

Fingal Local Community Development Committee

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Quick Overview of the past and present...

- A History of ignoring local urban government
- Limited levels of trust
- Unequal manager-councillor relationship
- No voice at national level
- No addressing of long-standing issues such as boundaries, towns without municipal status, multiplicity of policies and plans
- Unfairness of county/urban councillor roles
- Limited revenue role
- Duplication
- Limited role in local, community and rural development and economic development generally

Key Aspects of the Reform Action Plan

- Clear Vision and objectives
- Criteria for the transfer of functions and responsibilities
- A new municipal model
- A new regional model
- Introduction of performance and standards in line with OECD members
- Clarity in responsibilities across Tiers
- Significant re-orientation of existing services towards a more municipal focused model of governance

LOCAL AND COMMUNITY PLANNING

- Dissolution of development boards
- Local Community Development Committee
- Functions and responsibilities
- Membership
- Local Economic and Community Plan
- Resourcing
- Regulation
- Public Body engagement
- Community Engagement

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ALIGNMENT

- Integration of spatial planning and local development-LAP-Community planning models
- Local Economic and Community Plan
- Direction under an IDG chaired by DECLG
- Integration within management of local government over time
- Integration with local authority support services

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPC

- Local Enterprise Offices
- SPC on Economic Development
- Integration of spatial planning and economic development
- Co-ordination with State development agencies
- Regional Economic Overview
- Systemisation of local government policies/services
- Local platform for all local economic development actions by the State

Crucially

- Continuation of support for micro-enterprise development
- Local vehicle for implementation of the Jobs Action Programme

Local Economic and Community Plans

- Community Planning Processes
- Social Policy/Rural Development Priority
- Economic Priority
- Integration with Core Spatial Strategy
- Cross Sectoral Representation
- Chief Officer from Local Government
- Statutory Process-6 year programme
- Minimum 1 Review within 6 year programme
- Subject to review at Regional/NOAC levels
- Completion Autumn 2014

LCDC Role

- Address community elements of the LECP
- Implement or arrange for the implementation of the community elements
- Monitoring and review
- Coordination and management/overseeing of local and community development (SICAP/LEADER)
- Ensure effectiveness consistency avoidance of duplication with local authority actions
- Inputs to the economic strands of the Plan
- Enter delivery agreements
- Have to have regard for resources
- Sustainable development
- Social inclusion
- Consistency of national to local policies

LCDC Timetable

- **April to May-SICAP Process commences**
- **Community strand of LECP commences**
- **June Commencement Orders and final national Guidelines**
- **July Formal LCDC Membership through resolution of Council**
- **July LCDP oversight transfers to LCDC**
- **Autumn 2014 Submission of Rural Development Programme to Commission**
- **August LEADER EOIs to be invited for October 2014**
- **September-October SICAP Procurement**
- **December Leader Procurement commences and due July 2015**
- **January 2015 SICAP commences**

What this means?

- Placing planning at the heart of local to national policy...municipal district to NSS
- Critically, and for the first time, measuring local government performance
- Critically, providing the regional economic framework requiring adherence by relevant government Departments and Agencies (with legal underpinning)
- Local Enterprise functions bridge to national enterprise policy
- Tie-in with higher education