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TO: THE MAYOR AND EACH MEMBER OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – ANNUAL REPORT 2015

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 2 Section 128B(1)(i) of the Local Government Act 2001, as inserted by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, please find herewith the Annual Report on the activities of the Limerick Local Community Development Committee for the year ending 31 December, 2015.

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PAT DOWLING
DIRECTOR OF SERVICE

ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE OPERATION OF THE

LIMERICK LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC)

FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2015

DATE: 14th January, 2016

Introduction

This document constitutes the Annual Report for the Limerick Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) for the year ended 31st December 2015.

The report has been prepared in the context of Chapter 2 Section 128B(1)(i) of the Local Government Act 2001, as inserted by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, which states that one of the functions of a Local Community Development Committee is:

“not later than 31 March in each year, to prepare, adopt and submit to the local authority a report in relation to the performance of its functions during the year immediately preceding the year in which the report is submitted”.

Background

Legislation: Section 49A of the Local Government Act 2001, as inserted by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, provides for the establishment of Local Community Development Committees for the purposes of: *‘Developing, co-ordinating and implementing a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development’*

Functions of LCDC

- to prepare the community elements of a 6-year Local Economic and Community Plan
- to implement, or arrange for the implementation of, the community elements of the Plan
- to review the community elements of the Plan at least once within the period of 6 calendar years and, if necessary, to amend the community elements of the Plan
- to monitor on an on-going basis the implementation of the community elements of the Plan and, if appropriate, to revise the actions and strategies set to achieve the objectives of the community elements of the Plan,
- to coordinate, manage and oversee the implementation of local and community development programmes that have been approved either by the relevant local authority or by agreement between the LCDC and a relevant public authority (e.g. government department, State agency etc.)
- to improve the coordination of public-funded local and community development programmes and reduce duplication
- in addition to public-funded programmes, to coordinate generally the local and community development programmes within the operational area of the LCDC
- to consider a draft of the economic elements of the Plan and adopt a statement for consideration of the Council in this regard, and
- to prepare an annual report on the performance of its functions.

Establishment

The Limerick LCDC was established in July 2014. It comprises 17no. members (representing both statutory and non-statutory (“private”) socio-economic partners drawn from the Limerick City and County administrative area).

Membership

Statutory Sector Representatives		
Local Authority Members		Cllr. Seamus Browne
		Cllr. Daniel Butler
		Cllr. Eddie Ryan
		Cllr. Jerome Scanlan
Local Authority Staff		Mr. Conn Murray
Public Authorities	H.S.E	Mr. Bernard Gloster
	D.S.P	Mr. Jim Lynch
	LCETB	Mr. George O’Callaghan
Non-Statutory Sector Representatives		
Local Development Companies	Paul Partnership	Ms. Anne Kavanagh
	West Limerick Resources	Mr. Shay Riordan
	Ballyhoura Development	Ms. Carmel Fox
Community & Voluntary Representation		Ms. Nuala Rennison
		Mr. Cathal McCarthy
		Mr. Donal Cooper
		Ms. Marion Harnett
Environmental Pillar		Ms. Trish Forde-Brennan
Agricultural Sector		Mr. Aidan Gleeson

Cllr. Eddie Ryan has been appointed as Chairman of the Limerick LCDC.

Supports to LCDC

- In accordance with Section 128A of the Local Government Act 2001, as inserted by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, the Chief Executive of Limerick City and County Council has designated a person to act as “Chief Officer” of the LCDC: Mr Seamus O’Connor
- Meeting supports are provided to the Limerick LCDC by the Community Section of Limerick City and County Council.

Progress / Achievements in 2015

- 12 No. statutory meetings held:
- Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP):
 - Tenders Evaluation Process for SICAP Programme undertaken (December 2014 – January 2015);
 - 3no Contracts awarded for period April 2015- December 2017 inclusive (March 2015)
 - 2015 Mid Year Review undertaken (September 2015)
 - 2015 End of Year Review and 2016 Annual Planning (December 2015 – February 2016)
- Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP):
 - Baseline Analysis of Limerick City and County finalised (April 2015)
 - Socio-Economic Statement and High Level Goals finalised (September 2015)
- Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 (RDP):
 - Single Expression of Interest for the LCDC as the Local Action Group, the Council as the Financial Partner and Ballyhoura Development and West Limerick Resources as Implementing Partners negotiated and submitted (January-May 2015)
 - Confirmation of successful Expression of Interest (July 2015)
 - Development and submission of Local Development Strategy for the RDP (July-October 2015)
 - Confirmation of approval of Local Development Strategy (December 2015)