

Local Community Development Committee

Inaugural Meeting 9 Sep 2014

Agenda

1. The Committee
2. The Plan
3. SICAP
4. Leader
5. PPN

Local and Community Planning

A process that brings together

- public sector bodies
- local communities
- publicly funded bodies and
- the voluntary sector

to address their strategic concerns under the leadership of local government.

Local Government Reform Act 2014.

City & County Councils are responsible for local economic and community development

- Strengthening local governance
- Improving the local economy and the capacity to create employment
- Confronting social disadvantage
- Integrate the voice of the community into the policy process

Local Government Reform Act 2014

- Council role at the centre of economic and social development in their area
- Seeks to streamline the management of funding from all sources – government and EU – into the county by:
 - Requiring close collaboration of all the local delivery agents (including state bodies and community sector)
 - All working from one Plan – the LECF
 - **All decisions regarding how the funding is to be channelled to be made by one Committee – the LCDC**

Guiding Principles of LCDCs

- Participative, “bottom-up” approach
- Meaningful community participation in identifying priorities & solutions and shaping local initiatives
- Use strength, experience and expertise of all members
- Clear focus on social inclusion
- Promote enterprise & employment development
- Seek best use of resources for citizens & communities
- Seek to stimulate local development, sustainability, volunteerism & active citizenship

Local Government Reform Act 2014

- Commenced 1 June 2014
- Section 36
 - Establishment of Local Community Development Committees
 - LCDC membership
 - LCDC independent discharge of functions
- Section 44
 - Preparation of Local Economic & Community Plans
 - Six-year plan commencing in 2015

What is the LCDC?

Local Community Development Committee

- Independent sub-committee of the Council consisting of statutory bodies, community & elected representatives
- Support provided by Local Authority staff
 - Chief Officer to the Committee
 - Indemnified by Monaghan County Council
 - Legal entity –can enter into contracts
 - Meet 6 times per year
- Community to play a central role in new structure
 - Minimum of 9 seats of the 17 to be held by community interests
- Community involvement regulated through the Public Participation Network*

*PPN members currently in caretaker role

LCDC Membership

Sector	Dept Requirement	Suggested Selection Route	Number
Local govt	Min 3 elected members Chief Exec (co mgr) Head of Local Enterprise Unit	Via County Council Eugene Cummins John McEntegart	3 1 1
State Agencies	Minimum 2	Chief Executive to invite to participate	3
Community Interests	Local Development Companies - min 1	Nomination by MID board	1
	Community & Voluntary interests – min 2	Via Community Forum	2
	Social Inclusion interests – min 2	Via Community Forum	2
	Environmental interests – min 1	Via Community Forum & endorsed by Environmental Pillar	1
	Other community interests – business; agriculture; trade unions	Nominations by invitation	3
Total			17

LCDC Membership

State Agencies

John Kearney, ETP

Rose McCaffrey, HSE

Jim Manning, DSFP

Cllr. Seamus Coyle

Cllr David Maxwell

Cllr. Brian McKenna

Eugene Cummins CEO,

John McEnteggart, LEO

Non-Statutory

Briege Lenehan

Packie Kelly

Robert Wilson

Emer Brennan

Noel Carney

Gabriel O'Connell – MIDL

Denis Sheridan – SIPTU

Brian Treanor – IFA

XXX – Chambers Ireland

Work of the LCDC (1/3)

1. To oversee preparation of Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)

- Economic plan
 - To be prepared by Council – Economic SPC
- Community plan
 - To be prepared by LCDC
- Combined into one document & adopted by Council
- Mid-2015 deadline

Work of the LCDC (2/3)

2. To manage and monitor the government's Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

- SICAP aims to “tackle poverty, social exclusion and long-term unemployment through local engagement and collaboration between disadvantaged individuals, marginalised target groups, community organisations public sector agencies and other stakeholders”
- Programmes and funding rolled out by Pobal

Work of the LCDC (3/3)

3. To act as Local Action Group for Co Monaghan

- LAG is a recognised structure throughout the EU & the basis for delivery of LEADER programme
- LCDC is the LAG and will be responsible for agreeing strategy priorities and approving the expression of interest and local development strategy (LDS)
- The LDS will be prepared and implemented by the Local Development Company
- The local authority will pay project promoters & recoup from DoECLG
- LCDC will monitor & review performance of partners and progress of LDS

Summary

- Statutory Body – representing all communities in Co. Monaghan
- Independent statutory sub-committee of Council
- Three Principal Functions
 - Prepare and monitor implementation of Economic & Community Plan for Monaghan - LECP
 - Award contracts and manage/monitor SICAP
 - Act as Local Action Group –monitors LEADER programme of funding to 2020

LCDC Regulations 2014

SI 234/2014 sets out rules on

- Membership
- Decision-making - voting; standing orders; etc
- Election of Chairperson – 3 year tenure
- Tenure of Office- rotation of members
- Scheduling & Notice of Meetings
- Role of the Chief Officer

Local Economic & Community Plan

Sep 2014 – July 2015

Local Economic and Community Plan (LCEP)

Section 44 Local Gov Reform Act 2014

“Each local authority shall make...a 6 year local economic and community plan”to be adopted in 2014

The Local Community and Economic Plan is to address

“ The promotion of economic development and the promotion of local and community development in its functional area”

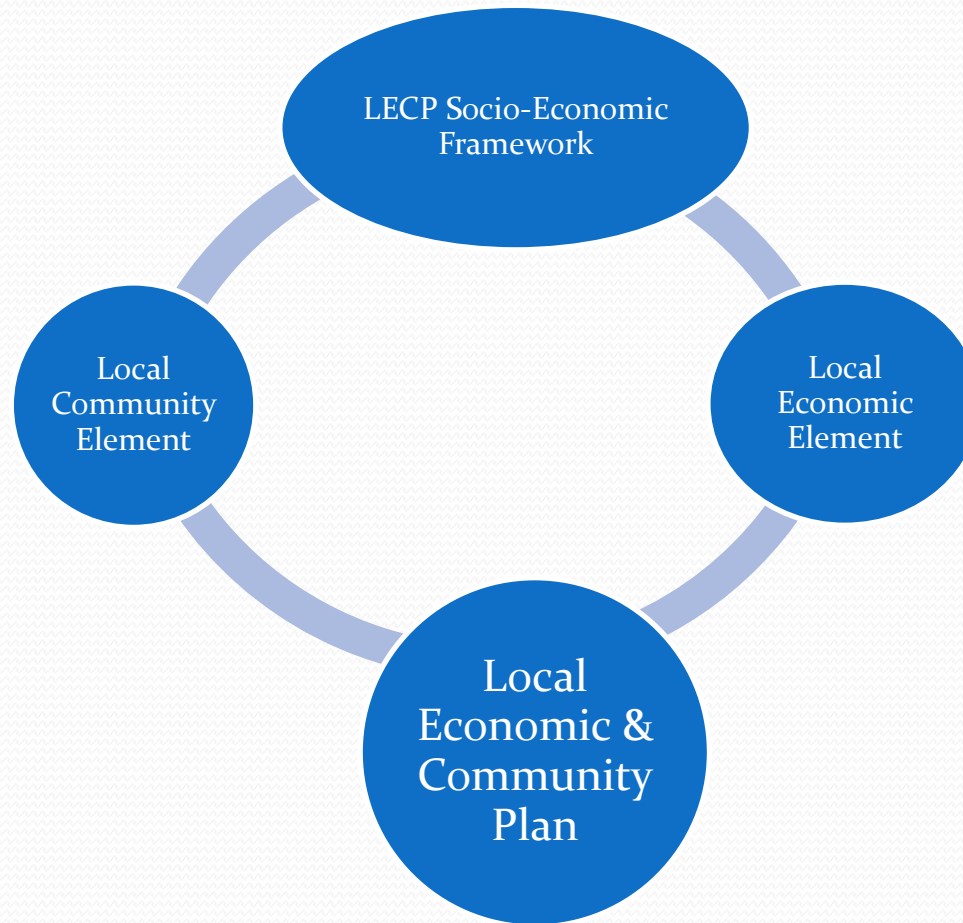
The Plan comprises of two elements

- A local economic element – prepared by County Council
- A community development element - prepared by LCDC

Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

- **Linked to EU2020 Framework & National Reform Programme targets**
 - Employment – raise to 69-71%
 - Innovation – raise to 2.2% GDP
 - Climate Change/Energy – 20% efficiency; 16% renewable
 - Education – 60% third-level; reduce early leavers to 8%
 - Poverty/Social Exclusion – reduce by 200,000

Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)



Stage 1 - Socio-Economic Framework

- **Background Document** – Statistics & Data gathering relating to Social & Economic Activity in the County
- **Public Consultation** – seek views
- **Steering Group** to be established – (3-4 members)
- **Identify high-level needs & objectives**
- **Framework approved by LCDC**

LECP – Local Economic Element

Economic Plan prepared by Council SPC

- Council will establish a SPC for Economic Development
- Promotion of Economic Development includes
 - Creating and sustaining jobs
 - Supporting enhancement of local innovation capacity
 - Promoting the interests of the community including
 - Enterprise and economic development; Indigenous industry; Micro-enterprises and SMEs
 - Tourism; Agriculture and forestry
 - Identifying local attributes to enhance local economic performance – quality of towns and rural areas
- Draw heavily on CEDRA Report

LECP – Local Social & Community Element

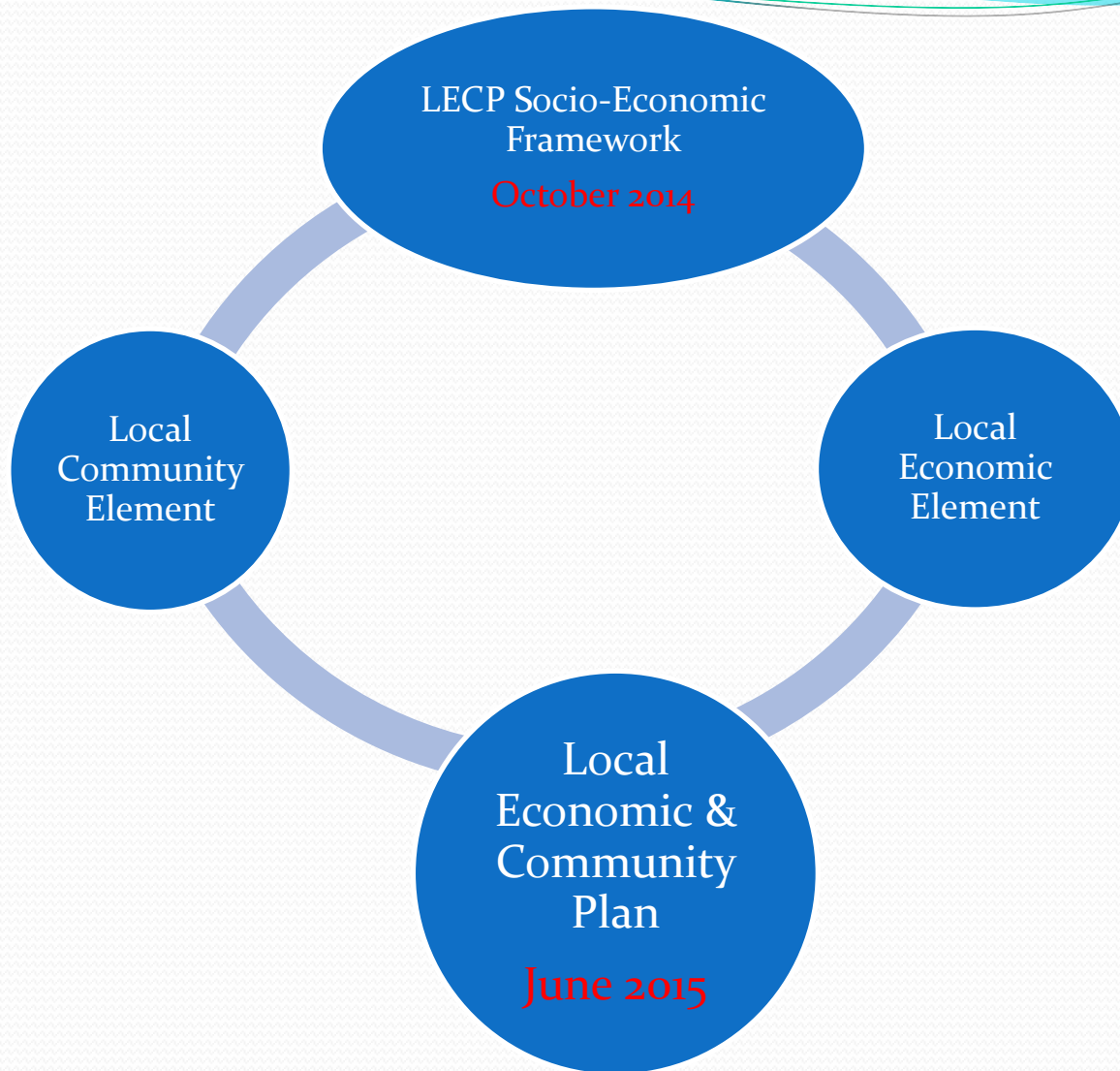
- **Community Plan prepared by Local Community Development Committee**
 - Independent in the performance of its functions
- will incorporate measures to address social, economic and physical needs of communities including
 - tackling poverty, social exclusion & disadvantage
 - Supporting training, up-skilling and sustaining employment
 - Capacity-building & supporting facilities in local communities
 - Supporting social enterprise, social capital, volunteering and active citizenship
 - Identifying needs and priorities in communities

LECP – Social & Community Element

- Will contain a range of objectives -
 - Identifying key community issues to be addressed
 - Setting goals and objectives to address these issues
 - Identifying which agencies will address these issues and how they will collaborate to maximise synergy and minimise overlap/duplication
 - Establishing monitoring, evaluation and review systems to measure whether goals/objectives are reached

Revised Timetable for Plan

- June/July 2014 – LAs establish LCDCs by resolution – first meeting
- Aug 2014 – Commence work on LECP
- Sep 2014 – DoECLG to issue guidelines
- Oct 2014 – Public Consultation to commence
- June 2015 2014 – Adoption of LECP
 - Economic Plan adopted by County Council
 - Community Element adopted by LCDC



SICAP

Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme

What is SICAP

Government programme - DoECLG & Pobal

Targets most disadvantaged and excluded in society

- Revised Goals
 - Support & resource disadvantaged communities and marginalised....engage with local stakeholders to identify & address social exclusion issues
 - Engage & support individuals & marginalised target groups (incl young people) to participate fully and progress through lifelong learning
 - Support long-term unemployed/marginalised groups to improve work readiness and help access employment/entrepreneurship

SICAP

- Focus unchanged, just the delivery mechanism
 - EU procurement law
- New programme to be prepared for Co Monaghan
- Pobal put a call out for delivery agents who are interested in delivering the various elements of the programme
- Tender & Selection of delivery agent
- Contracts will be with the LCDC
- Funding managed by Monaghan County Council, who will then seek reimbursement from Dept

SICAP Timeline

Process managed by Pobal/DoECLG

- May 2014: procurement process began at national level (pre-qualification stage)
- Sept 2014: Stage 2 tendering commences – approved applicants invited to tender to deliver programmes locally
- Nov 2014: contracts awarded by LCDC for local implementation of the programme
- January 2015: SICAP begins

LEADER

Liaison Entre Action pour la Development d'Economie Rurale

New LEADER Programme – 2014-2020

- Est 1991 - CAP funding for the development of rural economy
- Promote social inclusion, address poverty reduction and support economic development in rural areas

Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 - €235m up to 2020

- Likely to prioritise:
 - Support for Enterprise Development & Job Creation
 - Improve broadband and communications infrastructure in rural areas
 - Effective and Coordinated Use of all resources to support rural development
- **Other areas for consideration in RDP 2014-2020**
 - Rural Tourism, Recreation, Heritage & Culture
 - Basic Services for disadvantaged rural communities
 - Social Inclusion, Capacity Building, Training & Animation
 - Rural Youth
 - Environmental Protection, Sustainable Energy

Likely timeline for LEADER

- July 2014: Draft Rural Dev Programme to EU Commission
- Oct 2014: deadline for submission of expressions of interest for development of LEADER local development strategies
- June 2015: deadline for submission of completed Local Development Strategies
- July 2015: contracts awarded to successful LAG's for delivery of their local development strategies

Public Participation Networks

Formerly known as Community Forum

Citizen Engagement

- **Working Group Report on Citizen Engagement published Feb 2014 – Fr. Sean Healy**
- **“Public Participation Network” (PPN) proposed**
- “to enable the public take an active formal role in relevant policy making and oversight committees of the local authority” - Draft Guidelines issued April 2014
- Initial set-up at county level by 1 June 2014
- Final Guidelines by Sep 2014
- Regulations by Dec 2014

Public Participation Network – Linkage Groups & Electoral Colleges

- Linkage Groups & Electoral Colleges
 - Environment
 - Social Inclusion
 - Voluntary
- Two members on County PPN Secretariat
- Five members on LCDC

Public Participation Network - County

- County PPN Plenary
- Meet at least twice per year
- Establish Secretariat – one member from each MD PPN – 2 members from each Electoral Collage
- Council is required to provide resources for :
 - a full time equivalent staff member
 - a budget to enable communication with groups via newsletter and website

Municipal Districts

Co. Monaghan

60,483 pop 2011 Census
18 elected members

Carrickmacross- Castleblaney

21,413 pop (3,569 per
member)

Ballybay – Clones

18,750 pop (3,095 per
member)

Monaghan

20,500 pop (3,417 per
member)



How we propose to do it in Monaghan?

- Community Forum to become the PPN in interim
- Council to continue to provide a budget to the Forum to employ a full time worker
- All community reps to be appointed via the PPN
- AGM & Elections in December
- New Community Platform to be put in place, and supported by Council staff, in order to support the reps and the Forum - Monaghan Initiative
 - Ensuring reps go to meetings well informed
 - Ensuring they feed back after meetings

Community Platform

Linkage Group

- Who?
 - All community reps – LCDC's, SPC's, JPC's etc
 - Community Forum Executive
 - Paid workers and advocates working on community projects in the county, eg Co. Childcare Ctee, Family Resource Centres, Dochas for Women
 - Other 'Community Interests' which serve on LCDC but which aren't tied into the Forum:
 - Eg. Farming representative, environmental pillar representative, trade union & employers rep

Community Platform

Linkage Group

- What?
 - Will meet in advance of LCDC meetings, review the agenda, discuss the issues and where necessary direct the reps how to speak/ vote etc
 - Will drive policy development, with the aim of setting the agenda, rather than responding to it
 - Will prepare communications to be sent out to all groups, to keep them informed
 - Will review engagement and participation levels, and design interventions where needed (eg non-attendance of a rep, no Traveller input on an issue which affects them...)

Community Platform

Linkage Group

- Will help the PPN to manage and resource their representatives
- Will help the representatives to make meaningful contribution at executive & LCDC level
- Will keep information flowing between representatives, PPN and groups

Thank You

Next Meeting – end September

Election of Chairperson & Vice-Chair

Adoption of Standing Orders

Discussion on Socio-Economic Framework

Nominees to sub-committee for Plan

SICAP