

County Wicklow Public Participation Network

Representative Reporting Template

This template aims to support CWPPN representatives who sit on local social partnership structures in County Wicklow in providing a report to the wider membership. Please complete the template and return to countywicklowppn@gmail.com **within one week after each meeting.** Please keep responses to 1 page if at all possible.

Name of Committee: Local Community Development Committee

Name of Representative(s): Niamh Wogan , Martina Cronin, Mags Crean, Mai Quaid and Richard Webb

Date of Meeting Attended: 16/01/2019

Most important actions or issues to emerge from a County Wicklow PPN perspective: -

LCDC

The main issue at the meeting were;

Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy(RSES)

A presentation was given by the planning section on the Draft Regional Strategy. Once the regional plan is adopted the LECP and the County Development will have to be reviewed to ensure that it is in line with the final strategy.

The draft plan is currently on display and the closing date for submissions is the 23rd January. It was envisaged that the final strategy will be completed by May of this year however the feeling from the planning office is that this will be unlikely.

Once the strategy is completed we will have a spatial strategy and investment framework to 2031 and beyond that will ensure regional policy is aligned with EU and National policy.

The office of Social Inclusion in the Council feels that there is a synergy between what's outlined in the draft and our current LECP. There is a big emphasis in the strategy on placemaking/ particularly ensuring there are spaces in these areas to bring people together. There is also an emphasis on wellbeing and ensuring access to services.

Digital Strategy for the County.

Donal O Keeffe gave a presentation on the digital strategy for the county. He stated that there is a National Strategy coming soon but is unsure as yet of how the local strategy will fit into the National one. There will be a public engagement strategy that will be ongoing during the first quarter of 2019 and people will be invited to take part in an online survey. There will also be other opportunities for stakeholders to input into the process but that wasn't really clearly set out at the meeting.

The final report will set out the County Wicklow digital plan and set the context and outline the vision for future strategy.

SICAP

SICAP update was presented by Stephen Fitzgerald. 2018 end of year Report – all documents were submitted by 15.1.19. Sub group to meet with LDCs before next LCDC meeting.

Deadline for submission to Dept. is 28.2.19.

LECP update was presented by Deidre Whitfield and handout was given out.

- Deirdre noted that there were 3 urban development funds announced since Nov. 2018.
- More announcements for urban/rural funds in Feb./March.
- Healthy Ireland initiative to be launched soon.
- Food Strategy to be launched at end of Feb.
- LAG subgroup (Leader funding) is seeking a rep. This sub group meets approx. 4 times a year and will meet a week before a LAG meeting if necessary. The next meeting will take place in February.
- LEO rep. also required.

Date of Next Meeting:

20/02/19.