

Community Planning in Mid and East Antrim Borough

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So what are we here to do?

“Councils will ***work together*** with statutory bodies and their communities to develop and implement a ***shared vision*** for ***promoting the wellbeing*** of their area, ***community cohesion*** and ***improving the quality of life*** of its ***citizens.***”

DoE Statutory Guidance for the
Operation of Community Planning - October 2015

The purpose of Community Planning ...

- to develop a long term strategy for the area and all its citizens;
- based on a thorough analysis of needs and priorities, and opportunities for addressing them;
- Generate a 10 to 15 year vision for improving social, economic and environmental wellbeing, and contributing to sustainable development.
- A set of outcomes against which progress can be monitored and evaluated; and
- A clear focus on delivering in the short to medium term to achieve the long term vision.

How will the Community Planning Process work?

Partners will:

- Work collectively to identify the vision and long term objectives for the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area
- Shared development of key themes, identification and delivery of actions
- Take a lead role on delivering actions appropriate to the responsibilities of their organisation.
- Required to reach consensus on the objectives and actions contained in the plan.

Vision for Community Planning in Mid and East Antrim

Mid and East Antrim will be a strong, vibrant, safe and inclusive community, where people work together to improve the quality of life for all.

Community Planning in Mid and East Antrim

- Public, private and community sector working together to make a real difference to people's lives
- *Collaborative gain*
- Focus on *added value*
- *Outcomes based* approach
- Objective to deliver the first Community Plan for Mid and East Antrim by **1 April 2017**



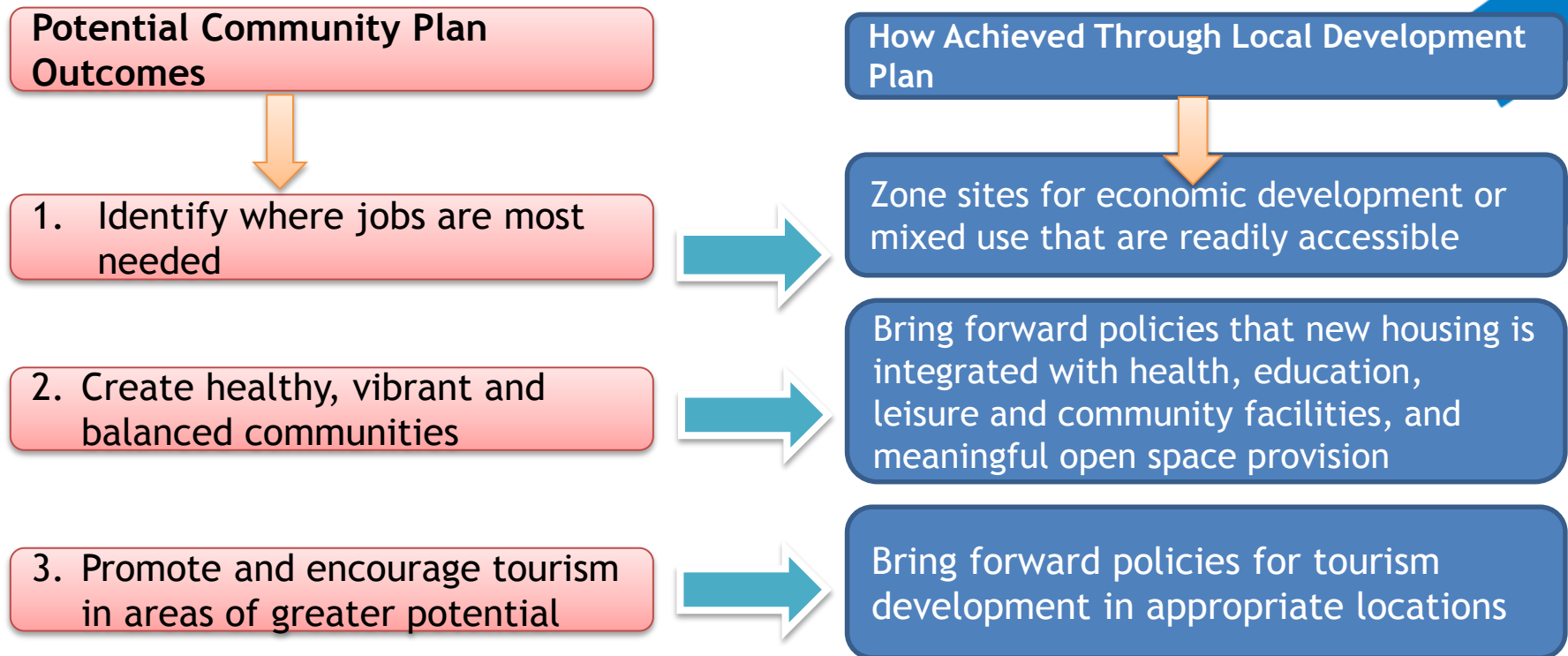
Links with the Local Development Plan (LDP)

Local Government (Northern Ireland) Act (2014)

Statutory link between the Community Plan and the Local Development Plan (land use/spatial plan)


- The preparation of the LDP must take account of the Community Plan
- LDP is the spatial reflection of the Community Plan
- Community Plan set aims and priorities for zoning of land
- Both plans should work in tandem towards the same vision for the council area and its communities.

How the two Plans work together




Community Planning to date

Setting the Baseline




- Statistical Evidence
- Community Consultations
- Public Conference
- Desktop Research

Developing the Governance Structure



- Strategic Alliance
- Community Panel
- Operational Board
- Performance Management
- Task & Finish Working Groups

Strategic Conversations



- Explore further possible areas for partnership working to address the key priorities in the area.
- Help inform the Task and Finish Groups.
- Identify possible actions that are not already taking place which Community Planning could put in place.

Mid and East Antrim Community Planning Partnership



What happens next?



Public Forums

Consider the key priorities identified through the strategic conservation.

Give feedback on these and any other priority which has not been identified

Identify possible actions to address priorities



Task & Finish Working Groups

Examine the feedback from the previous groups

Examine the evidence gathered

Put in order **what** needs to be tackled first

Agree the outcomes for the these priorities

Develop an action plan on **how** to address the priorities

Agree on **who** should lead the actions



Draft Community Plan

The results from the Task and Finish Working Groups will form the basis of the draft Community Plan.

This will be considered and agreed by the Strategic Alliance

Opened to Public Consultation.

Task and Finish Working Groups

Workstream 1

- **Health & Well Being** : Chaired by the Northern Health and Social Care Trust (NHSCT)
- **Progress in Education** : Chaired by the Northern Regional College (NRC)
- **Community Safety & Cohesion** : Chaired by the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI)

Workstream 2

Workshops led by our Economic Development Directorate:

- **Sustainable Jobs**
- **Tourism Potential**



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Task and Finish Working Groups

The Task and Finish Working Groups will:

- a) Participate in a series of facilitated workshops;
- b) Be supported throughout the process by Council and partner agencies;
- c) Have the opportunity to have input into what should be included in the Community Plan; and
- d) Produce an action plan at the end of the four workshops highlighting possible actions and partners for consideration by the Strategic Alliance.

