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A New Community Plan and Local Development Plan

**A New
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**Local
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Dromore **Carrickmore**
Rosslea Kesh **Derrygonnelly**
Irvinestown **Gortin Derrylin**
Omagh **Lisnaskea** **Belcoo**

**Pick up a leaflet for details of dates and times
of public workshops in your locality**

To register your interest in being involved, or to respond to our online consultation please go to:

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**Omagh Enterprise Centre,
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**Rosslea Community Centre,
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Launch of consultation in the Bawnacre Centre, Irvinestown



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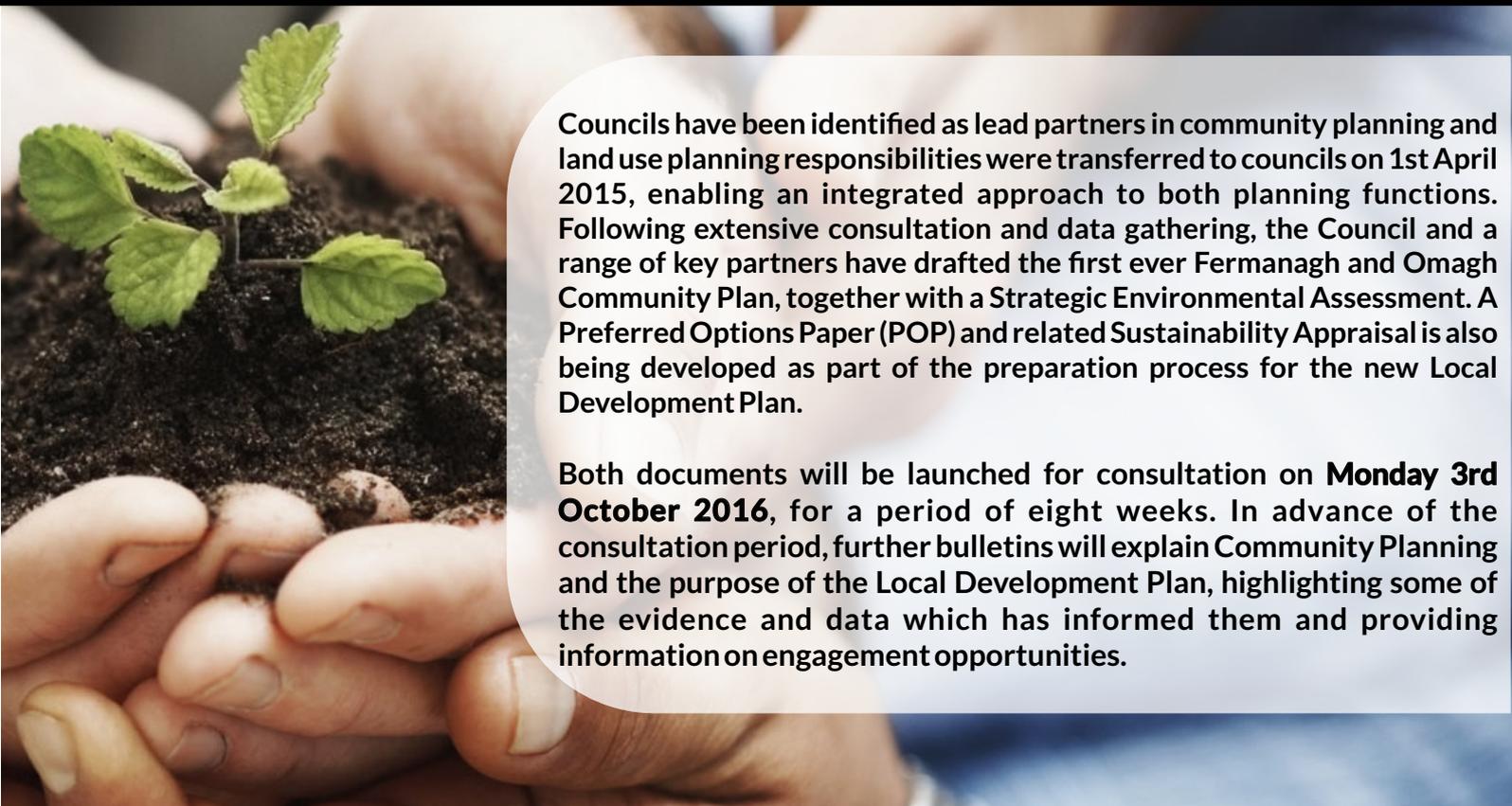
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Issue 1
New Planning Functions

A New Community Plan and Local Development Plan

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Both documents will be launched for consultation on **Monday 3rd October 2016**, for a period of eight weeks. In advance of the consultation period, further bulletins will explain Community Planning and the purpose of the Local Development Plan, highlighting some of the evidence and data which has informed them and providing information on engagement opportunities.

What is Community Planning?

Community Planning is a process of collaborative and partnership working, led and facilitated by the Council, with key partners, to increase the well-being of our citizens. It will join up and improve the services provided by public sector agencies, business, voluntary and community organisations and make sure we are all working with local people to agree on shared outcomes and priorities for improvement. Together, we have developed a draft Fermanagh and Omagh Community Plan which identifies at a high level the key priorities associated with the development of the area over the next 15 years.

The three key themes which have been identified in the Plan are:

- **People and Communities**
- **Economy, Infrastructure and Skills**
- **Environment**

These themes, together with agreed shared outcomes prioritise the direction of travel of the Plan.

“Our Vision is of a vibrant, living place where people enjoy improved wellbeing and prosperity in a safe, shared, connected and sustainable environment”.

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Issue 2
Pre-consultation Bulletin

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The Story behind the evidence

Citizen participation and involvement is very important in developing the Community Plan and the Local Development Plan Preferred Options Paper. From the outset, this has been led by evidence and data to ensure a robust Plan that deals with real local issues. The evidence which we have gathered to date helps us to understand what life is like for people living, visiting and working in the Fermanagh and Omagh area. It is only when we fully understand what is currently happening in our area, that we can identify where improvements are needed and, ultimately, achieve better social, economic and environmental outcomes for all.

The Fermanagh and Omagh District covers almost 3000km² in landmass and is home to 115,000 people. It is by far the largest geographically of the 11 Councils areas whilst also being the most sparsely populated. The district has a border with 4 councils in the Republic of Ireland and is the most westerly district in Northern Ireland. The challenges presented by the UK's decision to leave the EU are likely to impact significantly in this area.

People living in Fermanagh and Omagh generally have a strong sense of place and pride in their local areas, with evidence of high levels of appreciation for the surrounding outstanding and unique natural environment.



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there are 8
settlements
with 1% risk
of flooding in
any 1 year

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Lisbellaw, Maguiresbridge, Lisnaskea, Irvinestown

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The next issue of this bulletin will update you on the Sustainability Appraisal being undertaken for the Local Development Plan and the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Community Plan. Both are statutory processes that help to ensure our plans meet the needs of local people and while providing for the needs of future generations and places.

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What is a Strategic Environmental Assessment and a Sustainability Appraisal

In 2004, the Northern Ireland Assembly passed regulations which require us to assess, consult and monitor the likely impacts of plans, programmes and strategies on the environment. The process is called a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and the process is threefold, as outlined below:

Strategic Environmental Assessment Process

- 1) Determination Report to consider whether the Plan is likely to have a significant environmental impact. This is a short report, with a series of yes/no answers. If the plan is considered to not be likely to have a significant environmental impact, the process stops here.
- 2) Scoping Report to identify the significant environmental issues and level of detail required, which includes collecting baseline data and identifying a methodology.
- 3) Environmental Report, the final report, citing the issues, alternatives, actions and measures for monitoring the impact on the environment.

Each stage of the process must be consulted on by both the Natural Environment Division in the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs and the Historic Environment Division in the Department for Communities.

Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Community Plan: Key Findings

The SEA notes that the key issue the Community Plan must address - and the value it adds - is balance. In the absence of the Community Plan as an overarching, long term, strategic document, social and economic objectives could be set in isolation of environmental objectives. With this in mind, the SEA identifies 22 objectives by which the Community Plan has been assessed and will continue to be applied as the Detailed Action Plans are developed. They are:

- The Community Plan should:
- 1....seek to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of the population
 - 2....support the ageing population to live healthy, independent and socially connected lives
 - 3....promote safe, inclusive, resilient and vibrant communities
 - 4....support the younger population by addressing educational inequalities and promoting life skills
 - 5....seek to improve public utilities infrastructure
 - 6....protect, enhance and sustainably manage the outstanding natural environment and cultural heritage
 - 7....safeguard all designated sites, habitats and priority species from adverse impacts, loss and fragmentation
 - 8....promote improved access to the countryside in a sustainable manner
 - 9....support the district in becoming more energy efficient
 - 10....seek to reduce the district's carbon footprint

- 11....promote the use of sustainable models of transport where possible
- 12....seek to ensure that public transport connections, cycling and walking routes are easily accessible to all
- 13....seek to protect and, where possible, enhance shared and inclusive open spaces
- 14....seek to protect existing areas/sites which are at risk from flooding
- 15....seek to minimise the production of waste
- 16....promote the level of recycling, supporting the achievement of the 50% target under the Waste Directive
- 17....promote awareness of climate change and environmental issues and empower the local community to become more resilient to climate change
- 18....seek to bring a sense of balance to the utilisation of alternative energy sources and material assets against the preservation of our environment
- 19.... seek to make the district a more attractive and accessible place for living, visiting and working

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Issue 3
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Sustainability
 Strategic Environmental Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal

Ensuring environmental and sustainability matters are fully considered in the preparation and adoption of plans and programmes with the aim of promoting sustainable development

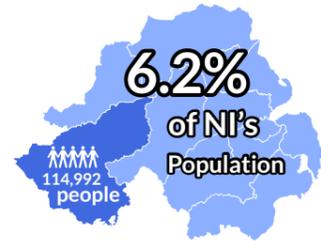
Overview

We will be consulting on the Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Community Plan and the Sustainability Appraisal for the Local Development Plan, alongside the consultation on the plans themselves. The objective of both the Strategic Environmental Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal is to consider the potential environmental impact of the relevant plan, consider viable alternatives, mitigation measures and a method for monitoring the potential impact going forward. This all services to safeguard the environment and promote sustainable development.

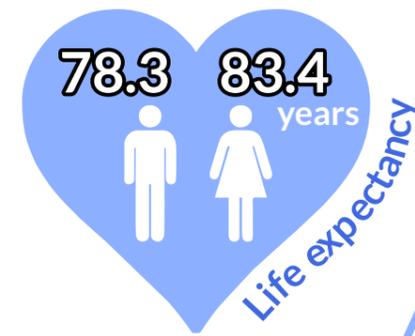
The Strategic Environmental Assessment has carefully considered the potential environmental impact of the outcomes and associated strategic actions of the Community Plan. The Sustainability Appraisal has considered all of the options outlined in the Preferred Options Paper (POP) of the Local Development Plan, and goes beyond environmental implications, considering the social and economic sustainability of the District that may result from the Local Development Plan.

The Council welcomes you to consider these important assessments alongside their associated plans.

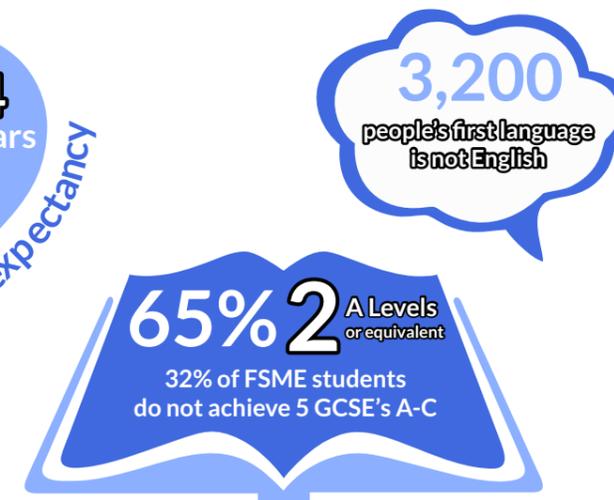
SOCIAL



5 out of top 10 most remote areas in NI are within the District



NI Comparisons:
Males: 77.7 years
Female: 82.1 years

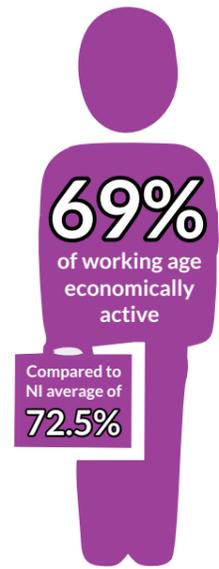


21% of boys do not achieve 5 GCSE's A-C

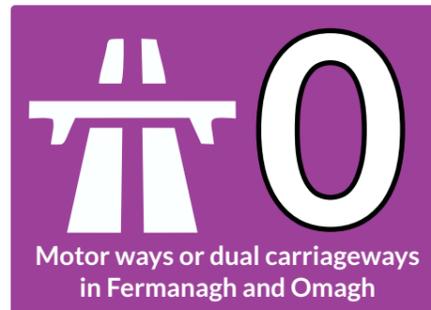


SOCIAL

ECONOMIC



Tourism expenditure per annum, 3rd highest of all LGDs



NI Comparisons:
<5 people = 76%
Turnover = 27%



£93m business investment secured
£45m from indigenously owned businesses
£48m from externally owned businesses



52,593 jobs in the District including:



ECONOMIC

ENVIRONMENTAL



of all waste is reused, recycled or composted



ENVIRONMENTAL

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Issue 4

Community Engagement

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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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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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What is the Local Development Plan

The Fermanagh and Omagh Local Development Plan (LDP) 2030 will set out a clear vision of how the Council area should look in the future by deciding what type and scale of development should be encouraged and where it should be located. It will also identify land that should be protected for its environmental or social use and encourage high quality design and a regard for our valued heritage and landscape.

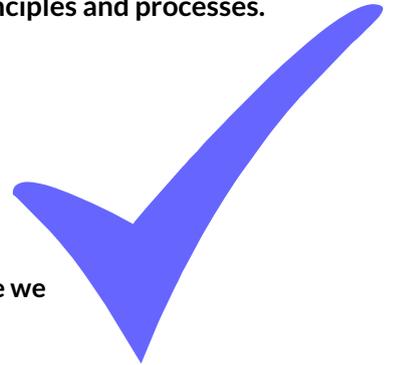
The Preferred Options Paper is the first stage in developing the plan and will set out the key planning issues for the district, identify a range of options to address them and define the Council's preferred options. It will describe options on how to distribute development across the district: as well as options to deal with economic development, renewable energy, development in the countryside, tourism, mineral development, and quality design and place making. Our Local Development Plan can only be truly successful if it is rooted in local knowledge and an appreciation of what is important to people. You should get involved because it's all about your place and your future, so your views are important.

Is Community Planning different to Land Development Planning?

The Community Plan and the Local Development Plan are two different plans which, together, will shape the future of the Fermanagh and Omagh district and the places where we live, work and visit. They have been informed by local people through engagement, a robust statistical evidence base to support the options presented and partnership working with key stakeholders to ensure better outcomes for all through integrated planning. In summary, and notwithstanding important differences between land use and community planning, there are some **core similarities** in their broad principles and processes.



- They include working to achieve:
- ✓ Better outcomes for all
 - ✓ Improved performance through partnership working
 - ✓ Improved services and places for all through better planning
 - ✓ Sustainable development
 - ✓ Longer term approaches
 - ✓ Fundamental citizen participation
 - ✓ Joined up approach to planning and shaping the places where we live, work and visit
 - ✓ Better use of resources



However, there are **differences**. The Community Plan will provide the vision for the Fermanagh and Omagh district, outlining key aims for the future in relation to social, economic and environmental factors. The Local Development Plan focuses on how land and infrastructure within the district should be managed and developed to support delivery of the shared outcomes identified in the Community Plan.

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