Community Planning is about getting the public, voluntary and business sectors to work collectively together with local communities to develop and implement a shared plan for improving the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the areas in which people live.
THE PURPOSE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING

- Community Planning is designed to strengthen the interaction between the public, voluntary and business sectors in local council areas. It promotes direct partnership working in developing and delivering long-term, sustainable and evidence based outcomes for everyone in the community.

- NB: an outcome can be identified as the result we are aiming to achieve.
- Community Planning Partnerships are initiated and operate within each of the 11 Council districts
- They agree and work to deliver on a shared partnership Vision for the district
What topics do community plans address?

- Community Plans aim to address issues which have been identified, by the partners and local communities, as a priority for that Council area. They work to improve issues which would benefit from a joined-up partnership approach.

- In Fermanagh and Omagh, the Community Plan covers three broad themes:
  - People & Communities
  - Economy, Infrastructure & Skills
  - Environment
WHAT IS THE COUNCIL’S ROLE?

- Legislation identifies a council as the Lead Partner
- Its role is to initiate, maintain, facilitate and participate in community planning and to publish and report on the Community Plan
WHO ARE THE STATUTORY PARTNERS AND WHAT IS THEIR ROLE?

- There are 12 partners identified in legislation.
- Their role is to:
  - Participate in and assist the Council in carrying out community planning duties.
  - This includes to perform actions in the Plan and contribute to monitoring.
WHAT ROLE DO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS PLAY?

- The Department for Communities is responsible for Local Government policy and community development and provides advice and guidance on community planning.

- However, all Departments will have an interest in community planning as it helps make sure that the Programme for Government and NICS outcomes connect with local wellbeing priorities.

- Departments are required to promote and encourage community planning and have regard to any implications of a Community Plan.
The Community and Voluntary Sector and the Business Community are represented by nominees from the Community/Voluntary Sector Forum and through the Tourism and Economic Development Partnership.

There has also been extensive community engagement throughout the process to develop and agree the Community Plan and Action Plan and this will be refreshed on an ongoing basis.
WHAT IS COMMUNITY PLANNING DOING IN FERMANAGH AND OMAGH?

- We have developed and agreed a Community Plan ‘Fermanagh and Omagh 2030’ and an Action Plan
- We are working in partnership to deliver a wide range of actions across our themes and outcomes
- Papers from all of our Strategic Partnership Board meetings can be viewed at http://fermanaghomagh.public-minutes.com/
- Our first Performance Statement will be published in November 2019
- Further information is available at https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/communityplanning/
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