

## AGENDA ITEM 5b.



**Committee:** Strategic Growth Partnership  
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**Agenda Item:** 5 (b). Baseline Statistics & Monitoring  
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### **1 Purpose of this report/recommendations**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to brief members of the Strategic Growth Partnership on the plans to monitor the progress being made by the Strategic Growth Plan – Our Community Plan.
- 1.2 It is recommended that the Partnership ....
- Agree baseline measures
  - Note and contribute to the development of a monitoring strategy that will capture the progress and the effectiveness of the Strategic Growth Plan.

### **2 Background**

- 2.1 The Local Government Act (NI) 2014 requires the council and its community planning partners to make arrangements to monitor progress and effectiveness of each of the council's community plans and the actions taken for the purpose of meeting the plan's objectives:
- 2.2 **Section 71— Monitoring**
- (1) A council and its community planning partners must ensure that arrangements are made for monitoring—*
- (a) progress made towards meeting the community plan objectives for the district contained in the current community plan; and*
  - (b) the effectiveness of actions taken and functions exercised for the purpose of meeting those objectives.*

*(2) A community planning partner's duty under subsection (1) extends only to matters connected with its functions.*

*(3) A council must at least once every two years publish a statement which describes—*

- (a) progress made and outcomes achieved in meeting the community plan objectives for its district; and*
- (b) actions taken and functions exercised for the purpose of meeting those objectives.*

*(4) It is the duty of each community planning partner of a council to provide such information as the council may reasonably require in order to enable it to comply with its duty under subsection (3).*

*(5) The first statement under subsection (3) must be produced within two years of the date on which a community plan is published under section 68(4).*

### **3 Key Issues**

- 3.1 The current Programme for Government has adopted the Outcomes Based Accountability (OBA) approach in the monitoring of the work towards achieving the stated outcomes of the programme.
- 3.2 This approach is being endorsed by the Department of Communities (DfC) in its guidance on the monitoring of progress in delivering the Community Plan and reporting on their impacts.
- 3.3 The DCSDC Strategic Growth Plan has already identified a suite of indicators that have helped form the basis of our Strategic Growth Plan. In the terms of OBA terminology these can be seen as 'Population Indicators'. Where applicable, these are indicators that align closely to the PfG in terms of measurement but also in their robustness and availability at a Council wide level on an ongoing basis.
- 3.4 However, by their very nature these indicators will have a degree of lag in their publication; they can be influenced by forces outside of the control and efforts of the Strategic Growth Plan and are designed to show the longer term impacts of the actions and efforts of our Plan.
- 3.5 The issue we now need to take forward is to agree on the best method of meeting the requirements of this partnership and, subsequently, legislation i.e. Local Government Act (NI) 2014.

- 3.6 It is essential that we are in a position to report on the effectiveness of our interventions and actions in order to amend such interactions as and when required. The timeliness of the 'Population Indicators' will not allow this to occur in a manner that will allow meaningful and decisive intervention to take place.
- 3.7 DfC has convened a monitoring and reporting working group to provide additional guidance on monitoring and reporting requirements. This representative group consists of council statisticians, community planning officers, statutory partners and other organisations. Through a co-design process it will draft an initial practical and monitoring guidance report by the end of March 2018.

#### **4. Recommendations**

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Partnership:
- Agree on baseline measures
  - Continue the engagement with council officers to identify ownership of the actions and sub actions listed in the Community Plan.
  - Help inform the monitoring requirements of the Strategic Growth Plan by sharing those arrangements being implemented to monitor PfG at a performance level.
  - Provide comments on how partners believe a measure of performance can be best demonstrated as we move through the life of the Strategic Growth plan.

## Appendix 1: Baseline Measures

Outcome	Measure	Period	Baseline	
			DCSDC	NI
We are actively engaged in the decisions that affect us – building a shared, equal, and safe community.	% population who agree that they can influence decisions affecting their local area	2015	26%	-
	% population who agree that the DCSDC area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together?	2015	65%	-
	Recorded Crime - offences (excluding fraud)	2016/17	8,510	98,076
	- Homophobic motivation	2016/17	21	162
	- Racist motivation	2016/17	31	660
	- Sectarian motivation	2016/17	78	694
	Anti-social behaviour incidents	2016/17	4,766	59,703
% population who give any time as a volunteer or as an organiser for any charities, clubs, organisations (i.e. in an unpaid capacity)?	2015	25%	-	
We live long, healthy and fulfilling lives	Standardised Death Rate - U75 All-Cause Mortality (Deaths per 100,000 population)	2012-16	413.2	369.2
	Standardised Death Rate - Preventable (Deaths per 100,000 population)	2012-16	235.0	205.2
	Standardised Prescription Rate - Mood & Anxiety (Prescriptions per 1,000 population)	2016	239.1	213.1
	Standardised Admission Rate - Self-harm (Admissions per 100,000 population)	2012/13 - 2016/17	204.5	173.3
	Standardised Admission Rate - Circulatory (Admissions per 100,000 population)	2014/15 - 2016/17	1948.1	2170.1
	Standardised Admission Rate - Respiratory (Admissions per 100,000 population)	2014/15 - 2016/17	2242.0	2055.1
	Standardised Admission Rate - Alcohol (Admissions per 100,000 population)	2014/15 - 2016/17	1127.2	721.0
	Standardised Admission Rate - Drugs related mental health and behavioural disorders (Admissions per 100,000 population)	2014/15 - 2016/17	271.3	219.9
% of population who meet recommended levels of activity	2015	45%	-	
Our children and young people have the best start in life.	% of children living in low income families (0-15 years)	2015	31.2%	21%
	Low birth weight (Proportion low birth weight <2500g (%))	2016	6.7%	6.3%
	Birth rate to teenage mothers per 1,000 female population aged 13-19 years	2016	8.7	10.0

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			DCSDC	NI
There is a good job for everyone in a strong, competitive, entrepreneurial and innovative economy.	Employment rate (16-64)	2016	54.7%	69.3%
	Economically inactivity rate (16-64)	2017	37.7%	26.0%
	Claimant Count rate (16-64)	Jan-17	4.7%	2.4%
	Gross median weekly pay of those residing in DCSDC	2016	£350.90	£409.50
	Number of Vat and/or PAYE businesses	2017	4945	71615
	Regional Gross Value Added (Balanced)	2016	£2,470m	£37,236m
Our young people and our workforce are better skilled and educated.	School leaver attainment	2015/16		
	- Achieved 2+ A-levels (or equiv) (%)	2015/16	60.0%	57.3%
	- Achieved at least 5 GCSE's grades A*-C (or equiv) (%)	2015/16	81.5%	81.7%
	- Achieved At Least 5 GCSE's grades A*-C (or equiv) inc. GCSE English and GCSE Maths (%)	2015/16	68.2%	67.7%
	Enrolments in regulated FE courses (DCSDC resident)	2015/16	10,277	129,274
	Enrolments at higher education institutions in the UK	2015/16	5,800	63,600
	Participants on Training for Success	Apr-17	547	4554.0%
Participants on ApprenticeshipNI	Apr-17	1,133	8,901	
We are the cultural destination of choice and offer world class visitor experiences.	Overnight tourism statistics	2016		
	- Estimated trips	2016	282,939	4,725,242
	- Estimated nights	2016	909,898	15,179,818
	- Estimated expenditure (£)	2016	£50,240,461	£850,707,668

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			DCSDC	NI
We live in sustainable communities with strong environmental stewardship.	Applicants in Housing Stress: 30 pts plus (NIHE New, NIHE Transfer and HA Transfer)	2015/16	67.4%	58.7%
	Length of greenways delivered (km)	2017	80km	-
	Number of public realm improvements		TBC	TBC
	Improved Play Value Score	2012	54%	-
	Number of heritage led regeneration projects		TBC	TBC
	% satisfied / very satisfied with their local area as a place to live	2015	75%	-
We connect people and opportunities through our infrastructure.	Reduce carbon emissions (per capita) (kt CO <sub>2</sub> )	2015	6.1	6.5
	Percentage of fuel poor households		TBC	TBC
	Local authority collected municipal waste sent for preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting (%)	2015/16	34.9	41.8
	Household waste sent for preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting (%)	2015/16	33.3	42.2