

Perth and Kinross Council Principles & Aspirations for Sustainable Development

To contribute to achieving sustainable development, the Council is committed to using natural resources wisely in a way that enhances the environment, promotes social cohesion and inclusion and strengthens economic prosperity, now and for future generations. It seeks to do this by considering, integrating and balancing the following sustainable development principles and aspirations⁽¹⁾ throughout its organisational operation, service delivery and decision-making.

A SAFE, SECURE AND WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT

1. Low levels of crime and anti-social behaviour with visible, effective and community-friendly policing
2. Efficient use of resources now and in the future in the built environment and service provision (e.g. energy efficiency, land, water resources, flood defence, waste minimisation)
3. Mitigation and adaptation to manage the impact of climate change & reduce the production of greenhouse gases
4. Living in a way that minimises the negative environmental impact and enhances the positive impact (e.g. recycling, walking, cycling)
5. Protecting and improving natural resources and biodiversity (e.g. air quality, water quality, contaminated land)
6. Well-maintained, local, user-friendly open spaces with facilities for everyone
7. Sufficient range and affordability of housing within a balanced housing market
8. A high quality, well-designed built environment of appropriate size, scale, density, design and layout that complements the distinctive local character of the community
9. High quality, fully utilised, durable, flexible and adaptable buildings

HEALTHY, CARING COMMUNITIES

10. Healthy living is actively promoted and the provision of preventative health services maximised
11. Equitable access to high quality, integrated local health care and social services (particularly for those who are excluded or vulnerable)

A PROSPEROUS, SUSTAINABLE, INCLUSIVE ECONOMY

12. A wide range of local jobs and training opportunities for all
13. Sufficient land and buildings to support economic prosperity and change
14. Dynamic job and business creation and development
15. A strong business community with links into the wider economy
16. Accessible and appropriate transport services and communication linking people to jobs, schools, health and other services (e.g. public transport facilities, telecommunications)

EDUCATED, RESPONSIBLE AND INFORMED CITIZENS

17. Well-educated people from well-performing local schools, further and higher education and training for lifelong learning
18. Friendly, co-operative and helpful behaviour in neighbourhoods
19. A mutual tolerance, respect and engagement among people from different cultures, background and beliefs
20. A sense of civic values, responsibility and pride

CONFIDENT, ACTIVE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

21. Strong, informed and effective leadership and partnerships that lead by example
22. Creating a sense of place (e.g. a place with a positive 'feeling' for people, and local distinctiveness)
23. A sense of community identity and belonging
24. Strong, inclusive, community and voluntary sector
25. Strategic, visionary, representative, accountable governance systems that enable inclusive, active and effective participation by individuals and organisations
26. All people are socially included and have similar life opportunities
27. Opportunities for cultural, leisure, community, sport and other activities
28. Continuous improvement through effective delivery, monitoring and feedback at all levels
29. Accessible, affordable public, community, voluntary and private services (e.g. retail, food, commercial, utilities)
30. Service providers who think and act long term and beyond their own immediate geographical and interest boundaries.

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