

Summary of written submissions received for LECP 2015

Sub No.	Received from
1	Children & Young People's Services Committee
Summary	<p>Health:            Availability of universal health services            Ante-natal and early education programmes with parents            Breakfast/after school clubs            Food &amp; nutrition            Play &amp; Recreation            Transport            Mental health</p> <p>Achieve Full Potential in Learning &amp; Development:            Literacy &amp; numeracy programmes            Family learning programmes            Managing transitions            School attendance            Design of new schools            Cost of childcare            Learning through play            Social inclusion – participation of marginalised groups            Supports for students            Library service and literacy</p> <p>Safe &amp; Protected from Harm:            Child protection and welfare – Tusla systems and processes            Family support strategy and family support plan programmes            Interagency approach to child welfare            Importance of refuge services            Garda/youth relationship            Impact of reduction in Garda numbers            Garda school programmes            Young peoples personal safety and threat of violence            Teens in violent relationships            Consult with young people on anti-social behaviour policies            Social housing/housing and emotional and physical health, safety and well-being of young people</p> <p>Economic Opportunity &amp; Security:            Early intervention to achieve better social and economic outcomes for youth            Evidence informed programmes for children and young people ton support educational achievement            Stable and secure home environment            Welfare dependent families            Working poor (minors)            Young people and employment</p> <p>Connected, Respected, Contributing:            Family support projects</p>

	<p>Child and teen homelessness  Addiction services  Youth development projects for those most marginalised  Value of youth work and community work – severely lacking in West Wicklow  Climate of youth engagement, involvement and participation  Special needs, disabilities and inclusion</p>
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2	County Wicklow Network for Older People
	<p>Maintain services in communities important for independent day to day living  Ensure access to information by supporting CWNOP, CIC and local media  Enhanced and integrated public/rural transport  Training and up-skilling (IT)  Community spaces and social activities  Drop-in centres  Ageing in homes or supported environment in own community  Energy hardship  Poverty  Support services such as 'Homelink', 'Care and Repair' and energy efficiency schemes  Range of appropriate supports to promote independence and/or recovery  Dementia supports  Importance of neighbourhood  Supported housing models  Networking and participation in decision making</p>
Sub No.	Received From:
3	Wicklow Dementia Support
	<p>Low levels of people with dementia receiving support  Support needed for family carers</p>
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4	INOUE North Wicklow Branch
	<p>Transport &amp; Access to Services:  Cost/availability of transport to training or supports  Support basic services and training in other locations</p> <p>Young &amp; Older Unemployed People:  Young people – intervention and supports to prevent long term unemployment  Young people as main earner in social housing affecting differential rent  Older LTU – support in basic skills, literacy, disability, IT literacy</p> <p>Housing Assistance Payment:  Difficulty with budgeting on low income/welfare payments</p> <p>Lone Parents &amp; Training/Work:  Childcare &amp; Afterschool care – access and cost  Lone parents and changes to eligibility</p> <p>Other Unemployed People:  Non-Irish nationals  Travellers</p>

	<p>Ex-prisoners  Substance misusers  People with disabilities</p>
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5	County Wicklow Citizens Information Service
	<p>Housing:  Rent supplement and HAP difficulties  People with disabilities  Plain English  Housing First Model and multi-agency approach  Different categories of homelessness need diverse housing models</p> <p>ICT can exclude  Life long learning to be supported  Quality and costs of Labour Activation Programmes  Services and universal access  Importance of Volunteer Centre</p>
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6	Bray Homeless Forum
	<p>Issues:  Accommodation Provision  Tenancy sustainment post-homelessness  Homeless prevention measures  Emergency homeless provision</p>
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7	Bray Area Partnership
	<p>LECP and Implementation:  Local community and development work should be properly positioned and resourced  Ethos of community development and social inclusion should inform and shape LECP  Area-based approach and collaborative action that provides for more coherent services and supports</p> <p>Early Years Initiative  School-age children and young people  Life long learning and education  Job-readiness and participation in the labour market  Self-employment and enterprise development  Social Enterprise within the local economy  Local/community development and social cohesion</p>
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8	Bray Family Resource and Development Project Ltd.
	<p>Value the role and processes of real community work and development  Emphasise community work and core values:  Collective action  Empowerment</p>

	<p>Social justice Equality and anti-discrimination Participation</p> <p>Legitimacy of community work as an approach to address poverty and social exclusion and to critique state policy Acknowledge role may lead to debate, disagreement and controversy Goal of community work in itself is not just that of service provision Professional skills needed, training where necessary Gender inequality Separate yet complementary principles, roles tasks and processes of Community Development and Local Development to be included as baseline in LECP Funding and resources beyond SICAP programme Recognise and address affects of recent policies and address this Plan investment in renewed community sector that is independent, innovative and effective Core values of equality, sustainability, social inclusion, participation and human rights</p>
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9	Wicklow Travellers Group Ltd.
	<p>Recognise importance of role played by Traveller organisations Recognise and address specific needs of Travellers in the areas of accommodation, health, education, employment and discrimination Affirm the legitimacy of community work as a professional inclusive and empowering approach to address poverty, social exclusion, inequality and enhanced democracy Training in Traveller issues, cultural competency, inter-culturalism and human rights provided by local Traveller organisations (for LCDC) Promote and include the experience and expertise of community development practitioners, Traveller organisations and the Traveller community in LECP Funding and resources County-wide Traveller needs assessment Emphasise positive duty of state agencies as 'duty-bearers' in upholding human rights and equality</p>
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10	Tiglin
	<p>Ensure that the provision of long term residential rehabilitation services are planned for Record the impact of having a large scale residential rehabilitation centre in the county Ensure the Rehabilitation Integration Service is included in the LECP Ensure Day Rehabilitation Programmes are included in the LECP Housing Provision – provide stable and supported accommodation for those who have engaged in rehabilitation, addressed their addictions and are in danger of homelessness Provision of outreach out of hours services is a growing need in the county especially Arklow – it is a cost effective method but resources are needed</p>
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11	Wicklow Mental Health Association
	A central element in developing community capacity is the implementation of

	<p>voluntary positive mental health training and activities (Goal 1)</p> <p>Ongoing voluntary community mental health training and supports can be very effective element of the targeted supports for vulnerable and disadvantaged groups (Goal 3)</p> <p>Interaction with the natural environment to be recognised as enhancing mental health and quality of life of the individual (Goal 5)</p> <p>Wicklow Mental Health Association would like to be a partner in achieving these goals</p>
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12	Age Friendly Ireland
	<p>Develop Age Friendly Cities and Counties Programme in County Wicklow. Issues raised in this submission will be incorporated into that programme</p>
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13	Community Workers Co-op
	<p>A principled approach:</p> <p>Respect for the community as the foundation for social, economic and cultural development, the right of the community to be involved in all aspects of the LECP processes and the right of communities to have a voice that articulates the diversity of need;</p> <p>Equality - that is concerned with the distribution of resources, power, status and relationships of respect and care among the diversity of people and communities ultimately leading to more equal social, economic and cultural development. A key focus should be on the achievement of women's equality which transcends equality of minority groups;</p> <p>Diversity - that is concerned with valuing difference and addressing its practical implications in policy, procedure and practice;</p> <p>Sustainability - that is concerned with developing and achieving communities that are sustainable and resilient in the face of the challenges of climate change and protection of ecosystems;</p> <p>Collaboration &amp; Partnership – that is concerned with the development of processes that encourage and enable collective vision and the sharing of resources that enable objectives and actions to achieve the vision by agencies, organisations and communities.</p> <p>Equality and Human Rights  A Statement of Equality and Human Rights as outlined in the document issued by the Local Government Management Agency and circulated to all local authorities, <i>Promotion of Equality in the Delivery of the Local Economic and Community Plans</i>, should be developed and included.</p> <p>Social Inclusion  We suggest that the LCDC explicitly states its commitment to promoting social inclusion by tackling social exclusion as it is defined in the Irish Governments National Action Plan for Social Inclusion 2007 – 2016 as follows:  <b>“People are living in poverty if their income and resources (material, cultural and social) are so inadequate as to preclude them from having a standard of living which is regarded as acceptable by Irish society generally. As a result of inadequate income and resources people may be excluded and marginalised</b></p>

	<p>from participating in activities which are considered the norm for other people in society”.</p> <p>Community Development &amp; Local Development: Community development and local development should be noted as two separate though complementary processes. In that context we set out a definition of community development and local development:</p> <p>Community work/ community development <i>“is a developmental activity comprised of both a task and a process. The task is the achievement of social change towards the achievement of equality, social justice and human rights and the process is the application of principles of participation, empowerment and collective decision making in a structured and co-ordinated way”.</i></p> <p>Local development is defined as <i>“The collective effort of a community to improve local, social and environmental conditions, it provides an opportunity for each of the three sectors (community, statutory agency and social partner) to act together for the benefit of the area.”</i></p> <p>Approach : The need for strategies and actions to provide added-value. The need for collaborative approaches to strategies and actions The need for integration between social and economic planning and parity assigned to each; A focus on intervention, prevention and breaking the cycle; Process Participatory planning approaches should be utilised in order to ensure that the process of developing the LECP is participative, collaborative and consultative.</p>
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14	Wicklow Local Authorities Access Group
	<p>Specific measures needed to ensure full participation of people with disabilities Increased participation rates in the workforce by people with disabilities be included as specific economic objective Resource appropriate community development services and supports to facilitate independent living Commitment to more inclusive practices by independent agencies Priority be given to addressing needs of people with disabilities re: housing; transport; built and virtual environment; education; childcare; leisure amenities NDS needs to be implemented (see Appendix 1)</p>
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15	Health Service Executive (HSE)
	LECP should refer to and promote the aims of Healthy Ireland Strategy goals, with a commitment to the implementation of the strategy
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16	KWETB
	<p>Prioritise ongoing data collection and sharing Appropriate advisory infrastructure and collaborative process led by KWETB</p>

	<p>and including employers to ensure response to emerging labour market needs and challenges</p> <p>Transport provision/access to training</p> <p>Interagency approach to barriers to education and training and employment e.g. childcare</p> <p>County-wide strategy for youth unemployment/early school leaving</p> <p>Map and review youth work provision in the county – identify gaps</p> <p>Develop networks with all education and training providers including the identification of supported progression pathways</p> <p>Protocol between LCDC and education providers to maximise options and avoid duplication</p> <p>Collaborative approach to development of Wicklow County Campus including all education and training stakeholders</p> <p>Training in sustainable agriculture, horticulture and tourism</p> <p>Outdoor education and tourism education on a not-for-profit basis</p> <p>Incubation units, enterprise and educational supports for early start enterprises</p> <p>Strategy to build citizen capacity to engage in decision making including PPN</p> <p>Record and replicate models of good practice in community development and social entrepreneurship</p> <p>Pilot centre of excellence hub for social enterprise</p> <p>Build on work of economic think tank</p>
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17	Wicklow Uplands Council
	<p>Development of opportunities and facilities for outdoor recreation</p> <p>Economic value of health and well-being</p> <p>Avonmore Way</p> <p>Avoca/Glendalough mining heritage trail</p> <p>Parking facilities at high amenity areas</p> <p>Dog control</p> <p>Support for projects</p>
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18	Bray Grow It Yourself Group
	<p>A Vision for Wicklow</p> <p>Wicklow as a model for community resilience and a low carbon, sustainable community, based on the natural and human resources of the county</p> <p>Prioritising Grass Roots Community Development: Provide support and training for communities in sustainability, resilience, food security, low carbon localised economies, energy efficiency and community based renewable energy. Identify Council owned land suitable for community gardens, allotments, smallholdings and natural play areas. Support, through planning for sustainability, the development of low impact housing and small scale settlements, and land based projects of land management in terms of farming and forestry.</p> <p>Protecting the Natural Environment: Prepare a coastal zone management plan and a strategy to deal with the impacts of flooding and coastal erosion. Supporting habitat restoration with community projects and providing advice</p>

	<p>to landowners on conservation management.</p> <p>Promoting Social Inclusion, Health and Recreation:  Promote community and school gardens, include training and education, as a means of integrating people and providing for some of their food and recreational needs and to promote good physical and mental health, as well as to help combat obesity  Support local food banks to assist low income households  Supporting schemes for Community Supported farming, linking farms or groups of farmers and growers with specific communities, including low income households, to provide food directly, giving the farmer a guaranteed income and putting the farmers 'face' on the food. This may include communities helping directly with production and harvesting.  Promote energy efficiency and insulation among low income households</p> <p>Providing Education and Training:  Support for adult education and vocational training based at Claremont College</p> <p>Promoting Tourism:  Develop and promote two hour looped walks around the county, similar to those developed in the Slieve Blooms by Laois County Council.  Develop and promote a footpath along the whole coast of Wicklow, linking with the Wexford coastal path. There is already a path along the whole coast of Wales. A coastal path on this side of the Irish Sea would enable visitors to "Walk the Irish Sea" or to take "The Celtic Sea Walk" by using the existing ferry links. The coastal walk should also link with the Wicklow Way to bring the greatest benefits to tourism in Wicklow. This has the potential to be one of the great trails of Europe. <i>I am prepared to assist in bringing stakeholders together with the relevant Welsh footpaths officer who could outline the economic benefits to be gained from the proposal.</i></p>
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19	Environmental Sector PPN
	<p>LECP as opportunity for transformative policies and practices to meet challenges ahead</p> <p>Local food production and other businesses based on Wicklow's natural resources:  Appoint a funding officer to assist communities and individuals source grants and credit facilities  Identify council land and properties that may be suitable for local business  Identify vacant properties, sites etc in the county  Where council support is provided recipients should be required to adopt a 20% local employment policy  Applications for funding should be proofed against level of carbon emissions and other environmental considerations  Identify council owned land suitable for community gardens, allotments, small holdings and natural playspaces  Identify suitable soil for protection, existing local food production enterprises, abbatoirs etc</p>



Promote community and school gardens  
 Support local food banks  
 Support schemes for community assisted agriculture  
 Support local co-operatives and local festivals  
 Explore potential to increase wood related business  
 Support environmental projects

Green Economy:  
 Expand the socio-economic statement to include a broader range of assets, including for example environmental assets and existing business that focus on 'sustainability'  
 Develop the Wicklow brand to highlight the forward thinking approach to a green low carbon economy and sustainable living

Climate Change:  
 Establish a local Energy Agency  
 Ensure all local government buildings are resource efficient  
 Promote energy efficiency and insulation among low income households  
 Support community energy projects e.g. Ballynagran Energy Plus Project  
 Encourage and support community bio-digesters  
 Prepare coastal management plan to consider potential future flooding and erosion

Children:  
 Plan to achieve a Child Friendly County Status

Education:  
 Develop a plan to offer early education to all  
 Develop Clermont College as a centre for research and education in sustainable living

Health:  
 Census figures relating to perception of health should be identified in future revisions of the LECF  
 Map existing areas of accessible green space in the county and develop a strategy to improve access, extend accessible space and maintain existing green space in good condition  
 Provide recreation facilities in council owned parks

Housing:  
 Identify lands that could be serviced and made available for local initiatives such as Community Land Trusts  
 Mortgages and Business credit may be made available via public banks  
 Consider the construction of temporary small houses for emergency accommodation

Tourism:  
 Support local communities develop walking routes  
 Create urban walking trails in our towns that highlight the cultural, historical and architectural places of interest  
 Develop themed tours highlighting different features of the county

	<p>Encourage child friendly tourist ventures</p> <p>Arts:          Develop suitable databases to link the artistic community in County Wicklow with businesses          Identify council and other government buildings which might make suitable workshops for artists. Work with planning department to deliver planning policies that facilitate living/working accommodation for artists in industrial buildings</p>
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20	Common Ground/Edible Bray
	<p>Development of Creative Community Solutions to Food Security in the Bray Area</p> <p>Development of community nursery – rear of Ballywaltrim library</p> <p>Development of community orchards – Lower Dargle Road, from Castle Street Bridge to the start of Peoples Park</p> <p>Development of community allotments – South Bank of the Dargle at the end of the Maltings</p> <p>Public edible planting</p> <p>Allocation and designation of land for community nursery, allotments, orchards and public planting</p> <p>Support, funding and resources</p> <p>Collaborative dialogue between groups and Wicklow County Council to develop these ideas</p>
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21	Wicklow Harbour Amenity Group
	<p>Wicklow Harbour:</p> <p>Develop a strategic plan for the port area</p> <p>Develop a boat trip industry</p> <p>Maintain a safe, clean swimming area</p> <p>Support training for clubs</p> <p>Database of activities for locals and visitors</p> <p>Additional resources needed to facilitate a wider set of formal activity</p> <p>Promote attractive dive sites</p> <p>Maintenance of existing boat access routes and adequate parking</p> <p>Support volunteer activities</p> <p>Support Regatta Festival</p> <p>Wider slips for boats (and regatta)</p> <p>Increase up river mooring and floating pathways for fishing</p> <p>Proper management of fishing activity</p> <p>Harbour should become a 'Blue Route' destinations in conjunction with marinas in Greystones and Arklow and should be developed with Local Authorities in Wales, Isle of Man, Scotland and East Leinster counties</p>
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22	County Wicklow PPN
	Prioritising Grass Roots Community Development

	Protecting the Natural Environment Promoting Social Inclusion Providing Education & Training Promoting Health & Recreation High Level Communication Develop Adequate Transport Systems & Maintain Local Infrastructure Focus on Tourism & Marketing: Increase Employment Opportunities:
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23	Carl Mogensen
	Rathdown Heritage Park Design and Strategy
Sub No	Received From
24	Heather Darker
	Greenway in Blessington Exercise machines for Blessington Local community short-term signage
Sub No	Received From
25	Arklow Music and Arts Group
	Dedicated community performance space in Arklow, based on a social enterprise model
Sub No	Received From
26	Greystones Tidy Towns
	Development of Three Trout Stream Walk

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