



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

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Corporate Plan

2024 -2028: Our Council, Our Plan

Impact Report April – September 2024





(Reporting Period 1)



Introduction

This report provides a summary of the Council's progress towards its Corporate Plan 2024-2028 core priorities, core objectives and corporate measures, for the April 2024 – September 2024 period. All activity undertaken through the Council's Corporate Plan is aligned with the Fermanagh and Omagh 2030 Community Plan and is underpinned by the Council's PIP Improvement Objectives.

This is the first Reporting Period of this Corporate Plan. The diagram below provides a snapshot of progress.

 Climate Action: Embed sustainability to ensure progress towards Net Zero by 2040 11 Actions (100%) have demonstrated good progress, are on target for delivery within timeline/ cost/ deliverables/identified.	 People and Communities: Provide opportunities for everyone to live well 10 Actions (100%) have demonstrated good progress, on target for delivery within timeline/ cost/ deliverables/identified.
 Shared Prosperity: Drive an inclusive economy and aid prosperity across our district 10 actions (90%) have demonstrated good progress, on target for delivery within timeline/ cost/ deliverables/identified. 1 action (10%) has identified some issues that may impact delivery within the timeframe / cost / deliverables identified	 One Council: Ensure an efficient, effective and agile Council founded on good governance practices. 11 actions (100%) have demonstrated good progress, on target for delivery within timeline/ cost/ deliverables/identified.

Core Priority: Climate Action – Embed Sustainability to ensure progress towards Net Zero by 2040	
Core Objective	Summary of achievements
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive Climate Action (I-CAN) group established with Estate and Feet as key priorities identified. • Review of Climate Change and Sustainable Development Action Plan 2021 – 2024 commenced. • Camowen Hydro Project progressed. • The Play Park Strategy implementation continues to be progressed. Consultations have been completed in Rosslea and Donagh electoral wards in relation to play parks. Planning permission approved for Arney play park. Planning permission under consideration for Derrygonnelly Play Park. Transformation completed at Drumawill play park.
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process to close Drummee Landfill Site underway • Significant reduction in fleet emissions over period due to extended HVO pilot for all Gortrush fuelled fleet. • Recommendations from E&P Health and Safety Audit progressed.
3. Protect and Enhance our Environment Nurture and support academic, business, community and other partnerships to build capacity to protect and enhance our environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint response submitted to DAERA, reflecting the collective input of Northern Ireland Councils and Sustainable NI. • Feedback on Public Body Reporting (PBR) reporting information and templates to improve clarity, usability, and effectiveness.

Core Priority: People and Communities – Provide Opportunities for Everyone to Live Well	
Core Objective	Summary of achievements
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti- Poverty Strategy ‘Pathways out of Poverty’ was launched for consultation in July. • £265K awarded to Fermanagh and Omagh Advice Consortium. • Wraparound Poverty Support Programme procured in September 2024 to provide relevant support for 200 families. • Omagh Traveller Interagency group continued to be supported. • Empowering Refugees and Newcomers (ERANO) continues to support Refugee & Asylum seeker communities. • Age Friendly Alliance developing new Age Friendly Strategy.
5. Improve Citizen Wellbeing Improve population wellbeing and tackle health inequalities to give everyone the opportunity to lead a healthier life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four partnership agreements have been implemented with IFA, Ulster Rugby, NW Cricket Union and Tyrone GAA to work with refugee communities to increase participation and integration in sports and physical activity. • Integrated Wellbeing Network (IWN) continues to work in partnership to tackle health inequalities. • Ongoing work with WHSCT to develop and deliver a cardiac rehab programme. • Revised programme of activities has been developed for the Leisure Centres, to deliver a ‘One Council’ approach to ensure consistency in programme delivery and more targeted youth provision. • Contractor procured for the Lakeland Redevelopment Project. • Work has commenced at Omagh Leisure Centre to ensure the centre is maintained a high quality and sustainable centre.
6. Support Communities Work to build and empower, resilient, thriving, and safe communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community and Voluntary Sector Forum continues to meet. • 5 new Community Wellbeing Plans developed in partnership with communities.
7. Value and Enrich our Heritage Protect, enhance, and make accessible the rich, diverse, natural, built and cultural heritage of our district.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage Plan is being developed for the FO district. • Work has taken place at 12 FODC heritage sites within the Pilgrim Trail. • Work continues to support the MSW Cuilcagh Lakelands UNESCO Global Geopark, Lough Navar and Castle Caldwell. The Strategic outline case has been accepted by Tourism NI and the Department for the Economy.

Core Priority: Shared Prosperity – Drive an inclusive economy and aid prosperity across our district	
Core Objective	Summary of achievements
8. Inclusive Economy Support delivery of a strong local economy through a focus on inclusivity, productivity and environmental sustainability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive Economy Action Plan (IEAP) agreed by Council in July 2024. • Work has continued to support new and existing businesses through the Digital Transfer Flexible Fund (DTFF) and Go Succeed programmes. • Visitor Experience Development Plan (VEDP) has progressed into year 2 delivery plan. • Economic Development and Inward Investment Group established in April 2024 with a focus on strengthening partnership initiatives to grow our economy • Letter of Offer received for the Labour Market Partnership's (LMP) 2024-2025 Action Plan. • Additional funding of £22,500 has been awarded by the Department of Education Minister for the delivery of a registered childminding academy.
9. Capital Investment Develop and deliver a sustainable capital programme and wider capital investment aligned with strategic priorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Capital Expenditure Programme for 2024-2025 has been approved with monthly progress reports reported to the Capital Programme Management Board and quarterly meetings reported to the Capital Oversight Group. • Work has progressed with the hydro scheme for the Camowen River. The scheme once complete will provide a source of renewable energy for Omagh Leisure Centre. • Strategic Outline Case (SOC) has been developed and approved for the Cuilcagh Lakelands Geopark, which allows council to progress to the next stage.
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several projects identified through the Omagh and Enniskillen Place Shaping Plans have been taken forward • MSW Funding has been secured from both NI Executive and Westminster governments • A 'Call for sites' exercise was undertake, to give the public an opportunity to promote sites for the Local Policies Plan. • The Council were awarded the Local Planning Authority of the year award at the RTPI Northern Ireland awards for Planning Excellence and have been announced as a finalist in the regional awards in London.

Core Priority: One Council – Ensure an efficient, effective and agile Council founded on good governance practices	
Core Objective	Summary of achievements
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation permitting hybrid meetings introduced on 25th June 2024. • Process in place for 2025-2026 estimates process. Estimates workshop Terms of Reference approved. • Members Income Generating Working Group established to support the Council to investigate, identify and take forward new and innovative opportunities for income generation that supports the delivery of services. • Financial management and budget review undertaken across all service areas. • Monthly reporting of financial matters including performance and budget to CLT and P&R committee progressed. • Terms of resident for undertaking the Fermanagh and Omagh Residents Survey agreed.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and delivery of sustained strategic campaigns to address key Council communication challenges with delivery of a series of high-profile activities and PR opportunities that promote the Council and District. • Procurement exercise commenced for International Day for Persons with a Disability. • Annual Equality Action Plan completed.
13. Innovation and Continuous Improvement Continuously improve and simplify the delivery of our services, looking at new ways to work and innovate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responded to 11 Public Consultations on important issues including on department budgets, new policies, including Domestic Abuse Leave and School Uniform. • Emergency Planning simulation took place on 27th September on flooding. • Procurement Policy review discussion commenced with other councils and Certified training on the Procurement Act 2023 by relevant officers completed. • Cyber Essentials+ accreditation process ongoing. • Leisure booking system reviewed and updated for all four leisure centres. • Online booking system for registration is in progress and expected to go live in reporting period 2. • Full fibre rollout is 98% complete across all 80 sites with 98% having speed of great than 100Mbps.

Impact by Numbers

This section provides a snapshot of the impact achieved in numbers. A full report of the Corporate Plan Measures will be published in the Annual Report in September 2025.

1,277 tCO2e of Council's Scope 1 and Scope 2 CO2e emissions	12 Priority 1 buildings within Council estate with an EPC rating	4,052,905 kWh Energy usage in Council estate	56% of Council play parks that have achieved a minimum of Silver Play Value
93.9% people who reported improved knowledge regarding climate action and sustainable development	2800 trees planted	162,10 hectares of land managed for biodiversity	216K footfall of Council parks and green space
74 activities delivered through wellbeing plans	7,774 volunteers supported through Council grant and sponsorship programmes	392K usages of Leisure Centres	15k participants in physical activity programmes from targeted groups
916 community groups, clubs and organisations working in partnership with Council	Almost 15k participations in arts, cultural and heritage activity programme	Almost 7k advice enquiries provided through Council supported 'Generalist Advice Services.	Almost £1.5M additional benefit was levered for residents in this reporting period through the FO Advice Consortium.
36 Jobs promoted through business startup activity	53% participants on Council supported employability programmes who have a positive outcome following the programme	Almost £2.5m expenditure on capital projects	18 weeks average processing time of major planning applications
9 weeks average processing time of local planning applications	83% of enforcement cases processed within 39 weeks	276K visitors (footfall) to the Council's key tourism attractions	Almost £3M grant/investment income secured for the district
Fermanagh Fishing Classic attracted 180 visiting anglers boosting the economy by an est. £300k	115 businesses in attendance at Business Conference held focusing on boosting growth, productivity and achieving regional balance.	76% attendance by elected members at Council and Committee meetings	29 Council meetings were held in reporting period.

If you have any queries regarding this report, or the Council's corporate reporting process, please get in touch by:



Phone: 0300 303 1777

Text Phone: 028 8225 6216



Email: info@fermanaghomagh.com

SignVideo: For people who are deaf or are hard of hearing



Live web chat: Available on our website during office hours, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm



In writing: Strategic Planning and Performance, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council,
The Grange, Mountjoy Road, Lisnamallard, Omagh BT9 7BL



Alternatively, you may wish to speak to your local Councillor – contact details can be found at www.fermanaghomagh.com/your-council/councillors/

For further information on your Council, please visit our website at www.fermanaghomagh.com

