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SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES				
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ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVES				
	Protect places, landscapes and buildings of historic, cultural and archaeological value by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Using architectural design to enhance the local character and 'sense of place' of development? Making full use of village/local design statements, parish plans, and conservation area and countryside character appraisals Helping conserve historic buildings through sensitive adaptation and re use Encouraging understanding of the heritage and cultures of local community Improving access to buildings and landscapes of historic/cultural value 		Conserve features of historic and archaeological importance and maintain character of the built environment. Ensure that new development is sympathetic to the character of the built environment Minimise noise and light pollution	7, 9, 11
		Maintain and enhance the quality and distinctiveness of the landscape by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing the loss of countryside valued for its intrinsic value Reinstating and increasing strategic landscape features Halting the loss or fragmentation of tranquil areas 	Preserve the local landscape quality and character from unsympathetic development Ensure that the remoteness and tranquillity of landscapes are maintained	1,2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 15, 11
	Protect and improve local environmental quality by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing light and noise pollution Minimising dust, odours, litter, graffiti Discouraging vermin 	Make towns and cities more attractive places to live by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining and improving the quantity and distribution of open space with an amenity value Reducing the number of household affected by ambient noise and reducing traffic 		1,2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15
	Protect and enhance biodiversity by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Contributing to the delivery of local and national Biodiversity Action Plans Protecting and enhance endangered species, habitats and sites of geological importance Protecting and enhance existing wildlife and provide opportunities for habitat creation Increasing tree cover and ensure the sustainable management of existing woodland Minimising the fragmentation of nature corridors and networks Protecting and enhance existing wildlife/landscape designations e.g. SSSI's 	Maintain and increase biodiversity by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Halting damage to internationally and nationally designated sites. Meeting regional Biodiversity Action Plan Targets Adding to the stock of wildlife habitats at every level from regional to community? 	Ensure the protection and conservation of rare, declining, threatened or indigenous species and habitats and, where possible, enhance conditions Minimise adverse impacts on species and habitats through human activities, sustain and extend tree cover, hedgerows, woodlands and sustainable forestry	7
		Use agricultural land more sustainably by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Halting the loss of wetland, downland and upland habitats to intensive agriculture by 2006. 		

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NATURAL RESOURCES OBJECTIVES				
	<p>Protect and improve the quality of inland and coastal waters by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Conforming to all relevant wastewater regulations b. Making use of SUDS c. Minimising the potential for flooding by controlling surface water management and flood plain management d. Affecting the quality of ground and surface water e. Minimising the use of water, especially mains water that has been treated to a high standard 	<p>Maintain and improve the quality of ground, river and seawater by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reducing the length of non-compliant river stretches by xx% by 20?? b. Increasing the proportion of bathing beaches meeting the mandatory coliform standard by xx% by 20?? c. Reducing the incidents of ground water pollution 	<p>Maintain and, where possible, improve the quality and quantity of all water resources</p> <p>Minimise water pollution from all sources</p>	7, 13, 14
	<p>Protect and improve land quality by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Adhering to the brownfield/greenfield hierarchy of land use b. Minimising and seeking to reclaim derelict and contaminated land c. Minimising the release of nutrients that contribute to enrichment of ground and surface waters (especially phosphates) d. Protecting soil structures and preserving fertility e. Retaining or enhancing good quality soil on development sites 	<p>Reducing the consumption of undeveloped land by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reducing the amount of greenfield land outside settlements that is built on b. Increasing average residential densities in all new developments to a regional average by 20?? c. Increasing provisions of additional dwellings through conversion and re-use of existing building stock d. Reducing the annual loss of flood storage 	<p>Minimise the loss of greenfield sites or areas of open space and encourage development on brown field sites</p> <p>Prevent any soil degradation or pollutant of the soil and the use of peat products</p>	1, 2, 4, 7, 15, 11
	<p>Address the need to limit and adapt to climate change by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Minimising greenhouse gas emissions, particularly carbon dioxide and methane b. Minimising the potential for flooding by controlling surface water management and floodplain management 		<p>Limit/reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases</p>	1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15
	<p>Ensure prudent use of natural resources and the sustainable management of existing resources by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Raising awareness of resource use/depletion b. Promoting and supporting the research and development of products to increase their durability, use recycled materials? c. Reusing secondary materials? 	<p>Reducing the consumption of minerals from primary sources by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reducing sand and gravel extraction b. Reducing crushed rock extraction c. Reducing building stone extraction d. Increasing the contribution of recycled and secondary aggregates 	<p>Promote the use of energy recovered from waste</p> <p>Minimise the use of primary materials and encourage the recycling of materials where possible</p> <p>Ensure that all new development maximises energy efficiency</p>	2, 4, 9, 7, 14

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NATURAL RESOURCES OBJECTIVES CONTINUED				
	<p>Protect and improve air quality by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Complying with air quality process and regulations b. Affecting local air quality through traffic related emissions 	<p>Improve atmospheric integrity and air quality by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Achieving air quality targets in full b. Achieving a shift in modes of transport from cars towards cycling/walking and public transport. c. Reducing the vehicle based distances travelled per year. d. Increasing the proportions of freight moved by rail e. Increasing woodland cover 	<p>Ensure that local air quality is not adversely affected by pollution and seek to improve it where necessary</p>	<p>1, 5, 6, 9, 14</p>
	<p>Minimise the requirement for energy use, promote efficient energy use and increase the use of energy from renewable resources by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Maximising the production and use of renewable energy b. Minimising the use of fossil fuels c. Increasing energy efficiency d. Making use of new and clean technologies e. Reducing the volume and impact of emissions from energy generation 			<p>7, 14</p>
	<p>Ensure the sustainable management of waste, minimise its production and increase reuse, recycling and recovery rates by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Employing waste reduction methods to minimise waste b. Utilising waste as a resource c. Promoting the design of products and packaging that minimise the waste produced by the end user d. Reducing the amount of residual waste to landfill e. Applying the BPEO 	<p>Promote a move up through the waste management hierarchy by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reducing amounts of commercial waste for disposal b. Reducing amounts of domestic waste disposed of by landfill c. Recover certain amounts of energy from waste. 	<p>Reduce, reuse and recycle all forms of waste</p>	
		<p>Ensure that water is efficiently used to meet needs whilst reducing environmental impact and resource depletion by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Extending the use of grey water to residential properties and commercial properties 		<p>7, 9, 14</p>

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SOCIAL OBJECTIVES				
	<p>Improve health and reduce health inequalities by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Promoting healthy lifestyles through exercise and access to good quality, affordable food b. Reducing levels of stress, smoking and the misuse of drugs/alcohol/solvents c. Provide and/or improve access to health care and social provisions d. Reduce health inequalities amongst different groups in the community (e.g. young children, pregnant women, black and ethnic minority people; older people; people with disabilities; low income households e. Minimise isolation for vulnerable people f. Institute appropriate health and safety/food safety programmes. 		<p>Ensure all members of society have access to the health care that they require.</p> <p>Ensure healthy and safe working and living environments and improve quality of life for all</p>	1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12
	<p>Improve access to good quality, affordable and resource efficient housing by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Affecting property rentals or purchase prices b. Improving housing conditions e.g. through upgrades, refurbishments or maintenance c. Meeting housing needs and aspirations of the community d. Reducing the number of vacant properties e. Reducing the number of homeless people f. Providing affordable and efficient heating of homes to reduce fuel poverty g. Increasing the provision of affordable housing. 	<p>Find a balance in the distribution of population, employment and housing by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Matching housing provisions to employment growth at a sub-regional level b. Increase the accessibility to housing for household needs arising within communities and for economic migrants. <p>Provide decent housing for every housing requiring a home by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Matching the housing provision to assessed need b. X% change in mix of housing types. 	<p>Ensure that local housing needs are met locally and that good quality, affordable housing is available to all.</p>	1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
	<p>Alleviate poverty by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reducing unemployment levels b. Lowering dependence on welfare benefits c. Increasing wage levels for both men and women 	<p>Reduce disparities in income, and access to jobs, housing, and services between areas within the region and between segments of the population by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Implementing regeneration programmes in all areas in all areas for the top quartile for the region for relative multiple deprivation b. Reduce unemployment in priority areas 		1, 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12
	<p>Develop strong and positive relationships between people from different background and communities by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Creating a sense of belonging and well-being for all members of the community b. Supporting local community and voluntary action and volunteering c. Support community development 		<p>Encourage a sense of community identity, culture and cohesion.</p> <p>Ensure that local traditions and cultures are considered and, where possible, enhanced.</p>	

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SOCIAL OBJECTIVES CONTINUED				
	<p>Involve all stakeholders in decision making by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Involving stakeholders, including the community, during development, implementation and monitoring b. Identifying and engaging with hard to reach stakeholders c. Enable stakeholders to influence the outcome d. Ensure openness, transparency and accountability in the decision making process 			
	<p>Improve equity and equality of opportunity and value diversity by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ensuring fair access to and distribution of resources across the community b. Assessing and addressing the impacts upon diverse communities including cultural, racial, economic, generational, social (including disabilities) and religious mixes. c. Promote equality and diversity in the workplace. 			1, 3, 5, 6
	<p>Improve access to and use of basic goods, services and amenities by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reducing the numbers of people finding access to local food shops difficult b. Providing or improving access to local health and social care services c. Providing or improving access to financial services e.g. banks, post offices d. Providing more local childcare opportunities e. Providing physical access for people with disabilities f. Providing information and advice to the community on the services and amenities available g. Ensure local provision meets needs h. Ensure the protection, creation and access to green spaces. 	<p>Ensure good accessibility to jobs, facilities and services by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ensuring that x% of the population is within 00m of satisfactory public transport by 20?? b. Ensuring x% of the population is within x00m of a primary school/hospital 	<p>Ensure and improve access and affordability for all to services, facilities and opportunities.</p> <p>Protect existing community facilities</p> <p>Physical access to transport, buildings and areas of public open space must be suitable for those with disability.</p>	1, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12
	<p>Reduce crime, disorder and the fear of crime by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Affecting the safety and security of communities, individuals and property b. Improving security, policing or surveillance c. Promoting design that discourages crime e.g. by reducing hiding places or escape routes d. Addressing antisocial behaviour. 			9
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ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES				
	<p>Improve the competitiveness and productivity of businesses by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Positively influencing existing businesses e.g. through procuring goods and services locally and developing supply chains b. Preventing the displacement/loss of existing businesses c. Increasing the number of companies achieving business excellence standards d. Increasing the number of businesses reporting corporate social responsibility e. Considering the full life cycle costs of products/goods 	<p>Encourage and accommodate the maintenance of a steady rate of economic growth by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Achieving stable long run average growth in GDP b. Achieve stable employment growth 		10, 12
	<p>Exploit growth of potential business sectors by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Developing the business clusters identified in the Regional Economic Strategy/other local strategies to improve economic performance b. Promoting enterprise, innovation and business network development c. Attracting inward investment via spin-off's d. Providing or contributing to the availability of a balanced portfolio of employment sites. 	<p>Encourage and accommodate the expansion of selected economic sectors involved with advanced manufacturing and exports by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Achieving a continued supply of strategic sites for advanced manufacturing and export services <p>Encourage stronger linkages between firms and the development of clusters and specialisms within an area by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Achieving a continued supply of suitably located sites to facilitate the emergence of clusters 	<p>Attract new investment and increased environmental performance of local companies.</p> <p>Create opportunities to retain a skilled workforce and graduates in Cumbria.</p> <p>Encourage local innovation and diversification and provide associated financial assistance.</p>	10, 12
	<p>Deliver urban/rural renaissance by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Improving economic, social and environmental conditions particularly in the most deprived areas b. Supporting rural diversification c. Reclaiming derelict land and buildings, optimising the use of brownfield sites d. Broadening and strengthening the economic base e. Improving the quality of the built environment through sustainable design f. Improving public spaces and infrastructure 			1-15
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	<p>Develop and exploit the knowledge base by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encouraging investment in Research and Development, improving links with business needs b. Encouraging the development of emerging technologies 			10, 12
	<p>Secure economic inclusion by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Meeting the employment needs and aspirations of local people b. Promoting and/or supporting the development and operation of social enterprises e.g. community businesses c. Encouraging business start ups particularly women, black and minority ethnic groups d. Seek to employ people from disadvantaged communities and groups through positive action programmes e. Improve physical accessibility of jobs through the location of sites and transport links close to areas of high unemployment 	<p>Build economic activity on local strengths by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Achieving an adequate supply of available employment sites local to all areas, including small settlements. 	<p>Ensure the number, variety and quality of employment opportunities is increased.</p> <p>Support local enterprises and skills and open new markets to local businesses.</p>	1, 5, 6, 9,10, 11, 12
	<p>Develop and maintain a healthy labour market by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Improving vocational or academic qualifications b. Increasing opportunities for adults education c. Increasing numeracy and literacy levels d. Addressing the skills gap and enable skills progression e. Enable individuals to compete for job opportunities by equipping them with the appropriate skills and addressing barriers to work. 		<p>Ensure that education and training is available to ensure that all people develop the values, knowledge and skills necessary to enable them to live, act and work in society.</p> <p>Retain and utilise local skills where possible.</p>	
	<p>Reduce the need to travel and develop strategic transport, communication and economic infrastructure by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encouraging walking, cycling and the use of public transport b. Reducing traffic congestion and improving safety for all road users c. Increasing the level of investment in and use of rail and water freight transport d. Improve transport and communications to improve competitiveness. 	<p>Provide for good accessibility to and movements of goods by businesses within the region by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Locating all new sites for industry and commerce within x00m of satisfactory public transport b. X% of new office or floor space to be within town or city centres c. New sites for manufacturing and distribution to be within xkm of a freight interchange facility d. Reduce lost time to x% of total travel time by 20?? 	<p>Increase the access to a variety of jobs for all through improved training, transport links and communication links.</p> <p>Ensure that new employment opportunities are located in areas of greatest need.</p>	1, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12
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	<p>Develop and market the regions image by:</p> <p>a. Dispelling any negative perceptions and stereotyping of the area</p> <p>b. Create a positive and strong regional identity</p>			9
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* The Copeland Local Plan 1st Deposit Version ‘Sustainable Development Principles’ are listed in full below:

- 1 To concentrate development in the main urban areas where there are more facilities, jobs and transport choices
- 2 To prioritise development sites, particularly for housing where a sequential approach should be adopted which involves the reuse or conversion of empty buildings followed by the reuse of previously developed land (brownfield sites) and only then the use of previously undeveloped (greenfield) sites
- 3 To provide a decent home and housing environment for everyone with greater choice in size, type and location and especially catering for affordability and special needs
- 4 To make more efficient use of sites by encouraging higher densities of development especially for housing and by undertaking urban capacity studies to examine development and redevelopment potential in existing built areas.
- 5 To promote development with a mix of uses so that people can live closer to jobs, shops and facilities without the need to travel long distances especially by car
- 6 To ensure that all new development is accessible by public transport, walking or cycling and by people with walking difficulties and that reduced parking standards are applied to discourage trips by car
- 7 To protect important resources of environmental, social or economic “capital” eg natural habitats, landscape, open space, archaeological and historic sites, the undeveloped coast, conservation areas, the best/most versatile agricultural land etc
- 8 To ensure that the scale of new development is compatible with the size and character of existing settlements
- 9 To encourage high quality design and materials in all development, sympathetic to surrounding uses and site character and taking into account efficiency, safety and fear/risk of crime criteria – good design and landscaping can improve the quality of the existing environment, attract business and investment and reinforce civic pride and a sense of place
- 10 To encourage economic growth and development by providing a range of suitable sites which take account of the needs of existing and future business and assists the regeneration of areas with economic and social stress
- 11 To maintain the vitality, viability and character of town centres as places to live, work, shop and spend leisure time – preference for new retail, leisure or commercial development should be given to defined town centres followed by edge of town centre sites followed by edge of centre locations and finally locations with access to a range of transport modes
- 12 To promote the diversification of the rural economy including the identification of key settlements which should accommodate most local development needs for housing, employment and services
- 13 To ensure that new development is not located in areas liable to flood or where there is risk of coastal erosion/inundation – and equally to ensure that new development does not create such problems
- 14 To encourage development which minimises waste, pollution and demands on existing infrastructure and services eg water supplies and drainage systems and which assists energy conservation
- 15 To promote the restoration of derelict and neglected land and to deal with contamination