

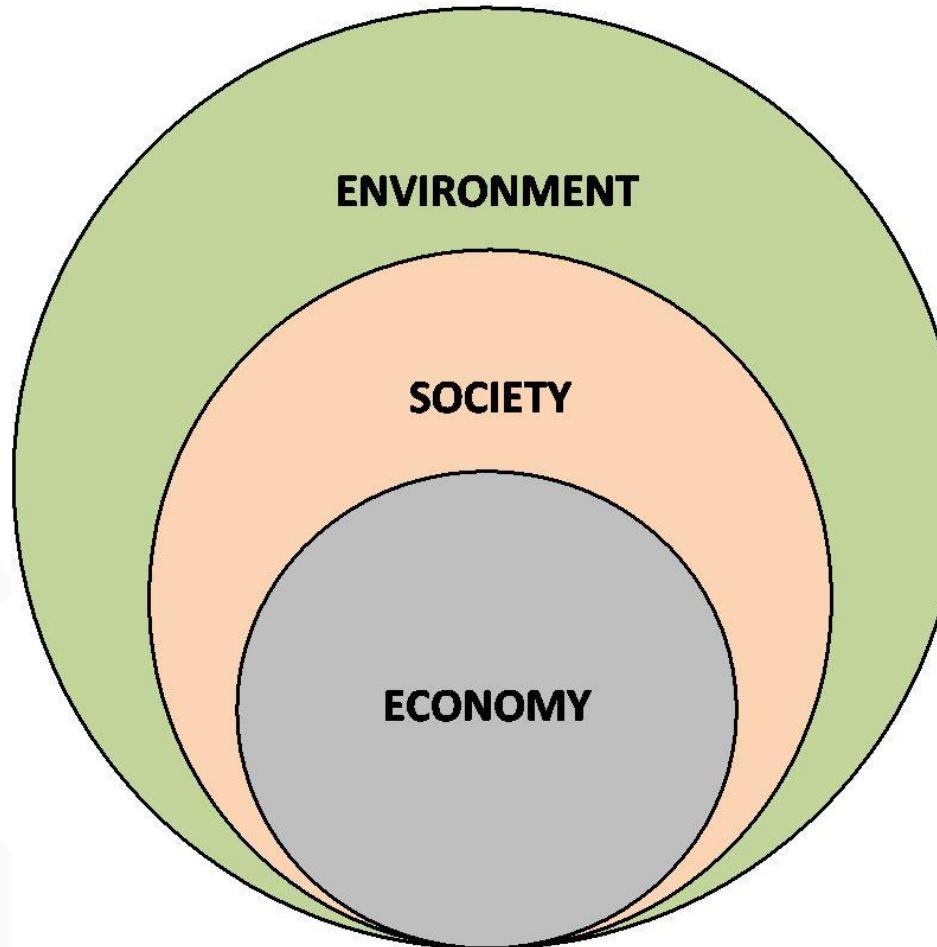
## Well Designed Urban Green Space

*A brief overview of the benefits of urban green space, using good design principles to reduce anti-social behaviour and restore pride in our neighbourhoods*

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# Sustainable Development



# Challenges

Councils 'at breaking point' due to budget cuts and rising social care bills

Millions of residents face council tax rises, as thinktank finds just 6% of local authorities expect to not have to increase rates



# Green space interventions

- Natural capital
- Ecosystem services
- Social benefits



# Environmental benefits



Flooding and water quality



Temperature



Air quality



Biodiversity

# Economic benefits



# Social benefits

- Decay breeds despair..





# Future challenges



Nice, France  
Equivalent summer  
climate UK 2050

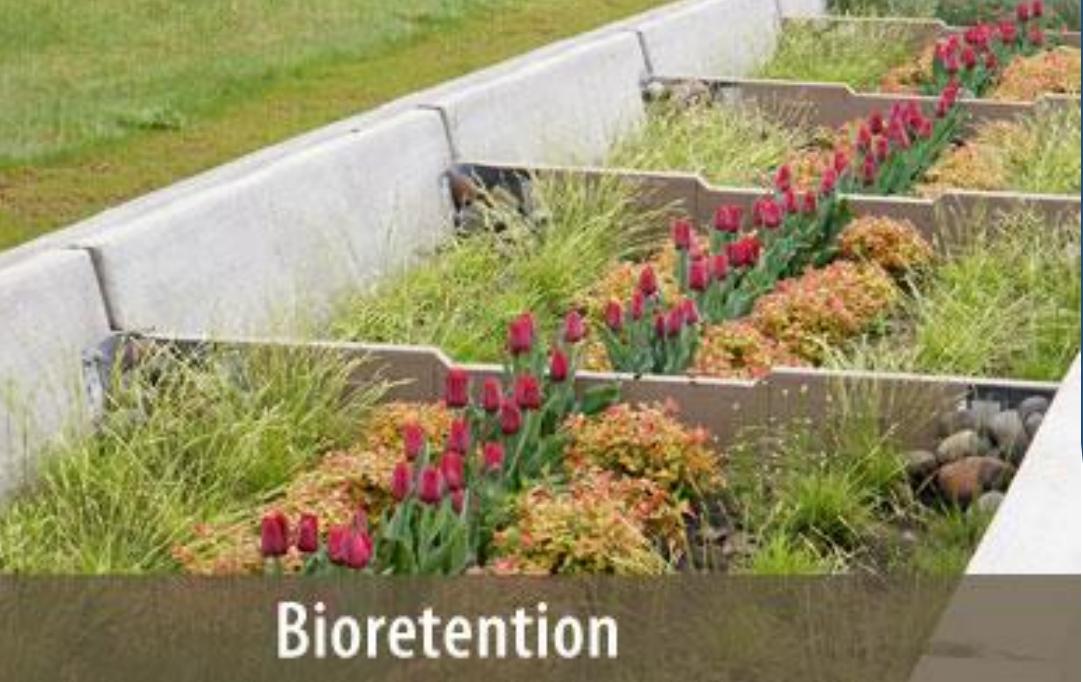


# Impacts

- Frequency and severity of extreme weather events to increase
- Winters wetter and milder
- Summers warmer and drier
- Social and economic impacts
- Built environment must be resilient
- Green infrastructure can help mitigate impacts

# Natural capital in action...





# Sustainable Urban Drainage (SUDs)



# Principles of good design



# Connswater Community Greenway



# The EARLS project - Dungannon



# Summary



# Thank you

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