



COMMUNITY PLANNING AUDIT QUESTIONNAIRE FOR GLENELLY

Community Planning is the process where public sector organisations work in partnership with the private sector, local communities and the community and voluntary sector to identify and solve local problems, improve services and implement a shared vision for promoting the well-being of their area.

It is envisaged that the NI Executive will introduce legislation making Community Planning a statutory responsibility. It is likely that the legislation will place a duty on local councils to lead the process and on other public bodies to participate and promote Community Planning.

The aim of Community Planning is to make sure that people and communities are genuinely engaged in decisions made about the public services which affect them.

Three Community Planning Pilot Projects are underway in Northern Ireland. The consortium which will deliver the pilot project in this area is made up of Derry City Council, Strabane District Council, the North West Community Network, Strabane and District Community Network and Groundwork Northern Ireland.

In Strabane District Council the project will focus on the Glenelly District Electoral Area which includes the following wards:

- Artigarvan
- Dunnamanagh
- Plumbridge
- Slievekirk
- Victoria Bridge

The pilot project will run until 31st January 2012 and a Local Area Plan for Glenelly will be drafted by that date.

It is extremely important that the community and voluntary sector has a voice, and can influence and add value to the project as it has a wealth of knowledge and experience of working with local communities



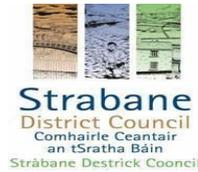


Please complete the questionnaire below. Your feedback will help us to determine the level of understanding and involvement there is with regards to community planning and Strabane District Council's Future Search project

amongst the community and voluntary sector in Glenelly. It will also help to work out what the local issues and how best to engage communities in your area.

The questions are structured to allow you to answer as an individual and/or on behalf of the group you represent.





SECTION 1 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND FUTURE SEARCH

1. Prior to reading the questionnaire, have you ever heard of the term “Community Planning”.

You

Your Group

Yes

Yes

(if yes, where did you hear about it?)

<i>You</i>	<i>Your Group</i>

No

No

(if no, go to question 3)

2. How familiar are you with what Community Planning is?
Please tick one box only.

You

I have a full understanding of the role of Community Planning

I have a good general understanding of the role of Community Planning

I have some understanding of the role of Community Planning but have a number of knowledge gaps

I have little or no understanding of the role of Community Planning





Your Group

I have a full understanding of the role of Community Planning

I have a good general understanding of the role of Community Planning

I have some understanding of the role of Community Planning but have a number of knowledge gaps

I have little or no understanding of the role of Community Planning

3. How familiar are you with the content of the Future Search/Regeneration Planning exercise undertaken by Strabane District Council in 2010?

Please tick one box only

You

I have a full understanding of the Future Search exercise

I have a good general understanding of the Future Search exercise

I have some understanding of the Future Search exercise but have a number of knowledge gaps

I have little or no understanding of the Future Search exercise

Your Group

I have a full understanding of the Future Search exercise

I have a good general understanding of the Future Search exercise

I have some understanding of the Future Search exercise but have a number of knowledge gaps

I have little or no understanding of the Future Search exercise





SECTION 2 RELATIONSHIPS AND PARTNERSHIPS

IMPORTANT DEFINITION:

Local statutory bodies are local public sector organisations set up by government to meet specific objectives and undertake agreed activities, e.g. local councils, Primary Care Trusts (PCTs), Education and Library Boards

4. **Have you been involved in any community engagement or consultation exercises undertaken by any of major public service providers** (for example, Government Departments, Strabane District Council, NIHE, the Western Health Trust, the Western Education and Library Board).

You

Your Group

Yes

Yes

(if yes, please give brief details below: tell us who consulted you and on what)

<i>You</i>	<i>Your Group</i>

No

No

Not sure

Not sure

5. **Have you worked in partnership with any of major public service providers** (for example, Government Departments, Strabane District





Council, NIHE, the Western Health Trust, the Western Education and Library Boardwho else)

You

Your Group

Yes

Yes

(if yes, please give brief details below: tell us who you worked with and on what)

<i>You</i>	<i>Your Group</i>

No

No

Not sure

Not sure

6. Have you worked in partnership with any private sector organisations, businesses etc?

You

Your Group

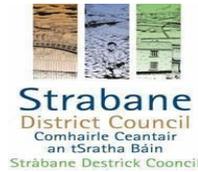
Yes

Yes

(if yes, please give brief details below: tell us who you worked with and on what)

<i>You</i>	<i>Your Group</i>





No

No

Not sure

Not sure

7. Have you worked in partnership with any other community and voluntary organisations?

You

Your Group

Yes

Yes

(if yes, please give brief details below: tell us who you worked with and on what)

<i>You</i>	<i>Your Group</i>

No

No

Not sure

Not sure

8. Have you worked on a project or initiative where all or a mix of the public, private and voluntary sectors were involved (a cross-sectoral partnership)

You

Your Group

Yes

Yes

(if yes, please give brief details below: tell us who you worked with and on what. What was the outcome?)



You	Your Group

No

Not sure

No

Not sure

Please answer the following questions about local statutory bodies regardless of whether or not you currently have direct dealings with them or are receiving funding or other forms of support from them – we want your opinions.

9. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? Please put a cross in one box per row

Local statutory bodies in your local area . . .	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Not applicable
. . . value the work of your organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
. . . understand the nature and role of your organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
. . . respect your organisation's independence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
. . . inform your organisation on issues which affect you or are of interest to you	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
. . . consult your organisation on issues which affect you or are of interest to you	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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. . . involve your organisation appropriately in developing and carrying out policy on issues which affect you

. . . act upon your organisation's opinions and/or responses to consultation



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10 Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your ability to influence local decisions that are relevant to your organisation?

Please put a cross ☒ in one box only

Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know	Not applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

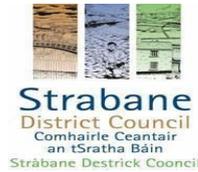
11 Taking everything into account, overall, how do the statutory bodies in your local area influence your organisation's success?

Please put a cross ☒ in one box only

Very positive influence	Positive influence	Neither positive nor negative influence	Negative influence	Very negative influence	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12 Why do you say that?

Please write in below. To ensure that your response remains confidential, please take care not to include any comments or details that might identify you or your organisation.



SECTION 3 LOBBYING

13. Has your organisation any experience of lobbying activity?

You

Your Group

Yes

Yes

(please give brief details below: tell us who you lobbied and on what? Were you successful?)

<i>You</i>	<i>Your Group</i>

No

No

Not sure

Not sure

SECTION 4 COLLECTING INFORMATION

14. Has your organisation ever undertaken research (e.g. surveys/questionnaires)?

You

Your Group

Yes

Yes

Yes

(If you answered "yes" to the above, please give brief details of the research you did; what it was used for and what was the outcome?)





<i>You</i>	<i>Your Group</i>

No

Not sure

No

Not sure

SECTION 5 ACCESSING FUNDING

15. Has your organisation ever applied for and received public funding to support its work?

Yes
(please give brief details below)

No

Not sure

If you answered "yes" to the above, please give brief details of the funding you received

SECTION 6 LEARNING MORE ABOUT COMMUNITY PLANNING AND FUTURE SEARCH

16. What would you find helpful to build your capacity to become involved in preparing a Local Area Plan?





<i>You</i>	<i>Your Group</i>

17 What would you find helpful to learn more about the Future Search exercise?

<i>You</i>	<i>Your Group</i>

18. Would you like to see more sustained, ongoing engagement with community and voluntary organisations around Community Planning and Future Search?

You

Your Group

Yes

Yes

(If you answered "yes", please give brief details below: how would you like the councils to continue this engagement?)





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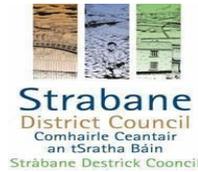
No

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More About Your Organisation

As Community Planning develops, it will be important to continue and build on the involvement of the community and voluntary sector in the process.

It would be very helpful if you could share some details of your organisation with us (see questions below).

1. For how many years has your organisation been established?

Yrs

2. How many members does your organisation have (approx)?

3. How frequently do you meet (please show how many meetings per year)?

4. Does your organisation have a constitution?

Yes

No

5. What is the key focus or purpose of your organisation?





6. Is your organisation/group a member of a wider network of organisations?

Yes
 (please give brief details below)

No

If you answered "yes" to the above, please give brief details of networks your organisation is involved in.

Contact Name	
Group/Organisation	
Designation	
Address	
Postcode	
E mail	
Telephone No.	

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Your feedback is very valuable in terms of developing community planning in Glenelly and the wider Strabane District Council area.



