



Together is better

A community plan for Dumfries and Galloway for 2009-2012

Our vision

Working together to create an ambitious, prosperous and confident Dumfries and Galloway where people achieve their potential.

Our principles

We have identified the following principles as being important to help our partners to achieve the vision.

Best value

- Providing the right services in the right place, at the right time and at the right price.

Engagement

- Listening to, speaking to and consulting individuals and communities, following National Standards and Compact guidance which says involving the public is a vital part of our work.

Diversity

- Treating people equally and respecting them, whatever their social or cultural differences.

Sustainability

- Making sure we will have a successful long-term future, economically, socially and environmentally.

Working together

- Finding ways to plan and provide services in a better way that makes a real difference to people's lives.

The Scottish Government has five '**strategic objectives**' that support its aim of creating a more successful country. These are as follows.

- Wealthier and fairer
- Healthier
- Safer and stronger
- Smarter
- Greener

The Government's aim is to work across all of these strategic objectives, to make sure the economy can grow over the long term and allow all of Scotland to flourish. These strategic objectives have been translated into '**outcomes**' which are local to Dumfries and Galloway. Our aim is to work across all of the outcomes to achieve a high quality of life for everyone.

The outcomes we want to achieve for everyone in our region are as follows.

Outcome 1 – ‘An innovative and prosperous rural economy’

The Dumfries and Galloway Regional Economic Strategy sets out four main factors that support this outcome – ‘business infrastructure’, ‘growing business’, ‘quality of life’ and ‘developing a competitive workforce’.

Objectives:

Improving employment and business opportunities

Improving physical and technical infrastructure (roads, power services, communications and so on)

Increasing the amount of affordable housing

Maximising household income

Making the most of the cultural and natural heritage

Outcome 2 – ‘Healthy and happy lives’

- General wellbeing where basic human needs are met. Tackling inequalities in people’s health, including work to achieve good mental and physical health, is an important part of this outcome, along with the effects of our ageing population.

Objectives:

Achieving good mental wellbeing

Caring for vulnerable people

Accessing quality health and care services

Reducing inequalities in health

Leading healthier lifestyles

Outcome 3 – ‘Feeling safe and respected within the community’

- Communities where people feel protected and live without fear for their own or other people’s safety. Our communities and people feel included and confident.

Objectives:

Improving community safety

Supporting communities

Outcome 4 – ‘Being better equipped for a changing world and having improved life chances’

- Giving everyone access to positive learning environments, whatever their age. Providing support for our most vulnerable children and young people is a particularly important part of this outcome.

Objectives:

Improving achievement in schools

Providing better access to learning and opportunities for people to take part

Targeting skills training for employment

Encouraging people to be responsible citizens

Outcome 5 – ‘An environment that is protected and enhanced’

- Having a sense of ownership and individual and joint responsibility for the environment.

Objectives:

Reducing the region’s ‘carbon footprint’

Maintaining biodiversity

Managing our waste

Contact information:

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