

Sustainable Northern Ireland

Proving Your Compliance

Sustainable Development, Community Planning, Wellbeing & Performance Improvement

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Presentation Outline

- Introducing Sustainable NI
- Reporting on Councils' good practice
- Sustainable Development Statutory Duty
- Wellbeing in Community Planning
- Sustainability in Performance Improvement

Sustainable NI services

What Nature Does for us

ECOSYSTEM SERVICES
The social, economic & environmental benefits that nature provides. It is the natural processes that provide ecosystem services. They are essential for human well-being and economic prosperity. The ecosystem services that nature provides are the ability to provide goods, regulate our environment and provide protection. They also provide us with the natural resources that we need to live and the ability to provide goods, regulate our environment and provide protection. They also provide us with the natural resources that we need to live and the ability to provide goods, regulate our environment and provide protection.

Mountains, Moors & Heaths
Area: 100,000 hectares (25% of NI)
- Provide important habitats for a wide range of plants and animals
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Enclosed Farm Lands
Area: 100,000 hectares (25% of NI)
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Wetlands
Area: 100,000 hectares (25% of NI)
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Coastal Margins
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Frackmanns
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Grass
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2012 CHALLENGE FUND
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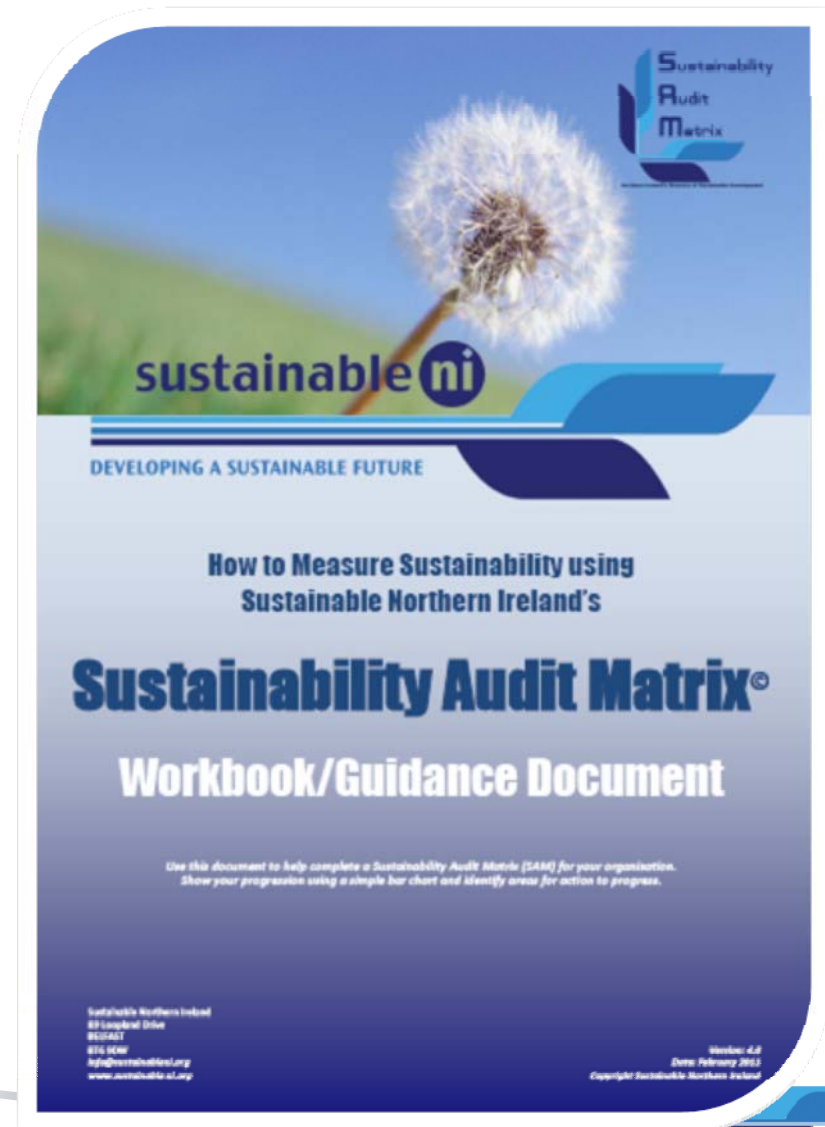
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| | Agree | Disagree | DK |
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| Raise the profile of SD | 100% | | |
| Advise on Statutory Duty | 100% | | |
| Support integration into plans | 63% | 6% | 31% |
| Enable collaborative working | 100% | | |
| Support for SD strategies | 74% | 13% | 13% |
| Integrate SD to services | 88% | 6% | 6% |
| Departmental communications | 94% | | 6% |
| Identify issues for guidance | 94% | 6% | |

Our flagship tool...

- The SAM
- Over half of all predecessor councils used the tool to guide their sustainable development work
 - Initial training
 - Gathering data
 - Assessing data
 - Action planning
 - Communicating progress



Examples of SD from the SAM...

GP leisure centre referral schemes

Skills development of council workforce, including IT and literacy skills

Monitoring of fuel used by council vehicles and drivers

Community Safety and anti-social behaviour initiatives

Consideration of climate change in planting decisions

Replacing 11th night bonfires with cultural beacons

Online job applications

Reduction in chemical fertilisers, pesticides and herbicides

Health Improvement Partnership, participation in healthy eating schemes, no smoking schemes etc.

Introduction of laptops for elected members to reduce the need to print minutes, agendas and other documents

Reporting Good Practice



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DEVELOPING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

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DELIVERING SOCIAL CHANGE

1. **Serve the reporting requirement**
2. **Minimise the bureaucratic burden**
3. **Facilitate the sharing of transferable good practice**

Statutory Duty

A public authority must, in exercising its functions, act in a way it considers best calculated to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development in Northern Ireland, except to the extent that it considers that any such action is not reasonably practicable in all circumstances of the case.

Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2007

2007

66. – (1) A council must (a) initiate; and (b) having done so, maintain, facilitate and participate in, community planning for its district.

(2) Community planning for a district is a process by which the council and its community planning partners –

(a) identify long-term objectives for improving –

(i) the social well-being of the district

(ii) the economic well-being of the district; and

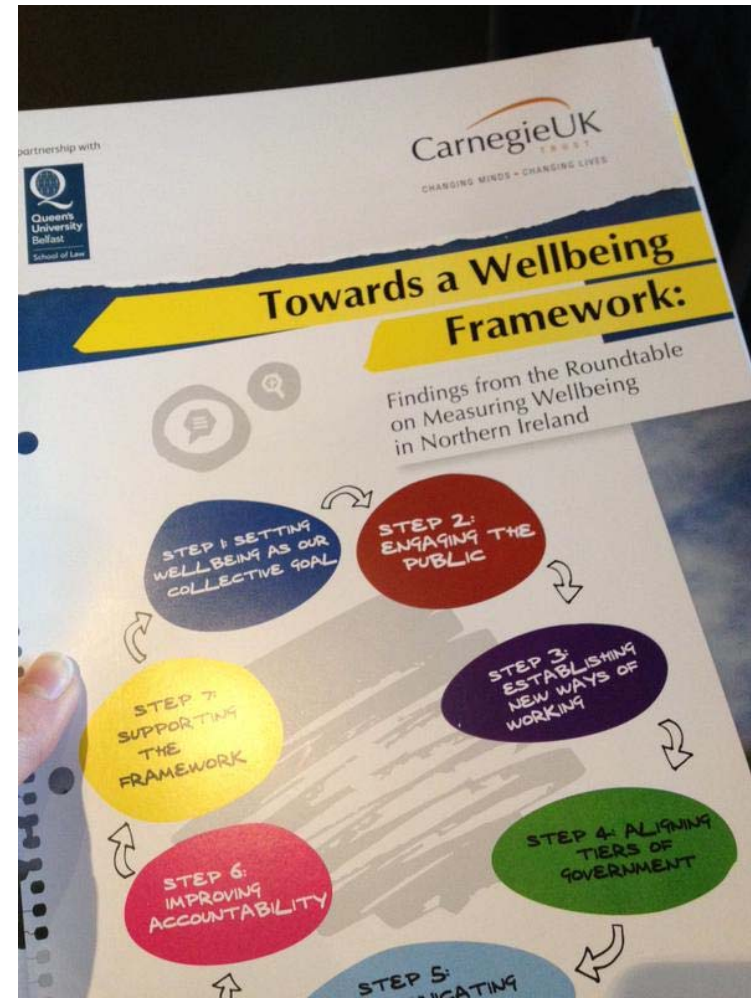
(iii) the environmental well-being of the district;

(b) identify long-term objectives in relation to the district for contributing to the achievement of sustainable development in Northern Ireland...

Local Government Bill (as amended) 2014

2014

So, what's well-being?



So, what's well-being?

"...Gross National Product counts air pollution and cigarette advertising, and ambulances to clear our highways of carnage.

It counts special locks for our doors and the jails for the people who break them. It counts the destruction of the redwood and the loss of our natural wonder...

It counts napalm and counts nuclear warheads and armoured cars for the police to fight the riots in our cities. It counts Whitman's rifle and Speck's knife, and the television programs which glorify violence in order to sell toys to our children.

Yet the gross national product does not allow for the health of our children, the quality of their education or the joy of their play. It does not include the beauty of our poetry or the strength of our marriages, the intelligence of our public debate or the integrity of our public officials.

It measures neither our wit nor our courage, neither our wisdom nor our learning, neither our compassion nor our devotion to our country, it measures everything in short, except that which makes life worthwhile."

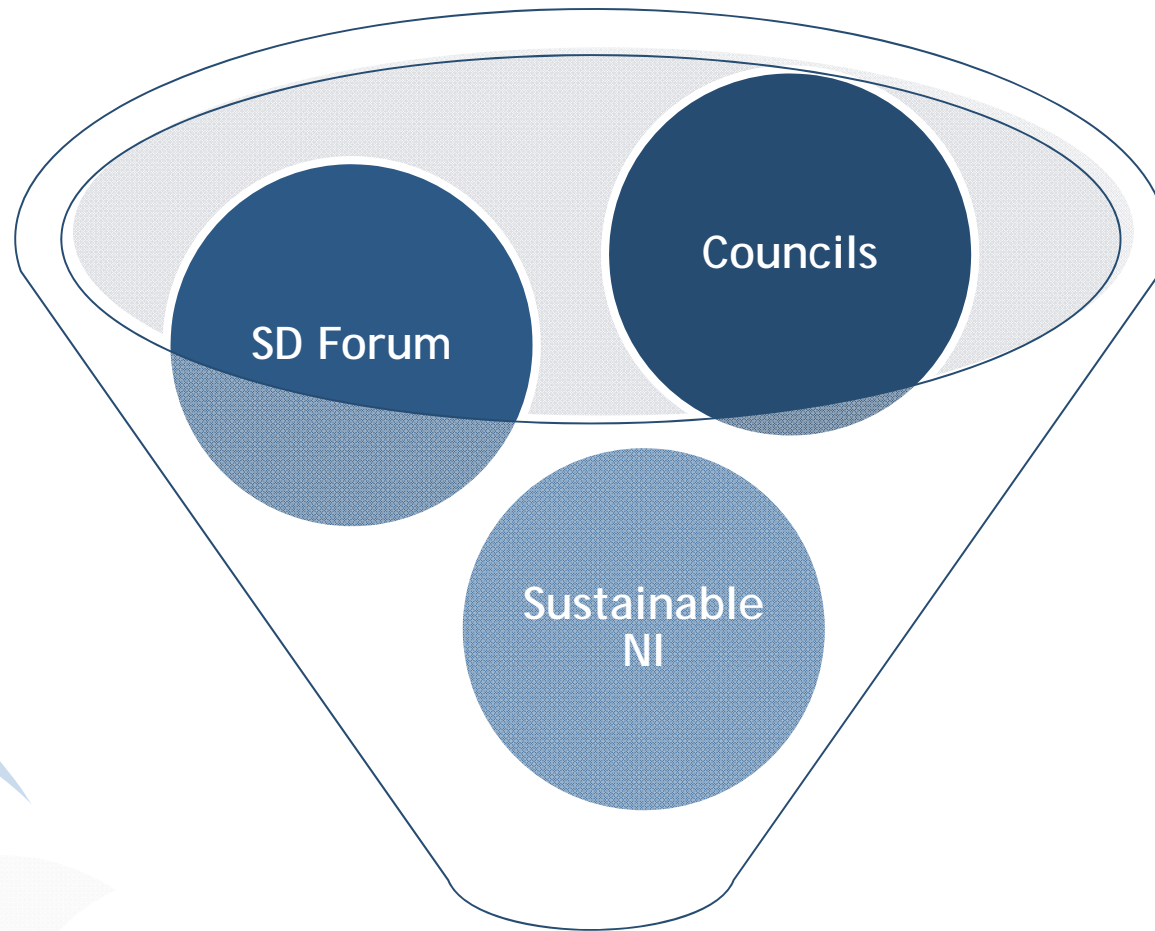
Robert Kennedy, 18 March 1968

Performance Improvement

- Performance indicators & standards for seven functions of councils
- Annual reporting to the DoE
- Comparative reporting
 - against a council's own performance in previous years
 - against other councils
- Improvement planning

The Big Picture





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