

Exploring the Benefits of Community Planning and the Power of Well-being

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The Vision

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

Arlene Foster MLA – 31 March 2008



Community Planning

Essence is the recognition that the needs of individuals and communities – if they are to be addressed successfully – must be addressed collectively, not separately



Community Planning Framework

- Statutory duty on new councils to make arrangements for community planning
- Duty on Departments to promote use of community planning and have regard to community plans
- Duty on other specified public sector bodies to participate in, and support, community planning
- Publication of Plans



Role of New Councils

- Consultation and co-operation with other sectors
- Lead role in Community Planning Strategic Partnership for area
- Through Partnership develops and sets out shared vision with agreed objectives
- Through Partnership streamlines arrangements for the planning and delivery of services
- Agrees challenging outcomes for Partnership
- Develops processes for effective communication
- Monitors and evaluates progress



Power of Well-being

- Complementary to Community Planning
- Councils creatures of statute
- Potential to fill any legislative void
- Will not be an unfettered power



Conclusion

- Framework for bringing all the service providers in an area together
- Requirement for effective consultation and communication with community on plans
- Challenge for new councils and other organisations and sectors
- Priority to deliver improved outcomes for citizens

