping incidents across the district: 363 (2015/16)
- Number of tourism trips to the district during the night: 341,000 (2015)
- % of commercial premises that are vacant: 20%
- Provision of car parking spaces, including disabled spaces: 3,115 spaces
- Amount of leisure time spent outdoors: 62% of residents are undertaking activities to spend leisure time outdoors on one or more occasions per week (NI average: 65%)
- Number of tourism trips to the district: 143,000,143 overnight tourism trips (2015)

What will we do....

8.2 Investigate opportunities to bring markets into town centres so as to increase vitality and levels of footfall

8.2 Investigate opportunities to address cases of derelict properties in order to redevelop so as to provide safe and attractive spaces

8.3 Enhance and improve the aesthetics of our towns, villages and neighbourhoods (ie, external public places) to make these more welcoming, accessible, clean and attractive to business, local users and visitors.

8.4 Develop and implement management plans for the Sperrins AONB and for the Global Geopark in partnership with neighbouring areas

8.5 Train young people in the area to be ambassadors for tourism

8.6 Review parking provision across the area (including coach parking), giving consideration to disability/mobility issues, and deliver on agreed actions

8.7 Develop a network of Blueways and other water based infrastructure

8.8 Promote and increase countryside access across the district, promoting the ‘leave no trace’ principle

Action Leads:
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