

**Don Mhéara agus do gach Ball den Comhairle**

A Chomhairleoir, A Chara,

I am pleased to enclose herewith the Annual Report on the operation of the Limerick Local Community Development Committee for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014.

This Annual Report has been completed in accordance with the requirements of Section 128B(1)(i) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as inserted by the Local Government Reform Act, 2014.

The Local Community Development Committee was established in July, 2014 pursuant to Section 49A of the Local Government Act, 2001 as inserted by Section 36 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014. The aim of the Local Community Development Committee is to develop, co-ordinate and implement a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development.

The main function of the LCDC is to prepare, implement and monitor the community elements of the six year Local Economic and Community Plan. Work has commenced on the preparation of this plan, which is to be completed in 2015. The Local Economic and Community Plan must be consistent with city and county and local development plans made by the elected members and with the regional spatial and economic strategies. The plan will be considered by the metropolitan and municipal district members and approved by the Council.

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**Josephine Cotter-Coughlan,**

**Director of Service,**

**Community, Leisure & Emergency Services**

**18<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.**



ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE OPERATION OF THE

LIMERICK LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE (LCDC)

FOR YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2014

DATE: 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2015

## **Introduction**

This document constitutes the Annual Report for the Limerick Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014.

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 (both public and non-public (“private”) socio-economic partners drawn from the Limerick City and County administrative area).

## Membership

| <b>Public Sector Representatives</b>            |                                |                         |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Local Authority Members</b>                  |                                | Cllr. Seamus Browne     |
|   |                                | Cllr. Daniel Butler     |
|   |                                | Cllr. Eddie Ryan        |
|   |                                | Cllr. Jerome Scanlan    |
| <b>Local Authority Staff</b>                    |                                | Mr. Conn Murray         |
| <b>Public Authorities</b>                       | <b>H.S.E</b>                   | Mr. Bernard Gloster     |
|   | <b>D.S.P</b>                   | Mr. Jim Lynch           |
|   | <b>LCETB</b>                   | Mr. George O’ Callaghan |
| <b>Private Sector Representatives</b>           |                                |                         |
| <b>Local Development Companies</b>              | <b>Paul Partnership</b>        | Ms. Anne Kavanagh       |
|   | <b>West Limerick Resources</b> | Mr. Shay Riordan        |
|   | <b>Ballyhoura Development</b>  | Ms. Carmel Fox          |
| <b>Community &amp; Voluntary Representation</b> |                                | Ms. Nuala Rennison      |
|   |                                | Mr. Cathal McCarthy     |
|   |                                | Mr. Donal Cooper        |
|   |                                | Ms. Marion Harnett      |
| <b>Environmental Pillar</b>                     |                                | Ms. Trish Forde-Brennan |
| <b>Agricultural Sector</b>                      |                                | 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 2014**

- Limerick LCDC membership finalised in June 2014
- 5 No. statutory meetings held:
  - 15<sup>th</sup> July;
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> September;
  - 30<sup>th</sup> September;
  - 11<sup>th</sup> November;
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> December.
- Terms of Reference & Standing Orders were drawn up and adopted;
- Conflict of Interest policy drawn up and adopted;
- Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP):
  - Lots agreed – 3no Sub-Lots for Limerick City and County;
  - SICAP Stage 2 tender process was managed by the LCDC – Invitations to Tender were circulated on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 with the closing date for receipt of tenders being 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014;
  - SICAP Evaluation Sub-Committee formed (5no. members);
  - SICAP Evaluation Team formed (3no. members);
  - Tenders Evaluation Process December 2014 – January 2015;
- Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP):
  - Preliminary work on data gathering and analysis to inform the development of the LECP was progressed;
  - A Working Group to progress the plan was formed;