



Fermanagh & Omagh
District Council
Comhairle Ceantair
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Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Corporate Plan 2024 -2028 Our Council, Our Plan

Impact Report
October 2025 –
March 2026
(Reporting Period 4)

Appendix 1



Climate
Action



People &
Communities



Shared
Prosperity



One Council



Progress Update up to 31st March 2026

This document provides a progress update from 1st October 2025 to 31st March 2026. It summarises delivery performance across four key strategic priorities and gives a quick snapshot of how we are doing.

	1. Climate Action	 Embed sustainability to ensure progress towards Net Zero by 2040.  11 Objectives (100%) have demonstrated good progress and are on target for delivery within timeline/cost/deliverables identified.	Progress Status  On Target
	2. People and Communities	 Provide opportunities for everyone to live well.  10 Objectives (100%) have demonstrated good progress and are on target for delivery within timeline/cost/deliverables identified.	Progress Status  On Target
	3. Shared Prosperity	 Drive an inclusive economy and aid prosperity across our district.  10 Objectives (100%) have demonstrated good progress and are on target for delivery within timeline/cost/deliverables identified.	Progress Status  On Target
	4. One Council	 Ensure an efficient, effective and agile Council founded on good governance practices.  12 Objectives (100%) have demonstrated good progress and are on target for delivery within timeline/cost/deliverables identified.	Progress Status  On Target

Download the Corporate Plan 'Our Council, Our Plan' [here](#)



Core Priority: Climate Action

Embed Sustainability to ensure progress towards Net Zero by 2040

Core Objective	Summary of achievements and impact
1. Sustainable Assets Ensure our Council owned estate is accessible, safe, and clean and meets the needs of residents and visitors, focusing on sustainable, low carbon and renewable energy solutions.	- Climate Action Plan 2026-31 agreed. - Sustainable infrastructure projects continued to progress. - Investment made in renewable energy and EV charging. - Parks and green spaces enhanced for people and nature. Impact: Good progress is being made to create greener, more sustainable Council facilities and spaces for everyone
2. Effective and Efficient Waste Management Identify, agree and implement waste and recycling service reforms that demonstrate statutory compliance and meet the needs and expectations of residents.	- Increased recycling performance, with one of the highest recycling rates in Northern Ireland and less waste sent to landfill. - Secured funding to support improvements to future waste and recycling services. - Encouraged reuse through community initiatives such as the Halloween Swap Shop. - Supported schools and communities to reduce waste through education, litter picks and the Zero Waste Champions programme. Impact: Residents are recycling more, reducing waste and helping to create cleaner, more sustainable communities.
3. Protect and Enhance our Environment Nurture and support academic, business, community and other partnerships to build capacity to protect and enhance our environment.	- Supported local communities to take part in environmental projects, including biodiversity, green spaces and recycling initiatives. - Secured funding to restore peatlands, woodlands and other important natural habitats. - Delivered environmental education and awareness programmes, reaching more than 3,200 people across the district. - Hosted inclusive nature events, helping more people connect with and enjoy the outdoors. Impact: Strong partnerships and community involvement are helping to protect local nature, improve biodiversity and create a healthier environment for everyone.

2025/26 – Impact in numbers



14,409

Trees planted



30

All 30 Priority 1 Council Buildings have an EPC rating



Scope 1 and 2 emissions reduced by

1,153
tCO₂e



166.20

Hectares of land managed for biodiversity



Core Priority: People and Communities

Provide Opportunities for Everyone to Live Well

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Core Objective	Summary of achievements and impact
4. Address Poverty and Disadvantage Support people and communities to minimise the impact of poverty and inequalities on their quality of life and work to provide equal opportunities for all.	- Increased support for vulnerable households through cost-of-living, debt advice and wellbeing programmes. - Helped newcomer communities and Traveller's access services, take part in community life and build connections. - Expanded support programmes to reach more people experiencing financial hardship. - Continued to deliver the Anti-Poverty Strategy, helping to make services more accessible, inclusive and responsive to need. Impact: More people are receiving the support and advice they need, helping to reduce inequalities, improve wellbeing and strengthen community inclusion.
5. Improve Citizen Wellbeing Improve population wellbeing and tackle health inequalities to give everyone the opportunity to lead a healthier life.	- Maintained high demand leisure, fitness and swimming opportunities across the district. - Supported around 300 children each week to take part in school swimming lessons. - Launched the Age Friendly Strategy 2026-2030 to support older people to live healthier, safer and more connected lives. - Delivered wellbeing programmes and activities for over 4,000 participants, with a focus on reducing health inequalities. - Increased participation in specialist health programmes, helping more people improve their health and wellbeing. Impact: More people are taking part in physical activity, improving their health and wellbeing, and staying connected within their communities.
6. Support Communities Work to build and empower, resilient, thriving, and safe communities.	- Supported local projects that help tackle violence against women and girls and promote safer communities, through the Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (EVAWG) regional initiative. - Started new PEACEPLUS and cross-border programmes to strengthen communities and support innovation. - Delivered community wellbeing initiatives across all areas of the district. - Connected community groups with funding, advice and support to help them grow and thrive. - Celebrated the contribution of community organisations and volunteers across the district. Impact: Communities are becoming more connected, inclusive and resilient, with increased opportunities for people to get involved, access support and shape their local area.
7. Value and Enrich our Heritage Protect, enhance, and make accessible the rich, diverse, natural, built and cultural heritage of our district.	- Progressed key heritage projects, including the Lough Erne Pilgrim Trail, Castle Caldwell and Cuilcagh Mountain. - Secured funding opportunities to help protect and enhance important heritage sites. - Improved understanding of local natural heritage through peatland restoration and environmental monitoring. - Established a Heritage Forum to support delivery of the Heritage Plan 2030. - Commemorated the 75th anniversary of the Omagh Rail Tragedy and delivered cultural, Irish language and Ulster-Scots programmes across the district. - Delivered District wide language and cultural programming to celebrate Irish Language and Ulster Scots

	Appendix 1 Impact: Our natural, built and cultural heritage is being protected, celebrated and made more accessible, helping people connect with the unique history and identity of our district.
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2025/26 – Impact in Numbers			
 8,816 volunteers supported through Council grant and sponsorship programmes	 844 individuals receiving wraparound support to alleviate poverty	 645,224 usages of Leisure Centres	 80,755 participants in FODC physical activity programmes from targeted groups



Core Priority: Shared Prosperity

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Drive an inclusive economy and aid prosperity across our district

Core Objective	Summary of achievements and impact
8. Inclusive Economy Support delivery of a strong local economy through a focus on inclusivity, productivity and environmental sustainability.	• Worked with partners to develop a plan for growing the local economy. • Supported businesses through funding, advice, mentoring and innovation programmes. • Strengthened tourism by promoting the district and securing new marketing opportunities. • Continued to work with partners to lobby for improved investment in local infrastructure. • Helped more people gain skills, find employment and access education through targeted support programmes. Impact: More support is available for businesses, workers and job seekers, helping to build a stronger, more inclusive and sustainable local economy.
9. Capital Investment Develop and deliver a sustainable capital programme and wider capital investment aligned with strategic priorities.	• Continued construction of the new Fermanagh Lakeland Forum to Passivhaus standards, achieving significant social value. • Progressed improvement projects in Omagh town. • Advanced PEACEPLUS projects across the district. • Secured funding to develop plans for the Silgo, Leitrim, and Northern Counties Railway Greenway. • Continued work on environmental projects, including the Drummeel Landfill Closure Project. • Progressed plans for a Crematorium at Greenhill Cemetery. Impact: Investment in key projects is helping to improve facilities, support regeneration, enhance the environment and create long-term benefits for local communities.
10. Quality Places Ensure that decision making, policies and land use zonings are in place to deliver sustainable development and recognise our unique rural characteristics and place shaping approach.	• Continued delivery of the Enniskillen and Omagh Place Shaping Plans. • Engaged with residents, stakeholders and partners to help shape future housing and community development, including the 'Future Housing Provision' conference and 'Omagh's Future' engagement events. • Progressed work on the Local Development Plan to support sustainable growth. • Improved planning services through ongoing modernisation and digital development. • Continued to champion the needs of rural communities and lobby for fair investment and improved access to services. Impact: Good planning and strong community engagement are helping to create attractive, sustainable places where people can live, work and thrive.

2025/26 – Impact in Numbers

 £10,280,413 expenditure on capital projects	 7.6 weeks average processing time of local planning applications	 370+ thousand visitors (footfall) to the Council's key tourism attractions	 Almost £1M level of grant/investment income secured for the district
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Core Priority: One Council

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Ensure an efficient, effective and agile Council founded on good governance practices

Core Objective	Summary of achievements and impact
11. Strong Governance Manage a transparent and effectively governed Council that is responsible to our citizens, while also maintaining strong financial discipline to ensure that we operate within our budgetary limits.	• Maintained strong governance, with high attendance at Council and Committee meetings. • Represented local views through responses to 38 national and regional consultations. • Set the lowest district rate increase among all 11 councils in Northern Ireland. • Secured significant external funding to support local projects and services. • Published resident survey results and continued to engage with and recognise employees. Impact: Strong leadership, sound financial management and an engaged workforce are helping the Council deliver value for money and effective services for residents.
12. Citizen Focussed Listening and engaging collaboratively with our citizens, communities and partners across the district to deliver services efficiently and to a high standard every day	• Engaged with local communities through events and discussions across the district, including the 'Rural Communities: Vision, Voice, and Action' engagement event. • Achieved high customer satisfaction, with 87% satisfaction for Customer Services and 97% satisfaction for Registration Services. • Continued to respond to and resolve customer feedback and complaints. • Worked with residents and advisory groups to help make services more accessible and inclusive. Impact: Residents continue to shape Council services, helping us deliver high-quality, accessible services that meet local needs.
13. Innovation and Continuous Improvement Continuously improve and simplify the delivery of our services, looking at new ways to work and innovate	• Invested in staff learning and development, with over 4,000 training activities completed. • Introduced a new HR chatbot to help employees quickly access information and support. • Continued to upgrade Council IT systems and digital infrastructure across Council locations. • Improved Wi-Fi services in Council buildings and facilities. • Developed guidance to support the safe and effective use of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Impact: Better technology, improved skills and new ways of working are helping the Council deliver more efficient, responsive and modern services.

2025/26 – Impact in Numbers



85.2%

of complaints responded to within target time



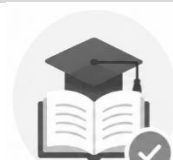
Lowest rates increase

across all Councils in NI of 1.96%



7 Strategic Innovations

Embedded



7,057

of learning and development opportunities completed by Elected Members and officers

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