

YOUR YOUR YOUR Plans Future Say

Issue 4

Community Engagement

A New Community Plan and Local Development Plan

Improving **social**, **economic** and **environmental** wellbeing and achieving a better quality of life for our people, communities and place is a key priority for Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.

ENGAGING WITH OUR CITIZENS

The Community Plan and the Local Development Plan are two key documents setting out the future direction of the Fermanagh and Omagh area. The Council and its partners are actively seeking the involvement of you, the citizens, in shaping the content of these documents and are committed to ensuring engagement opportunities for all are provided.

Community engagement has been at the heart of the development of the Community Plan over the past year. It has revealed a range of opinions and views, not all of which can be reconciled. This approach will continue as work is undertaken on the development of the Local Development Plan.

The engagement process also takes account of the need to manage expectations and develop the Plans within the context of the new Programme for Government, key regional strategies and policies, resource levels and statutory limitations.

LOCAL PEOPLE KNOW BEST

The overall aim in developing both Plans is to actively involve citizens and key stakeholders who live or work in, or visit, the Fermanagh and Omagh area through a transparent, accountable and effective engagement process.

The potential benefits of effective community engagement are summarised below.

Benefits to the Community

- Increased influence for communities
- More responsive service provision to meet local needs
- Improved service provision

Benefits to agencies/organisations

- Improved information for service providers
- Joined up thinking across services to maximise use of finite resources
- Improved relationships

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

There is no one definition of community engagement, but, broadly, it is when members of the public, either as individuals or as a 'community', are involved in decisions about service development, commissioning and delivery.



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A number of joint public workshops are organised across the district over a period of 8 weeks, starting on the 3rd October 2016. These are outlined below for your information.

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|  18 Oct 2016 @2pm | Bawnacre Centre, Irvinestown |  1 Nov 2016 @2pm | Owenkillew Centre, Gortin |  15 Nov 2016 @7pm | Crest Centre, South West College, Enniskillen |
|  19 Oct 2016 @7pm | Lakeland Community Centre, Belcoo |  3 Nov 2016 @7pm | Milestone Centre, Carrickmore |  16 Nov 2016 @7pm | Aughakillymaude Community & Mummings Centre, Derrylin |
|  25 Oct 2016 @7pm | Dromore Leisure Complex, Dromore |  9 Nov 2016 @2pm | Ecclesville Centre, Fintona |  17 Nov 2016 @7pm | Omagh Enterprise Centre, Omagh |
|  26 Oct 2016 @2pm | Kesh Community Centre, Kesh |  10 Nov 2016 @2pm | Castle Park Leisure Centre, Lisnaskea |  22 Nov 2016 @2pm | Rosslea Community Centre, Rosslea |
|  27 Oct 2016 @7pm | Community Centre, Derrygonnelly | Official launch of consultation in the Bawnacre Centre, Irvinestown | |  3 Oct 2016 @2pm | |

However, if you are a community group which represents any of the categories listed below and cannot attend any of the events please get in touch to discuss further options.

- Children and young people**
- People with a disability**
- People of different religious beliefs**
- Older people**
- People from the travelling community**
- People of different sexual orientation**
- Families**
- People of different racial groups**

This is the last in a series of four information bulletins on community planning and local development planning. The series provides a snapshot of how the new council has taken forward Community Planning and Local Development Planning statutory requirements and developed the draft content of the documents for forthcoming consultation.

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