



Fermanagh & Omagh
District Council
Comhairle Ceantair
Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí

Sustainable Development Policy

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1. Introduction.

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Corporate Plan 2015/19 sets out the Council's strategic aims, priorities and values.

Within this Corporate Plan, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council has identified a commitment to sustainable development and will ensure that this is embedded in all plans, policies and actions.

2. Definitions.

- 2.1 Sustainable development is about meeting the needs of people today and providing them with a good quality of life without compromising the quality of life of future generations. It is characterised typically as achieving an optimum balance between social, environmental, and economic considerations. In achieving this balance, sustainable development aims to maximise the benefits of social, environmental and economic initiatives by mitigating negative and increasing positive impacts.

3. Aim.

- 3.1 The aim of the policy is to establish and operate sustainable procedures and practices and to promote an organisational culture which ensures that sustainability is an integral part of every activity.

4. Objectives.

- 4.1 By working in accordance with this Policy, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council will:
- Consider sustainability in all its actions and decisions
 - Progressively integrate sustainability principles into its daily activities
 - Seek to increase the awareness of sustainable development generally
 - Ensure that where possible, council activities support the achievement of sustainable development
 - Strive to act as an exemplar for sustainable development, ensuring policies and actions provide a lead to the local and wider community

5. Implementation.

- 5.1 The policy will be supported by a the Sustainable Development Action Plan which will detail current and future actions acknowledging the significance of the priority areas identified in the NI Sustainable Development Strategy.

6. Resourcing.

- 6.1 All necessary human, financial and material resources will be made available to implement the Policy, whilst being mindful of budgetary constraints.
- 6.2 Training will be provided to raise awareness of the Sustainable Development Policy and Action Plan among staff and to ensure its effective implementation.

7. Responsibilities.

- 7.1 To ensure the successful implementation of the Sustainable Development Policy, clear roles and responsibilities will be assigned within the Sustainable Development Implementation and Action Plan.

Group or Individual	Role and Responsibilities
Councillors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Approve the Sustainable Development Policy and subsequent amendments➤ Attend any relevant training or awareness raising sessions.➤ Act in accordance with the Policy
Chief Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The Chief Executive has ultimate officer responsibility for embedding sustainable development principles throughout the Council.
Senior Management Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Contribute towards the identification and management of sustainable development principles➤ Allocate resources to enable the Council to meet its responsibilities➤ Promote the integration of sustainable development principles into the culture of the Council➤ Consider sustainable development issues at SMT
Heads of Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Ensure employees are aware of the Policy➤ Ensure sustainable development is a regular item on team meetings➤ Ensure sustainable development principles are integrated within Corporate policies and procedures
Sustainable Development Implementation Group	<p>Members of the Working Group will undertake to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Devote dedicated time to provide information on sustainable development issues on behalf of their section➤ Act as a conduit for communications between the Sustainable Development Implementation Group and their

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	section ➤ Bring information to the Sustainable Development Group on behalf of their section and relay information back to section from the Group ➤ Take responsibility for delivery of actions listed from the Implementation Group for their section
All Employees	➤ Have due regard to the Sustainable Development Policy ➤ Ensure that they exercise sustainability principles when carrying out their Council duties

8. Monitoring.

8.1 The Council will monitor the implementation of the Policy at regular intervals and will respond in a positive fashion to both regional and local changes in circumstance or new initiatives.

9. Linkages.

9.1 This Policy provides the framework to guide the Council's practice in relation to Sustainable Development.

9.2 The Policy operates in conjunction with the Sustainable Development Action Plan.

10. Review.

10.1 The Policy on Sustainable Development, will, under normal circumstances, be formally reviewed every three years.

10.2 The policy will be reviewed in the event of any one or more of the following:

- A failure or weakness in the policy is highlighted.
- Changes in legislative requirements.
- Changes in Government/Council or other directives and requirements.