

Appendix 3

Economic Issues – Public Consultation Workshops and Written Submissions

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Section1: Feedback on Economic Issues – Public Consultation Workshops

It was recommended at the Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) Workshops that every goal in the LECP should have a timeframe and be measurable.

Issues highlighted as priorities to be addressed at the LECP Consultation Workshops are as follows:

1. Broadband

- Rural roll out of high speed connectivity is a priority. Significant parts of the county are without adequate broadband and mobile phone connectivity which impacts negatively on business development.

2. County Brand

- Need to identify Unique Selling Point as a county – Quality of Life, Tourism or Food?
- Greater potential for attracting investment now that the county has been merged administratively.
- Geographically, now bordering new counties, potential for inter-county connections.
- 'T' registration on cars – suggestion that 'TY' would be more distinctive.
- Need to promote the new 'Brand Tipperary' from economic prospective.

3. Agriculture & Agri Food

- Harvest 2020 - environmental concerns over potential for over-intensification and impact on the green image of the county, tourism etc.
- Promote use of locally produced food by public organisations in the county.
- Support for non-dairy farmers required e.g. market gardeners etc.

4. FDI

- Large FDI in only three locations is not acceptable. Thurles needs to be included in terms of Lisheen site where there needs to be a focus in terms of it being a strategic site in the county. Tipperary Town also needs to be included.
- Should be sustainable – provides high earnings and therefore high paying-extra spending power that benefits the local economy.
- Clonmel has a pharma base, so need to develop/attract synergy/supply chain industry.

5. Support for Microenterprise & SMEs

- Further development/promotion of incubator units for start-ups In Clonmel.
- Further promote and support artisan food development.
- Need for more flexibility/discretion e.g. sourcing land, tailored practical supports & workshops, handholding, assistance with bank applications, etc.
- Support for businesses to stay in business.
- Craft businesses need support to become commercially viable.
- Social Welfare period for start-ups needs to be extended to allow those on welfare adequate time to develop their business.
- Lack of support for import distribution.
- Public Procurement policy an issue for local businesses.
- Access to finance – need for low interest loans over a longer period of time.

7. Energy

- Energy: would need to meet our 2020, 2030 & 2050 standards.
- A large number of buildings that need to be retro fitted - work on this could leading to job creation.
- Passive house standard should be the only standard when reducing CO2 emissions.
- Cloughjordan model extended county-wide.
- Energy Policy - from 'Cloughjordan Eco Village' to 'Eco County'.
- Brussels/NY as inspiration.

- Farmers have lost out to large scale companies in terms of wind farm development. Need for policy to support involvement of local farmers to develop wind farms on their land. Also introduction of measures for farmers to use renewable technologies on their farms.
- Need for innovation approaches/mitigation measures to combat the effects of Food Harvest 2020.

8. Social Economy:

- Acknowledge Community/Voluntary sector contribution to economy e.g. Clonmel Community Resource Centre etc.

9. Youth Employment

- Need to retain graduates/educated workforce e.g. high skilled graduates from L.I.T. etc.
- “Youth Entrepreneurship” needs to be a priority in the Framework Priority Document.

10. Connectivity

- Inter-town road network not very good. Upgrading of the Nenagh –Thurles Road required.
- Improve North/South road connectivity.
- Thurles has excellent connectivity in terms of rail service and proximity to the motorway.
- Need for truck stop in Cahir – Cahir is located at a more prominent crossroads than the one in Cashel.
- Train station in Cahir could be used more as a transit depot for heavy goods.
- Train timetables not always conducive to making meetings in cities.
- Moyglass - even a limited bus service badly needed.

11. Tourism:

- Greater collaboration required within the tourism sector.
- The interconnectivity of the Munster Peaks initiative has a lot to offer small towns & villages across Tipperary and adjoining counties.
- Potential for niche tourism to be developed e.g. develop the bee-keeping tradition of parts of Tipperary -@bee-Keeping’ museum.
- Heritage product a major asset e.g. Rock of Cashel, Holycross abbey etc.
- More promotion of tourism products required e.g. Lough Derg, heritage product, Mitchelstown Caves, rural recreation products etc. Use various tools e.g. video, website.
- Further development of Farmer’s markets – use the Social Economy model.
- Potential for increased sports tourism e.g. Triathlon in Clonmel etc.
- Visitor Centre – Magner’s in Clonmel
- Potential for large scale Amusement Park in Clonmel
- Potential of Glen of Aherlow needs to be addressed - more information, promotion, etc.
- The provenance of locally produced food needs to be advertised more.
- Dour’s Lane - proposals are very expensive.
- The Gathering mobilised people - need for more funding for local events.
- Tourism-co-ordination and flow of information needed.
- Target - double the tourism revenue.
- Support craft/food and activity trails.
- Realise potential of walled towns of Fethard, Nenagh & Thurles.
- Slieve Ardagh Ecclesiastical Trail a tourism resource – need for links with Kilkenny & Cashel.
- Insurance for events held on public spaces.

12. Arts & Culture

- Lack of ‘night life’ in Clonmel. Development of arts and entertainment.
- Local colleges could promote ‘student nights’.
- ‘Active art’ outlets with a social aspect where people can meet and interact-workshops etc. there is a way this can feed into economic activity – needs to be identified.
- Getting the arts out to rural villages & towns e.g. dance workshops etc.
- More cultural festivals and need to include craft element.
- Support for creative sector to contribute to the cultural economy and personal/community wellbeing.

- Need to create opportunities for artists to work and flourish in the county.
- Need for business training for creative sector.
- Need for social welfare business incubation programme for artists.

13. Town Centres & Villages

- Rural decline a major issue – government policy adversely affecting rural areas e.g. crime, loss of and inadequate services.
- Town Centre Initiative to revitalise towns.
- Appropriate training for retailers – social media, online trading, & funding for Retail/Town Centre Groups to contract appropriate expertise to develop strategic plans.
- Parking charges a major issue for retailers – survey amongst retailers in Thurles after Christmas identified that parking was the biggest issue for retailers.
- More communication between chambers regarding models of good practice.
- Retail development needs to be protected.
- How to sell the value to people of supporting local shops.
- Existing services, post offices, banks should be prioritised for their intrinsic value to the community and economy.
- Rural Pubs in decline - low cost alcohol is taking business away from pubs etc.
- Balanced economic development across the county relies on protecting core services.
- Planning policy.
- Retail space should be pro-rata to town/hinterland population.
- Big multiples damage small independent retailers.
- TCC supporting Festivals, Christmas events - need to do more.
- TCC needs to be conscious of the rates that businesses provide.
- Review of the Commercial Incentive Scheme. Scheme to encourage occupancy in vacant lots. Displacement issue needs to be addressed & ‘Rates Holiday’ perception.
- Further investment from CC for events.
- Need to encourage new businesses to locate in the town centre.
- Reduction in rates.

SPECIFIC TOWN ISSUES:

Clonmel

- Need for high quality shops on the main street.
- Deficiency - no footbridge to Tesco, no chance of accessing town.
- Trail in the town linking points of interest.
- Effect of multiples on small business - local people asking people what they are doing about the pressure on farmers.
- Triathlon - focusing attention on Clonmel. More sport tourism in the locality.
- Clonmel Arms site
- Need to incentivise retail sector. County Council attaches a development charge to an extension of your business, charge for parking and rates could double.
- Free parking.
- Ice skating around Christmas would be an option.
- Lot of mistakes in previous county development plan too many out of town centre.
- New focus on the town centre.
- Connectivity with the showground’s The Poppyfields.
- Re-development of Kickham Barracks.
- Greenway project linking Clonmel to Carrick-On-Suir.
- Meandering walk from presentation convent to Carrick-On-Suir.

- Christmas to bring shoppers, Christmas lights. Council don't pay for Christmas lights. Bigger chain stores don't contribute. €6,000 per year.
- Car park on Suir Island in Clonmel. Need a multi-storey Car park.

Tipperary Town

- Too much retail space that has gone into Tipp town in such a short period of time.
- Retail space should be pro-rata to town population.
- What hope do the small enterprises have? Oversupply of retail in Tipperary.

Cahir

- Why is it not on the tourist trail in the document?

Carrick-on-Suir

- Town Centre Enhancement required.
- High level of unemployment a major concern.
- Training for boat building.
- Needs to face the river and exploit its potential.
- Need to focus on keeping people in the town.
- Need for one key industry in the town.
- Need for focus on the Long Term Unemployed in the town.
- Small business development support required.
- Greenway from Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir will be an asset.
- Council needs policy to give community groups access to public lands for amenity/community space.
- Develop Wicklow Garden site.
- Negative impact of turbines and pylons on the aesthetic of the town.
- IT site outside the town – should be progressed as a priority.
- Need to upgrade the existing Town Hall.

Cashel

- Retail sector badly affected.
- Potential of Rock of Cashel needs to be utilised.
- Need for night entertainment & festivals.
- Upgrading of playground required.
- Open up Larkspur Centre to the visitor.
- Hotel to accommodate bus tours.

CONCLUSION:

1. Issues 1-13 above included as framework priorities issues in the draft LECP Framework Priority Document.
2. Under item 9 – this was included in the draft but following consultations, it is now recommended that “Youth Entrepreneurship” should be specifically mentioned in the LECP.
3. In item 10 – Framework Priority 3 highlights the need to accommodate and address infrastructural deficits. It is likely that the North/South Road connectivity will be considered as part of the second phase of the LECP Plan preparation.

4. Specific issues under item 11 to be referred to Tipperary Tourism Company for consideration in the development of a tourism strategy for Co. Tipperary. The second phase of the LECF is likely to focus on tourism as a key contributor to economic development and the key strategic tourism issues will be covered in this context
5. Specific issues included in item 12. To be referred to Arts Office for consideration in the Arts & Festivals Strategies. However, it is also likely that the services of Arts and Festivals will be used to deliver some of the key strategic actions to be developed under the framework priorities in phase 2 of the plan process

Section 2: Register of Written Submissions Received on Economic Issues – LECP Process

Submission Number	Relating to	Received From
1	Tourism	<i>Submission by Pierce O' Loughlin, Editor of The Three Counties Newspaper. As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
2	Employment opportunities	<i>Chris Purnell, Co-ordinator, South Eastern Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force (SERDAFT) As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
3	County Court Services	<i>Tipperary Solicitors Bar Association As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
4	Marketing and Tourism	<i>Upperchurch/Drombane and District Development Council As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
5	Economic	<i>North Tipperary Community and Voluntary Association As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
6	Economic	<i>Kilcommon Community Council As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
7	Range of Economic Issues	<i>Charles Stanley Smith As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
8	Employment & innovation	<i>South Tipperary Community & Voluntary Forum As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
9	Youth Employment & Entrepreneurship	<i>Tipperary Regional Youth Service As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
10	Rural Communities	<i>Cllr Matt Ryan., Templederry -February 2015 As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
11	Rural Transport/Roads	<i>Mary Ryan, Main Street Borrisoleigh- February 2015 As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
12	Economic and social development	<i>The Tipperary Integration Forum August 2014 consultation period</i>
13	Tourism, natural resources, arts and heritage	<i>SuirCan August 2014 consultation period</i>
14	Unemployment	<i>Millennium Family Resource Centre August 2014 consultation period</i>
15	Economic and Sustainable Development	<i>The Knockanrawley Resource Centre (KRC) August 2014 consultation period</i>
16	Wind energy Zone	<i>Joe Condon. August 2014 consultation period</i>
17	Youth employment	<i>South Tipperary Connecting youth Group August 2014 consultation period</i>
18	Economic - youth related issues	<i>ComhairlenanOg August 2014 Consultation period</i>
19	Economic - Tourism	<i>Tony Musiol – Chairman, Carrick-on-Suir Tourism & Economic Development Committee (COSTEDC) As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
20	Economic	<i>Mike Croome-Carroll - Suir Valley Environmental Group As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
21	Economic,	<i>Peter Ward, Country Choice, Nenagh As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
22	Economic Clogheen/Cahir	<i>Carmel McCormack, Suir Valley Environmental Group (SVEG) As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
23	Economic,	<i>Cllr Seamus Hanafin, Tipperary County Council, Thurles MD As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
24	Economic	<i>Maura Carey CAVA North Tipperary As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
25	Economic	<i>Edward O'Sullivan, Kilfeacle, Co. Tipperary. As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>

Section 3: Summary of Written Economic Related Submissions Received & Response to Submissions

Sub No.	Relating To	Received From
1	Tourism	<i>Submission by Pierce O' Loughlin, Editor of The Three Counties Newspaper As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
Summary	<p>'Solving our problems in Carrick-on-Suir'</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Tudor Manor House in Carrick-on-Suir should be the main focus for tourism. A road should be built from the N24 behind St. Brigid's Hospital to link up to the Wicklow Garden Centre (a 2.4 acre site proposed for town centre development). This road would allow potential for the Wicklow Garden site to be developed into a tourist village including an anchor shop (e.g. Blarney Woollen Mills), local artist projects, food and added tourist features. 2. The provision of a bus park at this centre would allow in excess of 50,000 tourists to visit the Castle and town. The castle development should link up with other tourist routes (e.g. Kilkenny Castle, Rock of Cashel etc.) 3. The area at the back of the castle should be landscaped, with improved access and a fitness park developed to counteract anti-social behaviour that currently exists in this area. <p><u>'Post It' note:</u> Create up to 500 retail/tourism jobs in The Wicklow Gardens Site by building a road behind the castle.</p>	
Recommendation: <i>Employment, Unemployment and Enterprise</i>	This submission relates to tourism and is specific to Carrick on Suir. Tourism will be covered under the key framework Objective 1:-" <u>To enable appropriate economic development opportunities in all parts of the County</u> ". Tourism is viewed as having an ability to make a real impact on economic development and will therefore be a key strategic action of the LECP. The LECP will focus on key county tourism priorities and the Tourism Strategy, yet to be developed, will include not only the LECP priorities but also other relevant appropriate tourism actions. Submission will also be referred to the planning section re County Development Plan and the Carrick Municipal District office	
Sub No.	Relating To	Received From
2	Employment opportunities	Chris Purnell, Co-ordinator, South Eastern Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force (SERDAFT) <i>As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
Summary	<p>Submission received highlighted many of the issues present in relation to Substance and alcohol misuse. The economic responses needed included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More CE schemes and places are needed to facilitate those in recovery from substance misuse to enter or re-enter the workforce. 2. Better engagement with Local Employment services and Partnership supports for employment and training. 	
Recommendation: <i>Poverty, Disadvantage & Social Exclusion</i>	<p>Issues raised in this submission are relevant to many aspects of the Poverty, Disadvantage and Social Inclusion key strategic objectives. There is also a dedicated key strategic framework priority 9 - . <u>Develop an integrated response to reducing the level of substance misuse /abuse.</u></p> <p>The Mid West Regional Drugs and Alcohol Forum & The South Eastern Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force (SERDAFT) will be noted as key stakeholders for the delivery of the strategic priority re reducing the level of</p>	

	substance misuse/abuse.	
Sub No.	Relating To	Received From
3	County Court Services	Tipperary Solicitors Bar Association <i>As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
Summary	<p>The above Association submitted a review of the delivery of court services in County Tipperary. The economic aspects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The road network and public transport in Tipperary is weak, and as a result makes access to the courts for poorer socio-economic group difficult. • The closure of the courts will have a negative impact financially on these towns. • Maintaining court venues and courts services close to the communities they serve, is in line with government policy on rural development which identifies with the need for the role that the public sector can make to the sustainability of rural communities. 	
Recommendation:	<p>There is not a specific key framework Objective in relation to this submission in the LECP Framework document. However, issues it raises around rural accessibility; rural sustainability and rural isolation are identified as priorities. Decisions in relation to changes re Court service are a national issue and do not lie within the ambit of the LCDC to resolve. Some of the issues raised around the more marginalised groups, witnesses and support for victims can be referred to the Joint Policing Committee, The Children and Young Persons Services Committee, the Local Development Companies. The County Transport Co-ordination unit and organisations working with vulnerable children and families and the County Transport Co-ordination unit.</p>	
Sub No.	Relating To	Received From
4	Marketing and Tourism	Upperchurch/Drombane and District Development Council <i>As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
Summary	<p>The above group submitted a 5 year plan proposal for their area.</p> <p>The plan focused on the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing; A marketing officer is required to develop markets for existing and potential tourism products namely; Upper Limits Indoor Climbing Wall, hill walking, cycling, genealogy and tours. • Accommodation – need to develop a hostel • Signage – more bi-lingual information signs for rivers, bridges, towns land boundaries and historical information. <p>The submission acknowledged the support of various agencies including the County Council.</p>	
Recommendation <i>Sustainable communities</i>	<p>The Sustainable Communities Framework Priority of the LECP Framework document focuses on access to services in rural communities, rural isolation and development of sustainable communities. The LECP Priorities document has included a key framework Objective: <u>2: To support development of sustainable communities and support the community and voluntary sector to respond to the needs in their community.</u> This works with and actively supports communities to maximise their potential in terms of delivering for themselves and also acting as a service channel for state services where this is appropriate. Having Sustainable communities as a framework priority will mean that other programmes linked to the LECP plan such as the Local Development</p>	

	Strategies will have to take cognisance of the LECP plan priorities.	
Sub No.	Relating To	Received From
5	Economic	North Tipperary Community and Voluntary Association <i>As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
Summary	<p>The submission identified 3 key economic priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1). Broadband and issues related to rural communities 2). Local food, tourism and community energy projects – and the need for a policy in relation to ‘green public procurement’ 3). Waste management - suggest that cost of waste disposal should be borne by the producer of the waste. 	
Recommendation: <i>Employment, Unemployment & Enterprise</i>	<p>Key framework Objective 3 of the LECP is to <u>‘identify and address the infrastructural deficit’</u>. Poor broadband coverage will be addressed under this Objective as a key strategic action. Several strategic actions under the Sustainable Communities Framework priority will be relevant to the 2nd point above.</p> <p>The LECP recognises the value that renewable alternatives can bring to the county and provision will be made to maximise this where it is possible, relevant and sustainable.</p> <p>Public procurement is a national responsibility and the LECP is seeking to only include those objectives that it can realistically deliver on or have an influence upon. .</p> <p>In relation to point 3 above this is a matter for the relevant waste management plan(s) at national, regional and local level and the LECP does not a role in relation to this at present. However, the issue will be brought to the attention of the SPC for Environment for their attention</p>	
Sub No.	Relating To	Received From
6	Economic	Kilcommon Community Council <i>As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
Summary	<p>The submission consists of Kilcommon Village Plan (April 2011). The purpose of the plan is to prepare a long term strategy for the village, fully informed by and with the support of the local community</p> <p>Key economic priorities as outlined in the plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of a network of sustainable villages is highly desirable to ensure economic and social cohesion. 2. Broadband infrastructure is vital to the development of tourism, food, and digital sectors. 3. Re-use of buildings within the village 4. Improvements to community infrastructure to upgrade sewage, renewable energy, 5. Tourism and commercial potentials 	
Recommendation: <i>Sustainable Communities</i>	<p>The Sustainable Communities Objective 2 of the LECP Framework document; <u>To support development of sustainable communities and support the community and voluntary sector to respond to the needs in their community</u> focuses on access to services in rural communities, rural isolation and</p>	

	development of sustainable communities. The LECP Priorities document has included a framework Objective which seeks to work with and actively support communities to maximise their potential in terms of delivering for themselves and also acting as a service channel for state services where this is appropriate. Having Sustainable communities as a framework priority will ensure that other programmes linked to the LECP plan such as the Local Development Strategy etc.will have to take cognisance of the LECP plan priorities.	
Sub No.	Relating To	Received From
7	Range of Economic Issues	Charles Stanley Smith <i>As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
Summary	<p>The following is a summary of the Economic aspects to the submission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of economic opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build on the re-emerging Co-op movement (already strong in Tipperary) – • Circular Economy/Clean Technology • Promote circular economy/clean tech • Explore Agricultural Machinery and Software Applications • Development of sustainable public/rural transport • Undertake a study on all broadband options for the county • Provide business mentoring support for new and emerging enterprises • Marketing of Tipperary as a place to establish a successful enterprise should be linked in with the tourism promotion end of Tipperary being a good place to live, work and visit. 	
Recommendation: <i>Employment, Unemployment and Enterprise</i>	<p>One of the key purposes of developing an integrated LECP is to ensure non duplication and to also acknowledge that an action assigned to an economic area will and can have a community impact and vice versa. It will be important that the Plan ensures there is clarity as to who is responsible for what, irrespective of whether it sits in the economic or community section. The economic issues (social enterprise/co-operatives; clean tech; Agri-tech) are all likely to be included as strategic actions within the framework Objective 1: <u>To enable appropriate economic opportunities in all parts of the County.</u> Transport, broadband and tourism are also likely to be included as strategic actions and will be further worked up during phase 2 of the Plan. The community elements of well being, and fuel poverty are also addressed in the Plan and will be further developed in Phase 2.</p>	
Sub No.	Relating To	Received From
8	Economic - employment and innovation	<i>South Tipperary Community & Voluntary Forum</i> <i>As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
Summary	<p>The Submission covered the following economic specific points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need for training and capacity building for groups to enable them to reach their potential in the economic area • The need to recognise the proven track record of the community and voluntary sector in innovation and creativity, including the development of projects that create economic activity and jobs. 	
Recommendation <i>Poverty, Disadvantage</i>	<p>The submission outlines a number of suggestions re the Economic, Social and Community aspects of the LECP. Generally all the suggestions are covered in</p>	

&Social Exclusion	<p>the Framework strategic document. However some of the specific point raised may be considered as an action in the next phase of the LECP plan and will be worked up at that stage.</p> <p>The framework Objective in relation to children and young people has been amended to include families: <u>6. Integrated response to the needs of vulnerable families, children and young people</u>. The issue in relation to gender based violence including rape, sexual assault and domestic violence is likely to be covered under key strategic objectives related to vulnerable families.</p> <p>Arising from the consultations and the evidence, a new framework Objective will be added around supporting people who find it difficult to sustain a home.</p>	
Sub No.	Relating To	Received From
9	Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship	Tipperary Regional Youth Service <i>As result of public consultation in Feb 2015</i>
Summary	<p>The following is a summary of the key suggestions in the submission relating to the economic aspects</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support for young people under 25 years old who are unemployed, 2. Support roll-out of the Work Winner Programme and the 2020 Activation Programme. 3. Prioritised support for young people under 21 who have little or no work experience and who are furthest from the labour market 4. Supporting local businesses and organisations to employ or to provide work experience to young people who are unemployed – 5. Support for young people to engage in informal employment and enterprise learning opportunities utilising a youth work methodology 6. Engaging with young people to support them to undertake learning and training activities in an international setting 7. Youth Entrepreneurship - development of an enterprise unit specifically focused on young people (under 25) developing their own enterprises. 	
Recommendation <i>Poverty, Disadvantage & Social Exclusion</i>	<p>Youth unemployment is included in the LECP framework - Objective 3: <u>Address the high level of youth unemployment</u>.</p> <p>It is suggested that an additional framework Objective be included which is focused on youth engagement: Objective 4: <u>To maximise potential of life opportunities for young people and maximise their contribution to the sustainable development of the county</u>.</p> <p>Other specific actions suggested may be included at the next stage of the LECP plan when specific strategic actions are being developed/worked up. It is also recommended that framework Objective11, on mental health be broadened to include <u>'Integrated response to health and wellbeing in the community'</u>.</p>	
Sub No.	Relating To	Received From
10	Rural Communities	Matt Ryan., Templeberry - February 2015
Summary	<p>The following is a summary of the key suggestions in the submission relating to rural economic aspects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since farm payments became such a huge part of farm income the money has continued to follow the money heading South East, the excluded have been forgotten. The S/E has the richest households, 	

	<p>that includes South Tipperary (see CSO) followed by Clare & Limerick all well ahead of North Tipperary. Need for more equitable realignment of payments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadband needs; Fibre optic cable options must extend right into the hills of Mid/West Tipperary including the following not currently listed; Gortagarry, Templeberry, Killoscully, Silvermines, Upperchurch, Killea and Milestone with the necessary technology included to extend the service to those living beyond the 2-3 mile capacity of copper wire thereby giving service to all. • Saving the rural economy, has to feature as one of either a long or short list of priorities in M/W Tipperary - The Greater SlieveFelim extends to up 40,000ha at least, an area of huge biodiversity. It has been ravished by over forestation, under resourced with farm payments on low productive land and Constrained by the Restrictive Practices of the both the HABITATS & BIRDS DIRECTIVES - Lough Derg extends to 32,000ha as a comparison 	
Recommendation: <i>Employment, Unemployment and Enterprise</i>	<p>A number of the issues raised above are accommodated and noted as Framework Objectives such as broadband deficiency and rural isolation. Phase 2 will work these Objective areas up further and will refine and prioritise the areas that the LECP will focus upon.</p> <p>The remainder of the items referenced above will be forwarded to the relevant authority considering the development of the LDS</p>	
Sub No.	Relating To	Received From
11	Rural Transport/Roads	Mary Ryan, Main Street Borrisoleigh-February 2015
Summary	<p>The following is a summary of the key suggestions in the submission relating to the economic aspects</p> <p>A public rural transport system is more important going forward than it ever has been. With an aging population and a minimum rural transport service in place at the moment/ Older people need a transport service to maintain independence. For young people moving back from cities the lack of good transport is a real challenge. Early morning buses or train should be available to all the Tipperary Towns. Public bus transport into Clonmel from surrounding towns and villages should be timetabled to enable commuters to make use of it in line with the working day The services need to be able to being people to work and college for a 9.00am start.</p> <p>The roads are also in very poor condition and cambering and elevation of the roads above the water-table is needed to enable the rain water to run off into the ditches on either side.</p>	
Recommendation: <i>Sustaining Communities</i>	<p>Rural Transport came up repeatedly throughout the consultations process and a strategic action relating specifically to this is likely to be included under the Sustainable Community Framework Objective 1 - Maintain <u>access to services in rural communities</u>. The remainder of the issues relating to transport and road condition will be referred to the Transport Coordinator Unit and SPC for Transportation</p>	
Sub No.	Relating To	Received From
12	Non Irish Nationals – Economic and social development	The Tipperary Integration Forum August 2014 consultation period
Summary	<p>The following is a summary of the key suggestions in the submission relating to the economic aspects;</p>	

	<p>The Tipperary Integration Forum aims to assist new communities to become part of everyday life in Tipperary. The following is a summary of the key suggestions in the submission relating to the economic aspects</p> <p>Economic Development: Economic development in the future will be driven by the services and tourism sector. The 'Tipperary' brand should be further developed to encourage foreign visitors. New entrepreneurs should be supported.</p> <p>Quality of Life: Socially beneficial activities should be supported and promoted including social entrepreneurship and corporate social responsibility.</p> <p>Comments/suggestions: The Forum is well placed to work with and contribute to the LCDC. The contribution would be economic, cultural, social, spiritual and physical.</p>	
<p>Recommendation <i>Poverty, Disadvantage & Social Exclusion</i></p> <p><i>Employment, Unemployment & Enterprise</i></p>	<p>The main Objective relating to Non Irish Nationals is in the Poverty, Disadvantage and Social Exclusion section of the LECP framework document where a number of the issues raised covered by Framework Objective 5. <u>Reduce the marginalisation of specific communities</u> - non Irish Nationals will be considered under this aspect. The ideas/suggestion in this submission relating to quality of life is covered by key Objective 11: Integrated response to reducing the level of substance misuse/abuse.</p> <p>The priority of Employment, Unemployment and Enterprise has identified Objective 9: <u>Marketing of Tipperary as a place to establish a Successful enterprise</u> and this addresses the Economic suggestions in the submission.</p>	
<p>Sub No.</p>	<p>Relating To</p>	<p>Received From</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>Tourism, natural resources, arts and heritage</p>	<p>SuirCan August 2014 consultation period</p>
<p>Summary</p>	<p>SuirCan is a community forum established to engage with the town's public spaces in a vibrant, creative manner which balances the needs of the community. The following is a summary of the key suggestions in the submission relating to the economic aspects</p> <p>a) Tourism Tipperary and Clonmel in general should focus on the mid and lower end of the market tourist who is looking for activity-based holidays and interesting places to explore. With appropriate infrastructure and investment in tourism, the town and its surrounding will benefit economically and encourage groups and communities to actively engage in the development and implementation of the plan. The submission lists existing natural and manmade resources and suggests how these projects could be developed individually into tourist attractions by both businesses and local groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mountains - Comeraghs, Galtees, Knockmeldown and Slievenamon – hill walking, trekking • The River Suir and its tributaries – fishing and boating • Farming and food including apples and cider. – promote the culture of local food • The horse industry – organised tours in stud farms • Greyhounds • Cycling – cycle trails • Sports, particularly hurling – rallying, hunting and hurling ('have a go' concept for tourists) • History and archaeology – suggested 'Normand' trail, access to 	

	<p>Main Guard?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotels, restaurants and pubs • The people - hospitality • Location – how to make visitors stop and spend in Clonmel <p>b) Arts and Heritage. The arts activities in the Clonmel area should be supported. History and Archaeology noted above</p> <p>c) Integrated Approach. An Integrated approach will add value. Visitors should be directed from one activity to another, which would require an overall strategy to be supplied by a 'Tipperary Tourism organisation'. Hostels and campsites should be developed. Bike hire, bus transport, refreshment stops and guided tours should be investigated as possibilities along the proposed greenway cycle route.</p> <p>Linking other towns and their attractions could add value to the tourist experience. Representatives of each sector and each community should be recruited to explore the possibilities in their area but the overall framework and implementation including marketing must be done at a county level.</p>	
<p>Recommendation <i>Employment, Unemployment & Enterprise</i></p>	<p>This submission relates to tourism and is specific to Clonmel. Tourism will be covered under the key framework Objective 1:- <u>"To enable appropriate economic development opportunities in all parts of the County"</u>. Tourism is viewed as having an ability to make a real impact on economic development and will therefore be a key strategic action of the LECP. The LECP will focus on key county tourism priorities and the Tourism Strategy, yet to be developed, will include not only the LECP priorities but also other relevant appropriate tourism actions. Submission will also be referred to the planning section re County Development Plan and the Clonmel Municipal District office, the Arts and Heritage Plan and the Tourism Company</p>	
<p>Sub No.</p>	<p>Relating To</p>	<p>Received From</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>Local area development - Unemployment</p>	<p>Millennium Family Resource Centre</p>
<p>Summary</p>	<p>Millennium Family Resource Centre is a rural based community development project in Slievedaragh/Glengoole, Thurles. The key areas of concern outlined in the submission are as a result of a Needs Analysis carried out in the community.</p> <p>Unemployment Lack of accessible educational opportunities locally and an affordable/consistent public or rural transport service are barriers to the up-skilling of unemployed people in the area. An increase in local training initiatives that have a clear progression route to mainstream training and educational opportunities in viable employment sectors are vital to attract and retain participants.</p> <p>Adult Training / Education Age restriction for local training initiative participants is a concern and people felt this was discriminatory. While the ETB provides opportunities for training in certain sectors the more mainstream opportunities are located in the larger urban centres and access to these due to transport costs can be a barrier to participation.</p> <p>Public Transport The rural transport service in the area is limited (including access to courses)</p>	

	<p>and the cost of alternative transport options can be prohibitive. Millennium Family Resource Centre proposes the expansion of the service in order to facilitate older adults, unemployed and those without their own transport.</p> <p>Affordable Childcare Quality affordable childcare is essential for rural dwellers in terms of participation in training opportunities locally and in terms of the uptake of employment opportunities, particularly for women.</p>	
<p>Recommendation <i>Sustaining Communities</i></p> <p><i>Poverty, Disadvantage and Social Exclusion</i></p>	<p>Several strategic Objectives under the Sustainable Communities Framework priority will be relevant to the points above. Objective 1: <u>Maintain access to services in rural communities as appropriate to their position in the settlement hierarchy.</u> Objective 2: <u>To support development of sustainable communities and support the community and voluntary sector to respond to the needs in their community.</u></p> <p>Objective 12 of the Poverty, Disadvantage and Social Exclusion Priority addresses the need to <u>Provide opportunities for the citizen to access life-long educational opportunities with particular supports for communities and individuals who are marginalised.</u></p> <p>The issue of affordable Childcare will be brought to the attention of the Child Care Committees in the County.</p>	
Sub No.	Relating To	Received From
15	Economic Development and Sustainable Development	The Knockanrawley Resource Centre (KRC) August 2014 consultation period
Summary	<p>The Knockanrawley Resource Centre (KRC) is a community development project, based in Tipperary Town and the surrounding areas. KRC works with agencies and organisations in order to improve the quality of life of its population through the development of communities and capacity building to ensure a bottom up approach to decision making. The following is a summary of the key suggestions in the submission relating to the economic aspects</p> <p>In order to allow unemployed and/or disadvantaged people to enter the local economy, the personal development of the individual needs to be enhanced through confidence building and job interviewing skills.</p> <p>Sustainability and the environment: Sustainable and environmentally friendly projects such as gardening and allotments which improve both physical and mental health can also encourage environmental awareness and should be supported.</p> <p>Comments/suggestions:</p> <p>Although there are many opportunities available in Tipperary, due to financial constraints, these programmes can be restricted in terms of length and geographical area. KRC will expand on this submission in further consultations.</p>	
<p>Recommendation <i>Poverty, Disadvantage and Social Exclusion</i></p> <p><i>Sustaining Communities</i></p>	<p>A number of the Issues noted in the submission will be covered by Objective 12 of the Poverty, Disadvantage and Social Exclusion Priority which addresses the need to <u>Provide opportunities for the citizen to access life-long educational opportunities with particular supports for communities and individuals who are marginalised.</u></p> <p>Several strategic Objectives under the Sustainable Communities Framework priority will be relevant to the points above. Objective 1: <u>Maintain access to</u></p>	

	<u>services in rural communities as appropriate to their position in the settlement hierarchy. Objective 2: To support development of sustainable communities and support the community and voluntary sector to respond to the needs in their community.</u> Suggestions will be considered in the next phase of the LECP which will focus on actions.	
Sub No.	Relating To	Received From
16	Wind energy zoning	Joe Condon. August 2014 consultation period
Summary	My suggestion for economic plan is the rezoning of land in the upcoming amendments to County Development Plan, for a wind energy project. [Community based]. The lands are in the town's lands of Clashganny west, Middle quarter and Kilnacarriga Newcastle Clonmel Co Tipperary.	
Recommendation	The improvement of the sustainability of the County's energy use is addressed in the Employment, Unemployment and Enterprise section of the Framework. The LECP has to be consistent with the core strategy of the CDP. Should the areas referred to be accommodated in the CDP for wind energy purpose; relevant wind energy actions can be progressed under the renewable energy objective of the LECPR. This submission will be referred onto planning section re County Development Plan	
Sub No.	Relating To	Received From
17	Youth employment	South Tipperary Connecting youth Group August 2014 consultation period
Summary	<p>The Connecting youth Group recommend supporting young people in Tipperary. The following is a summary of the key suggestions in the submission relating to the economic aspects</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Youth Employment programmes, for example, the 'Work Winner' programme in Tipperary. (A full time programme supporting young people under the age of 25 to develop their employability through training and work experience.) 2. Support projects like establishment of innovative learning groups such as Coder dojo Groups re rural youth. 3. Social economy type projects focused on young people and engagement, for example social farming, fishing hubs, outdoor pursuit's activities. 4. Consideration to be given to supporting transport provision in rural counties so young people can engage including creation of strong linkages between youth programmes and the rural transport services so that young people can access the resources, services and facilities available in their local area. 	
Recommendation <i>Poverty, Disadvantage and Social Exclusion.</i>	<p>Youth unemployment is included in the LECP framework - Objective 3: <u>Address the high level of youth unemployment.</u></p> <p>It is suggested that an additional framework Objective be included which is focused on youth engagement: Objective 4: <u>To maximise potential of life opportunities for young people and maximise their contribution to the sustainable development of the county.</u></p>	
Sub No.	Relating To	Received From
18	Economic youth related issues	Comhairle Na nOg August 2014 Consultation period
Summary	The following is a summary of the key suggestions in the submission relating to the economic aspects:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport and rural isolation - Re-establish routes for public transport • Slow internet, bad phone network • No franchise shops, poor choice of shops • Lack of employment for youth – more FAS involvement • Discrimination in a workplace: - unfair hours (e.g. Part time workers working 5 days) – pay off €5 an hour – education of working rights • No language courses/classes (create) – closed is Dublin, Cork & Limerick • Education on working rights • Encourage employment of young people and job creation • Chance to gain work experience and get money • Need better roads • Promotion of positives in Tipperary towns 	
<p>Recommendation <i>Poverty, Disadvantage and Social Exclusion.</i></p> <p><i>Sustaining Communities</i></p>	<p>Youth unemployment is included in the LECP framework - <u>Objective 3: Address the high level of youth unemployment.</u></p> <p>It is suggested that an additional framework Objective be included which is focused on youth engagement: <u>Objective 4: To maximise potential of life opportunities for young people and maximise their contribution to the sustainable development of the county.</u></p> <p>Other specific actions suggested may be included at the next stage of the LECP plan when specific strategic actions are being developed/worked up. It is also recommended that framework Objective11, on mental health be broadened to include <u>'Integrated response to health and wellbeing in the community'</u>.</p> <p>A number of the issues raised above are accommodated and noted as Framework priorities such as broadband deficiency and rural isolation under the Sustaining communities Priorities. Phase 2 will work these priority areas up further and will refine and prioritise the areas that the LECP will focus upon.</p>	
<p>Sub No.</p>	<p>Relating To</p>	<p>Received From</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>Economic - Tourism</p>	<p>Tony Musiol – Chairman, Carrick-on-Suir Tourism & Economic Development Committee (COSTEDC)</p>
<p>Summary</p>	<p>The following is a summary of the key suggestions in the submission relating to the economic aspects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ormond Castle Quarter including new approach road through derelict ground, landscaping and development of the grounds around Ormond Castle and including the refurbishment of the town's mediaeval walls. 2. Redevelopment of the "Wicklow Gardens" site as a major retail centre which gives the ideal town centre plan for two retail hubs (with Supervalu) enabling maximum benefit to town centre businesses. 3. Maximising the potential of the new Greenway to Clonmel including walking, cycling and river activities including the construction of a Marina Building to cater for such visitors and also dealing with cycling parking etc. Ensure that the navigation aids on the Suir from Waterford are maintained for navigation access for cruiser type boats. 4. Development of Comeragh College as an adult education/retraining centre with WIT/LIT and possibly UL as partners. 5. Use of St Joseph's College as high quality Tourist Hostel, making maximising use of initiatives such as "Munster Peaks" and Butler Trail. 6. Creation of an Enterprise Centre to focus on bringing on new businesses building on the very successful Enterprise Competition held in 2013/14. 7. Rolling fund (private funding) to enable the renovation of derelict retail 	

	<p>buildings in the town centre.</p> <p>8. Redevelopment and refurbishment of the Heritage Centre.</p> <p>9. Development of Kickham Street as outdoor Latin Quarter, maximising the wide streetscape.</p> <p>10. Preserve the lanes and the medieval streetscape in the town centre, the Old Bridge and in Carrickbeg and long term develop these into a Gothic Medieval Quarter.</p> <p>11. New Bridge over the Suir to take truck traffic out of Main Street but without harming the town centre as a place to shop, for business and for visitors.</p> <p>12. Long term, may need extra parking (multi-story).</p>	
Recommendation <i>Employment, Unemployment & Enterprise</i>	<p>This submission relates to tourism and is specific to Carrick on Suir. Tourism will be covered under the key framework Objective 1:-<u>"To enable appropriate economic development opportunities in all parts of the County"</u>. Tourism is viewed as having an ability to make a real impact on economic development and will therefore be a key strategic action of the LECP. The LECP will focus on key county tourism priorities and the Tourism Strategy, yet to be developed, will include not only the LECP priorities but also other relevant appropriate tourism actions. Submission will also be referred to the planning section re County Development Plan and the Carrick Municipal District office</p>	
Sub No.	Relating To	Received From
20	Economic	Mike Croome-Carroll - Suir Valley Environmental Group
Summary	<p>The following is a summary of the key suggestions in the submission relating to the economic aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify current infrastructural deficiencies and seek to develop new and enhance existing transport systems within the county, particularly North/South links. • Identify successful county based construction firms with annual turnover below one million euro and assist/facilitate these firms in accessing in county Govt/EU funded projects. These smaller county based firms are more likely to employ local staff from within the county for tendered projects. i.e.: The River Suir Development Project. 	
Recommendation <i>Employment, Unemployment & Enterprise</i>	<p>The submission outlines suggestions re the Economic aspects of the LECP. Framework Objective 3 of the Employment, Unemployment and Enterprise Priority highlights the need to accommodate and <u>address infrastructural deficits</u>. It is likely that the North/South Road connectivity will be considered as part of the second phase of the LECP Plan preparation.</p> <p>Objective 1. Also recognises the need to enable appropriate economic development opportunities and further actions will be developed under this in the next phase of the plan.</p>	
Sub No.	Relating To	Received At
21	Economic	Peter Ward, Country Choice, Nenagh
Summary	<p>The following is a summary of the key suggestions in the submission relating to the economic aspects</p> <p>Local authority and business leaders combined strategy to turn vacant commercial and residential premises into mixed public/private rental accommodation for single people, retired people and young families.</p>	

Recommendation <i>Poverty, Disadvantage & Social Exclusion</i>	The submission outlines a suggestion re the Economic, Social and Community aspects of the LECP. This aspect is covered in the Framework strategic documents in Objective 7 <u>Support people who find it difficult to sustain a home.</u> However the specific point raised may be considered as an action in the next phase of the LECP plan.	
Sub No.	Relating To	Received From
22	Economic Clogheen/Cahir	Carmel McCormack, Suir Valley Environmental Group (SVEG)
Summary	<p>The following is a summary of the key suggestions in the submission relating to the economic aspects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of Mitchelstown Caves and inclusion of Slievenamon and surrounds as part of Munster Peaks catchment. • More focus on heritage and archaeology- walks, talks, festival events etc. Establishment of a Black Honey Bee Museum/Interpretative Centre as part of strategy to promote conservation of the native species and local food production. Bring disused railway lines into use as tourist/walking amenities. Commercial potential of renovating disused train stations hostels and cafes en route. • Develop river amenities- jetties, public river transport; public works clean up of river network. • Further develop craft food and drink industry. • Investment in such SME's over reliance on FDI for job creation. • Pursuit of Passive House Standard in construction, following the example of Cloughjordan eco village. • Development of and investment in renewable energy projects- rainwater harvesting, slurry to biomass, solar, hydro and biomass power generation projects. 	
Recommendation <i>Employment, Unemployment & Enterprise</i>	This submission relates largely to tourism and is specific to the Suir Valley. Tourism will be covered under the key framework Objective 1:- <u>"To enable appropriate economic development opportunities in all parts of the County"</u> . Tourism is viewed as having an ability to make a real impact on economic development and will therefore be a key strategic action of the LECP. The LECP will focus on key county tourism priorities and the Tourism Strategy, yet to be developed, will include not only the LECP priorities but also other relevant appropriate tourism actions. Submission will also be referred to the planning section re County Development Plan and the Municipal District office	
Sub No.	Relating To	Received From
23	Economic,	ClIr Seamus Hanafin, Tipperary County Council, Thurles MD
Summary	<p>The following is a summary of the key suggestions in the submission relating to the economic aspects</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prioritising Clonmel, Nenagh and Cashel for attracting large scale FDI will be viewed as contentious and as excluding other towns in the county. 2. The LECP as currently drafted will meet challenges in attracting support from business and community groups, as well as Chambers of Commerce. 3. The Plan needs to include the Lisheen Mine site which is designated a potential site of Regional significance. 	
Recommendation <i>Employment, Unemployment & Enterprise</i>	The key framework Objective 1:- <u>"To enable appropriate economic development opportunities in all parts of the County"</u> . Is about ensuring that all areas of the county have access to appropriate economic opportunities. Some difficult choices will have to be made if every effort is to be made to secure	

	appropriate employment in appropriate locations. The next phase of the LECP will work this area up in more detail and seek to ensure that all areas of the county will contribute to growing sustainable economic opportunity for all.	
Sub No.	Relating To	Received From
24	Economic	Maura Carey CAVA North Tipperary
Summary	<p>The following is a summary of the key suggestions in the submission relating to the economic aspects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-existent or inadequate broadband service. Severely disrupts ability to attract and conduct business and puts rural communities at a competitive disadvantage. • Further stimulus of local food industry. Local authorities to adopt a “green procurement policy”- organisations such as hospitals, state offices giving first priority to local producers. This would further extend to priority to guaranteeing shelf space in a locality for locally grown food. • Further development of local tourism. • Development of community energy projects. • Waste management. Recycling bins should be placed at all retail premises for consumers to dispose of packaging. Would relieve consumers of cost of recycling at home, as well as potentially providing more employment in waste management industry. 	
Recommendation <i>Employment, Unemployment & Enterprise</i>	<p>A number of the issues raised above are accommodated and noted as Framework Objectives such as broadband deficiency and rural isolation. Objective 1 addresses the ability to enable appropriate economic development opportunities and Objective 3 recognises the need to identify to address the infrastructural deficits. Phase 2 will work these priority areas up further and will refine and prioritise the areas that the LECP will focus upon.</p> <p>The remainder of the items referenced above will be forwarded to the relevant authority (Tipperary Energy Agency and Tipperary Tourism Company, etc.) considering the development of the LDS</p>	
Sub No.	Relating To	Received From
25	Economic	Edward O’Sullivan, Kilfeacle, Co. Tipperary.
Summary	<p>The following is a summary of the key suggestion in the submission relating to the economic aspects</p> <p>There is little direct mention of Tipperary Town which I feel should be focussed as the initiatives and needs suggested and identified are, in my view – particularly relevant.</p>	
Recommendation	<p>This submission relates specifically to Tipperary Town. The core of the suggestion will be covered under the key framework Objective 1:-<u>“To enable appropriate economic development opportunities in all parts of the County”</u>. The submission will also be referred to the planning section re County Development Plan and the Cashel and Tipperary Municipal District office.</p>	

