

In a nutshell...



The Mid and East Antrim Community Plan
A draft for consultation – January 2017

*We want to know
what you think...*

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Antrim**
Borough Council

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Dear Resident,

Are you happy with how things are in Mid and East Antrim? Is there anything you would like to change? We expect there probably is...

Mid and East Antrim Community Planning Partnership has launched a draft Community Plan for public consultation. This plan sets out a vision for what we want this area to look like in 15 years time. Have we got it right?

Over the last 18 months we have been busy talking to lots of different people and organisations to develop this plan. Through our conversations we have identified a number of priority areas that we believe need to be tackled. These are highlighted on the diagram opposite. The Community Planning Partnership has agreed to work up detailed action plans to tackle these priorities. But before we do this we need to find out if you agree with what we have in the plan.

We believe these priorities will have an impact on everyone so it is important for you to start talking about them with your friends and family and to share your views with us.

If you want more detail you will find the full draft plan on Council's website at the following link:

**[www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/
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We'd love to hear from you.
Best regards,

Cllr Audrey Wales MBE
Chair of the Strategic Alliance

What's in the Plan?

The Community Planning Partnership's vision is that

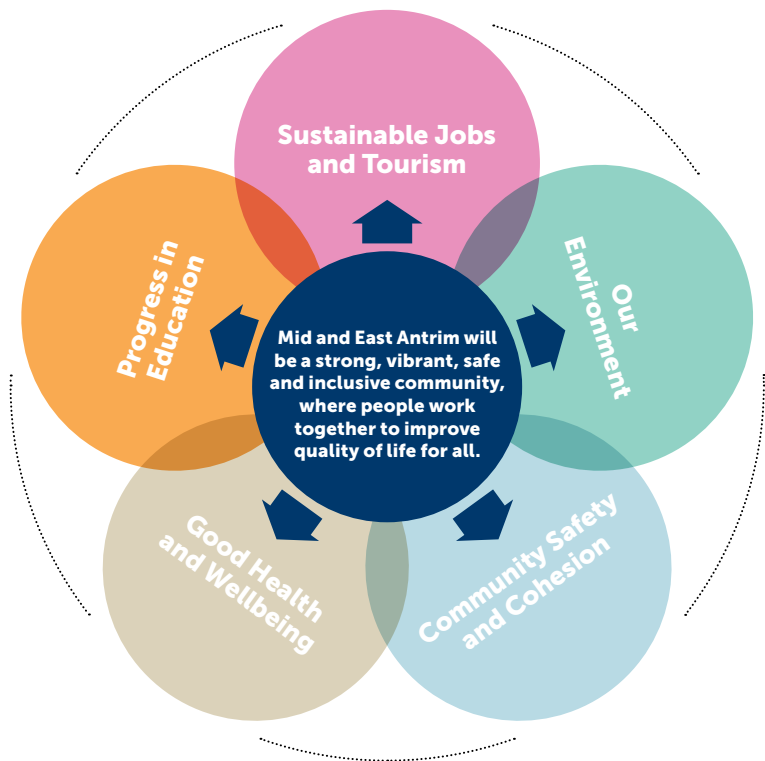
Mid and East Antrim will be a strong, vibrant, safe and inclusive community, where people work together to improve the quality of life for all.

We know that Mid and East Antrim is already a great place. Recently released figures from the Office of National Statistics show that we are the happiest place in Northern Ireland – and the second happiest in the UK. However, we also know that there are a number of serious and significant issues that need to be addressed.

In developing this plan, the Partnership has worked together with the community to review the evidence about this area and to hear about the things that are important to you.

Working together we want to make this an even better place for all of our citizens. This is therefore an ambitious plan and over the 15 year life of this plan the Partnership has identified a range of outcomes we want to deliver for Mid and East Antrim.

Priorities



By 2032 we want to...

Sustainable Jobs and Tourism

Have completed a number of major projects which benefit jobs and employment including developing the St Patrick's Barracks site, developing tourism so that we attract significant numbers of visitors to the Borough and make the Borough a better place to do business by developing transport, energy and super-fast broadband.

Good Health and Wellbeing

Have improved the health and wellbeing of our citizens by investing in services which focus on prevention and early intervention and support older people living in our communities; developing facilities and the environment within this area to help everyone to be physically active more often.

Progress in Education

Have invested in initiatives which support education, training and learning so that there are no barriers to anyone achieving their

educational potential, so that we have a skilled and adaptable workforce and our people and communities place value on lifelong learning.

Community Safety and Cohesion

Have made life better for our citizens by reducing crime and the fear of crime, by addressing paramilitary activity, by growing community pride in local areas, by developing shared housing and by developing and growing community capacity.

Our Environment

Have access to good quality green space for all our citizens, we want to have protected and enhanced our natural environment through partners working in association with communities and we want to have supported our communities to live and work sustainably.

And finally, have developed projects which will support those that are most deprived in our Borough and are at risk of poorer health, poorer education and unemployment.

What is Community Planning?

When the new councils were created in 2015 they were given a new power to grow wellbeing. To do that Council set up the Community Planning Partnership. The Partnership brings together the public, voluntary and private sectors to work alongside the community to develop a plan to improve all aspects of life in Mid and East Antrim.

The Community Plan is a long-term plan for improving the wellbeing of this area and our citizens which covers the period 2017 to 2032 and it will be reviewed periodically.

Our aim is that this Community Plan will change the way in which public services are planned in this area.

The Plan focuses on working together to address the issues that organisations working individually cannot address. We call this collaborative gain.

Value for Money

We know that the money available for delivering public services is under considerable pressure with many services not able to fully meet demand. Community planning will help us to make better use of the public pound (the money spent by public sector bodies on your behalf in the Borough). By working together we will reduce duplication and find new and more efficient ways of delivering public services.

Get Involved

The Partnership is keen to have your feedback on this first draft Community Plan for Mid and East Antrim. There are a number of ways to tell us what you think:

- 1 Complete the consultation questionnaire at the end of this booklet and return it to Council before 7 March 2017;
- 2 Come along to one of the consultation events taking place across the Borough; or
- 3 Send us an email to
communityplanning@midandeastantrim.gov.uk
or telephone **028 2563 5036**

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*Here's
what
I think...*

Has the draft Community Plan concentrated on the right areas?

Please complete the form below, then tear off this page and put it in the post. (You do not need a stamp).

In which general area of the Mid and East Antrim Borough do you live?

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Ballymena

☐

Carrickfergus

☐

Larne

Has the Community Plan concentrated on the right areas?

Sustainable Jobs and Tourism?

Yes

No

Any further comments

☐☐

Good Health and Wellbeing?

Yes

No

Any further comments

☐☐

Progress in Education?

Yes

No

Any further comments

☐☐

Community Safety and Cohesion?

Yes

No

Any further comments

☐☐

Our Environment?

Yes

No

Any further comments

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