

Community Planning

An Overview

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Executive's Vision for Local Government

“...a strong, dynamic local government creating communities that are vibrant, healthy, prosperous, safe, sustainable and have the needs of all citizens at their core.”

Central to this vision is the provision of high quality, efficient services that respond to the needs of people and continuously improve over time.

Additional Powers / Functions

- **Planning**

- Local development plan functions
- Development control and enforcement

- **Urban regeneration and community development**

- DSD extending powers to councils

- **Roads**

- Off street parking (except Park and Ride)

- **Local Economic Development** (transfer from Invest NI)

- **Local Tourism**

- **Housing**

- Registration of houses in multiple occupation/Housing unfitness

- **Other**

- Enhanced role in delivery of the EU Rural Development Programme
- Authority to Spot List on a temporary basis,
- Authority to draw up local lists of buildings that are of architectural and/or historic interest
- Armagh County Museum
- Local water recreational facilities
- Local sports (greater involvement of local government in local sports decisions)
- Donaghadee Harbour

Community Planning

- Duty on councils and on all Departments
- Participation of other service providers
- Provision of guidance
- Public reporting
- Statutory Link to Local Development Plan
- General Power of Competence

Community Planning Preparations

- Support councils, departments and agencies to prepare for community planning
- Work with planning staff on statutory link between community planning and local development plan
- Pre-consultation on statutory partners and guidance – now
- Formal consultation on statutory partners (sub-ordinate legislation) – Autumn
- Community Planning Partners Regulations and Statutory Guidance – in place by 1st April 2015