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HEALTH & WELLBEING THEMATIC SUMMIT



People & Place Review

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People & Place Review

- The review of the existing People and Place Strategy (2003) has progressed with collaborative structures in place to facilitate engagement with a wide range of key stakeholders and other focus groups from across Northern Ireland.
- The development of a Strategic Framework, informed by the views expressed through the stakeholder and sectoral engagement exercise has broadly concluded.
- The review is closely aligned with both the NICS Collaboration Test and Learn initiative and the development of the Anti-Poverty Strategy.
- Subject to Ministerial consideration, and that of his Executive colleagues, the Strategic Framework will be subject to a full public consultation exercise, with an assumption that the new Strategic Framework will be completed during 2025 and a transition phase should commence thereafter.




Emerging Strategic Framework

Subject to Ministerial approval, the Strategic Framework will


- Be place-based with a focus on areas and people suffering the most disadvantage, based on evidenced need;
- It will be community based and will support flexible place-based community decision making;
- It will incorporate community planning structures which are considered as integral to the way forward.

The Strategic Framework will be based around the following key themes

- Collaborative Culture
 - Effective Delivery Structures
 - Effective Administrative Systems
 - Co-Ordinated Resources
 - Strong Sustainable Sectors
 - Effective Outcome Measurement
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NICS Collaboration Test & Learn

- In recognition of the need to explore better place-based collaborative working between Government Departments and between Government and community organisations, a cross Departmental Group was established.
 - This Group produced a Collaboration Strategic Framework, which was endorsed by the NICS Board in September 23, with approvals given to run a number of pilots to test the Framework by putting it to practical use in existing situations.
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Journey So Far

- Work in the first two pilot areas, the Diamond Super Output Area (SOA) and Aughnacloy SOA, formally commenced in January 2024.
- An Evaluation Report of the pilots was presented to NICS Board July 2024
 - ❑ Endorsed the recommendations contained within the Evaluation Report.
 - ❑ Agreed that delivery of both new and existing place-based initiatives should actively consider using the test and learn model within the existing pilot areas.

Findings to date – Evaluation Report

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- Need for continuous improvement within Government and how it interacts with communities on place-based initiatives, so that services are people-centred, and outcome focused.
- Focuses on practical changes that will help deliver better outcomes for those most in need and reduce the complexity and administrative bureaucracy for both community organisations and government
- E.G it recommends minimising the administrative burden on partners and supports the implementation of an ‘apply once’, ‘tell us once’ and ‘report once’ approach in relation to joined-up applications, proportionate monitoring and reporting mechanisms.

Next Steps

- The NICS Board endorsed the expansion to operationalise the approach developed as part of the Collaboration Framework.
- Phase 2 will be delivered in wider geographical areas;
Moor DEA (which incorporates the Diamond SOA), Clogher Valley DEA (which includes Aughnacloy) and introducing a third pilot North Belfast

Aims

- Use an agreed collaborative-based area plan (linked to the community plan);
- Consider how better collaboration can maximize the use of resources to deliver the plan;
- Produce an agreed area outcomes framework;
- Rebalance relationship between government and community organisations.