

The Strategic Framework

This section presents a strategic framework for the Colin Neighbourhood Partnership.

It was developed based on the:

- strategic context;
- assessment of need;
- community consultation; and
- swot analysis and framework for addressing needs.

The Vision

“A neighbourhood, where people are happy to live, play, work, and study. A community where families feel safe, people are respected, supported and where the achievements of local people are celebrated.”

The Mission

“To develop and implement a coordinated approach to address the needs of the Colin Community while highlighting the successes and potential of the area and its people”.

The Objectives

The following set of objectives was proposed as the basis for the Colin Neighbourhood Strategy:

People and Place

To develop the concept of the Colin Neighbourhood as a distinct, vibrant, safe, and healthy community by 2020;

to develop (by March 2004) a structure for CNP which is representative of the community, transparent in its business, and accountable to the community for its decisions;

to advocate a policy and ethos of “expecting the very best” for the community, anything less is not acceptable;

to use the Colin Strategy as the basis for developing partnerships across the community, business, and public sectors for the greater good of the Colin Community; and

that CNP needs to recognise the importance of the key constituent neighbourhood areas of Kilwee, Lagmore, Poleglass, and Twinbrook.

Services

To use the Colin Neighbourhood Strategy as the basis for identifying and prioritising the needs of the community and ensuring that those statutory agencies responsible for the delivery of public services meet their responsibilities;

that CNP should only seek to deliver essential initiatives or projects where there is no other body/organisation in the area with the capacity and or competence to deliver;

and to agree and implement a rolling framework that positively contributes to improving the quality of life for all the residents and stakeholders of the Colin community.

Leadership

Through positive leadership, to empower the community with a sense of belonging, pride, and commitment to the Colin area and to foster civic pride, respect, and engender a sense of civic responsibility within the community;

to ensure the regular updating of the needs and issues of the Community to ensure that CNP reflects the community;

and to ensure that CNP remains primarily a coordinating and lobbying body for the area.