



City of London Sustainability Framework



What is the Sustainability Framework?	Using the Sustainability Framework
<p>The Framework is based on the City of London’s Sustainability Strategy , which draws out the sustainability elements of the Community Strategy together with other significant Corporate documents.</p> <p>This is a ‘checklist and dialogue’ based approach that should be completed in groups.</p> <p><u>Who should use it?</u> The Framework is intended to be used by the members of the local authority and its partners.</p> <p><u>When should it be used?</u> The Framework should be used both at the development stage and the implementation stage of activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy and programme development • Project assessment • Strategy and policy appraisal • Grant application and assessment <p><u>The Toolkit should help:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify positive contributions to the Community Strategy and demonstrate good practice. • Identify links between different themes within the strategy as well as between departmental policies. • Identify possible areas of conflict • Consider and develop improvements to address overlaps and gaps • Add value to activities by giving an overview of impacts and maximising benefits • Maintain clarity about what the local authority and its partners aim to achieve 	<p>The Framework is simple and easy to use. The process should take one hour.</p> <p>Section 1 Should be completed by the lead person Section 2 should be completed in groups of around 6 people</p> <p>The group should discuss the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What contribution does the activity make? • Can any poor/undermining contributions be addressed so that they perform better? • Include the ‘existing Achievements’ to justify your choice of contribution and the future ‘Ambitions’ to improve the contribution? <p>Please make relative not absolute judgements (e.g. an energy efficient building would score positively even if it uses more energy than if it were not built at all).</p> <p>Ground Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 6 people in a group • Multi-disciplinary group • Maximum time agreed • Participants agree to hold a balanced and independent view • Adequate information on the activity is available • Everyone has the opportunity to feed in their views

<p>The Sustainability Framework has been developed by Forum for the Future together with the Corporation of London.</p> <p>If you have any queries about the framework, please contact Emma Bara, Sustainability Policy Officer, on 0207 332 1428.</p>	Identifying Contributions			
	U	Undermining: significant contribution that could undermine the objective:	F	Fair: makes minimal direct or significant indirect contribution to the objective.
	P	Poor: missed opportunity to fully explore the potential to contribute to the objective.	G	Good: makes a significant direct contribution to the objective.
W	Weak: does not contribute significantly to the objective.	E	Excellent: makes a close to optimal contribution to the objective:	

Section 1 This section should be completed by the person(s) responsible for the activity

What are you proposing to do and what is the objective?

What are the measures of success?

How will the activity be implemented? What resources are required and where will they come from (funding, staff, etc.)?

What lessons have been learnt previously which affect this activity?

What are the longer-term ambitions and ongoing commitments? What benefits can future generations expect?

How are external and internal partners/ stakeholders being involved in the project (consultation, project partners, reporting, etc.)?

What arrangements are in place for monitoring, evaluating and reporting the development and implementation of this activity?

What are the significant risks associated with this activity and how will they be managed?

What are the broader implications? How will this impact on communities outside of the City of London and the UK?

How will you communicate your successes to your staff, other departments and external stakeholders?

Section 2 This section should be completed by an Appraisal Group, please list Appraisal Group participants:

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What contribution does this activity make to:		Contribution						Evidence	Actions for Improvements
EC	ECONOMIC	U	P	W	F	G	E		
EC1	Helping partners understand and prepare for the likely impacts of climate change.								
EC2	Helping business to be more environmentally and ethically aware.								
EC3	Supporting local SMEs.								
EC4	Encouraging business partners to adopt CSR and environmental policies.								
EC5	Seeking environmentally and socially responsible options when purchasing goods and services								
EC6	Adapting infrastructure and services to prepare for the likely impacts of climate change.								
EC7	Encouraging Corporate Social Responsibility and volunteering schemes.								
EC8	Improving the pool of skilled, local labour.								
EN	ENVIRONMENT	U	P	W	F	G	E		
EN1	Encouraging best environmental practice in all activities.								
EN2	Reducing carbon emissions								
EN3	Reducing water consumption								
EN4	Reducing generation of waste								
EN5	Placing sustainable development principles into the heart of the planning process.								

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What contribution does this activity make to:		Contribution						Evidence	Actions for Improvements
EN6	Encouraging sustainable and integrated transport systems.								
EN7	Reducing the negative impacts of transport use on the environment.								
EN8	Protecting, maintaining and enhancing the built environment of the City.								
EN9	Reducing flood risk to the City.								
EN10	Increasing awareness of everyone's role in creating a clean and attractive environment.								
EN11	Improving the cleanliness of the City.								
EN12	Improving local air quality								
EN13	Encouraging others to reduce the amount of pollution they produce.								
EN14	Protecting, maintaining and enhancing areas with landscape, wildlife or historical value.								
EN15	Preventing risk to human health and damage to the environment.								
SO	SOCIAL	U	P	W	F	G	E		
SO1	Enhancing and encouraging preventative health services, activities and education.								
SO2	Encouraging deeper understanding and cooperation between people from different cultures and faiths.								
SO3	Providing activities and meeting places for young people.								
SO4	Delivering of a range of cultural activities.								
SO5	Consulting, informing and engaging all sections of the community in decision making.								

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What contribution does this activity make to:		Contribution						Evidence	Actions for Improvements
SO6	Ensuring equal access to all City services and activities								
SO7	Promoting road safety.								
SO8	Reducing crime and fear of crime.								

Summary of 'Actions for Improvement':