

**Fermanagh and Omagh Community Planning Partnership**  
**Strategic Partnership Board**



**Report by:** Head of Community Planning & Performance  
**Meeting Date:** 15 March 2018  
**Report Subject:** To consider report on Consultation – Draft Action Plan

## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of the report is to:

- (i) outline the findings of the consultation process on the draft Action Plan; and
- (iii) to seek approval for a series of updates to the draft Action Plan.

## **2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

### **2.1 Action Plan Development**

The Fermanagh and Omagh Community Planning Strategic Partnership Board agreed a draft Action Plan for consultation purposes on 15 November 2017. This followed a significant co-design process involving stakeholders from the statutory, community and voluntary and private sectors which, using an Outcomes Based Accountability (OBA) approach, had identified draft actions based on 'turning the curve' in respect of the indicators set out in the Community Plan. This process took place over several months, as follows:

- (i) OBA introductory training sessions x2 – facilitated by David Burnby (24 February and 14 March)
- (ii) Action Planning workshops x2 – facilitated by David Burnby (10 and 11 April)
- (iii) Action Planning follow on workshops x3 – facilitated by CPP Team (5, 10 and 11 May)
- (iv) Prioritisation workshop for SPB members – facilitated by Thematic Leads (9 June).
- (v) Informal process with partners to further define actions and agree Action Leads (July – November)

The actions which were included in the draft Action Plan were those upon which it was agreed some progress could be achieved in the short to medium term (ie, within 2-4 years in

light of the first review of the Community Plan which is programmed for 2021) and where added value could be identified from adopting a partnership approach.

## 2.2 Context re Community Involvement

Part 10 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 (henceforth referred to as ‘the Act’) introduced a new statutory duty of community planning on councils and their statutory partners with the aim of developing and implementing a shared vision for promoting the wellbeing of an area, community cohesion and improving the quality of life of citizens. As the lead partner, a council is responsible for making arrangements for community planning in its area.

The Act requires a council and its community planning partners to seek the views of the community, encourage them to express their views, and take their views into account in the community planning process. In referring to ‘the community’, this should incorporate (a) persons resident in the district; (b) persons not resident in the district by who receive services provided by the council or one of its community planning partners; (c) representation of relevant voluntary bodies; (d) representatives of persons carrying on business in the area; (e) other persons who, in the opinion of the council, are interested in improvement of the district’s social, economic and environmental wellbeing’.

A Communications Plan covering the 8 week consultation period was developed and agreed by the Strategic Partnership Board on 15 November 2017. This report outlines further the process undertaken and the consultation findings. In developing the consultation findings, further consideration was also given to the information set out in Appendix 2 of the Consultation Summary Report January 2017 in respect of the final draft Strategic Community Plan. At that time a number of comments were also submitted relating to the draft actions identified at that stage of the process.

## 3. KEY ISSUES

### 3.1 Consultation Process and Participation

Taking account of the significant involvement from a wide range of stakeholders in the development of the Action Plan, the following arrangements were made for further public consultation:

- (i) 4 Public Drop In Information Sessions, as follows:

| <b>Table 2: Public Workshops Phase 3 engagement</b> |   |
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| <b>Date and Time</b>                                | <b>Venue</b>                            |
| 16 January 2018: 6pm – 8pm                          | Lisnaskea Library*                      |
| 17 January 2018: 10am – 8pm                         | Omagh Library (all day drop-in)         |
| 23 January 2018: 10am – 8pm                         | Enniskillen Library (all day drop-in)** |
| 24 January 2018: 6pm – 8pm                          | Owenkillew Centre, Gortin               |

\* Event had to be rescheduled due to adverse weather – held on Tuesday 6 February (also some adverse weather)

\*\* Event had to be rescheduled due to a power outage at the venue – held on Tuesday 30 January

- (ii) Online survey – available through websites and social media links
- (iii) One to one meetings with hard to reach groups and under-represented groups where requested.

The Public Consultation process was widely advertised and communicated, including through:

- (i) Consultation advertisements in local newspapers and radio
- (ii) E-invite issued to a wide range of stakeholder databases and available on partner websites
- (iii) Facebook event tagging local community groups and reminder posts
- (iv) Discussion posts throughout consultation period using social media
- (iv) Poster campaign at key locations across the district
- (v) Information in Community Newsletter.

Appendix 1 sets out detailed information in relation to engagement/participation approaches and rates in the consultation process.

### 3.2 Overview of Consultation Responses

#### 3.2.1 Online Survey Responses – overview of statistics re support for actions in each outcome

| Outcome | Are the actions within this outcome the right actions to contribute to the achievement of the desired outcome? | Have we identified the correct partners to deliver each action? | Are there any obvious gaps? |
|---------|--|---|-----------------------------|
| 1       | Yes: 55%<br>No: 3%<br>Partly: 42%  | Yes: 56%<br>No: 2%<br>Partly: 39%                               | Yes: 44%<br>No: 48%         |
| 2       | Yes: 79%<br>No: 4%<br>Partly: 17%  | Yes: 59%<br>No: 4%<br>Partly: 16%                               | Yes: 11%<br>No: 62%         |
| 3       | Yes: 88%<br>No: 5%<br>Partly: 7%   | Yes: 63%<br>No: 2%<br>Partly: 9%                                | Yes: 7%<br>No: 65%          |
| 4       | Yes: 45%<br>No: 4%<br>Partly: 51%  | Yes: 48%<br>No: 7%<br>Partly: 41%                               | Yes: 38%<br>No: 54%         |
| 5       | Yes: 50%<br>No: 2%<br>Partly: 48%  | Yes: 45%<br>No: 2%<br>Partly: 45%                               | Yes: 47%<br>No: 43%         |
| 6       | Yes: 89%<br>No: 3%<br>Partly: 8%   | Yes: 63%<br>No: 6%<br>Partly: 4%                                | Yes: 9%<br>No: 61%          |
| 7       | Yes: 87%<br>No: 5%   | Yes: 60%<br>No: 6%  | Yes: 18%<br>No: 50%         |

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|          | Partly: 8%                       | Partly: 10%                          |                     |
| <b>8</b> | Yes: 89%<br>No: 3%<br>Partly: 9% | Yes: 61%<br>No: 0.00%<br>Partly: 12% | Yes: 10%<br>No: 54% |

(82 responses to the online survey were received.)

3.2.2 Key Comments Submitted and Suggested Response/Action – Online, Email and Drop-In Sessions



**Outcome 1: Our people are healthy and well – physically, mentally and emotionally**

The online survey responses for this outcome (66) indicate a moderately high level of support for the actions identified at 55% with only 3% advising that they are not the right actions. Of those who felt they were partly the right options, ie 42%, or who felt there were gaps, the following key points were made, alongside key points raised through other mechanisms:

| Key points received  | Suggested Response   |
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| (i) 18 of 27 comments received online were from residents of Gortin advising that action is required to enable self-enabling communities to offer a wide range of activities and interventions at a local level, eg, deteriorating facilities in Gortin impacts on activities offered. Should focus on areas identified as most remote in terms of access to | Comments largely relate to a capital investment programme which is not included as a community planning action. Currently, this is facilitated through (1) FODC Capital Grants call: grants of up to £20K are provided for improvements to the capital infrastructure. The grant call opened last Autumn and closed in November. This grant call opens every 2 years; (2) Peace funding for the re imaging |

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| <p>services. Supporting comments received by email from Greencastle Community Association.</p> <p>This comment was also supported through comments received at the drop-in events relating to deteriorating facilities in rural areas.</p> <p>Comments were also received re supporting communities to deliver activities and supporting those on low incomes to afford kit for physical/sporting activities. Accessible provision for activity such as fishing was also identified as an issue.</p> | <p>of community facilities; grants of up to £6K were available. This grants call closed a few months ago and is very unlikely to re-open; (3) SIF funding has been provided for a number of community projects in the local area. This funding was provided by the Executive Office. The Rural Development Programme also provided opportunities to support capital infrastructure. There may be another call for SIF projects but this is subject to an Executive being formed and funding being provided. This comment can be referred to FODC Community Services Officers to work directly with groups to prepare for future funding opportunities.</p> <p>The comment on supporting communities to deliver activities etc will be referred to the Action Lead and will also be picked up in action 3.9 re developing community capacity, resilience and volunteering</p> |
| <p>(ii) To increase uptake of physical activity there must be better infrastructure – more footpaths and cycle ways; bus services are being reduced not expanded;</p>  | <p>These points will be addressed through actions 6.2; 6.3 and 8.10</p>  |
| <p>(iii) No dedicated Arts Centre in Enniskillen</p>   | <p>This comment will be referred to FODC Arts and Heritage Service.</p>  |
| <p>(iv) Need emphasis on disability, especially with regard to exercise and social situations</p> <p>(v) Regular activities for youth and elderly populations</p>  | <p>Refer comments to Action Lead for 1.1; Commitments to equality, inclusivity and diversity are underpinning all actions.</p>   |
| <p>(vi) No consideration of e-health as a means of addressing access to services in rural areas, particularly with lack of GPs</p>   | <p>This comment will be referred to WHSCT/HSCB/PHA/CAWT for consideration in terms of potential for future action</p>  |
| <p>(vii) 1.4 should go beyond workplace mental health champions to community mental health champions; extend this to the education sector – youth in particular who need support; Suicide prevention a key issue. Also suggest adding Action Mental Health as partner for 1.1</p>  | <p>Discuss with Action Lead for 1.4 – potential further development of action over time</p>  |
| <p>(viii) No reference to diet or breastfeeding</p>  | <p>During prioritisation of actions, it was agreed that actions in relation to breastfeeding were already being actively progressed via the health family;</p>   |

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|   | Actions around diet and nutrition for children/young people and parental support are included in outcome 4   |
| (ix) Please explain what community and voluntary sector means? These need to be named not grouped together; no reference to Surestart, toddler groups, Camphill Community; Arts Council NI; Heritage Council NI; GPs and Pharmacies should be included more | Include additional info in final version re community and voluntary sector and how the actions will link into the sector<br><br>Consider adding to partners as appropriate |
| (x) DAERA and other funding organisations have a key role to play; DAERA have significant role to play in rural area; DAERA not named as a lead partner?  | Refer to DAERA   |
| (xi) Action 1.3 and 1.5 – create a directory of what is available in terms of workshops/programmes  | Refer to Action Leads  |
| (xii) Email submission received from NI Ambulance Service requesting that consideration is given to inclusion of an action relating to Community Resuscitation  | This could contribute to improving the indicator on no of preventable deaths. Progress further discussions with NI Ambulance Service.                                      |

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

The online survey responses for this outcome (62) indicate a high level of support for the actions identified at 79% with only 4% advising that they are not the right actions. Of those who felt they were partly the right options, ie 17%, or who felt there were gaps, the following key points were made, alongside key points raised through other mechanisms:

| <b>Key points received</b>  | <b>Suggested Response</b>  |
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| (i) No mention of allotments or community gardens which provide opportunity for involvement for all abilities and ages; more opportunities for intergenerational activity | Refer to Action Lead   |
| (ii) Transport provision across rural areas needs improved – not just a case of providing community transport which can be over-subscribed                                | Picked up in actions 6.2 and 6.3   |
| (iii) Need to add housing associations as partners and healthy living centres   | HLCs are part of community and voluntary sector; Will add housing associations to list of partners             |
| (iv) Concern re asking a voluntary organisation to lead – statutory partners need to support  | Add info to plan re the role of an Action Lead. A number of statutory partners will be supporting this action. |

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| (v)    | No reference to rurality/rural isolation  | Comments in 'story behind the baseline' for this outcome do refer to rurality. Plan has been rural-proofed                             |
| (vi)   | Add partners – churches, DfI, Heritage Groups, Walk NI, Walking in your Community   | Will refer to Action Lead for consideration  |
| (vii)  | Need further info on funding for actions  | Will be addressed in detail to be developed by partners for each action  |
| (viii) | Need a handrail at Ulster Bank hill in Omagh town centre like that at old Post Office   | Refer to Department for Infrastructure for follow up   |
| (ix)   | Need capacity building for community centres/provision re dementia friendly provision   | Refer to Action Leads 2.1 and 3.9  |
| (x)    | Build on existing activity eg Good Morning Phone Calls; provide info on what is currently available; protect what is currently available eg day care  | Refer to Action Leads 2.1 and 3.9  |
| (xi)   | Concerns re impact of universal credit – many older people do not have email but will need to have; access to advice etc  | Refer to Action Leads 2.1 and 3.9  |
| (xii)  | Email submission from Greencastle Community Association welcoming the inclusion of transportation and social isolation in this action. Also note the negative impact of poor access to services on health and wellbeing of remote communities, particularly for older people. Request for community facilities to be used as activity hubs. | Actions are underpinned by commitment to addressing deprivation, this will include areas identified as having poor access to services. |

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

The online survey responses for this outcome (58) indicate a high level of support for the actions identified at 88% with only 5% advising that they are not the right actions. Of those who felt they were partly the right options, ie 7%, or who felt there were gaps, the following key points were made, alongside key points raised through other mechanisms:

| <b>Key points received</b>  | <b>Suggested Response</b>  |
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| (i) Creating community gardens or allotments would promote inclusion – all ages, ethnic backgrounds, abilities. Creation of markets where people can meet up to buy food etc, | Refer to Action Leads 3.6, 3.9 and 3.10 (NB also raised in relation to 2.1)  |
| (ii) Integrated education needs to be included  | Add NICIE as partners where schools involved   |
| (iii) No mention of integration. Churches should be included and use of spaces such as libraries, college   | Action 3.6 references programmes of inclusive activity, promoting equality and celebrating diversity. Churches are included as a partner |

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| (iv)   | In some areas, the PSNI being lead partner may not be supported/ difficult for them to deliver in some areas   | Actions will be progressed as 'community planning' actions and multiple partners are involved  |
| (v)    | Ensure 3.4 includes services for men   | Refer to Action Lead   |
| (vi)   | Support for action 3.5 – also needs to increase awareness of online child sexual exploitation. Also needs to educate parents.  | Refer to Action Lead   |
| (vii)  | <p>Action 3.7 – food banks are at capacity – needs expansion; hostel services needed in main towns; more social housing – release houses at former Lisanelly camp.</p> <p>Email submission received from DfC noting that, as poverty is measured by income levels, the cause of poverty is worklessness and low pay and actions need to focus on increasing incomes. The submission suggests that the action, as currently outlined, is not the most appropriate action and should be more integrated across the plan.</p> | <p>No Action Lead identified at this stage and there is a need to further refine the approach to identify a more targeted action. This further refinement could be taken forward in the first instance by FODC.</p> <p>NB: specific actions are already included in the plan in relation to increasing the number of jobs, increasing wages and reducing worklessness. Similarly, actions under outcome 1 will aim to reduce health inequalities. There is a view, however, that additional actions are needed, at least in the short term, to mitigate against the effects of poverty where data shows this is evident.</p> |
| (viii) | Consideration needed for funding support for community organisations who are stepping into gaps from statutory services  | Funding will be considered through the next steps in development of each of the actions.   |
| (ix)   | Email submissions received from Omagh Volunteer Centre and Volunteer Now referencing that more prominence is given to volunteering as underpinning many of the actions (supported through public drop-in sessions)   | Add commentary to plan referencing the importance of volunteering to support delivery and update action 3.9 re 'supporting community capacity and resilience across rural and urban areas' to also reference developing volunteering   |

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

The online survey responses for this outcome (57) indicate a moderate level of support for the actions identified at 45%. Only 4% advise that they are not the right actions with 51%% indicating that they are 'partly' right. Of those who felt they were partly the right options or who felt there were gaps, the following key points were made, alongside key points raised through other mechanisms:

| <b>Key points received</b>  | <b>Suggested Response</b>   |
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| (i) 19 of 28 comments refer to the significant role which amateur sporting organisations can play in improving the physical and mental wellbeing of young | Amateur sporting organisations are included under the umbrella of 'community and voluntary sector'. Further information will be included in the Action Plan in this |

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|        | people and request a commitment to supporting these groups  | regard. The CVS is included as a partner for all 4 actions in this outcome.  |
| (ii)   | Don't have the facilities in rural areas to fully deliver this.   | Action 4.3 includes consideration of opportunities to make school facilities available for community use, in addition to existing community facilities.  |
| (iii)  | Give consideration to physical activity through gardening, forest schools etc. Children should have half an hour of physical exercise each day – Canadian and New Zealand models                                      | Refer to Action Lead 4.2   |
| (iv)   | Concerned about those in NEET (not in education, employment or training) – they need to be targeted   | Further discussions will take place in relation to a potential action which may include the establishment of an Employability and/or Skills Forum in the district. There are also a number of existing initiatives, eg, ASPIRE Programme which will continue to be delivered |
| (v)    | Inclusion of integrated sector, churches, early years, national trust   | Add NICIE as partners where schools involved; add National Trust as partner to 4.2; refer to Action Lead re wider partners   |
| (vi)   | Action 4.1 refers to help for those in receipt of free school meals – concerns re the working poor and exclusion of those children  | Action aimed at support for under-achievers – it notes that this includes pupils with SEN, new-comer pupils, looked after pupils and pupils entitled to free school meals but does not identify that it is exclusive to these groups. Is likely to be resource dependent.    |
| (vii)  | Gap in terms of the very young, eg, parenting support.  | Add 'Early Years' to action 4.3, ie, promote partnerships between Early Years, schools, parents, communities and other relevant agencies.....'<br>Detail of action to include initiatives relevant to this group also.   |
| (viii) | EA may not have the local knowledge/contacts to deliver action 4.3. Important to inform parents about keeping children safe, drugs etc. High level of support for addressing mental health/resilience of young people | Add info to plan re role of Action Lead. There are multiple other partners involved including the community and voluntary sector with local knowledge and contacts. Refer comments to Action Lead.   |

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

The online survey responses for this outcome (54) indicate a moderately high level of support for the actions identified at 50%. Only 2% advise that they are not the right actions with 48% indicating that they are 'partly' right. Of those who felt they were partly the right options or who felt there were gaps, the following key points were made, alongside key points raised through other mechanisms:

| Key points received   | Suggested Response  |
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| (i) 19 of 24 comments refer to the need to prevent the decline of rural communities by encouraging people to stay/return and investing in villages/local services. Need rural village investment plan.<br>Also supported by comments at public drop-in sessions | A number of the actions aim to encourage local businesses and jobs as well as to encourage return of people to the area, ie, 5.1, 5.2, 5.5, 5.6, 5.9, 5.11, 5.14, 5.16. Action 8.3 refers to villages. Action 3.9 refers to strengthening communities across rural and urban areas. |
| (ii) Brexit   | Action 5.4 refers to encouraging businesses to prepare for Brexit   |
| (iii) Lack of rail in the West  | Not considered a feasible action for community plan.  |
| (iv) Lack of reference to social enterprises or charities   | Action 5.3 refers to social enterprise  |
| (v) Apprenticeships   | Action 5.16 refers to apprenticeships   |
| (vi) Poor broadband, mobile signal  | Included in outcome 6 – efforts are ongoing to identify an Action Lead  |
| (vii) DAERA is a critical partner in terms of rural areas/communities across this outcome   | A partner for one action – 5.14 re a development and branding programme for farm produce  |
| (viii) Chamber of Commerce has a role to play eg mentors to assist young start-up businesses  | This relates to action 5.3 which lists the business community as a partner. There will need to be further engagement with that community, through the Economic Development Partnership, to identify individual partners   |
| (ix) Need to improve roads to support tourism – Shore Road from Enniskillen could be a natural extension of Wild Atlantic Way and a route for motorcyclists but road condition is diabolical  | Refer to Action Lead for 5.15   |
| (x) Technological support and funding needed for voluntary groups trying to support rural communities   | Refer to Action Lead – Action 3.9 re supporting community capacity and resilience   |
| (xi) 5.15 – several requests for mountain bike trails at Gortin Glens, skate park at OLC Boating Lake, BMX park at St Julians Road, development of old O’Neill Highway between Donegal and Mid Ulster   | Refer to Action Lead for 5.15   |
| (xii) Email submission from Waterways Ireland requesting to be added as a partner to 5.15   | Add to list of partners – 5.15  |
| (xiii) Email submission from ICBAN requesting to be added as a partner to action 5.12   | Add ICBAN to list of partners – 5.12  |

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| (xiv) Email submission from NIHE requesting to be added as a partner to actions 5.3 (social enterprise) and 5.8 (uptake of gas to the west) | Add NIHE to list of partners – 5.3 and 5.8 |
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### Outcome 6: Our district is better connected

The online survey responses for this outcome (54) indicate a high level of support for the actions identified. Only 3% advise that they are not the right actions with 8% indicating that they are 'partly' right. Of those who felt they were partly the right options or who felt there were gaps, the following key points were made, alongside key points raised through other mechanisms:

| Key points received   | Suggested Response   |
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| (i) Several comments referencing poor rural connectivity/infrastructure - greenways, bike schemes, community transport/public transport. References to ORNI audit already done. Better lighting needed for rural paths etc. Also comments re need for paths to schools eg Drumragh College; Gaelscoil, Omagh. Expand facilities for electric cars across district | Action 6.3 refers to sustainable forms of transport, ie, cycling, walking and public/community transport. Action 8.10 refers to countryside access also. No actions around bike schemes at present.<br>Refer to Action leads |
| (ii) 6.4 Several comments re A5 scheme and urgency in terms of road safety  | Refer to Action Lead   |
| (iii) Reference under general comments to need for traffic improvements in main towns   | Refer to DfI   |
| (iv) Email submission from ICBAN requesting to be added as a partner to action 6.4 re transport linkages  | Add ICBAN as a partner – 6.4   |

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

The online survey responses for this outcome (53) indicate a high level of support for the actions identified. Only 5% advise that they are not the right actions with 8% indicating that they are 'partly' right. Of those who felt they were partly the right options or who felt there were gaps, the following key points were made, alongside key points raised through other mechanisms:

| Key points received   | Suggested Response   |
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| (i) References to planning, fracking, wind turbines, goldmines are excluded   | The Community Plan has set out a strategic outcome in terms of sustainably managing and, where possible, enhancing our outstanding natural environment. This strategic direction, alongside the direction given through all of the outcomes, will be reflected in the Local Development Plan |
| (ii) Local Development Plan going forward will no longer recognise the term dispersed rural communities affecting 11 areas of the Fermanagh |  |

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|        | district and restricting their ability to build/run a business.  | (LDP) for the district which sets out planning strategy and policy. This document is under development and will be subject to significant consultation. As yet the LDP position in relation to dispersed rural communities has not yet been agreed. However, the draft Plan Strategy will bring forward policies to support rural economic development of an appropriate nature and scale.  |
| (iii)  | CAAN Network/EU environmental designations after Brexit – plan? Same for historic buildings  | There are regional discussions progressing in respect of the impacts of Brexit which will pick up on these issues.  |
| (iv)   | DAERA is a critical partner/needs to be proactive in this outcome  | Currently a partner for action 7.3, 7.4, 7.6  |
| (v)    | National Trust keen to be a partner for 7.2 re ‘pride of place’. Schools/pre-schools should be involved and young people. More dog waste bins needed.  | Add to list of partners. Refer comments to Action Lead  |
| (vi)   | Re 7.3 should look at identifying/developing less known areas  | Refer to Action Lead  |
| (vii)  | 7.5 – use St Lucia site for allotments   | Refer to Action Lead re built heritage  |
| (viii) | Email submission from Waterways Ireland suggesting that actions 7.2 and 7.6 are combined due to similarities and Waterways Ireland is added as a partner   | Further to discussion with Action Leads for 7.2 and 7.6, these actions will be combined to a single action  |
| (ix)   | Email submission from Woodland Trust re (a) actions 7.3 and 7.4 and questioning the correlation between the action and the biodiversity indicator; (b) requesting that they are added as a partner to action 7.2; (c) consideration of an action to creating and connecting publicly accessible green spaces that would be advantageous to people, wildlife and the natural environment and have a direct and positive impact upon biodiversity levels within the district | <p>Further to discussions with the Local Biodiversity Officer, it is suggested that actions 7.3 and 7.4 are updated to a single action as follows:</p> <p>Through partnership working, deliver the Fermanagh and Omagh Local Biodiversity Action Plan with a specific focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Helping conserve and enhance local habitats and species</li> <li>(ii) Raising awareness and knowledge of local biodiversity</li> <li>(iii) Involving local people and communities in developing wildlife projects and improving physical and mental health through conservation and outdoor activities.</li> </ul> <p>Action to be led by the Local Biodiversity Forum, supported by FODC.</p> |

## Outcome 8: Our district is an attractive and accessible place

The online survey responses for this outcome (52) indicate a high level of support for the actions identified. Only 3% advise that they are not the right actions with 9% indicating that they are 'partly' right. Of those who felt they were partly the right options or who felt there were gaps, the following key points were made, alongside key points raised through other mechanisms:

| Key points received  | Suggested Response   |
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| (i) Need facilities in rural areas, not just that the areas look attractive; need to ensure that actions cover rural areas not just larger towns and that rural groups are supported to improve their areas. Ensure accessibility is improved through Enniskillen Public Realm scheme                                | Action 8.3 refers to enhancing and improving the aesthetics of villages as well as towns. Refer comments to Action Lead  |
| (ii) 8.1 – Use OASIS plaza for markets   | Refer to Action Lead   |
| (iii) Tourism in Tyrone has worst record in NI – massive improvement needed. Needs to be more specific   | Specific reference here to Sperrins AONB. Other tourism actions also picked up in outcome 5 and these will look across wider district.   |
| (iv) Fly tipping and litter control need to be looked at in more detail  | Action leads will be liaising with partners re detailed delivery plans   |
| (v) Effects of derelict buildings needs more attention – having an adverse effect on rural villages in terms of community pride and attractiveness to tourists   | Action 8.2 refers to derelict properties. Refer comments to Action Lead.   |
| (vi) Email submission from Waterways Ireland suggesting that actions 8.9 and 8.10 are combined. Note that while Waterways Ireland currently leads action 8.9 it advises that not a suitable lead for a combined action<br><br>Several expressions of support for 8.10 and promotion of walking in Sperrins and AONBs | Suggest that actions remain separate as quite distinct in terms of (i) blueways and (ii) countryside access. Suggest that Action Leads work together to join up action planning meetings/activities due to overlap in partners |
| (vii) Request for secure outdoor spaces where dog owners can allow dogs off the lead (public drop-in session)  | Refer to Action Lead – 8.10  |

### Other General Comments:

- (i) Several comments complimenting the comprehensive nature of the action plan
- (ii) Some reference to lack of specifics – further commentary to be included in plan re OBA approach, next stages and detailed work to be undertaken on each action, including reporting on performance measures
- (iii) Ensuring inclusive approaches particularly for minority groups, eg, traveller families and geographically across the district.



### 3.3 Actions without an Action Lead:

There have been ongoing discussions with potential leads and the following position has been identified in respect of those actions which did not have an agreed Action Lead. These have been reflected in the updated Action Plan attached:

| Outcome  | Action   | Comments   |
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| <p>3. Our communities are inclusive, safe, resilient and empowered</p> | <p>3.7 Develop and implement an Anti-Poverty Strategy and Action Plan for the Fermanagh and Omagh district</p>   | <p>Correspondence has been received from the Permanent Secretary advising that DfC could not lead this work.</p> <p>Following discussion with partners, it is suggested that the action is refined to identify an initial stage of work which will be led by FODC aimed at researching and identifying more focused initiatives to alleviate the effects of poverty for those most in need. Action Leads will be sought to take forward these initiatives. This also recognises that there are several actions under outcome 5 aimed at impacting the causes of poverty, ie, worklessness and low incomes. Actions under outcome 1 also aim to reduce health inequalities.</p> |
| <p>5. Our economy is thriving, expanding and outward looking</p>       | <p>5.1 Develop closer links between schools, training providers, businesses and the Careers Service to better identify and meet future skills requirements within the local economy, leading to sustainable employment opportunities</p> | <p>Correspondence has been received from the Permanent Secretary advising that the Department for the Economy could not lead this work.</p>  |

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|   | and a growth in entrepreneurship  | It is suggested that these are identified as “actions under development” and that discussions continue with a range of partners, including DfC, regarding the potential to progress this work through a potential Employability and/or Skills Forum for the district. |
|   | 5.9 Develop/implement an integrated, inclusive approach to ensuring that people who are not in education, employment or training are helped into sustainable employment, and supported once in work |   |
| 6. Our district is a connected place  | 6.5 Develop and promote a ‘Return on Investment’ model and promote examples of good practice to enable broadband development in the district  | Correspondence has been received from the Permanent Secretary advising that the Department for the Economy could not lead this action. Discussions are taking place with IC BAN re a potential action lead role.  |
| 7. Our outstanding natural environment and built and cultural heritage is sustainably managed and, where possible, enhanced | 7.5 Identify, promote and engage with opportunities to protect, manage, conserve and invest in our built heritage   | DfC to confirm.   |
| 8. Our district is an attractive and accessible place   | 8.6 Investigate opportunities to increase provision/availability of suitable visitor accommodation, including budget accommodation  | This action will be incorporated within action 5.15 led by Tourism NI which references tourism infrastructure.  |

#### 4. RECOMMENDATION

**RECOMMENDED:** that the Strategic Partnership Board:

- (i) review the key points raised as outlined above and the suggested responses;
- (ii) review and agree the updated draft Action Plan (Appendix 2)
- (iii) review and agree the next steps (Appendix 3)

#### 5. APPENDICES

**Appendix 1: Detailed Overview of Participation/Engagement – draft Community Plan Action Plan Consultation – February 2018**

**Appendix 2: draft amended Action Plan**

**Appendix 3: outline of next steps**

**6. RELEVANCE TO:**

|  | <b>Low</b> | <b>Medium</b> | <b>High</b> | <b>Comment</b>   |
|--|------------|---------------|-------------|--|
| <b>Equality</b>                                  |            |               | *           | Draft Action Plan has been subject to equality screening     |
| <b>Sustainability</b>                            |            |               | *           | Supports all three pillars.                                  |
| <b>Addressing Deprivation</b>                    |            |               | *           | Addressed within the plan.                                   |
| <b>Prevention and Early Intervention</b>         |            |               | *           | Addressed within the plan.                                   |
| <b>Community Engagement</b>                      |            |               | *           | Draft Action Plan has been subject to extensive consultation |
| <b>Working Collaboratively/Sharing Resources</b> |            |               | *           | Contributes to partnership working across sectors            |