

AT A GLANCE

Environment

Definition

The Egan Review states that in order to plan, deliver and maintain sustainable communities, a number of components need to be addressed. One of these components is Environmental which is described as 'providing places for people to live in an environmentally friendly way.'

A number of sub components are listed, giving a more detailed explanation of what needs to be addressed:

- 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 etc)
- Living in a way that minimises the negative environmental impact and enhances the positive (e.g. recycling, walking, cycling)
- Protecting and improving natural resources and biodiversity (e.g. air quality, noise, water quality)
- Having due regard for the needs of future generations in current decisions and actions

How is the Egan theme reflected in IGNITE?

For the Environmental theme, the Egan Review identified a number of key aspects to be addressed to develop sustainable communities; these are listed and described below:

- **Biodiversity**

Increasing biodiversity in the rural and built environment.

- **Energy and Fuel**

Reducing energy consumption, improving energy efficiency and increasing the share of renewable energies.

- **Waste Management**

Avoid and reduce waste, increase recycling, manage and treat waste adhering to best practice standards.

- **Water**

Saving water, improving water quality and using water more efficiently.

- **Environmental Protection**

Protect and improve the environment.

- **Parks and Green Spaces**

Extend, conserve and care for nature areas and parks and green spaces.

- **Land Reclamation**

The improvement of derelict or neglected land.

- **Sustainable Development**

This is a cross cutting concept which encompasses all aspects of the environmental theme. A current key issue is climate change.

Other aspects of the Environment are dealt with under different IGNITE themes and sub themes, as follows:

- Sustainable development is very generic and can be applied to many of the themes and sub themes.
- The sub themes within Housing and Built Environment such as Regeneration and Building and Construction overlap with the Environment sub themes of Land Reclamation and Parks and Green Spaces.

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