

Easy Read



Our Community Plan

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10 year plan for Mid Ulster



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About this Community Plan



The Mid Ulster Community Plan is a plan to help make Mid Ulster even better over the next 10 years.



We talked to people in the community, local businesses and statutory partners about what everyone wants for the future of Mid Ulster.



We also used other information and facts to make our plan.



This Easy Read version of the plan tells you our vision for Mid Ulster and what we plan to do.



What we plan to do is split into 5 themes.

The 5 Themes



Economic growth. This is how we will help businesses do well and bring jobs to Mid Ulster.



Infrastructure. This is how we will make the basic systems and services that Mid Ulster uses better.



Education and Skills. This is how we will help people learn more and have the best chance in life.



Health and Wellbeing. This is what we will do to help people live longer, healthier and more active lives.



And Vibrant and Safe Communities. This is what we will do to make our community feel safer and stronger.

Our Vision



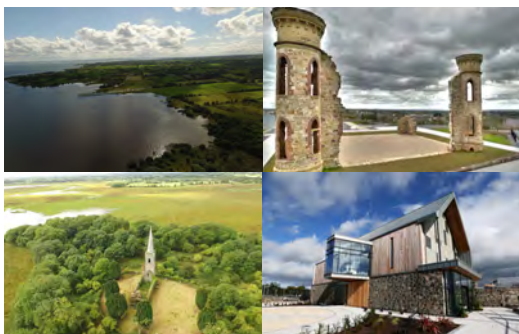
We want Mid Ulster to be a welcoming place where our people are happy, healthy and safe.



We want our people to be educated and skilled.



We want businesses to do well and bring money into the area.



We want to look after our environment and heritage.



We want our public services like schools, hospitals and social care to be really good.

Economic Growth

How we will help businesses to do well and bring money into Mid Ulster



Help people to start businesses and run them well. This will help them to keep making money and creating jobs. Especially businesses that help people and the planet.



Work with others across the border to help 'economic growth'.



Make the Internet and mobile phone service better.



Help businesses that are based in town centres. We will also help to improve villages.



Support rural businesses following the end of European Union rural development funding. Rural means countryside.



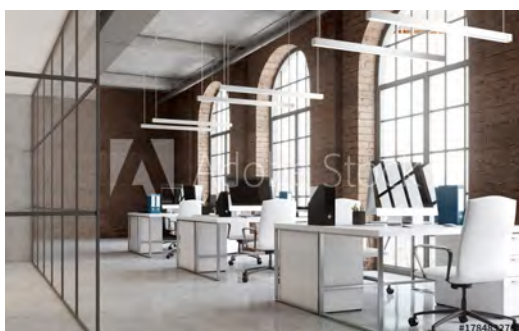
Get more people to visit Mid Ulster and spend money here.



Help make more good jobs. Help people to get the skills they need for these jobs.



We will bring public services together, in town centres.



Make great new office spaces and use empty or derelict buildings.

Infrastructure

How we will make the basic systems and services that Mid Ulster uses better. Services like: roads, transport, waste and recycling, energy, gas, water, and phone.



Improve the road network and make bypasses for some of the main towns and villages.



Have Park and Ride where it will be really useful.



Look into having a train service to and from Mid Ulster again.



Try a new transport service to help people get around the countryside areas.



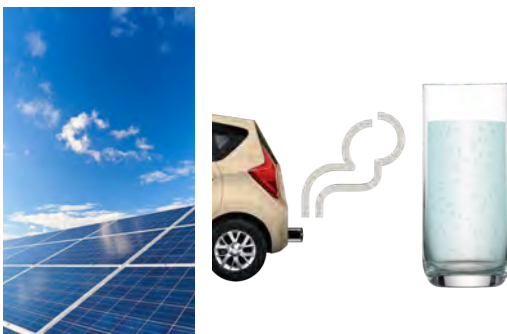
Have shuttle bus, cycling and walking links in the towns.



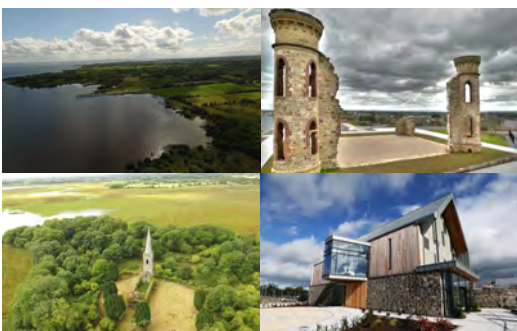
Do more recycling and put less in landfill.



Help make services, like mobile, broadband, gas, electricity, water and sewerage better.



Look into renewable energy and improve our air and water quality.



Look after and develop key places like Seamus Heaney Countryside, O'Neill Heritage, Lough Neagh, Sperrins, Beaghmore and our forests.

More about Infrastructure



Help to bring Lough Neagh into public ownership. This would mean the people of Northern Ireland would have more control over how it is used.



Bring back the Ulster Canal and the green areas around it.



Make sure there are enough houses that people can afford.



Make mixed community housing where people live together.

Theme 3

Education and Skills

How we will help people learn more and have the best chance in life



Do more to teach some children to understand numbers, and to read and write. This will be in schools where we know that some families do not have the same chances as others.



Use **peer support** to help children who aren't learning as much as other children. **Peer support** can be help from a range of people.



Run more Foundation Degree and Degree courses.



Help more adults go back to education.

More about Education and Skills



Work out how to get more people in the community to use the schools and colleges. We will also spend money on making our colleges better.



Support children at school to cope well.



Help children learn together with other support services if they need it.



Make sure 18 year olds have good things to move onto after school. Such as, **apprenticeships**, college or work.



An **apprenticeship** is a way of learning whilst doing your job.



Have a Family Support Centre in each school to help children do better at school.



Support all schools to teach science, technology, maths and engineering. To help young people get business and problem solving skills.



Make sure that every child gets a preschool place in the area they want.



Ask people how we can make sure young people leave school with the skills they need to get good jobs.



And set up ways that they can get these skills, like learning on the job.

Health and Wellbeing

What we will do to help people live longer, healthier and more active lives



We will have a plan to help people age well.



We will make a plan to help people with being healthy in all areas of life.



Make a plan to have 'Healthy Towns and Villages'.



Work together to help people with their mental health and wellbeing.



Have places in our three main towns where health, social care and wellbeing services all work together.



Make sure that everyone has the same level of safe care if they need to go to hospital.



Look into running a service about health for Mid Ulster.



Spend money on making the emergency ambulance service better.



Make plans to help more adults to learn more.

More about Health and Wellbeing



Help more people to live independently or with support.



Make plans to help people living in **disadvantaged communities** to live healthy lifestyles.



Disadvantaged communities means groups of people who do not have the same chances as others.



For example this could be because they have a disability.

It could be because that did not have the same education as others.



It may be because they do not have a lot of money.



Give extra support to help some 0-4 year olds develop well.

Theme 5

Vibrant and Safe Communities

What we will do to make our community feel safer and stronger.



Plan to help people feel safer in their communities.



Share information and support so that vulnerable people are safer.



Have Community First Responders.
These are people in the community who can help quickly in an emergency.



Use design to make places and spaces safer.

More about Vibrant and Safe Communities



Stop people from being anti-social in the places where this is happening most.



Have more after-school drop in centres in schools and the community.



Find out how schools and services for young people can get more people to use their services.



Help the community to respect a mix of different people.



Have more of **the Arts** in Mid Ulster. **The Arts** means things like drama, photography and theatre.



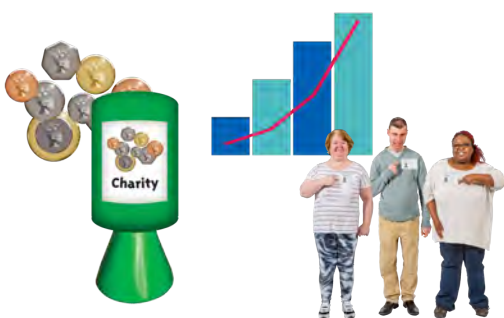
Protect and promote minority languages and cultures.



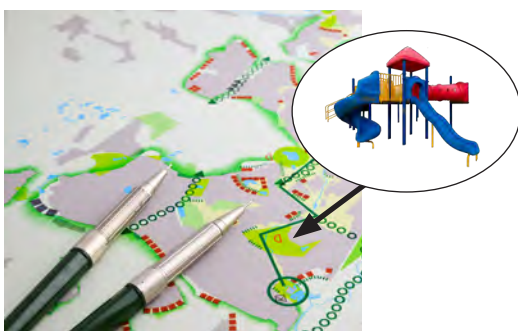
Spend more money on the most **deprived areas** in Mid Ulster. **Deprived areas** are places where people do not have enough of things like money, jobs, or education.



Do more to make sure that people have enough money to meet their basic needs. This means things like having food, clothes and somewhere to live.



Help organisations like charities and volunteer groups to do more and get more people volunteering.



Make sure there are good things for the community in **development** plans for the area. **Development** means changes to an area, like new buildings or roads.



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