



Workshop resource:

Sustainable development goals

Note about sustainable development goals: There is no definitive list of sustainable development goals or objectives. Powerpoint slides 4 and 5 in the ‘Sustainable development defined’ area show the most recent list produced nationally (Audit Commission Quality of Life Objectives). The following list has been compiled from the UK Sustainable Development Strategy. Local or regional sustainable development objectives can be substituted for this list.

GENERAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES	
Objective	Key elements of objective
Economy	
Strengthen the economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve economic performance • Promote investment in modern plant, machinery, research and development • Invest in social assets: hospitals, water, sewerage, public transport
Support the local economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase local business diversity and support small businesses • Create a vibrant local economy
Maintain employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain high and stable levels of employment • Give access to satisfying and rewarding work
Reduce poverty and economic disadvantage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle the causes of poverty and social exclusion • Close the gap between disadvantaged communities and the rest • Promote fairness at work • Reduce disproportionate unemployment among ethnic minorities
Encourage sustainable production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the environmental impact of production • Encourage businesses to adopt environmental management systems and produce environmental reports

Reduce the social and environmental impacts of international trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote a fair and open trade system that respects the environment • Raise quality of life of workers in global supply chain • Contribute to SD at a global as well as local level
Society	
Meet basic needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that everyone has the opportunity for a decent home • Reduce unfit housing stock • Reduce fuel poverty • Ensure access to affordable good quality food • Ensure affordable water
Improve access to services and facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide better access to existing services and facilities • Ensure better access for disabled people • Meet local needs locally
Promote equity and equality of opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce social exclusion
Make arts and leisure available to all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximise the benefit of arts and leisure for poor neighbourhoods, young people and ethnic minorities
Promote life long learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise educational standards at all levels and close the gap between the high and low achievers • Ensure people can adapt their skills throughout their lives • Boost workplace learning • Maximise access to skills and knowledge
Encourage participation in decision making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empower all sections of the community to participate in decision making • Ensure access to information
Strengthen local community and cultural identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage and support community involvement • Improve awareness of sustainable development • Encourage individuals to do their bit. • Value diversity and local distinctiveness • Make communities strong and viable
Environment	
Conserve energy and reduce climate change emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use energy more efficiently • Obtain more energy from renewable sources • Promote vehicles which use less or no fossil fuel, or use it more efficiently • Increase woodland cover
Reduce traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the need to travel • Improve the choice in public transport • Reduce traffic congestion • Develop sustainable freight distribution

Conserve resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use water efficiently • Safeguard water supplies • Use aggregates efficiently and encourage reuse • Use sustainable construction materials including sustainable timber and recycled alternatives
Reduce waste and promote recycling, reuse and recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move away from waste disposal to minimisation, reuse, recycling and recovery
Reduce land take and protect soil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reuse previously developed land • Bring empty homes back into use, and convert buildings for new uses • Protect soil
Reduce pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce air pollution • Reduce pollution in rivers and coastal waters • Limit pollution to that which doesn't damage natural systems
Protect landscape and promote public access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect the wider landscape • Protect special landscape sites • Protect individual features such as hedges, ponds and walls • Promote public access and enjoyment
Protect and enhance wildlife habitats and species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reverse the decline in wildlife and habitats • Protect special sites and rare species • Protect woodland habitats • Value and protect the diversity of nature
Develop and protect the quality of the local environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote attractive streets and buildings with low levels of traffic, noise and pollution and green spaces. • Protect and enhance urban and countryside character. • Create or enhance places, spaces and buildings that work well, wear well and look well • Make settlements "human" in scale and form
Protect urban and town centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locate shopping and other key uses within existing centres
Protect historic and archaeological resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that development takes account of history, and look for opportunities to conserve local heritage • Retain the archaeological characteristics of the landscape