

# Our plan to work better

What do you think?



**An Easy Read version of our  
Performance Improvement Plan  
2026/27 Consultation document**

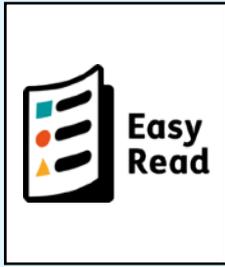


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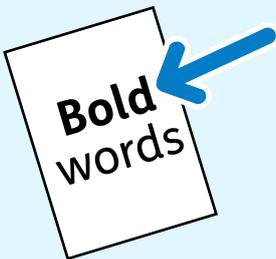
# Easy Read



This is an Easy Read version of some information. It may not include all of the information but it will tell you about the important parts.



This Easy Read booklet uses easier words and pictures. Some people may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker. These are important words in the booklet.



Sometimes if a bold word is hard to understand, we will explain what it means.



[Blue and underlined](#) words show links to websites and email addresses. You can click on these links on a computer.

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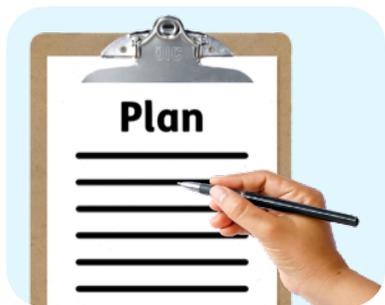
# About this booklet



This booklet is from Mid and East Antrim Borough Council.



We want to work in better ways to give good services to the people in our area.



We are writing a plan for how we will work better from April 2026 to March 2027.

This booklet will explain:



- What our plan is.



- How to tell us what you think about it.

# About our plan



We want to make sure that our work keeps getting better.



This plan explains how we will do this over the next year.



It does not include all of the changes we plan to make.



We also have a bigger plan, called the **Corporate Plan**.

The **Corporate Plan** includes all the things we want to work on over the next 2 years.



All our plans work together to make our area better and help people live better lives.

# Our Objectives



We have thought of 3 possible **Objectives** to work on in the next year.

An **objective** is something you plan to do.



We have also thought about some ways that we could work on each objective.



We will say more about how we will work on the objectives in our final plan.



We will share our final plan by **30 June 2026**.

# Objective 1: People



**Objective 1** is: We will work with other organisations to make people's lives better.

We could work on this objective by:



- Helping local sports organisations and other groups improve their buildings and services. This will help local people feel happy and healthy.



- Writing a plan to make the local area more **accessible** and **inclusive**.

**Accessible** means it is easy to use and suitable for people with different needs.

**Inclusive** means everyone can take part.

# Why we chose objective 1

Local people want us to:



- Run and support activities for children and young people.



- Support people who do not have enough money.



- Help people learn new skills and get jobs.

Many local people have also said that:



- They are not happy with their health.



- They do not have enough money.

We also know that:



- 1 out of 4 local people cannot take part in as many activities because of their health condition or disability.



- Many local people feel like their health problems stop them from having a job.



- The number of older people in the area is going up.



- We need to make sure that people know enough about our support and services.



- Working with other organisations can help us make a bigger difference.

# Objective 2: Place



**Objective 2** is: We will look after our local areas and make them better.

We could work on this objective by:



- Working with other people to make our streets and towns better.



- Supporting local businesses and creating more jobs.



- Making our outside spaces better. This includes places like playparks.



This will help make sure that there are good places for people to meet up and have fun.

# Why we chose objective 2

Local people want us to:



- Support and run activities for children and young people.



- Support people who do not have enough money.



- Help people learn new skills and get jobs.



- Keep streets and towns clean.



- Look after our parks and green spaces.

We also know that local people want:



- More money and better jobs.



- Better town centres.



- More visitors in the area.



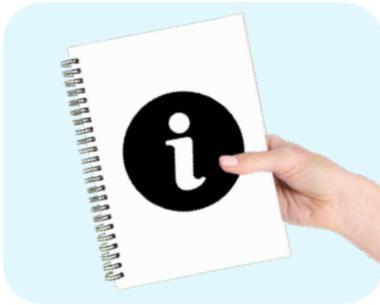
- Our work to be fair to all parts of the local area.

# Objective 3: Planet



**Objective 3** is: We will work in ways that look after the planet.

We could work on this objective by:



- Sharing information to help people look after their local area.



- Starting our new recycling service.



- Following our plan about looking after our local trees and woodlands.

# Why we chose objective 3

We chose this objective because:



- We need everyone to work together to look after our local area and our planet.



- Some parts of our local area have problems with rubbish and dog poo on the ground.

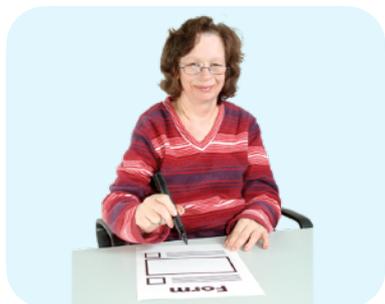


- Our local area needs to get better at recycling.



- We need to plant more trees in Northern Ireland.

# How to tell us what you think



You can tell us what you think by filling out our survey.

You can fill out the survey in 2 ways:



- Online.



- On our Consultation Response Form.



The survey closes on 8 April 2026.

# How to fill out the survey online



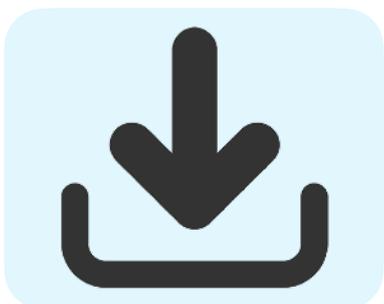
To fill out the survey online, click on the link below. You may need to ask someone to help you:

[www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/PIP-EasyReadSurvey](http://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/PIP-EasyReadSurvey)



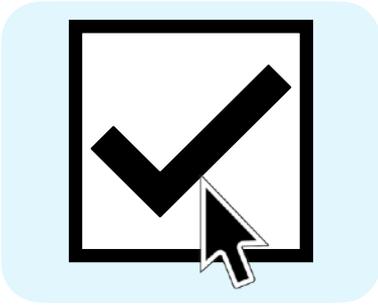
# How to fill in the Consultation Response Form

To fill in the Consultation Response Form, you will need to download it. You may need someone to help you do this.

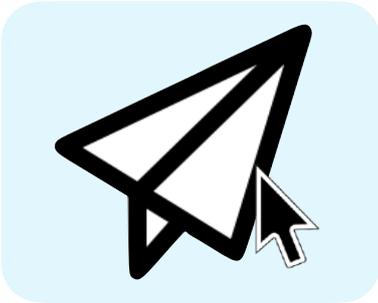


To download the form, click on the link below:

[www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/PIP-ER-Response](http://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/PIP-ER-Response)



When you open the survey on your computer, you will be able to write in the white boxes.



When you are finished, save a copy of the form to your computer. You can email it to us at:

[performance@midandeantrim.gov.uk](mailto:performance@midandeantrim.gov.uk)



You can also print out the form and fill it in on paper. You can post handwritten or paper forms to us at:

Policy and Performance  
Mid and East Antrim Borough Council  
1-29 Bridge Street  
Ballymena  
BT43 5EJ



You can also hand in your finished survey at one of these places:

- Ballymena Showgrounds.
- The Braid, Ballymena.
- Seven Towers Leisure Centre, Ballymena.
- Carrickfergus Amphitheatre.
- Carrickfergus Civic Centre.
- Larne Leisure Centre.

# Questions about the objectives



Remember, **Objective 1** is:

We will work with other organisations to make people's lives better by:



- Helping local sports organisations and other groups improve their buildings and services.



- Writing a plan to make the local area more accessible and inclusive.



Question 1: Do you agree or disagree that the Council should work on Objective 1?

Agree.

Disagree.

I do not know.



Question 2: Please tell us more about why you think this:



Remember, **Objective 2** is:

We will look after our local areas and make them better by:



- Working with other people to make our streets and towns better.



- Supporting local businesses and creating more jobs.



- Making our outside spaces better. This includes places like playparks.



Question 3: Do you agree or disagree that the Council should work on Objective 2?

Agree.

Disagree.

I do not know.



Question 4: Please tell us more about why you think this:



Remember, **Objective 3** is:

We will work in ways that look after the planet by:



- Sharing information to help people look after their local area.



- Starting our new recycling service.



- Following our plan about looking after our local trees and woodlands.



Question 5: Do you think that the Council should work on Objective 3?

Yes.

No.

I do not know.



Question 6: Please tell us more about why you think this:

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Question 7: What else could the Council do to make your life or your local area better?

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# Questions about you



Question 8: Which answer best describes who you are?

Please only tick 1 box.

**Resident** - I live in Mid and East Antrim. This means you live in Ballymena, Carrickfergus or Larne areas.

Business.

Community, voluntary organisation or charity.

These types of organisations support people in the local area.

Elected member.

Something else - please say:



Question 9: Which area do you live or work in?

Please only tick 1 box.

Ballymena.

Carrickfergus.

Larne.

Other - please tell us:



Question 10: What is your age group?  
Please only tick 1 box.

0 to 14.

15 to 39.

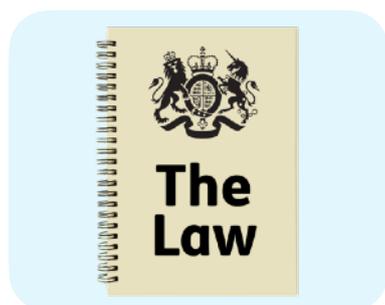
40 to 64.

65 or older.

# Keeping your information safe



We are collecting some of your personal information as part of this survey.



We will follow the law to keep your information safe.



If you want to find out more about how we keep your information safe, please go to our website:

[www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/privacy-notice](http://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/privacy-notice)

# Find out more



To find out more information about the Council, you can look at our website here: [www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk](http://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk)



You can also tell us about anything you think we could do better at any time.

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