



# What does sustainable development mean?

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Achieving a society where everyone has a good quality of life and whilst maintaining or enhancing the environmental resources upon which we all depend.



# And is it the same as well-being?

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- Pretty much ... it means:
  - Addressing environmental, social and economic issues in an integrated way
  - Language doesn't matter...what matters are some of the principles behind sustainable development or well-being.



# Some of the principles of sustainable development (1)

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- Operating within the earth's environmental capacity
- Integrated solutions to environmental, social and economic issues
- Working in partnership with communities and other stakeholders



## Some of the principles of sustainable development (2)

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- Working towards greater equity in resource use, both within the UK and across the world
- Action is needed now to address SD concerns, many of which will be global and long term in nature.



# Sustainable development objectives

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- Combating unemployment
- Encouraging economic regeneration
- Tackling poverty and social exclusion
- Developing people's skills
- Improving people's health
- Improving housing opportunities
- Tackling community safety.



# More SD objectives

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- Strengthening community involvement
- Reducing pollution and climate change
- Improving management of the environment (including resource management)
- Improving the local environment
- Improving transport
- Protecting the diversity of nature.



# Opportunities and obligations: Power to promote well-being

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- Delivering sustainable development locally
  - The new power provides opportunities to trade, transfer assets and pool funds beyond service provision, such as:
    - Energy savings companies
    - Refurbishment of empty homes
    - Use of fines for local environmental improvements.



# Opportunities and obligations: community planning

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- Learning the lessons from LA21
  - Managing for integration
  - Thinking globally, acting locally
  - Linking vision to action.



# Opportunities and obligations: LSPs

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- Learning the lessons from LA21
  - Linking LSP to sustainability forums and community action
  - Sustainable development through partnership.



# Sustainable development links

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- Already happening:
  - Corporate objectives
  - Sustainability / LA21 strategy
  - Cross cutting best value review
  - CLIP indicators
  - Regeneration work.



# Sustainable integration

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- Integration  $\neq$  sustainability automatically
- Integration = a conscious and continuous process
- Integration addresses 'crunch' or conflict issues
- Through deliberative decision-making process.



# Process for integration (1)

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- Agree objectives and check they cover the SD objectives
- Identify crunch issues
- Revise and refine objectives to help reduce / avoid the crunch issues.
- Identify options that reduce conflicts and maximise compatibility between objectives.



## Process for integration (2)

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- Gather information to inform the choice between options
- Assess options against crunch issues
- Select preferred option
- Reappraise throughout implementation.