

THEMATIC ACTION PLANNING TEAM: ENHANCED AND REVITALISED PLACE

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ENHANCED PLACE	REVITALISED PLACE
Outcome	Outcome
“Our rich and varied built heritage and natural assets are protected, enhanced and expanded for current and future generations to enjoy.”	“Our distinctive and vibrant urban and rural areas are at the heart of community and economic life.”
Population Indicator	Population Indicator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of buildings at risk saved ▪ Number of high quality parks/green spaces - those holding a Green Flag Award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City and town centre vacancy rates ▪ Level of Social Housing Need
Links to Programme for Government Draft Outcomes	Links to Programme for Government Draft Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We live and work sustainably – protecting the environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We have created a place where people want to live and work, to visit and invest

ENHANCED AND REVITALISED PLACE:

STRATEGIC THEMES



ABOUT OUR PLAN

- People make places – about making connections to help people move around the Borough, and beyond
- Focus on integrating our ways of working, thinking and being innovative – setting the longer term goals and legacy for our place, heritage and infrastructure for future generations
- Setting solid foundations and infrastructure for our natural and built heritage and environment – not a pipe dream or list of “to-dos”
- It is all about integration of our ways of working, thinking, investing, being innovative
- Built through strong partnership working and shared commitment to being better together and actively engaging with the community, business and other stakeholders
- Recognises that each place has its own strengths and distinctions within the overall Borough
- It is a living, flexible plan that can adapt and refresh according to changing needs of local people, business, visitors, and opportunities to grow and live an active life.

THEME 1: INTEGRATING PLACE VISIONING, PLANNING AND INVESTMENT

Priorities for Action	Action Coordinator(s)/Partners	How to take forward?
<p>1.1 Embed an integrated approach to local place visioning, local development planning, regeneration, infrastructure and investment through a tiered approach across the Borough's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ urban centres - main town/city (Hubs) ▪ local towns ▪ villages <p>taking account of the distinct strengths, identities and characteristics of each place, future changing context, needs and expectations of local community and key stakeholders.</p>	<p>Action Coordinator: Business Partnership Alliance (Michael Donaghy)/ABC Council (Elaine Gillespie)</p> <p>Partners: ERTAP members, local community (urban and rural), Community and Voluntary Panel Sector, BPA/Chambers of Commerce/local business, town centre management/taskforce, young people, public representatives, architects, local heritage, Department for Communities, NI Housing Executive, Department of Infrastructure, Department of Education/EA, MAG, DAERA, NED – Natural Environment Department, Ulster Architectural Heritage Society – Buildings at Risk, ABC regeneration, estates and assets management, HED – buildings, monuments, archaeology, parks and gardens, EBR, ICBAN</p>	<p>Year 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Form cross-agency integrated place shaping project team ▪ Engage with other Enhanced and Revitalised Place Project Teams on ongoing basis to ensure updated and involved in progressing integrated approach to place shaping ▪ Map place shaping plans, infrastructure, investments, partnerships ▪ Engage with local development plan, regeneration, reimaging town task force, neighbourhood renewal and village plans etc. ▪ Research best practice and develop local community and business engagement framework to enable meaningful input into influencing and implementing place shaping plans on the ground ▪ Develop and implement Place Shaping communications and messaging mechanism for sharing and promoting local place visioning processes. <p>Year 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop options and recommendations for linking and aligning cross-agency place shaping plans and structures ▪ Create a central and accessible repository of place shaping plans and priorities, research, statistics, community input, partners and helpful links, and develop framework for its maintenance ▪ Share and promote the Borough's local place vision, plans and integrated way of working to meet needs and expectations.
<p>1.2 Agree an integrated approach to enhancing, preserving and protecting the Borough's heritage (built and natural), and promote new opportunities for development.</p>	<p>Action Coordinator: National Trust/ABC Museum Services/NED(all to be approached)</p> <p>Partners: ABC Council – estates and asset management, biodiversity officer, regeneration, BPA/Chambers of Commerce, Community and Voluntary</p>	<p>Year 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Form cross-agency integrated built and natural heritage project team ▪ Engage with other Enhanced and Revitalised Place Project Teams on ongoing basis to ensure updated and involved in progressing integrated approach to heritage preservation, improvement ▪ Conduct an audit of heritage (built, natural, cultural) to include existing heritage and archaeology listings, asset registers, priority rankings ▪ Map and align cross-agency heritage strategies, plans, investments

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	Sector Panel, Heritage Lottery fund, Department for communities, HED, Local Heritage Organisations, Ulster Architectural Heritage Service, RSUA, THIS, National Lottery Heritage Fund, Green/Environmental NGOs including RSPB, Ulster Wildlife, Lough Neagh Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop and implement Heritage communications and messaging mechanism for sharing and promoting. <p>Year 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop options and recommendations for linking, streamlining and integrating cross-agency heritage plans and structures, and attracting future investment ▪ Create a central and accessible repository of heritage plans and priorities, partners and helpful links, and develop framework for the repository's maintenance ▪ Share and promote the Borough's heritage plans and integrated way of working to meet Borough's needs and expectations ▪ Investigate and prioritise funding and investment opportunities
1.3 Capture, preserve and share local stories of place, social history and heritage (built and natural) to promote sense of pride and identity, and to influence future place shaping, heritage, environment improvement visioning and planning.	<p>Action Coordinator: Libraries NI (Sean Beattie), Poyntzpass Community Regeneration Company Ltd (John Waddell)</p> <p>Partners: Community and Voluntary Sector Panel, Libraries NI, Local Heritage Organisations, ABC Council Museum Services, Community Development, Good Relations, Regeneration, Tourism, Arts and Culture, PRONI, Lough Neagh Partnership, SRC, National Trust (Chloe Dobson), ACNI, Local history groups/local community organisations, SPACE Newry, Local Development Team</p>	<p>Year 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop story telling group and agree project plan and approach to linking with the local community and others to capture, preserve and share local stories, and influence place shaping decision making ▪ Collate local history projects and explore new ways of using these stories e.g. integrating into town task force work, village plans, intergenerational projects etc. ▪ Develop and implement Place Storytelling communications and messaging mechanism. <p>Year 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Create a central and accessible repository of place story-telling, partners and helpful links, and develop framework for the repository's maintenance ▪ Share and promote the Borough's story-telling and preserving to influence place shaping ▪ Make recommendations as to how integrated place planning, as in 1.1 above, takes account of Place Storytelling.

THEME 2: CONNECTING PEOPLE AND PLACES

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<p>2.1 Ensure integration of infrastructure and investment planning across the Borough's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ roads ▪ public and community transport ▪ communications ▪ water and waste water <p>to improve and increase reach and connections between people, places and needs e.g. health, education etc.</p>	<p>Action Coordinator: Department for Infrastructure: Roads (Sid Stevenson)/ABC Planning (TBC)</p> <p>Partners: Department of Infrastructure, Translink, NIHE, BT, Virgin Media, NI Water, ABC Council – Regeneration, Economic Development, Local Development Planning, Estates, Utility companies, Community, Department for Communities, Community and voluntary sector panel, Invest NI, Task Force Steering Committee, BPA</p>	<p>Year 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Form cross-agency integrated infrastructure and connecting people and place project team ▪ Engage with other Enhanced and Revitalised Place Action Teams on ongoing basis to update on progress ▪ Map cross-agency existing infrastructure schema, future strategies, plans, investments across the Borough and relating to different aspects of peoples' lives e.g. health, education etc. (note: Dept of Infrastructure produce annual report to build on) <p>Year 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop options and recommendations for linking and aligning cross-agency infrastructure planning and structures ▪ Create a central and accessible website and repository of infrastructure plans and priorities, partners and helpful links, and develop framework for the repository's maintenance ▪ Share and promote cross-agency existing and future-focused infrastructure plans and integrated way of working to meet Borough's needs and expectations.
<p>2.2 Improve connectivity within and beyond the Borough to improve access to the Borough's natural environment to encourage active living, travel, leisure, physical activity and sustainability (including waterways)</p>	<p>Action Coordinator: Department for Infrastructure: Roads (Sid Stevenson)/ABC Planning (TBC)</p> <p>Partners: ABC Council – sports and recreation, biodiversity officer, planning, DEARA, Sustrans, Local sports groups, Sport NI, NI Water, Rivers Agency, Local Heritage Organisations, Walking, running, sailing and cycling groups, Outdoor NI, Boating waterways, National Trust, Department for Infrastructure: Roads and Rivers, NIEA, NED, Department for Communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Form active living project team ▪ Map out existing green/blue ways across the Borough and existing linkages and connections, and identify gaps (including disused transport routes) ▪ Engage with local community and other key stakeholders to develop proposals for greater connectivity and accessibility to inform local development planning, regeneration, environmental improvement (Link to Healthy Community TAP Team)

<p>2.3 Enhance and increase borough-wide digital and mobile infrastructure and quality of connection</p>	<p>Action Coordinator: ABC Council: Economic Development – Nicola Wilson</p> <p>Partners: ABC Council – Economic Development, BT, Virgin Media, Department of Infrastructure, Local community, NIHE, Department for Communities, Department for Economy, Department for Culture and Sport, O2/Vodafone/3, Full Fibre NI, BPA, Schools and education providers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establish working group ▪ Audit existing infrastructure, service coverage and quality at localised level in consultation with service providers and service users ▪ Consider any existing research on broadband/mobile infrastructure and quality of connections ▪ Share existing and future plans across public, private, community ▪ Identify opportunities to maximise broadband infrastructure investment e.g. ABC Economic Development Public Buildings Plan ▪ Develop plan for addressing mobile coverage “blind spots”
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THEME 3: DEMONSTRATING AND SUPPORTING GOOD CUSTODIANSHIP

Priorities for Action	Action Coordinator(s)/Partners	How to take forward?
<p>3.1 Develop and agree integrated, cross-agency guidelines and explore their incorporation into Service Level Agreements and/or Regulations with enforceable standards for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ upkeep of transferred public assets (built and natural environment/open spaces/town and village centres etc) ▪ seamless programming of public works and maintenance (built and natural environment/open spaces/town and village centres) ▪ planning and undertaking environmental improvements ▪ protecting outdoor conservation and planting of trees etc. ▪ provision for social and natural outdoor spaces in local development/housing and regeneration plans 	<p>Action Coordinator: ABC Council Regeneration (TBC)/Department for Communities (TBC)</p> <p>Partners: ABC Council – Regeneration, Biodiversity, Town Centre Task Forces, Lough Neagh Partnership, RSPB, Department of Infrastructure, DAERA, NIHE, Local Community groups, Business Community/BPA, Utility companies, Ulster Architectural Heritage – Buildings at Risk), NED, HED (Buildings, Monuments, Archaeology, Parks) Local Development Team</p>	<p>Year 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Form cross-agency integrated good custodian project team and agree terms of reference (objectives, principles, approach, data-sharing protocols etc) ▪ Research best practice in setting good custodian guidance and principles, and explore use and potential applicability of Service Level Agreements and regulations ▪ Develop local community and business engagement framework to enable meaningful input into shaping and promoting good custodianship within agencies and in the local community ▪ Develop and implement Good Custodian communications and messaging mechanism for sharing and promoting good custodianship. <p>Year 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop cross-agency good custodianship plan for consultation with the Community Planning Strategic Partnership, including potential to incorporate principles and guidance within a regulatory framework ▪ Produce good custodianship enforcement framework and guidelines
<p>3.2 Develop Integrated Asset Mapping and Management Strategy and Plan</p>	<p>Action Coordinator: NIHE – Ailbhe Hickey/ABC Council (Estates) Jonathan Hayes</p> <p>Partners: All relevant community planning statutory partner organisations, Strategic Investment Board, Utility companies, ABC Estates, Economic Development</p>	<p>Year 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Form cross-agency integrated asset mapping project team and agree terms of reference (objectives, principles, data-sharing protocols etc) ▪ Undertake integrated cross-agency borough-wide asset mapping exercise (note: some work already underway to build on) <p>Year 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Capture existing and new information into cross-agency asset register, and supporting ownership and maintenance guidance

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Develop protocols for cross-agency strategic asset management, transfer/purchase, disposal▪ Explore integrated, cross-agency development of community asset transfer with local community and voluntary sectors▪ Agree integrated, cross-agency mechanism for sharing and aligning capital investment plans, asset management and disposal plans, enforcement e.g. dangerous structures etc.▪ Explore potential for Community Asset Transfer with local community and voluntary sector and regional organisations.
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THEME 4: SUPPORTING SOCIAL ASPIRATIONS

Priorities for Action	Action Coordinator(s)/Partners	How to Take this Priority Forward
<p>4.1 Deliver social and affordable housing solutions that sustain the changing needs of people and place</p>	<p>Action Coordinator: NIHE</p> <p>Partners: NIHE, Housing Associations (including Clanmill Heritage Section – Siobhan Brown TBC), Council, Local Development Planning Team, Health and Social Care Board, local community and business groups, Department for Communities – Regeneration and Housing, Community and Voluntary Sector Panel, CITB/National Housing Federation, ABC Regeneration, Local Development Planning, Invest NI</p>	<p>Year 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Further develop housing needs assessment and research to inform planning and provision to meet affordable and sustainable aspirations of the local community. ▪ Develop and agree borough wide policy to support and sustain an appropriate mix of housing types and tenures. <p>Year 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure the Local Development Plan provides a planning framework to meet housing needs
<p>4.2 Promote ethos and development of shared communities</p>	<p>Action Coordinator: NIHE/ABC Community Development and Neighbourhood Renewal (TBC)</p> <p>Partners: NIHE – local offices, cohesion and neighbourhood renewal, Housing Associations, Councils, Executive Office, Department for Communities, Community Groups, PSNI, ABC Neighbourhood Renewal and community development</p>	<p>Year 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop new shared future proposals and schemes to assist in meeting the overall housing need (as outlined in 4.1 above) ▪ Engage with local community groups, confident and welcoming communities team, and other key stakeholders to develop and implement education programmes to promote and advance shared new build developments (include intergenerational approach)
<p>4.3 Examine cross-agency procurement approaches to support social contracts, social enterprise, job creation, public outdoor spaces and active living connections in towns, villages, estates</p>	<p>Action Coordinator: NIHE</p> <p>Partners: Community Planning statutory partners, Invest NI, BPA/Business Chambers of</p>	<p>Year 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Host event involving statutory and community partners to explore cross-agency procurement approaches to support social contracts and enterprise across the Borough

	<p>Commerce, ABC Council – Procurement, economic development, regeneration, community development, NIHE, Community and Voluntary Sector Panel, Chambers of Commerce</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Make recommendations on how to advance social clauses in contracts at local and central government levels building on good practice and experience
<p>4.4 Further develop ‘friendly places’ across the Borough e.g. age, autism, loneliness and isolation, dementia, child, and make recommendations on how to integrate and build on this work to ensure the Borough is inclusive and accessible and to everyone</p>	<p>Action Coordinators: Health and Social Care Board and Public Health Agency</p> <p>Partners: Health and Social Care Board/Trust, Local Community, Planners, NIHE, ABC Council Equality, Environmental Health, Sport and Recreation, Community Development, PSNI, Healthy Living Alliance, National Trust (Chloe Dobson), Community and Voluntary Sector Panel, Space Project Newry, Town Centre Task Force</p>	<p>Year 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Further develop ‘friendly’ places across the borough, e.g. age, autism, dementia, loneliness, child, and make recommendations on how to integrate and build on this work to ensure the borough is inclusive and accessible to everyone. ▪ Further develop and maintain a register that could assist the partners develop ‘social prescribing’