

# APSE Northern Ireland Seminar – The Sustainable Development Duty

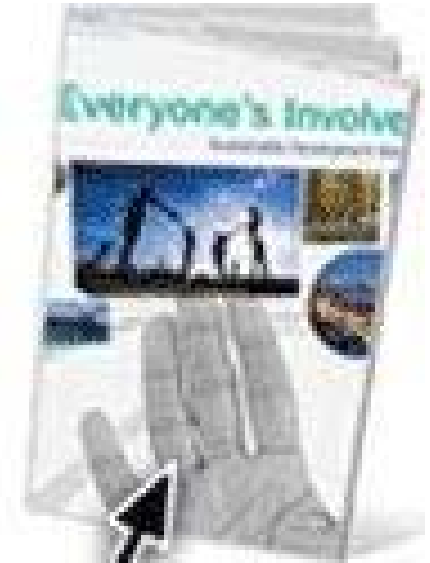
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## Sustainable Development Duty

- Sustainable development aims to bring viability, stability and opportunity to all our social, economic and environmental activities and programmes
- OFMDFM oversees the implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy across Government.
- Under S.25 of the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006, Government Departments and District Councils have a statutory duty to promote the achievement of sustainable development in the exercise of their functions.



# Community Planning Partnership in Action

- Community Planning will bring together all the key organisations in an area
- It provides a unique opportunity to make better use of assets for economic cultural and leisure purposes.



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- Community planning sets the Vision for improving the social, economic and environmental well-being of an area
- Sustainable development and integration of social, economic and environmental priorities are a key principle of community plans



# Performance under the Local Government Act (NI) 2014

- Part 12 of the Act – provides general duty of improvement
- Council to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the exercise of its functions
- Central government also specify performance indicators and standards for certain functions - currently planning, waste management & economic development .
- Councils' performance improvement plans and delivery arrangements will be audited by the Local Government Auditor.

## **Performance - the link to Community Planning**

- Performance improvement and community planning should inform, and be informed by, each other.
- Improvement objectives should compliment (not conflict with) the strategic vision as set out in the community plan.
- community planning should be based both on an understanding of what appears reasonably deliverable by a council and/or its partners, and on continual monitoring of the effectiveness of delivery

## Role of Partnership Panel

- The aim of the Partnership Panel is to promote joint working and co-operation between Executive Ministers and local government representatives.



- The Panel also aims to create a strategic forum to develop joined up solutions, capitalise on joint opportunities and ultimately improve the delivery of local services. Community planning powers are regarded as important tools to facilitating the process.

# Outcomes & Future Development

Provision of high quality & efficient services –  
How?

- Single outcome agreements
- Accountability
- Link between Community Planning and Performance Improvement
- Link between Programme for Government /regional strategies & Community Planning Partnerships .





Thank you.



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