

The Donegal Local Economic & Community Plan 2016 - 2022

Appendix 2

Participation; Policy Context Review; Key Funding
Programmes



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Chapter 1- Introduction

This document together with Appendix 1 to the LECP ('The Profile of the County') forms part of the evidence base that has informed and shaped the development of the Donegal Local Economic & Community Plan. The particular elements of information that are collated and recorded in this document, 'Appendix 2' are:

1. Outputs of participation providing the local and 'bottom up' approach of experience on the ground;
2. Review of the national, regional and local strategies and policies within which the plan will be implemented and;
3. A profile of the key policy and funding programmes

The combined impacts of the information contained hereunder and the 'profile of the County' contained in Appendix 1 of the Plan, is to provide the evidence base from which the 7 priority Goals of the Donegal LECP have been formulated, together with the Objectives and Actions. The evidence base will also be important for the further development of the implementation, monitoring, evaluation and review framework.

Volume 1 of the LECP contains a 'Socio- Economic Statement' which is a statement of the key messages coming from the evidence base that is set out across this document and within Appendix 1.

The Priority Goals of the Donegal LECP

1. To Develop Donegal as a **Connected Place**
2. To Harness Donegal's **Natural and Human Capital**
3. To Value, Sustain and Develop Our **Culture and Creative resource**
4. To Promote **Sustainable, Inclusive and Healthy Communities**
5. To Develop Donegal as a Lead region for **Learning, Research and Innovation**
6. To Develop the **'Donegal' Brand**
7. To Promote **Entrepreneurship, Investment and Enterprise**

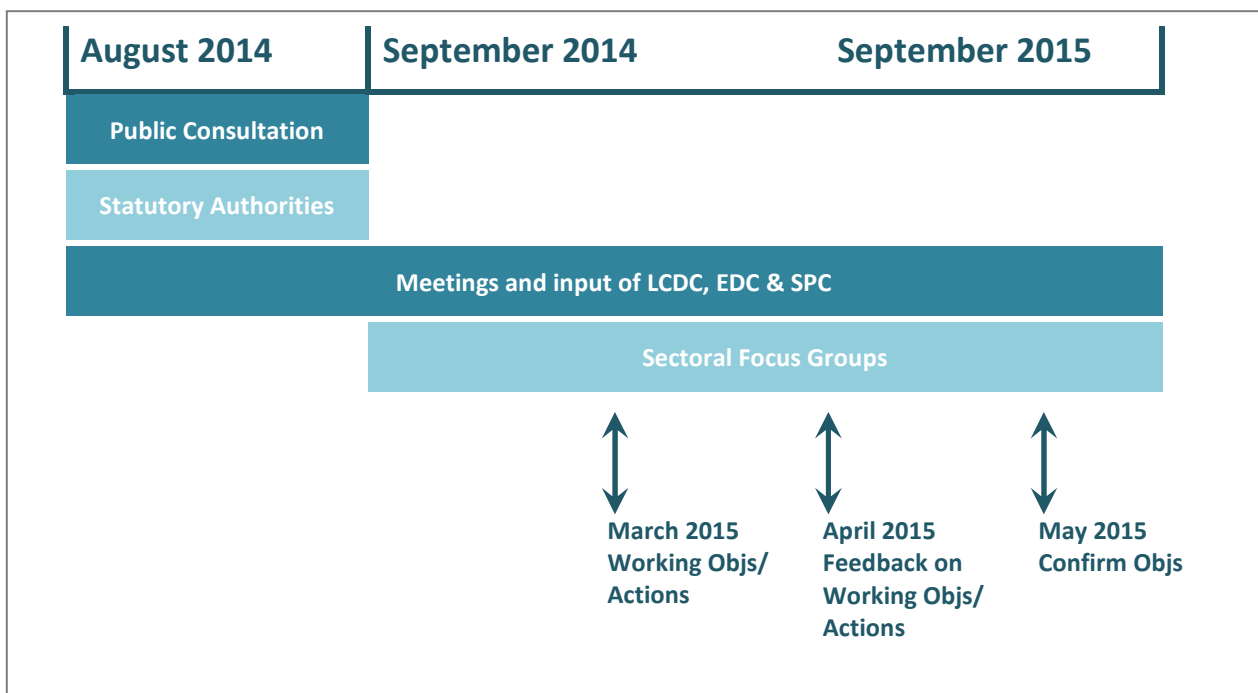
Chapter 2- Outputs of the Participatory Process

2.1 Background

As one of the key values underpinning the preparation of the Donegal Local Economic & Community Plan, participation and engagement in the plan making process has been prioritised. As a result, an extensive participatory process has been undertaken and this has formed the building blocks enabling the preparation of a partnership plan by all of the stakeholders in the County. Three key pathways of participation developed through (i) Consultation with the wider public and with statutory consultees; (ii) The input of the Local Community Development Committee, the Economic Development Committee and the SPC for Community, Culture and Development Planning and; (iii) The input of a series of Sectoral Focus Groups. The timeline for participation is outlined in Figure 1.

A record of each form of participation and their outputs is set out on the following pages. Broadly, participation was facilitated through analysis of trends, sharing of information, discussion of key issues and needs and identification of opportunities. These conversations informed the emerging goals, objectives and actions of the LECP which were widely circulated for review amongst all the stakeholders at the end of March 2015. After considering feedback on the emerging goals, objectives and actions, the LCDC and EDC agreed the Goals and high level Objectives of the Plan subject to further refinement of actions.

Figure 1: The Timeline for Participation



2.2 Consultation with the Public and with Statutory Authorities

A ‘public consultation process’ was initiated on 11th August 2014 by the placing of a notice in local newspapers and on the Donegal County Council website inviting the public to make observations or submissions in writing regarding the preparation of the Plan. In total, 100 submissions were received made up of a combination of individual written submissions and a number of submissions completed through an online questionnaire. A report on the public consultation process was prepared at that time and can be accessed at www.donegal.ie

Figure 2 extracts the key Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats arising from the public submissions. The submissions were solution and opportunity focused and a number of particular sectors and areas for targeted growth and resources emerged as follows:

- Tourism and the Wild Atlantic Way
- The marine resource
- Agriculture
- The green economy
- The creative economy
- Education, learning and training
- Capacity building within the community and voluntary sector
- Health and wellbeing
- Collaborative and partnership approaches

Figure 2 Key Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats arising from the public submissions.

<p>STRENGTHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Richness of county’s assets particularly for tourism such as landscape, natural environment, heritage, culture, geology, archaeology, built heritage, wildlife, biodiversity, friendliness of Donegal people, Donegal accent, fishing tradition, extent of existing cultural facilities - Quality of life on offer. - Existing economic base - The Donegal Gaeltacht - Proximity to Derry - Strengths in a number of key towns referred to including Ballybofey- Stranorlar, Bundoran, Killybegs, Donegal Town, Ardara - Extent of community & Voluntary sector - Established - Significant community capacity and experience is established - The multi- cultural nature of the county - ‘Healthy Ireland’ already enshrined through national policy - Wild Atlantic Way Strategy 	<p>WEAKNESSES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of employment & high youth unemployment - Lack of quality cycle network - Lack of adequate rural transport - Lack of public access to places of interest - Lack of marine infrastructure - Lack of tourism infrastructure such as information boards, signage, picnic areas, lay- bys - Lack of financial support to SME’s - Diminished capacity in community organisations - Lack of training in social enterprises - Lack of consistent funding stream in respect of community and voluntary sector - Lack of appropriate physical spaces for services and activities across the sectors. - Geographical location in North West - Lack of adequate brand - Inadequate water and wastewater systems - Lack of control on a number of external determinants
<p>OPPORTUNITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Important sectors with good opportunities are tourism, the marine and agriculture. - To further develop the County’s green economy. - To further develop the County’s Creative economy. - To further grow tourism in the County particularly 	<p>THREATS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reliance on community and voluntary sector especially volunteers, to reach marginally excluded groups. - Lack of alternative to drink culture undermining the objectives of the LECP e.g. Donegal Brand and Tourism.

<p>in the areas of: Heritage, culture, walking, cycling, Irish language, angling, fishing, marine, town regeneration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To promote to Donegal as 'Healthy Donegal.' - To improve health through walking and cycling. - To be an exemplar in Donegal for the natural environment. - Opportunities to further develop the potential of a number of particular locations including Malin Head, Killybegs. - Further opportunities to work in partnerships and collaborate across all the sectors. - Provide creative waste solutions - Enable people through increased training and learning opportunities. - Positively use vacant buildings. - To establish a Donegal Energy Agency. - To set a community development levy on windfarm proposals. - To learn new heritage and culture from the County's multi- cultural population. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainability of community organisations. - That heritage is not harnessed in an appropriate manner. - Further closure of services and facilities such as Garda Stations. - Threat of windfarms on health, natural environment and landscape. - Overdevelopment of the landscape. - Limited number of existing employers therefore levels of employment are vulnerable. - Brain drain due to emigration/ exodus of young people. - Impact of Irish water on the County's water and waste water infrastructure and planned programmes. - Impact of charges and taxes on SME's.
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Appendix 1 of this document identifies the public authorities and publicly funded agencies that are carrying out functions in relation to economic and community development in County Donegal and notification was sent to each agency identified to set out the process to prepare the plan and to seek their participation in the process. Following this notification, the input of statutory consultees occurred primarily throughout the focus group workshops and this input is integrated into the record of these workshops.

2.3 Meetings and Input of LCDC, EDC and SPC

The preparation of the LECP has been led through the LCDC and the Economic Development Committee of Donegal County Council. Donegal County Council resolved to adapt the final plan at their meeting on 25th January 2016. The Committees, though their representation across the sectors, connected at the initial phase of participation with the grass roots groups and organisations that are critical to the economic and community dimensions of the county. Reflecting the integrated nature of the Plan, the LCDC and EDC have held joint meetings to consider and discuss the LECP. The Economic, Enterprise & Planning Policy SPC also consistently considered the preparation of the LECP and endorsed the recommendations of the EDC and LCDC as regards the confirmation of the high level objectives. The dates of the joint meetings of the LCDC and EDC together with a note of the stage in the process considered at each meeting are set out in Figure 3. Appendix 2 of this document sets out the representation of the LCDC, the Economic Development Committee and the Economic, Enterprise & Planning Policy SPC.

Figure 3: Dates and Note of Meetings of LCDC, EDC and Economic, Enterprise and Planning Policy SPC

Joint LCDC and EDC meetings	
1 st October 2014	Outline of the legislation, purpose, process and context setting
11 th November 2014	Description of what the socio- economic profile will consist of (Data & policy context) Update on the participative process Outline of the emerging goals and examples of high level objectives flowing from the goals
2nd Feb 2015	Update on the participative process undertaken Outline of the emerging goals Outline of the methodology to develop the objectives and actions from the information collated
31st March 2015	Circulation and presentation on a comprehensive working draft of the emerging goals, objectives and actions and feedback requested over consequent weeks.
27th May 2015	Circulation and presentation on the integration of feedback and participation in relation to the working draft of the emerging goals, objectives and actions. Goals and high level objectives were confirmed.
9th July 2015	Outline of the intervening communications and ongoing participative process. Outline of DECLG. Guidelines note. Indicative pathway ahead to lead to a draft LECP
30 th September 2015	Circulation of the draft Donegal LECP to LCDC and EDC and agreement to advance consultation with MDs of Donegal County Council and the Northern and Western Regional Assembly.
22 nd December 2015	Consideration of the outputs of consultation with MDs and NWRA and agreement to advance the Plan to Donegal County Council meeting (25 th January 2016) for final adoption.
SPC for Community, Culture & Development Planning	
22nd Jan 2015	Update on the participation process undertaken Outline of the emerging goals Outline of the methodology to develop the objectives and actions from the information collated
24th March 2015	Verbal update that we were etching towards emerging goals, objectives and actions for 31st march
30th June 2015	SPC Endorsed the goals and objectives as agreed by LCDC and EDC
11 th January 2016	SPC endorsed advancement of the Plan to Donegal County Council meeting (25 th January 2016) for final adoption.

2.4 Sectoral Focus Groups

A number of targeted focus groups were identified as important groups from which sector specific participation is sought. The focus groups opened up ongoing exchange of information, consideration of the evidence base, identification of issues and needs through SWOT analyses, collaboration and input into the plan occurring from August 2014 leading right through to the publication of the draft LECP. The focus groups feeding into the Plan are:

- ✓ Social Inclusion Measures Group
- ✓ Community Development Alliance
- ✓ Social Inclusion Linkage Group
- ✓ Public Participation Network Secretariat
- ✓ Digital Action Plan Working Group
- ✓ Tourism Forum
- ✓ Economic agencies
- ✓ Business community
- ✓ Education & Training Board
- ✓ Letterkenny Institute of Technology
- ✓ Health Service Executive
- ✓ Farming representatives
- ✓ Creative Industries

2.5 The Social Inclusion Measures Group

The SIM group and extended SIM is a multi- agency structure working in the area of social inclusion and poverty. The SIM aims to improve access to services for vulnerable individuals and target groups, to provide a co-ordinating role amongst the relevant agencies, to feed into plans and projects such as the LECP and to promote actions to address social inclusion and poverty. (NB: Appendix 3 identifies the Extended SIM demonstrating the overlap with representation on other groups including the PPN Secretariat, Social Inclusion Linkage Group and the Community Development Alliance).

The SIM group first came together to discuss the preparation of the LECP on 3rd November 2014 at which time key statistical data in the form of a S.W.O.T analysis was presented. The group discussed the types of issues and needs relevant for the LECP and for the development of goals, objectives and actions, in the context of social inclusion and poverty. Key areas discussed at the workshop were:

- That there is a threat due to the importance of and reliance on community groups and volunteers in the delivery of services and programmes.
- That there is an identified need to improve access to services and tailoring access to services around individual needs.
- That an opportunity exists to make better use of existing facilities especially on an outreach basis through a collaborative approach.
- That the barriers to accessing services are as a result of limitations in transportation, limitations of broadband availability and effect of digital exclusion, and language barriers.
- That an opportunity exists to map services and assets currently available so as to enable identification of opportunities for collaborative service delivery.
- That an opportunity exists to reduce digital exclusion through supported access to IT at a local level using existing community and cultural infrastructure.
- That an opportunity exists to improve the sustainability of community organisations by working with the LEO to provide training.

The SIM group came together on 22nd April 2015. A draft of goals, objectives and actions was circulated to the group and individual and agencies provided direct written feedback on the content. A further facilitated workshop of the SIM and Extended SIM groups was

convened on the 3rd September 2015. The workshop focused solely on the detailed actions of Goal 4 and this integrated further refinement and re- shaping in the context of addressing community development and improving social inclusion and combating poverty.

2.6 Community Development Alliance

Having participated in individual capacity through the SIM and/ or PPN Secretariat, representatives of the Community Development Alliance came together on 16th June 2015 in response to the need to further refine the actions of the plan with a particular reference to community development, social inclusion and poverty. As a consequence, a facilitated workshop of the SIM and Extended SIM groups was convened on the 3rd September 2015 focusing solely on the detailed actions of Goal 4 and this integrated further refinement and re- shaping in the context of addressing community development and also improving social inclusion and combating poverty.

2.7 Social Inclusion Linkage Group (PPN Linkage Group)

Similar to the Community Development Alliance and the SIM Group, the PPN Social Inclusion Linkage Group, reaching a number of additional groups and organisations working in the County met on 20th June 2015. The Group were briefed on the process undertaken to develop the goals, objectives and actions and discussed a number of areas where further work and refinement was considered to be appropriate. The members of the Social Inclusion Linkage Group undertook to participate in the Extended SIM workshop on 3rd September 2015 which focussed on the community development, social inclusion and poverty elements of Goal 4. Appendix 4 consists of the representation of the Social Inclusion Linkage Group.

2.8 Public Participation Network Secretariat

A PPN Secretariat workshop took place on 23rd April 2015 at which point the emerging goals, objectives and actions were circulated and discussed. Individual members and agencies provided direct written feedback on the content of the emerging goals, objectives and actions. Representation of the PPN Secretariat also participated in the workshop of the Extended SIM on 3rd September 2015 which focussed on the actions of Goal 4. Appendix 5 consists of the representation of the PPN Secretariat.

2.9 Digital Action Plan Working Group

A working Group to prepare a County Donegal Digital Action Plan was convened in March 2014 and consistent alignment of the processes to prepare the Digital Action Plan and to prepare the LECP has been ensured. This alignment responds to the early identification of digital technology including broadband availability and quality, and digital skills as a cross cutting priority theme in the LECP and as a critical enabler of community and economic development. A synopsis of the Digital Action Plan is contained in Chapter 3 of this document, of this document together with an outline of the consistency and integration with the LECP and identification of objectives of the LECP that have particular relevance. The Digital Action Plan was adopted in September 2015.

2.10 Tourism Forum

The Tourism Forum came together on 5th December 2014 to discuss the needs and opportunities from a tourism perspective. The outputs are demonstrated as a S.W.O.T in Figure 4.

Figure 4: Tourism Forum S.W.O.T output

<p>STRENGTHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Wild Atlantic Way strategy - The built heritage of the County. - Natural Resources - Existing capability in craft and creative industries. - Numerous well known Donegal people with a proven track record. - Remoteness - Promotion and marketing work through existing vehicles such as www.govisitdonegal.com 	<p>WEAKNESSES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Availability and quality of Broadband - Progress on the A5 road upgrade - Loss of the Derry to Dublin flight - Number of physical leisure facilities - Level of collaboration within the tourism industry. - Level of community representation within the tourism sector. - Level of awareness of community- led tourism projects. - Provision for cruise tourism products and services. - The distance perception-‘it’s too far away’ - Capacity in relation to digital knowledge - Tourism signage
<p>OPPORTUNITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Product development: Continue to improve a sustainable tourism product including through a Donegal Greenway; a Spiritual Trail; Ards Sculpture Park; architectural heritage; historic towns; linguistic heritage; physical leisure facilities for day trippers; WiFi availability in tourism hotpots; cruise tourism opportunities, creative industries, development of a cultural tourism project on the WAW. - Collaboration and marketing: Encourage collaboration and partnerships through tourism forum meetings. Through this platform examples of the type of outputs possible are: sharing knowledge and success stories, identifying County ambassadors and ensuring consistency between localised tourism strategies and the WAW strategy. - Education, training & supports: Opportunities focussed on traditional skills, eco-tourism, agricultural tourism; learning courses for communities such as digital marketing and hospitality; a tourism education programme. Entrepreneur module for schools; economic research study of the benefits of the WAW; development of a Tourism Research Centre in Killybegs. 	<p>THREATS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vulnerability of rural transport - Regulatory Frameworks as barriers to harnessing natural resources. - The loss of traditional skills - Funding opportunities and ability to extend projects.

2.11 Economic agencies

On 3rd November 2014, a consultative session with the Economic Agencies operating the County was convened. Given the early stage in the process, the previous goals of An Strateis 2012 were discussed as potential priority themes and the outputs of the discussion are set out in Figure 5.

Figure 5: Priority areas identified by the Economic Agencies operating the County

<p>Theme: The Green economy</p>	<p>Areas of discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is necessary to influence the regulatory frameworks to support the development of clean technology. - There is an opportunity to scope, design and implement a localised Smart Grid pilot project in Killybegs to integrate different energy sources and connect with the national grid.
<p>Theme: Enterprise and skills development</p>	<p>Areas of discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promote seaweed development - Deliver the coordinated promotion of entrepreneurship and enterprise in Donegal. Target: an increase in the number of start ups over three years. - Provide business environments, services and supports appropriate to the needs of businesses in Donegal. Target: Further develop the model of 'First Stop Shop' services for business. - Encourage and pursue inward investment utilising Diaspora linkages. Target: a three- year inward investment plan targeted at Massachusetts. - Encourage and pursue inward investment by ensuring effective communication with IDA Ireland. - Ensure coordinated delivery of 'Connectivity' investment to support enterprise and employment including A5 road upgrade and reinstatement of Derry to Dublin air route. - Design and implement community digital hubs at strategic locations in the county - change in the ability of local communities and business sector to take advantage of business, societal and community advantage of the digital environment
<p>Theme: Education</p>	<p>Areas of discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop educational links to promote greater capability and human capital and develop research and innovation. - Continue the established links with M2D2. - Develop a skills linkages between ETB and Pramerica to target further training linked to industry needs. - Carry out research and development in relation to the aquaculture industry. - To establish a satellite centre for marine aquaculture at LYIT. - To review the LifeLong Learning programme. - To develop learning in Digital Media at secondary level education. - To encourage the uptake of STEM subjects at secondary level.
<p>Theme: The 'Donegal' Brand</p>	<p>Areas of discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promote the Brand of Donegal as the 'People' and the 'Place.' - To develop a coherent communication strategy in relation to the Donegal brand. - To establish an all- Ireland Entrepreneurial Programme and Clusters of Entrepreneurship.
<p>Theme: Access to services</p>	<p>Areas of discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide for the availability of Broadband in rural areas. - Maximise the potential of Project Kelvin - Examine the potential of a community broadband scheme in a rural area of the county. - Provide WiFi in public buildings. -

<p>Theme: Natural Resources and Tourism</p>	<p>Areas of discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promote and support further development of the WAW. - Integrate food and tourism strategies - Develop opportunities for eco- tourism - Support the development of localised tourism strategies to create linkages, networks and scaling up to the WAW. - Develop and support appropriate cultural, arts, heritage and craft clusters within the tourism sector. - Develop the Ards Sculpture Park. - Develop and implement language plans including harnessing the potential of the Irish language as regards tourism.
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2.12 Business community

On 3rd December 2014, a facilitated consultation session with the business sector was convened at which, in workshop format, consideration was given to the action areas under each of the 7 emerging goals. The outputs of the sessions in relation to each goal are set out in Figure 6.

Figure 6: The outputs of the business sector consultative session

<p>Goal 1: To develop Donegal as a Connected Place</p>	<p>Priority areas identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Target: Journey time by road from Dublin to Letterkenny to be 2 hours by 2020. - Further develop infrastructure between smaller urban centres throughout the county. - Market Donegal as one connected place, not a series of separate areas. - Create a PR campaign emphasising how close Donegal is to Dublin. - Target: Broadband connectivity of 100mb or more for 15 towns by 2020. - Investigate how to make vacant premises throughout the county available for business.
<p>Goal 2: To Harness Donegal's Natural & Human Capital</p>	<p>Priority areas identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop eco- tourism and expand to include activity based tourism - Improve water quality throughout the county - Further develop the Food Coast - Support the fisheries and aquaculture sector. - Promote natural resources such as wind power - Develop a scoping document to ascertain the economic value of wind power for Donegal. - Develop a concerted litter campaign. - Improve mapping of the WAW - Encourage closer links between industry and education, science and mathematics. - Improve skills of graduates entering engineering and technology sectors employment through internships.
<p>Goal 3: To Value, Sustain & Develop Our Culture and Creative Resource</p>	<p>Priority areas identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop and support appropriate cultural, arts, heritage and craft clusters within the tourism sector. - Develop the creative industries - Commit to a dedicated annual programme of events for the Regional Cultural Centre in Letterkenny - Promote cultural and artistic festivals around the County. - Develop and support projects that foster closer links between culture, heritage and tourism.
<p>Goal 4:</p>	<p>Priority areas identified:</p>

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<p>To Promote Sustainable, Healthy & Inclusive Communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stimulate local communities by using state owned vacant enterprise units for community and social enterprise. - Prioritise community broadband schemes to create employment and support sustainable communities. - Pilot a model of community projects which will create local business opportunities. - Further support cottage industries through funding, IT skills, and human resources. - Identify local community champions and acknowledge their contributions. - Introduce an annual County Regeneration Week.
<p>Goal 5: To Develop Donegal as a Lead Region for Learning, Research & Innovation</p>	<p>Priority areas identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create closer cross border educational links - Develop open data exchanges especially with the public sector. - Develop EU twinning to further learning for educational bodies and state agencies. - Continue supports for small businesses. - Extend STEM to second level with the assistance of industry partners, mentoring and site visits. - Use broadband to further link STEM with industry.
<p>Goal 6: To develop the 'Donegal' Brand</p>	<p>Priority areas identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthen the Gaeltacht aspects of the Donegal Brand - Develop 'Donegal' brand under one agreed font and style to be used across all sectors and to be supported by a dedicated PR campaign- rolled out initially by the food, tourism and state sectors. - Promote the 'Work Life Balance' offered in Donegal and develop a campaign around local champions extolling this lifestyle.
<p>Goal 7: To Promote Entrepreneurship, Enterprise and Investment</p>	<p>Priority areas identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promote enterprise modules in schools and colleges - Investigate how to directly create employment from opportunities presented by Donegal Diaspora. - Ensure the relevant information on locating or relocating to Donegal is readily available online - Promote the Donegal Portal. - Develop a joint approach from Donegal County Council and Chambers of Commerce in working with State Agencies on issues affecting local business.

2.13 Donegal Education & Training Board (ETB) & Letterkenny Institute of Technology (LYIT)

Direct engagement with the ETB and with LYIT took place on 3rd December 2014 and 16th January 2015 respectively followed by written inputs into the preparation of the plan and through the representation of both educational authorities on the LCDC and the EDC. The key areas identified included:

- Establishment of a Countywide Community Education Forum providing for coordination in the sector, connections between all levels of education providers and providing a forum to establish clear links with industry to identify the skills needs of industry.
- Coordination is required of the delivery of community-based education opportunities.
- An emphasis should be placed on 'healthy' communities as well as sustainable and inclusive communities- education, learning, training, Lifelong learning, up- skilling and re- skilling all contribute to healthy people.
- Key areas building upon our human capital include coordination of educational activity; up- skilling, re- skilling and Continuous Professional Development;

Identification of industry needs; integration of new technologies through the lifecycle of education i.e. Primary, post primary, Further Education & Training and 3rd level; provision of effective paths from FET to Higher Education.

- Emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics as the key skills of the Knowledge Economy.
- The priorities for Donegal as a Connected Place are in the areas of (i) Partnership (Regional/ National/ Cross border and internationally) (ii) Strategic access infrastructure such as roads and ports (iii) Broadband (iv) Donegal Diaspora and (v) the County energy network.
- The key natural assets for the County are: marine resources, energy, adventure/ activity tourism, landscape, culture, language, arts and music.
- The Creative Industries should be further developed.
- Emerging Smart Regional Specialisations are in the areas of marine resources, renewable energy and food.
- Entrepreneurship should be integrated into teaching in schools and higher education.
- Supports for female entrepreneurs, established entrepreneurs and immigrant entrepreneurs.
- Key areas and/ or important projects for investment and enterprise include marine engineering in Killybegs and the regional importance of CoLab/ North West Science Park.

2.14 Health Service Executive (HSE)

Direct engagement with the HSE took place on 29th April 2015 in the context of feeding in the written feedback of HSE to the emerging goals, objectives and actions, and furthermore through the representation of HSE on the LCDC and the EDC. The key areas identified for further consideration included:

- Emphasis on 'healthy' communities as well as sustainable and inclusive.
- The importance of partnership working and collaborative opportunities.
- Emphasis on social and natural capital as a resource for the County as well as economics.
- Two particular areas of strategy require appropriate integration into the plan namely; (i) 'Healthy Ireland' and how this can be implemented through local structures so as to improve health and wellbeing and; (ii) 'Connect Donegal Suicide Prevention Action Plan.'
- Rural transport is identified as an important enabling factor in accessing services. A collaborative forum to develop, resource and implement innovative solutions to rural transport needs should be established.
- Options should be explored around the capacity of local community organisations and the potential to resource organisations with Community Development Workers.

2.15 Farming representatives

Direct engagement with farming representatives took place on 10th December 2014 and furthermore through representation on the LCDC. Key issues identified in relation to the LECP include:

1. **Connectivity:** Rural broadband and mobile phone coverage is critical for Farmer-led Health and Safety.

2. **Food:** Opportunities exist to work collaboratively in relation to food e.g. Creevy Co-Operative realise tourism opportunities as well as farming and food opportunities. Other collaborations that will provide opportunity include the establishment of farmers markets promoting locally produced goods; collaboration to identify and utilise land banks by renting to new farmers.
3. **Learning:** A number of areas of need and opportunity were identified:
 - Learning in relation to food traceability- food to plate.
 - collaborative provision of training to farmers including digital training
 - The need for an audit to identify training needs particularly in relation to skills such as sheepdog trials, thatching.
4. **Other:** A number of other areas of opportunity were identified:
 - Opportunities to protect water quality with benefits for the environment and fishing.
 - The potential for the development of Greenways in the county so as to harness the opportunities of our landscape, waterways, rivers and built heritage.
 - Recommendations of the CEDRA report in relation to rural development.

2.16 Creative Industries

The Donegal County Council Local Enterprise Office (LEO) engaged with the creative sectors and other stakeholders to inform the development of a Strategic Action Plan for Creative Entrepreneurship for Donegal through workshop formats commencing in October 2014. Consistent alignment of the processes to prepare the Strategic Action Plan and to prepare the LECP has been ensured. This alignment responds to the identification of the creative sector, as an important economic sector in the county with a particular contribution to the tourism sector. The Strategic Action Plan was launched on 18th May 2015 and it is consistent with the LECP and its actions are important to the delivery of high level objectives of the LECP.

A synopsis of the Strategic Action Plan for Creative Entrepreneurship for Donegal is contained in Chapter 3 of this document together with an outline of the consistency and integration with the LECP and identification of objectives of the LECP that have particular relevance.

Chapter 3- Review of Strategy and Policy Context

3.1 Background

The review of the strategy and policy context is considered in 4 key areas:

- The Spatial Planning & Development Strategies
- The Economic Strategies
- The Community Strategies
- The Local Sectoral Strategies and Sectoral Organisations

Sections 3.2 to 3.5 provide a description of each strategy and an outline of how the strategy has impacted the LECP in terms of consistency and integration. A number of particular objectives that are most distinctly related to each strategy are identified. Figure 7 lists the scope of the strategies and policies reviewed.

Figure 7: Scope of Strategies and Policies Reviewed

The Spatial Planning & Development Strategies (section 3.2)

- National Spatial Strategy 2002- 2020
- The Regional Planning Guidelines for the Border Region, 2010
- The County Donegal Development Plan 2012- 2018 (as varied)
- An Stratéis – Donegal Strategy for Social, Cultural and Economic Development 2012-2018
- Town Development Plans for Letterkenny, Bunrana & Bundoran
- The Gateway and Hubs Development Index (GHDI) 2012
- Development Centres/ Hubs

The Economic Strategies (section 3.3)

- Action Programme for Effective Local Government- Putting People First, DECLG, 2012
- Construction 2020
- Making it Happen- Growing Enterprise for Ireland, Forfás, 2010
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The Community Strategies (section 3.4)

- Our Sustainable Future: A Framework for Sustainable Development for Ireland , 2012
- OECD LEED (Local Economic and Employment Development) Report on Delivering Local Development
- Energising Irelands Rural Economy- The report of the Commission for the economic
- Development of Rural Areas (CEDRA) (2014)
- Corporate Social Responsibility Plan, Good for Business, Good for the Community 2014- 2016.
- 20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010- 2030
- Ireland's National Action Plan for Social Inclusion 2007- 2016 (NAP inclusion)
- Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2015
- Report of the High Level Group on Traveller Issues in 2006 and the National Strategy for Traveller/ Roma Integration, 2011
- Better Outcomes Brighter Futures, The National Policy Framework for Children & Young People 2014 – 2020
- Building a High Quality Health Service for a Healthier Ireland, HSE Corporate Plan 2015- 2017
- Healthy Ireland - Framework for Improved Health and Wellbeing 2013 – 2025
- Further Education & Training Strategy 2014- 2019, SOLAS and Department of Education & Skills
- An Garda Síochána Strategy Statement 2013- 2018
- National Broadband Plan, Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources, 2012
- National Disability Strategy Implementation Plan 2013

The Local Sectoral Strategies and Sectoral Organisations (section 3.5)

- Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2015- 2019
- The One Plan for Derry- Londonderry
- North West Partnership Board
- North West Region Cross Border Group (NWRCBG)
- Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN)
- Active Donegal - Strategic Plan 2011-2014
- Donegal Diversity Plan, 2011 – 2013
- Donegal Intercultural Platform
- Donegal Traveller Interagency Group
- Donegal Youth Service
- Donegal Women's Network
- Connecting For Life Donegal, Preventing Suicide Together, Action Plan 2015- 2012
- North West Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force Plan 2011- 2014
- Local Development Companies
- Enterprise Development on the Gaoth Dobhair Business Park, 2015, Údarás na Gaeltachta
- Coillte Northwest Business Area Unit (BAU) Strategic Plan 2011- 2015
- Donegal Road Safety Plan 2010- 2015, Donegal County Council
- The County Donegal Heritage Plan 2014- 2019, County Donegal Heritage Forum
- LYIT Strategic Plan, Our Commitment to the North West Gateway Learning Region, 2014- 2017
- Donegal ETB Education Plan 2011 – 2015
- Donegal Digital Action Plan, 2015
- Strategic Action Plan for Creative Entrepreneurship in Donegal

3.2. The Spatial Planning & Development Strategies

Plan/ Strategy	Description	Consistency & integration with LECP	Objectives of the LECP of particular relevance
National Spatial Strategy 2002- 2020	The National Spatial Strategy (NSS) 2002-2020 is a planning framework designed to achieve a sustainable balance of social, economic and physical development and population growth across the Country. It identifies Letterkenny-Derry as a linked Gateway to function as an economic driver for the Northwest region. The NSS 'Update and Outlook Report,' 2010, identified future areas of priority action including implementation of the Governments Smart Economy Policy Objectives and development of economic strategies, harnessing of rural economic development opportunities, environmental protection, cross border coordination, integration of strategic planning and investment prioritisation, preparation of Core Strategies for land use plans and reduction of dependence on fossil fuels.	The LECP replicates the NSS as regards the identification of the Letterkenny-Derry Gateway as the regional driver of growth and opportunity and furthermore reinforces the importance of balanced growth within the region through its objectives for the strengthening of Tier 2 towns and Development Centres and through its objectives to maximise on the rural economic opportunities and strengths of the County.	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.6; 1.7</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.4; 2.5; 2.8; 2.10</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.5; 3.6; 3.11; 3.12; 3.13</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.8; 4.9; 4.10; 4.16; 4.21</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.2; 5.3; 5.4; 5.5; 5.6; 5.7; 5.8; 5.9; 5.11; 5.17; 5.18</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.1; 6.2; 6.3</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.2; 7.3; 7.4; 7.6; 7.7; 7.8; 7.18</p>
The Regional Planning Guidelines for the Border Region, 2010	The Regional Planning Guidelines recognise the people as the region's most important asset and therefore emphasize the importance of making improvements to quality of life. The key strategic goals relate to the development of Letterkenny as the strategic driver of growth for the County; to facilitate integrated sustainable development between urban and rural areas; to improve connectivity and mobility links; to promote innovation, economic growth and	The LECP draws significantly from the strategy of the RPG's, identifying the economic importance of the growth of the Gateway and the strengthening of Tier 2 towns/ Development Centres, particularly targeting areas such as research and innovation and the digital economy. In tandem and to build upon the County's strengths and opportunities as a substantially rural economy, the	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.1; 1.3; 1.6; 1.7; 1.8</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.2; 2.4; 2.5; 2.6; 2.8</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.1; 3.4; 3.5; 3.6; 3.9; 3.10; 3.11</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.2; 4.7; 4.8; 4.9; 4.10; 4.21</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.2; 5.4; 5.5; 5.6; 5.7; 5.8; 5.9; 5.11; 5.16; 5.18</p>

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	<p>competitiveness; to facilitate emerging sectors to provide sustainable jobs and; to protect and enhance the quality of the natural environment and built heritage. The RPG's identify a Core Strategy for the Region that establishes the population growth framework for each local authority to be incorporated into the relevant Development Plan.</p>	<p>LECP targets future economic growth and competitiveness in Rural Economic Development, focussing on areas including tourism, culture, heritage, natural resources and agri- food.</p>	<p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.2</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.3; 7.4; 7.3; 7.6; 7.7; 7.8; 7.9; 7.10; 7.11; 7.12; 7.13; 7.14; 7.19</p>
<p>The County Donegal Development Plan 2012- 2018 (as varied)</p>	<p>The County Donegal Development Plan (CDP) 2012- 2018 delivers a Core Strategy and settlement hierarchy for the County of 5 levels (Appendix 6 of this document refers) with a focus on the Letterkenny- Derry Gateway followed by the strategic towns (Buncrana, Carndonagh, Bridgend, Ballybofey/Stranorlar, Donegal town, Ballyshannon, Bundoran, Killybegs, and Dungloe). The Core Strategy recognises the importance of the Donegal rural area and the extent to which future growth should occur there. The CDP emphasises the need for the coordinated, planned and joined up approach to investment and new development so as to contribute to the recovery of the national and regional economy and to improve quality of life indicators such as access to services. In particular, the following areas are identified as important policy areas for development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Investment in research and innovation in renewable energy development, knowledge based services, agri- food sector & environmental products. ▪ Development of sustainable economic 	<p>Similar to the frameworks of the National Spatial Strategy and Regional Planning Guidelines, the LECP is consistent with the spatial planning framework set out in the Core Strategy of the CDP 2012- 2018 as regards its settlement hierarchy, led through the identification of the linked Gateway and supported through Tier 2 towns/ Development Centres. Significant objectives of the LECP and their related activities support the implementation of the hierarchy. The LECP also recognises the potential of the rural areas of the county to contribute to culture, community and the economy and therefore targets rural and hard to reach areas, isolation, the power of broadband and the distinct rural resources that, if tapped appropriately, have the potential to result in significant and sustainable economic growth.</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.1; 1.3; 1.6; 1.7; 1.11</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.1; 2.4; 2.7; 2.8; 2.11</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.1; 3.3; 3.4; 3.5; 3.11</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.1; 4.2; 4.5; 4.8; 4.9; 4.10; 4.21</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.5; 5.6; 5.11; 5.12; 5.16; 5.17; 5.18;</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.1; 6.2</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.3; 7.6; 7.8; 7.9; 7.12; 7.14; 7.15; 7.16; 7.21; 7.22</p>

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	<p>models.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strengthen cross border collaboration. ▪ Maximise technology and digital capabilities. ▪ Develop Killybegs as a Centre of Excellence for Renewable Energy. ▪ Develop educational collaboration. ▪ Develop vibrant, sustainable communities ensuring social inclusion and equality. ▪ Facilitate a coordinated approach to the delivery of social, community and cultural infrastructure and services. ▪ Develop the potential of the rural economy. ▪ Integrate environmental considerations in decision making. ▪ Develop sustainable tourism opportunities. ▪ Ensure the development of strategic access to the County 		
<p>An Stratéis – Donegal Strategy for Social, Cultural and Economic Development 2012-2018</p>	<p>The Donegal Strategy for Social, Cultural & Economic Development 2012- 2014, prepared by the County Donegal Development Board has performed to date as an integrated strategy setting out a shared vision through aims and objectives for the economic, social and cultural development of County Donegal. The strategy provides the impetus and context for a range of innovative projects and for the identification and accessing of new and additional funding for the region. The strategy provides a well developed foundation from which the LECP has been further evolved. The 6 Goals of An Stratéis are:</p> <p>Goal 1: To Ensure Best Access to Supports and</p>	<p>The strong foundations of programmes and activities that have been delivered through implementation of An Stratéis are reflected in the continuum of the County’s economic and community strategy that is now contained in the Local Economic & Community Plan. The LECP builds upon the success of An Stratéis, both in relation to the very tangible and visual achievements that have been delivered and also in relation to the collaborative and partnership environment that has been strongly established in the County.</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.2; 1.3; 1.4; 1.8; 1.12; 1.13</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.4; 2.5; 2.7; 2.8</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.1; 3.3; 3.4; 3.5; 3.8; 3.10; 3.11; 3.15</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.1; 4.2; 4.3; 4.4; 4.5; 4.6; 4.9; 4.10; 4.12; 4.13, 4.14; 4.15; 4.17; 4.19; 4.20</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.1; 5.2; 5.5; 5.6; 5.7; 5.8; 5.9; 5.12</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.1; 6.2; 6.3; 6.4; 6.5</p>

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	<p>Services for All in Donegal</p> <p>Goal 2: To Ensure the Continued Development and Sustainability of the County’s Cultural Resources</p> <p>Goal 3: To promote Enterprise and Skills development in the region</p> <p>Goal 4: To develop a Donegal Brand across all sectors</p> <p>Goal 5: Tourism Destination Development for Donegal</p> <p>Goal 6: To develop Donegal as a lead region for the Green Economy</p>		<p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.3; 7.4; 7.6; 7.9; 7.11; 7.12; 7.13; 7.14; 7.15; 7.19; 7.22</p>
<p>Town Development Plans for Letterkenny, Buncrana & Bundoran</p>	<p>Development Plans for Letterkenny, Buncrana and Bundoran address the strategic role of these centres of population growth. In particular, the Letterkenny Plan recognises the regionally significant role of the town as the linked Gateway with Derry and as a key centre within which the economic growth of the County is to be driven. Each of the Development Plans consist of a Core Strategy that is consistent with the Core Strategy of the County Development Plan 2012- 2018 (as varied). The relevant plans are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Letterkenny & Environs Development Plan 2009- 2015 (as varied); ▪ The Buncrana & Environs Development Plan 2014- 2020 and; ▪ The Bundoran & Environs Development Plan 2009- 2015 (as varied) 	<p>Similar to the consistency with the County Development Plan 2012- 2018, the LECP reflects the spatial strategies provided for through the statutory development plans, particularly as regards objectives and their activities to strengthen and regenerate town centres; to provide for urban renewal; to unlock the potential of the built and cultural heritage of the towns and to deliver strong communities participating in place- making.</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.4; 1.6; 1.7; 1.11</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.1; 2.4; 2.6; 2.7</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.1; 3.3; 3.4; 3.5; 3.9</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.2; 4.3; 4.4; 4.5; 4.17; 4.19; 4.21</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.10; 5.11; 5.16; 5.18</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.1; 6.2; 6.3; 6.4; 6.5</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.3; 7.5; 7.6; 7.8; 7.9; 7.10; 7.21; 7.22</p>

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<p>The Gateway and Hubs Development Index (GHDI) 2012</p>	<p>The Gateway and Hubs Development Index 2012 presents an overview of the performance and progression of Ireland’s primary urban centres. In the case of the Letterkenny- Derry linked Gateway, the report identifies the importance of the cross border context, evidenced in particular by the extent of cross border commuting to work and recognises that Derry does have a significant economic impact upon Letterkenny and its surrounding hinterland within east Donegal, reinforcing the linked Gateway status of the two adjacent settlements. The Index also reports positive growth and activity in the Letterkenny Gateway such as growth of 10.43% in the Gateway population which is ahead of the Gateway average; 7.51% increase in third level qualified workforce and a 47.30% increase in broadband connectivity in the Gateway. The Letterkenny Gateway is also reported to have performed well in the Health and Wellness domain including a higher life expectancy than the Gateway average.</p> <p>Challenges are identified in areas such as the performance of new firm formation rate which is lower than the national Gateway average, and a higher than average Gateway unemployment rate. In addition, the Index reports that the Letterkenny Gateway has one of the highest deprivation rates of all the Gateways.</p>	<p>The LECP directly addresses opportunities and challenges that are evidenced both in the GHDI and also through the Socio- Economic Statement that forms part of the Plan. Direct references in the LECP relate to activities to support the growth and strengthening of the Gateway including the reaffirmation of our important cross border linkages particularly in the areas of strategic infrastructure, research and innovation, learning and health. Indirect references that are appropriate for implementation throughout the County have also a distinct resonance and foundation in the Gateway such as the opportunities to build upon our strengths identified in the GHDI in the domain of Health and Wellness through the further development of ‘Healthy Letterkenny’ and drawing from the framework of ‘Healthy Ireland.’</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.1; 1.4; 1.6; 1.11; 1.13</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.7; 2.10</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.3; 3.8; 3.9; 3.12; 3.14; 3.15</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.1; 4.3; 4.4; 4.16; 4.19</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.3; 5.4; 5.5; 5.6; 5.7; 5.9; 5.11; 5.12; 5.13; 5.14; 5.16; 5.17</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.5</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.2; 7.3; 7.13; 7.18; 7.21; 7.22;</p>

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Development Centres/ Hubs	<p>Donegal County Council identified 7 Development Centres/ Hubs in the County, the objective of which is to identify areas of potential to advance economic development through integrated Action Plans, one in respect of each Development Centre. This work requires a coordinated and integrated approach that will involve all stakeholders across the community, private, public and agency sectors. The shared ownership of this work is critical including the implementation phase of actions identified. The Development Centres identified (their areas of focus listed below) largely reflect the Tier 2, ‘Strategic Support Towns’ identified in the CDP 2012- 2018 (as varied):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bundoran - Marine Tourism ▪ Ballyshannon - Cultural Heritage & Enterprise ▪ Donegal Town -Tourism Focus ▪ Ballybofey / Stranorlar - Sports Theme ▪ Buncrana / Carndonagh -Tourism ▪ Gweedore - Business Development <p>Appendix 7 of this document shows the spatial dimension of the Development Centres. The Council’s work in relation to Development Centres aims to develop the existing assets and potential that exists.</p>	<p>The LECP reflects the collaborative approach to the delivery of actions plans in respect of each Development Centre particularly through objective 7.8. The focus of the implementation of Development Centres through the LECP is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To promote and support collaborative community activity and build capacity. ▪ To engender a true sense of place, belonging and pride of place. ▪ To enable economic activity and job creation and reduce deprivation. ▪ To effectively coordinate and utilize the work of the community, business, voluntary and public sectors to inform strategic development. ▪ To identify and implement priorities and actions for economic and community growth of each centre. ▪ To encourage sustainable development. ▪ To improve and enhance the evening and night time economy of the identified Development Centres including potential achievement of Purple Flag Status. ▪ To explore options to reduce vacancy in town centres. 	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.4; 1.7</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.4; 2.6; 2.7</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.3; 3.5; 3.8; 3.9</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.3; 4.4; 4.5; 4.6; 4.7; 4.12; 4.13, 4.14; 4.15; 4.19; 4.20; 4.21</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.10; 5.17; 5.18</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.1; 6.2; 6.3; 6.4; 6.5</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.4; 7.5; 7.6; 7.8; 7.9; 7.15; 7.21; 7.22</p>

3.3. The Economic Strategies

Plan/ Strategy	Description	Consistency & integration with LECP	Objectives of the LECP of particular relevance
Action Programme for Effective Local Government- Putting People First, DECLG, 2012	‘Putting People First’ outlines Government policy for reform and development across the local government system so as to provide a stronger and clearer role for local government in economic and community development. The policy outlines that the ultimate purpose of local government is to promote the well being and quality of life of citizens and communities, through effective, accountable and democratic representation, and efficient performance of functions and delivery of services at the local level.	The LECP is informed by the overarching vision of ‘Putting People First’ to promote the wellbeing and quality of life of citizens and communities. This theme is intertwined throughout the goals and all of the objectives of the LECP such is the integrated nature of the plan its goals and objectives.	GOAL 1 All GOAL 2 All GOAL 3 All GOAL 4 All GOAL 5 All GOAL 6 All GOAL 7 All
Construction 2020	<p>Construction 2020 is a strategy for the creation of a renewed and vibrant construction industry that is fit for the future and is an essential part of creating jobs. The priority areas identified in the strategy include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A Strategic approach to the provision of housing ▪ A continued improvement in the planning process ▪ The availability of financing for viable and worthwhile projects. ▪ Access to mortgage finance in reasonable and sustainable terms 	The LECP integrates with the priority areas of the national strategy through the targeted activities in relation to education, training and up-skilling. Particular opportunities are identified in Donegal in relation to conservation and development of traditional building skills.	GOAL 1 N/A GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.6; 2.9; 2.10 GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.9; 3.12 GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.7; 4.16 GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.4; 5.7; 5.9; 5.12; 5.13;5.14 GOAL 6 N/A GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.9

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monitoring and regulation of the sector ▪ Ensuring a fit for purpose sector supported by a highly skilled workforce ▪ Ensuring opportunities are provided to unemployed former construction workers to contribute to recovery of the sector. 		
Making it Happen- Growing Enterprise for Ireland, Forfás, 2010	<p>‘Making It Happen: Growing Enterprise for Ireland’ reports that it is businesses that create jobs and drive economic growth and outlines therefore that it is essential that the optimum business environment is in place to allow them to do so. The report emphasises that creating this optimum environment requires coordinated action across the whole of government. Four complementary critical success factors are set out: innovation, productivity, cost competitiveness and a strong enterprise mix.</p> <p>The report's recommendations across the four success factors focus on the essential areas of education and skills development, R&D and innovation, management development, public procurement, access to finance, infrastructure priorities, the regulatory environment and competition policies.</p>	<p>The creation of the wider environment in which economic activity and business can thrive in Donegal is a central theme of the LECP provided for through a number of proposed activities including business supports, investment in roads infrastructure, investment in international infrastructure connections, broadband connectivity, establishment of clusters, business marketing, county- led marketing, training in targeted growth sectors, established links between industry and education bodies, as examples.</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.1; 1.3; 1.4; 1.5; 1.6; 1.7; 1.8; 1.11</p> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.4; 2.8; 2.9; 2.10</p> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.5; 3.11; 3.12</p> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.7; 4.16</p> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.1; 5.3; 5.4; 5.5; 5.6; 5.7; 5.9; 5.11; 5.12; 5.13; 5.14; 5.16; 5.17; 5.18; 5.19</p> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.1; 6.2; 6.3; 6.4; 6.5</p> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.2; 7.3; 7.4; 7.5; 7.8; 7.13; 7.15; 7.18; 7.19; 7.21; 7.22</p>
OECD LEED (Local Economic and Employment	<p>Delivering Local Development examines the local conditions and instruments for policy interventions to achieve successful local economic development in participating</p>	<p>The LECP endorses the approaches of Delivering Local Development and forms part of the implementing mechanisms being developed through Local</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.1; 1.4; 1.6; 1.11; 1.13</p> <p>GOAL 2 N/A</p>

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Development) Report on Delivering Local Development, 2014	countries. In Ireland, the purpose of the report is to assist in shaping the new Local Government system to ensure that a robust and sustainable local development environment is created. The report contains a number of recommendations, which are based on supporting the implementation of the reforms and cover key actions for national government, local government, the local development sector, business, and trade unions. At a National level, the recommendations include that there must be a clearly articulated vision and future phases of devolution, that there should be a focus on the economic case and Action Plan for Jobs that cross sector champions should be indentified and local development funds continued. At a local level, recommendations include that there should be effective cross border collaboration and local development agencies take on clear and defined roles.	Government Reform. At a local level, the vision and high level goals of the LECP provides a framework for a robust and sustainable local development environment in Donegal. In particular, it recognises the importance and potential benefit to be achieved through cross border collaborations and this is exemplified through the preparatory work to deliver the Action Plan for Jobs for the Border Region where a cross border dimension is integral. The LECP identifies the Action Plan for Jobs as an important implementing mechanism to achieve goals and objectives of the LECP and to this end, engagement flowing between the processes to prepare both the Action Plan for Jobs and the LECP has been well established.	GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.12 GOAL 4 N/A GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.1; 5.11; 5.12; 5.16; 4.17 GOAL 6 N/A GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.3; 7.21; 7.22;
Energising Irelands Rural Economy- The report of the Commission for the economic Development of Rural Areas (CEDRA) 2014	The Report of CEDRA, consisting of 34 recommendations, identifies the vision for the rural economy as becoming a dynamic, adaptable and outward looking multi-sectoral economy. The report emphasises the need for an integrated approach recommending the preparation by Government of a clear and committed Rural Economic Development Policy Statement, the establishment of a strategic research function and a mechanism for policy delivery and coordination. The report also recommends the establishment of Rural	The findings and recommendations of 'Energising Irelands Rural Economy' are particularly applicable in the case of County Donegal and in the objectives of the LECP to strengthen rural communities, build their capacity and facilitate rural economic development. The identification of Rural Economic Development Zones is identified as an important area of activity within the development plan. This work has the potential to strengthen the rural economy therefore building resilience in	GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.1; 1.2; 1.3; 1.4; 1.7; 1.13 GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.4; 2.7; 2.9; 2.10 GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.3; 3.4; 3.5; 3.9; 3.12 GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.1; 4.2; 4.3; 4.7; 4.9; 4.10; 4.16; 4.19; 4.20; 4.21 GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.7; 5.9; 5.12; 5.13; 5.14; 5.17; 5.18

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	<p>Economic Development Zones (REDZs) to enhance the capacity for local communities to contribute to and take ownership of local economic development by creating local strategic economic development plans. The report addresses the fiscal arrangements to support rural economic development, recommending the establishment of a Rural Innovation and Development Fund, a Rural Town Stimulus Programme and support for innovative, small scale pilot initiatives. Opportunities are identified in the area of local enterprise support services through the Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs), capacity building for rural communities, the development of the social enterprise sector, identification of minimum broadband speeds required for rural areas and rural towns, integration of the rural transport programme with public transport strategies and the preparation of a national plan for the development of tourism in rural areas.</p>	<p>the rural community and assisting to retain the structure of our Donegal rural communities.</p>	<p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.1; 6.2</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.4; 7.5; 7.6; 7.8; 7.9; 7.12; 7.14; 7.16; 7.17; 7.19; 7.20; 7.21; 7.22</p>
<p>IDA Ireland, Winning Foreign Direct Investment 2015- 2019</p>	<p>The Mission of 'Winning Foreign Direct Investment' is for 'IDA Ireland partners with multi- national companies to win and develop foreign direct investment, providing jobs for the economic and social benefit of Ireland.' The strategy reports that client companies in the border region now employ 9,734 and these include leading companies in the Engineering, Life Sciences, Financial and Services Sector. The Strategy outlines that IDA is targeting a minimum 30% to 40% increase in the number of</p>	<p>The publication of the Border Regional Action Plan for Jobs is anticipated during September 2015 and alignment has occurred between the LECP and the Regional Action Plan. The key themes of infrastructure, skills development and the creation of a strong economic ecosystem are embedded within the LECP and are consistent with and supportive of the IDA strategy in order to facilitate economic growth in County Donegal and the North</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.1; 1.4; 1.5; 1.6; 1.7; 1.8; 1.11</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.4; 2.8; 2.10</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.5; 3.11</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.9; 4.10; 4.16</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.1; 5.2; 5.4; 5.5; 5.6;</p>

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	<p>investments for each region outside Dublin outlining that 30% to 40% uplift in projects would result in 61 to 66 projects in the border region. The Strategy refers to the preparation of new Regional Action Plans will provide a structure for all stakeholders in each region to work together in a collaborative manner to maximise future FDI investment potential, in conjunction with other economic development objectives such as indigenous industry and tourism.</p>	west region.	<p>5.8; 5.9; 5.10; 5.11; 5.12; 5.13; 5.14;5.16; 5.17;5.18</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.1; 6.2; 6.3; 6.4; 6.5</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.2; 7.3; 7.4; 7.5; 7.6; 7.7; 7.11; 7.13; 7.14; 7.15; 7.16; 7.18; 7.19; 7.21; 7.22</p>
<p>Driving Enterprise, Delivering Jobs, Strategy to 2016, Enterprise Ireland</p>	<p>Enterprise Irelands Strategy is about maximising growth and job creation within Irish- owned Businesses. Sectors for future growth are identified as food, manufacturing, software, internationally traded services and construction. The vision of the Strategy is underpinned by 4 pillars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Start: involves making Ireland the best small country to do business; increasing the number of start- ups; providing supports for microenterprise. ▪ Innovate: Involves helping Irish companies to develop a competitive edge; optimising ROI (Return on Investment) on State Investment in research. ▪ Scale: Involves driving scale at all stages of company growth; driving exports; driving competitiveness initiatives; bolstering in-company capacity to scale. ▪ Anticipate: Involves helping Irish companies establish competitive positions in advanced technologies, sectors and high growth markets. 	<p>The ethos of 'Driving Enterprise, Delivering Jobs' is reflected in the LECP particularly in relation to the provision of supports to business and in relation to the creation and enabling of the necessary environment within which to do business in Donegal.</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.1; 1.4; 1.6; 1.7; 1.11</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.4; 2.4; 2.10; 2.11</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.1; 3.5; 3.6</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.7; 4.10; 4.16</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.1; 5.2; 5.3; 5.4; 5.5; 5.6; 5.7; 5.8; 5.9; 5.10; 5.11; 5.12; 5.16; 5.18; 5.19</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.1; 6.3; 6.4; 6.5</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: All</p>

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Údarás na Gaeltachta, Strategic Plan 2014-2017	<p>The Mission Statement of the Údarás na Gaeltachta, Strategic Plan 2014- 2017 is ‘to develop an energetic, successful and sustainable Gaeltacht community and economy, and thus maintain, promote and strengthen the use of Irish as the predominant language of the Gaeltacht community. The objectives of the Strategic Plan are set out under 2 themes as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Theme 1: To support and develop language, community and cultural resources. Objectives under this theme relate to the provision of supports to sustain an Irish speaking community; enabling Gaeltacht communities to develop and improve their resources; developing skills and employability and; promoting the arts and increasing employment in the arts and culture- based sectors. ▪ Theme 2: To enhance innovation and competitiveness through the development of enterprise and natural resources. Objectives under this theme relate to the encouragement of a strong innovative enterprise culture through supports for new and established businesses; developing new opportunities for the Gaeltacht’s coastal resources; stimulating the development of tourism and; facilitating the provision of essential infrastructure in order to expand enterprise capacity. 	<p>The LECP identifies the Donegal Gaeltacht and the linguistic heritage of the county as an important community and economic resource and directly sets out objectives to support the growth of sustainable employment and business activity as a means to retain the Gaeltacht population and enable opportunities for growth.</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.4; 1.8</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.3; 2.4; 2.5; 2.11</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.2; 3.3; 3.4; 3.5; 3.6; 3.10</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.7; 4.9; 4.10; 4.11</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.1; 5.2; 5.5; 5.6; 5.8; 5.10</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.1; 6.2; 6.3; 6.4</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.2; 7.4; 7.5; 7.6; 7.7; 7.9; 7.10; 7.11; 7.12; 7.13; 7.14; 7.16; 7.17; 7.18; 7.19; 7.21; 7.22</p>

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<p>Integrated Marine Plan (IMP), 'Harnessing Our Oceans Wealth,' July 2012</p>	<p>Ireland's strategy to harness its offshore renewable potential is provided through the Integrated Marine Plan (IMP), 'Harnessing Our Oceans Wealth,' published July 2012, which establishes the vision, high level goals and integrated actions across policy, governance and business so as to enable our marine potential to be realised. The strategy is further reinforced through the 'Offshore Renewable Energy Development Plan,' 2014 which provides a framework for the sustainable development of Ireland's offshore energy resources across three key pillars- environmental sustainability, technical feasibility and commercial viability. The Plan identifies that Irelands sea area is around ten times the size of the country's landmass and that Irelands position on the Atlantic edge of the EU gives an almost unparalleled offshore energy resource, with suitable conditions available for the development of the full range of current offshore renewable energy technologies Appendix 8 shows Irelands Offshore National Resources- The Real Map of Ireland. The Plan recognises that the potential for offshore renewable energy will contribute to sustainable employment and growth in the green economy.</p>	<p>Donegal's coastline and marine environment is identified in the LECP as a key environmental, economic and community resource. It provides exceptional examples of wildlife and biodiversity; it provides economic potential in sectors such as fishing, aquaculture, energy and tourism; and provides community and social benefits in terms of recreation, sport, health and wellness.</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.3; 1.10</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.2; 2.4; 2.5; 2.11</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.6; 3.7; 3.10</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.4; 4.8; 4.9</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.2; 5.8</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.2</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.7; 7.12; 7.14; 7.15; 7.16; 7.22</p>
<p>The Offshore Renewable Energy Development Plan, 2014</p>			

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Bord Iascaigh Mhara Strategy 2013- 2017	<p>The BIM Strategy is an action plan aiming to deliver 1200 jobs and €1 billion seafood sales by building scale and enhancing competitiveness in the Irish seafood sector. The strategy is focussed on five strategic priority areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To expand the raw material supply from fisheries and aquaculture to Irish processors ▪ Maximise additional value from the raw material base ▪ Create scale within industry structures ▪ Develop industry skills that will help grow the sector ▪ Enhance the environmental sustainability of Irish seafood 	<p>Then importance of fishing, the marine and coastal communities is identified in the LECP as an area for further growth and development. County Donegal is one of the most important fishing counties in Ireland particularly through Killybegs and Greencastle. The emphasis of the LECP is to undertake activity that will enable fishing and coastal communities to be sustainable.</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.4; 1.7; 1.10</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.10</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.9</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.1; 5.2; 5.10; 5.12; 5.16; 5.18</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.2; 7.4; 7.5;7.8; 7.12; 7.13; 7.16; 7.19; 7.22</p>
Delivering on Green Potential – Government Policy Statement on growth and Employment in the Green Economy, 2012	<p>‘Delivering on Green Potential’ is the Government’s Policy Statement on Growth and Employment in the Green Economy in Ireland. It identifies the significant opportunities in the sector for Ireland, such as the abundance of renewable resources and potential for exportation of clean energy, the strong R & D base, the potential of Ireland as a location to test and develop new technologies, excellent natural resources, an outstanding natural environment to support ‘green’ tourism activities, strengths in key enabling technologies such as engineering and biotechnology. A number of exemplar companies and an established international image as a Green Island.</p>	<p>The potential of the Green Economy in Donegal is identified in the LECP as a key area of activity ranging from the implementation of energy efficiency measures in homes to more strategic level proposals such as the development of the Green Economy sector at Killybegs through the establishment of an Innovation Hub for Marine Resources, Food & Tourism. The LECP recognises that the implementation of activities in relation to the Green Economy will have potential benefit for communities in terms of energy efficiency, for the environment in the protection and safeguarding of our natural assets and biodiversity and for the economy in terms of employment.</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.1; 2.2;; 2.4; 2.11</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.7; 3.10</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.8; 4.9</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.2; 5.4; 5.6; 5.8; 5.12</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.1; 6.2; 6.5</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.4; 7.6; 7.13; 7.14; 7.15; 7.16; 7.22</p>

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Developing a Green Enterprise, Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, 2011	'Developing a Green Enterprise' is a guide providing an overview of services and supports available to businesses in adopting an environmentally sustainable and resource-efficient approach to their business. It focuses on four areas; water conservation, waste prevention; energy efficiency; and Clean technology.	The integration of environmentally sustainable and resource efficiency approaches to business is supported in the LECP as part of the creation of the optimum business environment in which Donegal business and grow and thrive. This theme also expanded in the LECP with similar activities in relation to efficiency and sustainable of community buildings and efficiency and environmental sustainable of housing.	GOAL 1 N/A GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.1; 2.2; 2.4 GOAL 3 N/A GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.4; 4.8; 4.9; 4.10 4.19; 4.20 GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.6; 5.8 GOAL 6 N/A GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1
EirGrid, Your Grid, Your Views, Your Tomorrow, A Discussion Paper on Irelands Grid Development Strategy, 2015	In March 2015, EirGrid published a discussion paper entitled 'EirGrid, Your Grid, Your Views, Your Tomorrow', to assist in consultation to review 'Grid25', Ireland's grid development strategy. The final strategy is anticipated to be published later in 2015 and it will support Ireland's wider policy objectives; economic, environmental and social, including the Government's Action plan for Jobs and the IDA's Regional Development Strategy. The paper outlines that Ireland's energy transmission needs can be met with reduced new infrastructure build because of new technological developments and updated projections of future electricity demand. Major projects in the country	The availability of reliable and effective energy systems is critical to the economic growth of the North West region and our ability to attract investment. The LECP recognises this as forming part of the strategic infrastructure investment that is required for Donegal and the region to reach its full potential and a partnership approach is to be adopted in order to advocate necessary investment to ensure energy security to the region.	GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.4; 1.11 GOAL 2 N/A GOAL 3 N/A GOAL 4 N/A GOAL 5 N/A GOAL 6 N/A GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.2; 7.3; 7.14; 7.22

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	<p>are the North South Interconnector, Grid West and Grid Link. Other projects identified in the discussion paper include ‘the North West project’. The paper describes the North West project that as part of the overall need to increase capacity for renewable generation across the island of Ireland, it is also necessary to strengthen the grid in the North West. The paper indicates that EirGrid will be consulting with the public on the need for this project, and on the range of possible solutions later in 2015.</p>		
<p>Failte Ireland</p>	<p>The strategy of Failte Ireland in relation to tourism in the north west is embodied within the Wild Atlantic Way (WAW) project. The WAW is Ireland’s first long distance tourist route stretching along the Atlantic Coast from Donegal to West Cork. The overall aim of the project is to develop a long- distance touring route that will achieve greater visibility for the west of Ireland in overseas markets. There are 6 stages to the project, the first three now completed (Brand proposition and identity, identify the route & develop a way- finding strategy). The remaining stages in the project are to deliver the ‘Discovery Points’; selling WAW experiences and; Marketing and communications.</p>	<p>The LECP identifies tourism as one of the key areas of focus for economic development throughout the County and the Wild Atlantic Way is identified as critical in this regard. The LECP aims for an integrated approach to increase visitor numbers, dwell time, spend and satisfaction through activities around product development, marketing, harnessing the cultural resource, delivery of necessary physical infrastructure required and enterprise and business support. In addition, a north west collaborative approach to the development and promotion of the region as a tourist destination is advocated.</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.4; 1.5; 1.11</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.4; 2.5</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.5; 3.6</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.1; 6.2; 6.3; 6.4; 6.5</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.5; 7.6; 7.7; 7.9; 7.11; 7.16; 7.19; 7.21; 7.22</p>

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Border Region Action Plan for Jobs	Publication expected September 2015.	Coordination and consultation channels established to ensure complementarities between the LECP and the Action Plan for Jobs in the Border Region	N/A
National Broadband Plan, Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources, 2012	The Government’s National Broadband Plan aims to ensure that all citizens and businesses have access to high speed broadband no matter where they live or work. The Plan outlines that this will be delivered through a combination of Commercial and State led investment. The State intervention, ‘Connecting Communities’ will extend reliable high speed broadband (at least 30Mbps) to every premise in the country where there is no current or planned high speed broadband network. Appendix 9 of this document shows a map of County Donegal outlining the areas that are to be covered by commercial operators and the areas that are to be addressed under ‘Connecting Communities.’	The importance attributed to investment in Broadband infrastructure under the National Broadband Plan reflects the priority emphasis that has also been identified in the LECP. The LECP identifies the need for broadband as an enabler of community and economic development and as a cross cutting theme that impacts on everything we plan to do in Donegal. The LECP therefore supports the National Broadband Plan and in particular aims to seek priority roll out of the Plan in County Donegal.	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.1; 1.2; 1.13</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.1; 4.2</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.3; 5.11</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.3</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.2; 7.3; 7.11; 7.21</p> <hr/>

3.4. The Community Strategies

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Our Sustainable Future: A Framework for Sustainable Development for Ireland , 2012	<p>The overall aim of the Governments’ document, ‘Our Sustainable Future,’ is to provide for the integration of sustainable development into key areas of policy. The key challenges identified in the strategy include economic resilience, sustainable consumption and production, climate change and clean energy, sustainable transport, social inclusion, sustainable communities and spatial planning, public health and education. The strategy discusses commitments, targets and remaining gaps together with 70 measures which the Government will implement and which form the core of ‘Our Sustainable Future’. These measures are cross cutting and include actions such as the integration of environmental and social indicators into measures of economic progress, resource efficiency, an integrated approach to green infrastructure, development of a National Landscape Strategy, national climate policy, implementation of the National Action Plan for Social Inclusion (2007- 2016), implementation of Core Strategies in local planning, implementation of preventative interventions in respect of health, and the development of Irelands green economy.</p>	<p>The principle of sustainable development is replicated throughout the LECP objectives and activities and across all sectors given the broad and cross cutting benefits that will result. Examples include activities in the areas of walking and cycling to improve opportunities for recreation, health and wellbeing and to provide important green infrastructure to service the tourism industry. Resource efficiency and the development of the Green economy are provided for through the objectives of the LECP together with consistency in the spatial planning related objectives of the LECP with the Core Strategy of the County Donegal development plan. In addition, the integration of sustainable development across all the Goals and Objectives of the LECP has been considered in detail through the process of screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment. The screening exercises concluded that the LECP in itself shall not give rise to significant effects on the environment (SEA) and that it shall not give rise to significant impacts on the conservation objectives of any Natura 2000 Sites (AA).</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.3;1.6; 1.7; 1.9</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.1; 2.2; 2.4; 2.11</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.7; 3.9</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.3; 4.4; 4.5; 4.8; 4.10; 4.21</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.2; 5.8; 5.10; 5.17; 5.18</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.2</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.4; 7.6; 7.8; 7.12; 7.14; 7.15; 7.16; 7.20;</p>

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OECD LEED (Local Economic and Employment Development) Report on Delivering Local Development	Delivering Local Development examines the local conditions and instruments for policy interventions to achieve successful local economic development in participating countries. In Ireland, the purpose of the report is to assist in shaping the new Local Government system to ensure that a robust and sustainable local development environment is created. The report contains a number of recommendations, which are based on supporting the implementation of the reforms and cover key actions for national government, local government, the local development sector, business, and trade unions. At a National level, the recommendations include that there must be a clearly articulated vision and future phases of devolution, that there should be a focus on the economic case and Action Plan for Jobs that cross sector champions should be identified and local development funds continued. At a local level, recommendations include that there should be effective cross border collaboration and local development agencies take on clear and defined roles.	The LECP endorses the approaches of Delivering Local Development and forms part of the implementing mechanisms being developed through Local Government Reform. At a local level, the vision and high level goals of the LECP provides a framework for a robust and sustainable local development environment in Donegal. In particular, it recognises the importance and potential benefit to be achieved through cross border collaborations and this is exemplified through the preparatory work to deliver the Action Plan for Jobs for the Border Region where a cross border dimension is integral. The LECP identifies the Action Plan for Jobs as an important implementing mechanism to achieve goals and objectives of the LECP and to this end, engagement flowing between the processes to prepare both the Action Plan for Jobs and the LECP has been well established.	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.1; 1.4; 1.6; 1.11; 1.13</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.12</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.1; 5.11; 5.12; 5.16; 4.17</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.3; 7.21; 7.22</p> <hr/>
Energising Irelands Rural Economy- The report of the Commission for the economic Development of Rural Areas (CEDRA) (2014)	The Report of CEDRA, consisting of 34 recommendations, identifies the vision for the rural economy as becoming a dynamic, adaptable and outward looking multi-sectoral economy. The report emphasises the need for an integrated approach recommending the preparation by Government of a clear and committed Rural Economic Development Policy	The findings and recommendations of 'Energising Irelands Rural Economy' are particularly applicable in the case of County Donegal and in the objectives of the LECP to strengthen rural communities, build their capacity and facilitate rural economic development. The identification of Rural Economic Development Zones is	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.1; 1.2; 1.3; 1.4; 1.7; 1.13</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.4; 2.7; 2.9; 2.10</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.3; 3.4; 3.5; 3.9; 3.12</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.1; 4.2; 4.3; 4.7; 4.9; 4.10; 4.16; 4.19; 4.20; 4.21</p> <hr/>

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	<p>Statement, the establishment of a strategic research function and a mechanism for policy delivery and coordination. The report also recommends the establishment of Rural Economic Development Zones (REDZs) and the development of. The report addresses the fiscal arrangements to support rural economic development, recommending the establishment of a Rural Innovation and Development Fund, a Rural Town Stimulus Programme and support for innovative, small scale pilot initiatives.</p> <p>Opportunities are identified in the area of local enterprise support services through the Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs), capacity building for rural communities, the development of the social enterprise sector, identification of minimum broadband speeds required for rural areas and rural towns, integration of the rural transport programme with public transport strategies and the preparation of a national plan for the development of tourism in rural areas.</p>	<p>identified as an important area of activity within the development plan. This work has the potential to strengthen the rural economy therefore building resilience in the rural community and assisting to retain the structure of our Donegal rural communities.</p>	<p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.7; 5.9; 5.12; 5.13; 5.14; 5.17; 5.18</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.1; 6.2</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.4; 7.5; 7.6; 7.8; 7.9; 7.12; 7.14; 7.16; 7.17; 7.19; 7.20; 7.21; 7.22</p>
<p>Corporate Social Responsibility Plan, Good for Business, Good for the Community 2014-2016.</p>	<p>The Governments Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Plan highlights the role that CSR can play in contributing to Ireland’s economic recovery confirming that when enterprises go beyond what is required by legislation alone, positive impacts can be felt across the local and wider communities in which they operate. They can contribute to positioning the country to be a better place in which to do business and a better place to live. The Plan sets out the general</p>	<p>The principles of the Corporate Social Responsibility Plan are reflected in the LECP both in terms of performance and approach by individuals and organisations and also in terms of the more strategic level marketing programme of the County. This is most recently evidenced in the publication of the ‘Donegal Prospectus’ which also highlights the strengths of the County as a place to live, visit and do</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.5;1.11</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.4; 2.7; 2.8; 2.10</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.5; 3.11</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.4; 4.19</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.9; 5.10; 5.19</p>

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	framework within which CSR operates in Ireland and outlines the key principles and objectives including the Pillars on which CSR is based in Ireland. The Plan also explains how CSR can contribute positively to a company's business and highlights practical supports which are available to organizations.	business.	<p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.1; 6.2; 6.3; 6.4; 6.5</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.5; 7.6; 7.11; 7.20; 7.21; 7.22</p>
20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010- 2030	The objective of the 20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010- 2020 is to increase on an incremental basis the use and knowledge of Irish as a community language. The Strategy sets out areas of action under nine headings namely education, the Gaeltacht, family transmission of the language, administration, services and community, media and technology, dictionaries, legislation and status, economic life, cross-cutting initiatives. The Plan emphasizes the need to ensure the appropriate delivery of services through the Irish language including local government services, health services and youth services as examples.	The Irish language represents a key social and cultural feature of both the Donegal Gaeltacht and the wider County. The strengthening of the use of the language in the County is therefore an important community and economic objective of the LECP that will strengthen communities, strengthen rural areas and provide opportunities in terms of the implementation of cultural heritage and tourism activity in particular. The Irish language is in tandem being addressed through the preparation of a Donegal Irish Language Plan including the identification of Gaeltacht Service Centres.	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.8</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.3</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.2</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.10; 4.11</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.18</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.1; 6.2</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.10</p>
Ireland's National Action Plan for Social Inclusion 2007- 2016 (NAP inclusion)	This strategy for social inclusion is based on the lifecycle approach set out in the National Partnership agreement Towards 2016. This National Action Plan for Social Inclusion (NAP inclusion), complemented by the social inclusion elements of the National Development Plan 2007-2013: Transforming Ireland– A Better Quality of Life for All, sets out how the social inclusion strategy will be achieved over the period 2007-2016. Five thematic areas and their	Goal 4 of the LECP (To Develop Sustainable, Healthy and Inclusive Communities) consists of a number of objectives that directly relate to, and are consistent with the National Action Plan for Social Inclusion. Each of the thematic areas of the Action plan are identifiable as target groups with the LECP so as to reduce social exclusion, increase participation, provide pathways to	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.2; 1.3; 1.4; 1.13</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.9; 2.10</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.3; 3.12</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.1; 4.2; 4.3; 4.4; 4.5; 4.6; 4.7; 4.8; 4.9; 4.10; 4.12; 4.13; 4.14, 4.15; 4.16; 4.17; 4.18; 4.19</p>

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	<p>goals representing each lifecycle are set out in the Plan as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children: targeted preschool education for urban areas covered by DEIS; reducing the proportion of children with literacy difficulties in primary schools; increasing the proportion of 20-24 years completing upper secondary level education to maintaining child income support. ▪ People of Working Age – increased provision of supports for persons who are furthest from the labour market to take up employment and the maintenance of the lowest social welfare rate. ▪ Older People -Increased investment in community care services for older people. ▪ People with Disabilities - increase employment and participation levels for people with disabilities to lead full and rewarding lives. ▪ Communities - building and supporting sustainable communities by focusing on housing, health and integration of migrants. 	<p>education, training and employment and to facilitate equality.</p>	<p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.4; 5.7; 5.9; 5.12; 5.13; 5.14</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.4; 7.12; 7.20</p>
<p>Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2015</p>	<p>The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) aims to tackle poverty, social exclusion and long term unemployment through local engagement and collaboration between disadvantaged individuals, marginalised target groups, community organisations, public sector agencies and other stakeholders. The programme will support and resource disadvantaged communities and marginalised target groups to engage with relevant local and national</p>	<p>The aims of SICAP directly relate to the social inclusion elements of the LECP and therefore, activities occurring through SICAP will result in implementation of objectives and activities of the LECP and Goal 4 is particularly relevant in this regard.</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.2;1.3; 1.4; 1.13</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.7; 2.9; 2.10</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.3; 3.8; 3.12</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.1; 4.2; 4.3; 4.4; 4.5; 4.6; 4.7; 4.8; 4.9; 4.10; 4.12; 4.13; 4.14, 4.15; 4.16; 4.17;</p>

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	<p>stakeholders in identifying and addressing social exclusion and equality issues. It will also support individuals and marginalised target groups experiencing educational disadvantage so they can participate fully, engage with and progress through life-long learning opportunities through the use of community development approaches. This programme will engage with marginalised target groups/individuals and residents of disadvantaged communities who are unemployed but who do not fall within mainstream employment service provision, or who are referred to SICAP, to move them closer to the labour market and improve work readiness, and support them in accessing employment and self-employment and creating social enterprise opportunities.</p>		<p>4.18; 4.19</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.4; 5.7; 5.9; 5.12; 5.13; 5.14</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.4; 7.12; 7.20</p> <hr/>
<p>Report of the High Level Group on Traveller Issues in 2006</p>	<p>The Report of the High Level Group on Traveller Issues in 2006 summarised the situation in relation to the provision of services to Travellers in the key areas of accommodation, health, education and employment and made a number of recommendations. These recommendations included general structural and strategic issues as well as matters specific to particular sectors with a particular emphasis on adopting an inter-agency approach and effective consultation with local Travellers.</p>	<p>The LECP addresses the needs of the Traveller and Roma community, primarily through Goal 4, objective 4.15 and promotes a partnership approach to identify issues, concerns and barriers to service delivery experienced by the Traveller and Roma Communities and to develop programmes to address these barriers and deliver more effective and efficient services. In addition, other objectives of the LECP will be relevant in relation to the development of programmes addressing the needs of the Traveller and Roma Communities where these objectives relate to broader subject areas such as social inclusion, women,</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.2;1.3; 1.4; 1.13</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.7</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.3; 3.8</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.1; 4.3; 4.4; 4.5; 4.6; 4.12; 4.13; 4.14, 4.15; 4.16</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.7; 5.9; 5.13; 5.14;</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 N/A</p> <hr/>
<p>National Strategy for Traveller/ Roma Integration, 2011</p>	<p>In 2006, Traveller Interagency Groups were established under County and City Development Boards to coordinate the integrated delivery of services and supports at local level and in 2007, a</p>		

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	<p>National Traveller Monitoring and Advisory Committee (NTMAC) was established as an independent forum for dialogue between the relevant social partners. The Report and Recommendations for a Traveller Education Strategy was launched in 2006, with a focus on mainstreaming of Traveller education.</p> <p>Ireland’s National Strategy for Traveller/ Roma Integration, published in 2011, draws together key elements of existing relevant national strategies together with initiatives in place to assist the Roma Community. It considers the four pillars of Education, Accommodation, Health, & Employment.</p> <p>Following a 2014 review of the effectiveness of structures for consultation with and improving outcomes for the Traveller and Roma communities, the Department of Justice & Equality (DJE) has established a National Traveller & Roma Inclusion Strategy Steering Group. During 2015, the Department of Justice & Equality will be undertaking a consultation process aimed at reviewing Ireland’s existing National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy with a view to making appropriate changes by early 2016.</p>	<p>health and wellbeing.</p>	
<p>Better Outcomes Brighter Futures, The National Policy Framework for</p>	<p>The vision of ‘Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures’ is for Ireland to be ‘one of the best small countries in the world in which to grow up and raise a family, and where the rights of all children and young people are respected, protected and</p>	<p>The LECP supports the implementation of the National Strategy directly through objective 4.13, ‘To work towards the 5 national outcomes for children as set out in the National Policy Framework for</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.2; 1.3; 1.4; 1.6; 1.7; 1.9</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.7</p> <hr/>

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Children & Young People 2014 – 2020	<p>fulfilled; where their voices are heard and where they are supported to realise their maximum potential now and in the future. The Plan identifies five national outcomes as follows, that are necessary to progress the vision for children and young people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Active & healthy, physical & mental wellbeing ▪ Achieving full potential in all areas of learning & development ▪ Safe & protected from harm ▪ Economic security & opportunity ▪ Connected, respected & contributing to their world 	<p>Children and Young People 2014- 2020. Particular areas of activities are identified around participation in sport, support for community based activities, lifelong learning opportunities, recreational and social opportunities, safe spaces for young people, the development of ‘Child & Family Support Networks.’</p>	<p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.3</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.1; 4.2; 4.3; 4.4; 4.5; 4.7; 4.13; 4.16</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.13; 5.14</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.20</p> <hr/>
Building a High Quality Health Service for a Healthier Ireland, HSE Corporate Plan 2015-2017	<p>The vision of the HSE Corporate Plan is for ‘A healthier Ireland with a high quality health service valued by all.’ The Plan consists of 5 Goals as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promote health and wellbeing as part of everything we do so that people will be healthier ▪ Provide fair, equitable and timely access to quality, safe health services that people need ▪ Foster a culture that is honest, compassionate, transparent and accountable ▪ Engage, develop and value our workforce to deliver the best possible care and services to the people who depend on them ▪ Manage resources in a way that delivers best health outcomes, improves people’s experience of using the service and demonstrates value for money 	<p>The LECP integrates with the HSE Corporate Plan specifically in relation to the promotion of health and wellbeing and in relation social inclusion and participation of disadvantaged and vulnerable groups. This is particularly evident through the objectives of Goal 4.</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.3;1.4; 1.13</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.1; 2.2</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.1; 3.8</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.3; 4.4; 4.5; 4.12; 4.13; 4.14</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.9</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 N/A</p> <hr/>

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Healthy Ireland - Framework for Improved Health and Wellbeing 2013 – 2025	<p>The vision for a Healthy Ireland contained in this document is where everyone can enjoy physical and mental health and wellbeing to their full potential, where wellbeing is valued and supported at every level of society and is everyone’s responsibility . This framework focuses on 4 key areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increasing the proportion of people who are healthy at all stages of life by decreasing the prevalence of unhealthy behaviours and to increase the degree to which conditions are prevented. ▪ Reducing health inequalities by focusing on reducing the gaps between the highest and lowest occupational classes and socio-economic groups, and between the wealthiest and most deprived areas. ▪ Protecting the public from threats to health and wellbeing through effective and integrated strategies and interventions. ▪ Creating an environment where every individual and sector of society can play their part in achieving a healthy Ireland. 	<p>The LECP is consistent with the approach of the Healthy Ireland Framework drawing initially on the key aim of the framework to improve health and wellbeing. The LECP specifically seeks to implement an integrated approach to improving health and wellbeing initially through the strengthening of Letterkenny as ‘Healthy Letterkenny’ and to be further implemented throughout the County. Significant work has already been achieved through programmes such as ‘Active Letterkenny’ and most recently exemplified through the publication of ‘Connecting for Life Donegal, Preventing Suicide Together, Action Plan 2015- 2020.’</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.4;1.9; 1.13</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.2; 2.7</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.3; 4.4; 4.5; 4.4; 4.6; 4.12; 4.13; 4.14, 4.15</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.13; 5.14</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.20</p>
Further Education & Training Strategy 2014-2019, SOLAS and Department of Education & Skills	<p>The FET strategy aims to deliver a higher quality learning experience leading to better outcomes for all those who engage in FET. The strategic goals of the strategy are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Skills for the economy: Involving an appropriate advisory infrastructure to inform FET provision by employers; FET provision for a diverse range of people but focus on long-term unemployed and unemployed young 	<p>The national strategy for Further Education and Training represents a critical element of the educational ecosystem in the county. The integration, planning and quality of education provision is a recurring theme in the LECP as an enabler for people to access opportunity and thereby delivers community and economic growth. The</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.4</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.7; 2.10</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.3</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.3; 4.4; 4.5; 4.6; 4.7; 4.11; 4.13;4.16</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.4; 5.7; 5.9; 5.12;</p>

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	<p>people; a new apprenticeship scheme; a new FET employee development strategy; FET provision to assist people to start and sustain their own business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Active Inclusion: Involving support for active inclusion across FET; a strategy to promote literacy and numeracy across FET. ▪ Quality provision: Involving responding to learner needs; ensuring excellence in FET programme development; upgrading the guidance service; developing standards for staff qualifications in FET sector; providing effective pathways for FET graduates to levels 7 & 8 within higher education. ▪ Integrating planning and funding: Involving a new integrated FET planning model; developing a data infrastructure to support policy and provision; introducing performance related funding; evaluating effectiveness of current FET provision. ▪ Standing on FET: Involving promoting and providing high quality FET responsive to needs of industry and learners; conducting an economic and social impact study on each ETB. 	<p>emphasis in the FET strategy on quality and refinement of provision and services offered is central to and consistent with the objectives of the LECP as regards the targeting and tailoring of learning.</p>	<p>5.13; 5.14; 5.15</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 N/A</p> <hr/>
<p>An Garda Síochána Strategy Statement 2013- 2018</p>	<p>The Strategic Statement outlines that the strategic intent is to work in partnership to make our communities safe through four strategic goals as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Securing our nation ▪ Proactive policing operations ▪ Ensuring safe communities ▪ Delivering a professional service 	<p>There are clear complementarities to be gained through the local integration of programmes of An Garda Síochána with activities originating in the LECP. These relationships are apparent in relation to areas such as road safety, place- making, community capacity building, and social inclusion as examples. The partnership</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.4</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.7</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.3</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.3; 4.4; 4.5; 4.17; 4.19 4.13; 4.16</p>

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		<p>established through the Donegal Joint Policing Committee is central to the delivery of complementarities in programmes and activity.</p>	<p>GOAL 5 OBJ: N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: N/A</p>
<p>National Broadband Plan, Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources, 2012</p>	<p>The Government’s National Broadband Plan aims to ensure that all citizens and businesses have access to high speed broadband no matter where they live or work. The Plan outlines that this will be delivered through a combination of Commercial and State led investment. The State intervention, ‘Connecting Communities’ will extend reliable high speed broadband (at least 30Mbps) to every premise in the country where there is no current or planned high speed broadband network. Appendix 9 of this document shows a map of County Donegal outlining the areas that are to be covered by commercial operators and the areas that are to be addressed under ‘Connecting Communities.’</p>	<p>The importance attributed to investment in Broadband infrastructure under the National Broadband Plan reflects the priority emphasis that has also been identified in the LECP. The LECP identifies the need for broadband as an enabler of community and economic development and as a cross cutting theme that impacts on everything we plan to do in Donegal. The LECP therefore supports the National Broadband Plan and in particular aims to seek priority roll out of the Plan in County Donegal.</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.1; 1.2; 1.13</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.1; 4.2</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.3; 5.11</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.3</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.2; 7.3; 7.11; 7.21</p>
<p>National Disability Strategy Implementation Plan, 2013</p>	<p>The National Disability Strategy is a whole-of-Government approach to advancing the social inclusion of people with disabilities and it sets out the practical measures that will be taken to advance the National Disability Strategy over the period 2013 to 2015. The Plan covers a wide range of government departments so as to ensure that mainstream public services are to be designed and delivered in ways that include people with disabilities, so that people with disabilities are considered by the public sector to</p>	<p>The LECP supports the principles and goals of the national Disability Strategy Implementation Plan through the broad objectives that occur throughout the goals in order to improve social inclusion and remove barriers. The Plan specifically addresses the needs of persons with disabilities through objective 4.15, ‘To promote and support persons with disabilities to participate fully in economic, social and cultural life.</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.3; 1.4; 1.13</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.1</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.3; 4.6; 4.8; 4.15</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.7</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: N/A</p>

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	<p>be an integral part of the community they serve. Therefore the Implementation Plan addresses barriers to inclusion, The Plan identifies four High Level goals under the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Equal citizens ▪ Independence and choice ▪ Participation ▪ Maximising potential 		<p>GOAL 7 OBJ: N/A</p>

3.5. The Local Sectoral Strategies and Sectoral Organisations

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Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2015- 2019	<p>The Corporate Plan sets out the strategic direction for Donegal County Council over the period 2015- 2019. There are 6 strategic objectives in the plan as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To take the lead role in promoting sustainable economic development and job creation in Donegal 2. To continue to manage , maintain and develop the physical , social, economic, environmental, community and cultural infrastructure in our county 3. To provide accessible, efficient and good value services and supports 4. To conserve, manage, support and promote our arts, culture, environment, heritage and 	<p>There are clear and direct linkages between the LECP and the Donegal County Council Corporate Plan across the areas of enabling activity for economic development, strategic infrastructure, sustainable and inclusive communities and the promotion of cultural heritage. The Corporate Plan is consistent with the broad and overarching themes of the 7 Goals of the LECP with both Plans working in tandem with distinct complementarities.</p>	<p>GOAL 1 ALL</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 ALL</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 ALL</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 ALL</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 ALL</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 ALL</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 ALL</p>

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	<p>languages</p> <p>5. To support and promote sustainable and inclusive communities</p> <p>6. To support and develop our organisational capacity to achieve our objectives.</p>		
The One Plan for Derry-Londonderry	<p>The One- Plan is the agreed vision and framework for the regeneration of the Derry-Londonderry. The mission of the One- plan is to deliver renewal- economic, physical and social, building a stronger and more vibrant economy with increased prosperity for our city and region, in ways which ensure that opportunities and benefits from regeneration are targeted towards the most deprived groups in our communities’. Its Transformational Themes are Employment and Economy; Education and Skills; Building Better Communities; Health and Wellbeing and; Sustainable and Connected City Region.</p> <p>The One- Plan recognises the importance of how Derry- Londonderry relates to the rest of the region and identifies the City region as cross border by definition outlining that it is therefore important to agree a mutually supporting series of proposals that promotes the distinctiveness of Derry- Londonderry and the region. The Plan references the wide range of partnership initiatives and particularly references the establishment of the North West Partnership Board in 2010 together with its identified areas for cross border collaboration.</p>	<p>The growth of Derry- Londonderry envisaged through the One- Plan is of regional importance and the collaborative cross border approach to the strengthening of the region will assist in achieving both the objectives of the One- Plan and the objectives of the LECP. To date, strong partnerships have been established within the region to combine regional critical mass and increase capability and this approach has been proven successful through partnerships such as the North West Gateway Learning Region and the North West Health Innovation Corridor. The LECP strongly advocates and supports the continued implementation of a cross border partnership approach.</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.1; 1.4; 1.6; 1.11; 1.13</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.4; 2.5</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.1; 3.5; 3.6; 3.15</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.1; 4.2; 4.3; 4.4; 4.5;</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.1; 5.5; 5.6; 5.10; 5.12; 5.16</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.1; 6.2; 6.3</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.2; 7.3; 7.5; 7.6; 7.7; 7.13; 7.22</p>

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North West Partnership Board	<p>The North West Partnership Board is a multi-sectoral platform aiming to promote a coordinated approach and collaboration with regard to economic, social and cultural development, on a cross border basis. The NWPB are currently preparing a NW Action Plan supported by ICLRD and with involvement from DRD (NI) and DECLG (ROI). Key areas to be focussed on in the action plan are culture and creative industries; renewables and green economy; health innovation (including Strategic Innovation- Centres of Excellence, as drivers of economic development; and well- being and Quality of Life with a focus on social inclusion and well- being) and; tourism. The cross cutting themes that have been identified as crucial to development include economic development; connectivity (including transport and broadband), education and skills; the environment and rural development.</p>	<p>The work of NWPB aligns significantly across all of the goals of the LECP. It represents an established platform to achieve partnerships and effective cross border collaborations.</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.1; 1.4; 1.6; 1.11</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.4</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.4; 3.5</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.2; 4.4; 4.5; 4.7</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.1; 5.5; 5.6; 5.7; 5.8; 5.9; 5.11; 5.12; 5.17</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.2; 7.3; 7.5; 7.6; 7.13; 7.14; 7.17; 7.18; 7.21; 7.22</p>
North West Region Cross Border Group (NWRCBG)	<p>The NWRCBG comprises the Derry City and Strabane District Council and Donegal County Council areas. The aim of the Group is ‘to strengthen and develop the local economy, through collaboration, to enhance the socio-economic position of the North West Region. The work of the Group includes enterprise development, tourism development, cross border collaboration and strategic development.</p>	<p>The work of NWRCBG aligns significantly across all of the goals of the LECP. Similarly to the NWPB and ICBAN, It represents an established platform to achieve partnerships and effective cross border collaborations.</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.1; 1.4; 1.6; 1.11</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.4</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.4; 3.5</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.2; 4.4; 4.5; 4.7</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.1; 5.5; 5.6; 5.7; 5.8; 5.9; 5.11; 5.12; 5.17</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: N/A</p>

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Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN)	<p>ICBAN is a network of 10 member councils across Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland with a common aim, ‘to respond to the unique economic and social needs of the ICBAN region.’ The platform works to establish and influence cross border regional policy and a framework for delivery to meet the needs and potential of the ICBAN area.</p>	<p>The work of ICBAN aligns significantly across all of the goals of the LECP and with the aims of the NWPB and NWRCBG in improving the economic and community development of the region. Similarly to the NWPB and ICBAN, It represents an established platform to achieve partnerships and effective cross border collaborations.</p>	<p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.2; 7.3; 7.5; 7.6; 7.13; 7.14; 7.17; 7.18; 7.21; 7.22</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.1; 1.4; 1.6; 1.11</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.4</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.4; 3.5</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.2; 4.4; 4.5; 4.7</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.1; 5.5; 5.6; 5.7; 5.8; 5.9; 5.11; 5.12; 5.17</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.2; 7.3; 7.5; 7.6; 7.13; 7.14; 7.17; 7.18; 7.21; 7.22</p>
Active Donegal - Strategic Plan 2011-2014	<p>‘Active Donegal’ is the Strategic Plan of Donegal Sports Partnership for the period 2011- 2014. Its mission statement is to “Ensure the sustainability of the Donegal Sports Partnership’s future, in order that it can continue to build capacity within sports, schools and communities and supporting them in their strengthening of ‘Active Donegal’”. The plan is based on four pillars of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Communities: To provide the necessary framework to target low participation sectors using established programmes such as Sports Inclusion 	<p>Participation in sports across all sectors of the community is promoted within the LECP as a means to improve health and wellbeing and improve social inclusion with consequential impacts in terms of reduction and prevention of ill health. This approach has distinct relationships to the implementation of the National ‘Healthy Ireland Strategy’, the local work in relation to ‘Healthy Letterkenny’ & ‘Healthy Donegal’ and the most recent publication by HSE, ‘Connecting For Life Donegal,</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.4; 1.9; 1.13</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.1; 2.2; 2.4</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.3; 4.4; 4.5; 4.6; 4.12; 4.13;4.14; 4.19</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.1; 6.2</p>

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	<p>Disability Officer projects, Community Relations through Sport, Go for Life, Lets Walk Donegal and Women in Sport. By developing programmes that utilise the local environment including outdoor activities such as, walking, cycling and a new dedicated watersports programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Active Partnership: For example by marketing the ‘Active Donegal’ brand. ▪ Active Sports: By supporting local sports clubs to raise awareness, promote best practice and increase participation by all. ▪ Active Schools: By increasing participation as the basis for lifelong engagement in sport and physical activity and maintaining programmes throughout the education sector. 	<p>Preventing Suicide Together, Action Plan 2015- 2012’. In addition, the ‘green’ perception of Donegal has a particular resonance in the promotion of sports, recreation and healthy lifestyles adding to the quality of life experience in County Donegal and contributing also to the tourism product offer in the County.</p>	<p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.6</p>
<p>Donegal Diversity Plan, 2011 – 2013</p>	<p>The aim of the Plan is to enhance equality, interculturalism, anti-racism and anti-sectarianism in our county and to promote and enhance the integration and inclusion of everyone in Donegal. The intercultural framework is based around a number of key themes which aim to provide effective protection and redress against racism; to promote economic inclusion and equality of opportunity; to accommodate diversity in service provision; to address negative stereotyping of communities including negative media coverage and lack of acknowledgement of sectarianism; to encourage active participation of minority ethnic and religious groups in political and community settings.</p>	<p>The LECP identifies diversity within Goal 3 and Goal 4, as having an important role in striving to build sustainable, healthy and inclusive communities. The Plan specifically addresses diversity through objective 3.8, aiming ‘to embrace and nurture cultural diversity in contemporary society.’</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.4; 1.13</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.3; 2.7</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.1; 3.3; 3.8</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.3; 4.5</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.1; 6.2; 6.3</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.9</p>

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Donegal Intercultural Platform	The Mission of Donegal Intercultural Platform is to provide a voice for minority ethnic and culture groups and to work for human rights and equality. The group support people from minority groups to participate fully in civil life in Donegal and people from the majority culture to fully appreciate cultural diversity. The Group run many projects including art, festivals conferences; provide advice, support, advocacy and training; publish books and information; provide a welcome to the centre for everyone and; run a racist/ sectarian reporting scheme.	The LECP supports the work of the Intercultural Platform primarily through the objectives and actions of Goal 4. In particular the LECP aligns with the Intercultural Platform and the Donegal Diversity Plan through objectives in relation to diversity, social inclusion and participation.	GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.2; 1.3; 1.4; 1.13 GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.7; 2.10 GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.1; 3.3; 3.8; 3.12 GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.1; 4.2; 4.3; 4.4; 4.5; 4.7; 4.15; 4.16; 4.17; 4.19 GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.7; 5.9; 5.13; 5.14 GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.1; 6.2 GOAL 7 OBJ: N/A
Donegal Traveller Interagency Group	In 2009, the Donegal Interagency Group on Travellers issues prepared their Strategic Plan for the period 2009- 2011. The Plan set out a number of objectives around the thematic areas of culture; accommodation; health services; education (including formal education) and youth services; further education, training and employment; law enforcement. In 2013, the Traveller Interagency Group participated in a facilitated workshop where the remit of the group was discussed including a draft mission statement as follows: 'Donegal CDB Interagency Group on Traveller Issues will work in partnership with the Traveller Community to understand their issues and concerns. It will attempt to deliver more effective and efficient services, as well as identify barriers to service delivery, and	In anticipation of reviewed national and local frameworks addressing the needs of the Traveller and Roma communities, the LECP directly addresses the issues relating to the Traveller and Roma communities through objective 4.15 in areas including participation, promotion of the Interagency Framework, access to specific and mainstream services, education, exclusion, literacy, access to employment and reflecting culture and primary care issues. In addition, other broader objectives of the LECP that will have a specific relevance to the Traveller and Roma community include those relating to education and training, children and young people, social inclusion, health and	GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.2;1.3; 1.4; 1.13 GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.7 GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.3; 3.8 GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.1; 4.3; 4.4; 4.5; 4.6; 4.12; 4.13; 4.14, 4.15; 4.16 GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.7; 5.9; 5.13; 5.14; GOAL 6 N/A GOAL 7 N/A

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	<p>where possible, eradicate these. The group will also provide support to the Traveller community to develop culturally appropriate services, and promote equality of outcome for all Travellers within the county'. The Department of Justice & Equality (DJE) will be reviewing all TIG's by the end of 2015 and this will have regard to the ongoing review of national policy regarding the effectiveness of structures for consultation with and improving outcomes for the Traveller and Roma communities.</p>	<p>wellbeing as examples.</p>	
Donegal Youth Service	<p>Donegal Youth Service (DYS) is a countywide youth service with over 30 affiliated youth clubs and projects that provide drop- in facilities, programmes and services to young people all over Donegal. The vision of Donegal Youth Service is that all young people are nurtured and supported to reach their full potential and take their place as valued members of a healthy society. DYS work across a range of areas including education, youth health, employment, youth support, safety and cyberbullying, child protection and Garda vetting, equality and diversity. Projects include the Daybreak Programme, Community Employment Project, Youth Information Centre, Youth Outreach Project, Loft project, Breakout Project and Donegal Youth Council.</p>	<p>The LECP specifically addresses the needs of young people through objective 4.13, 'To work towards the five national outcomes for children and young people' and through its identified actions. In addition, the needs of young people, particularly in relation to training and employment are recognised and addressed in the broader objectives of the LECP.</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.2; 1.3; 1.4; 1.13</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.10</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.12</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.1; 4.2; 4.3; 4.4; 4.5; 4.7; 4.13; 4.16; 4.19</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.4; 5.7; 5.12; 5.13; 5.14</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: N/A</p> <hr/>
Donegal Women's Network	<p>Donegal Women's Network is part of the umbrella organisation, the National Collective of Community- Based Women's Networks (NCCWN). The mission of the Donegal Women's</p>	<p>The LECP addresses the issues experienced by women in Donegal through objective 4.6 which states, 'To promote social justice, equality and</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.2; 1.3; 1.4; 1.13</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.7; 2.10</p>

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	<p>Network is ‘To highlight the reality of women’s lives in Donegal and promote social justice, equality and women’s rights. The working objectives of the group are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide direct support to women’s groups in promoting their services/ activities and establishing new women’s groups in local communities where need is identified ▪ Bring ‘gender lens’ to mainstream community and local development initiatives ▪ Addressing gender- based violence ▪ Promoting women’s community leadership and empowerment ▪ Women’s health and wellbeing ▪ Awareness raising on gender equality and women’s human rights ▪ Improving access to local services ▪ Providing networking opportunities to women at a local, regional and national level 	<p>women’s human rights. In addition, the plan indirectly addresses women’s issues through other objectives of the Plan that are broader in nature such as those relating to social inclusion, education, learning, social inclusion, rural transport as examples.</p>	<p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.1; 3.12</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.1; 4.2; 4.3; 4.4; 4.5; 4.6; 4.7; 4.16</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.9; 5.13; 5.14</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1</p>
<p>Connecting For Life Donegal, Preventing Suicide Together, Action Plan 2015- 2012</p>	<p>‘Connecting for Life Donegal’ is the first local suicide prevention action plan to be prepared in Ireland based on the recently launched national suicide prevention strategy. The action plan connects all key partners from the statutory, NGO, community and voluntary sectors. The vision of the action plan is of “A county where fewer lives are lost through suicide and where communities and individuals are empowered to improve their mental health and wellbeing”. There are 7 strategic goals as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To improve the understanding of, and attitudes to, suicidal behaviour, mental 	<p>The County Donegal response to suicide prevention through ‘Connecting for Life Donegal’ is a specific action plan addressing the issues of suicide but it recognises that a cross sectoral approach is required. The LECP specifically references the action plan through the anticipated actions of objective 1.13 and furthermore reflects the cross sectoral approach to all of the issues around suicide prevention through objectives relating to collaboration and partnership, health and wellbeing, social inclusion,</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.4; 1.13</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.7</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.3; 4.4; 4.5; 4.6; 4.7; 4.12; 4.13; 4.14; 4.15; 4.16; 4.17; 4.19</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.7; 5.13; 5.14</p>

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	<p>health and wellbeing within the county</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To support local communities’ capacity to prevent and respond to suicidal behaviour ▪ To target approaches to reduce suicidal behaviour and improve mental health among priority groups ▪ To enhance accessibility, consistency and care pathways of services for people vulnerable to suicidal behaviour ▪ To ensure safe and high-quality services for people vulnerable to suicide ▪ To reduce and restrict access to means of suicidal behaviour ▪ To improve surveillance, evaluation and high quality research relating to suicidal behaviour <p>The primary outcomes identified in the action are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reduced suicide rate in the whole population of Donegal and amongst specified priority groups ▪ Reduced rate of presentations of self-harm in the whole population of Donegal and amongst specified population groups 	<p>pathways to employment, children and young people and the development and promotion of a Donegal as a ‘Healthy’ county.</p>	<p>GOAL 6 N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.20</p> <hr/>
<p>North West Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force Plan 2011- 2014</p>	<p>The overall strategic objective for the North West Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force Plan 2011-2014 is to continue to tackle the harm caused by individuals and society in the misuse of drugs through a concerted focus on the five pillars of supply reduction, prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and research. A suite of activities are set out in the plan including the strengthening and support for a community-based focus to drug and alcohol misuse;</p>	<p>Objective 4.4, ‘To promote and support health and wellbeing in County Donegal’ is directly related to tackling the harm caused through misuse of drugs and alcohol, and this is particularly referenced in action 4.4.12 to improve the capacity of communities to respond to alcohol misuse and related harm. Taken in a more cumulative manner, the wider objectives of the LECP in relation to creating</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.4; 1.13</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.7</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.3</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.4; 4.5</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 N/A</p> <hr/>

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	mobilising an integrated cross-sectoral response; maintaining a role in informing national policy formulation; taking account of and contributing to other initiatives aimed at improving social inclusion and tackling disadvantage.	opportunities for people, reducing deprivation and promoting social inclusion as examples, will contribute to reducing threat and vulnerability and to in combination will assist to improve quality of life.	GOAL 6 N/A GOAL 7 N/A
Local Development Companies	The Local Development Companies in County Donegal are Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC) and Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP). Both are delivering rural development and social inclusion programmes and initiatives throughout their respective areas of Donegal. Both DLDC and IDP deliver a number of major programmes along with a range of other smaller schemes and initiatives e.g. SICAP, the Rural Development Programmes (LEADER), Rural Social Schemes (RSS), Jobs Initiative Programme, Tús, CE Childcare Scheme, Development Education Programme, Family Support Initiatives and the Traveller’s Job Club Coach Initiative. The Companies also importantly collaborate on a number of County- wide and Cross- border Initiatives.	The work of the Local Development Companies as regards delivering rural development and social inclusion programmes is central to the LECP. Across all 7 goals, the objectives of the LECP align significantly with the work of the Local Development Companies and both are identified as a critical mechanism through which many objectives of the LECP will be achieved.	GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.1; 1.2; 1.3; 1.4; 1.6; 1.7; 1.8; 1.9; 1.10; 1.11; 1.13 GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.2; 2.4; 2.5; 2.6; 2.7; 2.9; 2.10; 2.11 GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.1; 3.3; 3.4; 3.5; 3.6; 3.7; 3.8; 3.10; 3.12; 3.13 GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.1; 4.3; 4.4; 4.5; 4.6; 4.7; 4.8; 4.9; 4.10; 4.12; 4.13; 4.14; 4.15; 4.16; 4.17; 4.18; 4.19; 4.20; 4.21 GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.6; 5.7; 5.9; 5.12; 5.13; 5.14; 5.15; 5.18; 5.19 GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.1; 6.2; 6.5 GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.4; 7.5; 7.6; 7.7; 7.8; 7.9; 7.12; 7.20
Enterprise Development on the Gaoth Dobhair Business Park, 2015, Údarás na Gaeltachta,	The report entitled ‘Enterprise Development on the Gaoth Dobhair Business Park’ presents a number of key findings, recommendations and actions in relation to the challenges to the successful attraction of new employment generating enterprises to the Gaoth Dobhair area. There are 5 key recommendations:	In line with the Údarás na Gaeltachta Strategic Plan, the Local approach to the development of the Donegal Gaeltacht is consistent with and reflected throughout the LECP.	GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.1; 1.4; 1.5; 1.7; 1.8; 1.11; 1.13 GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.3; 2.4; 2.8; 2.9; 2.10 GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.1; 3.2; 3.4; 3.5

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agencies with a training and employment remit engage with employers with regard current and future skills requirement. ▪ A marketing team be resourced aimed at; raising the profile of the NW Donegal Gaeltacht and the Gaoth Dobhair Business Park; working with IDA Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and Connect Ireland to market the area through their network of overseas offices and; attracting entrepreneurs and enterprise to the Business Park leading to the creation of 300 new jobs over 3 years. ▪ A 3 year capital development programme be undertaken aimed at refurbishing/ upgrading a number of properties on the Business Park ▪ The NW Donegal Gaeltacht is prioritised in the National Broadband Plan for the installation of high speed broadband connectivity. ▪ A collaborative approach to active engagement with early stage businesses, start ups and the local business community be undertaken to increase business activity in the area. 		<p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.2; 4.7; 4.10; 4.16; 4.21</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.1;5.2; 5.5; 5.6; 5.7; 5.8; 5.10; 5.12; 5.13; 5.18; 5.19</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.1; 6.2; 6.3; 6.4; 6.5</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.2; 7.4; 7.57.6; 7.8; 7.9; 7.10; 7.11; 7.12; 7.13; 7.14; 7.16; 7.17; 7.18; 7.19; 7.21; 7.22</p>
<p>Coillte Northwest Business Area Unit (BAU) Strategic Plan 2011- 2015</p>	<p>The North West BAU Strategic Plan sets out the economic, social and environmental strategies and priorities for the long and medium term and gives direction for the management of the areas forests for the next 5 years. The role of Coillte in the county extends into areas including forest management; timber production; development of the energy wood market; renewable energy,</p>	<p>Having 36 forests encompassing County Donegal, the resource addressed by the North West BAU Strategic Action Plan is significant, as is its potential to contribute to the economic and community growth of the County. The collaborative approach advocated in the Strategic Plan is reflected through the objectives of the LECP. The</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.4; 1.9</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.1; 2.2; 2.4; 2.5</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.1; 3.5; 3.6; 3.7</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.4</p>

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	<p>telecommunications; recreational sites including outdoor pursuits e.g. Ards Forest Park, Drumboe Woods; cultural and archaeological heritage; implementation of the Water Framework Directive; biodiversity and conservation. Given the extent of reach of the activities of Coillte, the Strategic Plan outlines that continued collaboration with other relevant authorities, organisations and partners is critical to contribute to the development of projects that have the potential to deliver strategic benefit to the area such as job creation, recreation, culture and heritage. In the North West the long term vision is of forestry management at an intensity that is appropriate to the environmental sensitivity and productive of the land resource. The vision includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Forestry as a vibrant industry in the area ▪ Protection of habitats through management ▪ Continuity of forest habitat for rare and threaten species ▪ Health and wellbeing benefits for the public through a range of recreational activities in the forests ▪ Forest recreational sites will be a part of the tourism infrastructure ▪ A shared vision on expectations from forests and how they are managed. 	<p>potential to contribute to the local economy is also recognised in the LECP not only through timber production and the direct management of forests but increasingly through the contribution of forests to the tourism product offer throughout the County. Furthermore, the environmental benefits that can be accrued through forestry management provide potential opportunities for further partnerships and in particular for programmes of exemplar activity in county Donegal. This type of activity is reflected through objectives of the LECP in relation to the protection, harnessing and promotion of the natural asset.</p>	<p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.6; 5.8</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.1; 6.2</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.4; 7.5; 7.6; 7.7</p> <hr/>

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Donegal Road Safety Plan 2010- 2015, Donegal County Council	The objective of the Donegal Road Safety Plan is 'to reduce the number of road collision casualties in County Donegal in line with national and European casualty reduction targets.' The Plan focuses on implementing measures across five core elements namely; education, engineering, enforcement, evaluation and empowerment.	The LECP integrates the objectives and activities of the Donegal Road Safety Plan as an important means to improve safety and environments for communities particularly in the areas of education and engineering where physical interventions are appropriate.	<table border="1"> <tr><td>GOAL 1</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr><td>GOAL 2</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr><td>GOAL 3</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr><td>GOAL 4</td><td>OBJ: 4.13; 4.17</td></tr> <tr><td>GOAL 5</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr><td>GOAL 6</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr><td>GOAL 7</td><td>N/A</td></tr> </table>	GOAL 1	N/A	GOAL 2	N/A	GOAL 3	N/A	GOAL 4	OBJ: 4.13; 4.17	GOAL 5	N/A	GOAL 6	N/A	GOAL 7	N/A
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The County Donegal Heritage Plan 2014-2019, County Donegal Heritage Forum	<p>The Plan outlines that County Donegal enjoys and rich and unique heritage that represents a crucial element of everyday life supporting recreation, health, employment, learning and enjoyment and that the aim of the plan is to optimise these benefits to the County. This is to be achieved through the following 4 Goals of the Heritage Plan and their associated objectives and actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To encourage awareness, appreciation , access and enjoyment of the county's heritage resources ▪ To promote and conserve Donegal's heritage for present and future generations, and for its diaspora ▪ To conserve and facilitate the appropriate 	The potential benefits of our heritage that are identified in the Heritage Plan of recreation, health, employment, learning and enjoyment are reflected throughout the goals of the LECP. In particular and at the foremost, heritage as part of identifying place and place- making is recognised as an important part of building communities and the built heritage is particularly relevant in this regard. The LECP also identifies significant potential in programmes that will harness the tourism potential of our heritage resources.	<table border="1"> <tr><td>GOAL 1</td><td>OBJ: 1.5</td></tr> <tr><td>GOAL 2</td><td>OBJ: 2.3; 2.4; 2.5; 2.6; 2.7; 2.8; 2.9</td></tr> <tr><td>GOAL 3</td><td>ALL</td></tr> <tr><td>GOAL 4</td><td>OBJ: 4.5; 4.11</td></tr> <tr><td>GOAL 5</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr><td>GOAL 6</td><td>OBJ: 6.1; 6.2</td></tr> <tr><td>GOAL 7</td><td>OBJ: 7.6; 7.7; 7.9; 7.10; 7.11; 7.17</td></tr> </table>	GOAL 1	OBJ: 1.5	GOAL 2	OBJ: 2.3; 2.4; 2.5; 2.6; 2.7; 2.8; 2.9	GOAL 3	ALL	GOAL 4	OBJ: 4.5; 4.11	GOAL 5	N/A	GOAL 6	OBJ: 6.1; 6.2	GOAL 7	OBJ: 7.6; 7.7; 7.9; 7.10; 7.11; 7.17
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	<p>development of heritage in support of tourism activity and to harness opportunities presented through initiatives such as the Wild Atlantic Way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To identify, appropriately conserve and harness opportunities presented by heritage assets within the county's settlements in a manner that benefits the social, cultural and economic quality of the county 		
<p>LYIT Strategic Plan, Our Commitment to the North West Gateway Learning Region, 2014-2017</p>	<p>The Mission Statement of the LYIT Strategic Plan is that 'LYIT will confirm its significant national profile for excellence in higher education through the pursuit of an ambitious development agenda informed by public policy, strong regional engagement, and a fundamental commitment to a student- centred ethos'. The strategic domains of the plan are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning and teaching; Focussed on ensuring students can fulfil their potential by empowering learners and providing high quality programmes of study that are closely aligned with the needs of employment. Student experience; Focussed on working collaboratively to improve the student experience. Research, Innovation and enterprise; Focussed on building a suitable framework for research supports to sustain and grow existing research centres, leverage collaborations and to continue to offer local enterprise services through CoLab and the NWRSP. 	<p>The theme of education and learning underpins much of the LECP as a key enabler both to economic growth and community growth. It relates distinctly to the 'people' concept of the plan-empowering people and enabling opportunities for people. LYIT, together with the other educational providers in the County and within the North west region are critical to the delivery of a high quality and coherent learning environment and this is reflected across the goals of the Plan as a recurring theme.</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.4; 1.13</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.9; 2.10</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.12</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.3; 4.5; 4.7; 4.13; 4.16</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.1; 5.2; 5.3; 5.4; 5.5; 5.6; 5.7; 5.8; 5.9; 5.12; 5.13; 5.14; 5.15; 5.16</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.1</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.3; 7.13; 7.14; 7.15; 7.16; 7.17; 7.18; 7.19; 7.22</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collaboration and regional engagement; Focused on maximising the benefits of LYIT inclusion in two regional clusters and play a role in regional development and promoting the region’s rich cultural heritage. ▪ Sustainability and resource utilisation; Focused on greater coordination of policy and strategy bodies, improving capacity for data capture and evidenced based decision making, and taking strides in strategy implementation. 		
<p>Donegal ETB Education Plan 2011 – 2015</p>	<p>The plan ‘Ag Obair Le Chéile’ sets out to promote and provide a diverse programme of education and training opportunities throughout the county to enable students and learners to achieve their full potential through 4 key themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Teaching and Learning; including activity such as educational programmes and supports services that meet changing needs; Integrated generic skill development; maintain and enhance quality standards; use of accreditation; stimulate creativity and entrepreneurship. ▪ A Progressive and Accountable Organisation: including activities such as provision of staff learning opportunities; active promotion of services through Irish. ▪ Using Information Technology; including activities such as the development of an integrated ICT strategy to support development in teaching and learning, management of Information, communication and collaboration. 	<p>The important role of the County’s educational authorities is a recurring theme across the LECP. The excellence in learning, education and skills that is exemplified in the County Donegal VEC Education Plan, is integral to the growth of Donegal, so as to enable community activation, provide pathways to employment and opportunity and improve economic prosperity. The LECP promotes the continued collaborative and partnership approaches to the delivery of education and learning within the North West Region.</p>	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.4</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.7; 2.10</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.3</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.3; 4.4; 4.5; 4.6; 4.7; 4.11; 4.13;4.16</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.4; 5.7; 5.9; 5.12; 5.13; 5.14; 5.15</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 N/A</p> <hr/>

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Donegal Digital Action Plan, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working in Partnership: including activities such as building on relationships with community, voluntary, statutory, cross border and business organisations; providing improved structures for development, integration and support of youth services. <p>The Digital Action Plan aims to capitalise on the potential of technologies to improve the economic and societal fabric of our communities and it has a particular emphasis on job creation. 3 Goals have been identified:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Digitally- skilled communities co- creating services with business and the public sector. 2. An expanded Letterkenny digital cluster, home to indigenous and FDI companies. 3. A working, visible and relevant Donegal digital research and innovation environment. <p>12 actions have been identified in the plan including the establishment of local digital hubs; activity to match digital education and training with supply and; the provision of services as a Digital Tech Observatory to carry out work required by the Action Plan.</p>	Digital technology and broadband have been identified as a recurring theme in the LECP that has the potential to enable community and economic development of significant scale and benefit. As a result, the implementation of the Digital Action Plan and its actions are reflected across the goals of the LECP as an integrated part of the Plan.	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.1; 1.2; 1.13</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: N/A</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.1; 4.2</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.3; 5.11</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.3</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.2; 7.3; 7.11; 7.21</p> <hr/>
Strategic Action Plan for Creative Entrepreneurship in Donegal, 2015	<p>Initiated by the Local Enterprise Office of Donegal County Council, the aim of the Action Plan is to create the right conditions for creative entrepreneurship in Donegal. 7 projects for the initial implementation phase are identified in the plan as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creative Partnership 2. Creative sector mapping and Audit 	The creative sector is identified in the LECP as an important sector for further development and support particularly through Goals 3 and 7. The development of the sector is an integral part of harnessing the creative and cultural resource for which the county is well known. In doing so, the resource is not	<p>GOAL 1 OBJ: 1.4</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 2 OBJ: 2.9</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 3 OBJ: 3.1; 3.3; 3.4; 3.5; 3.6; 3.13; 3.14; 3.15</p> <hr/> <p>GOAL 4 OBJ: 4.4</p> <hr/>

Appendix 2: Participation; Policy Context Review; Key Funding Programmes

Plan/ Strategy	Description	Consistency & integration with LECP	Objectives of the LECP of particular relevance
	3. Creative network and workshops 4. Tailor existing business supports 5. Skills and Accelerator Programme 6. Access to finance supports 7. Innovation cluster development Ideas for longer term strategic development are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Donegal branding for creative products and services ▪ Content creation and co- working hub ▪ Creative niche skills academy 	only nurtured but it is harnessed to add to tourism product offer, to establish niche business markets in arts and crafts and, ultimately to create employment. In particular, objective 3.13 is ‘To develop the creative industries as an exemplar of local skill and knowledge celebrating the wealth and diversity of creative enterprise’ and objective 7.17 is ‘To create the right conditions for Creative Entrepreneurship in County Donegal.’	<hr/> GOAL 5 OBJ: 5.16; 5.19 <hr/> GOAL 6 OBJ: 6.2 <hr/> GOAL 7 OBJ: 7.1; 7.4; 7.5; 7.6; 7.7; 7.17 <hr/>

Chapter 4: Profile of Key Policy & Funding Programmes

4.0 Introduction

The Local Economic and Community Plan sets out an overarching vision, goals and objectives for the County and region which also support the overarching policy and funding frameworks as set out at European level. Such funding and policy frameworks are given expression in Europe 2020 and in the multi-annual financial frameworks and programmes for the period 2014-2020. The ability to maximise and attract external funding to the county and wider region will be key in supporting the implementation of the plan. This chapter provides a profile of the key policy and funding programmes which will be of interest to all stakeholders in realising the goals and objectives contained within the LCEP Plan.

4.1 Europe 2020

‘Europe 2020’ sets out the European Union’s 10 year strategy for job creation and growth and sets out a clear and distinct focus on three main priorities ‘*Smart Sustainable and Inclusive growth.*’

Smart Growth – *developing an economy based on knowledge & innovation*

Sustainable Growth – *promoting a more resource efficient, greener & more competitive economy*

Inclusive Growth – *fostering a high-employment economy delivering economic, social & territorial cohesion.*

Within this broad framework five sub-headings exist from which targets have been set to be achieved by 2020. These five headings cover:

- Employment;
- Research and development;
- Climate/energy;
- Education;
- Social inclusion and poverty reduction.

The Europe 2020 strategy provides the context and framework from which all EU funding programmes originate from and sets out these 11 main project priorities which span all EU programmes:

- 1) Strengthening research, technological development and innovation;
- 2) Enhancing access to, and use and quality of, information and communication technologies;
- 3) Enhancing the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises, the agricultural sector (for the EAFRD) and the fisheries and aquaculture sector (for the EMFF);
- 4) Supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors;
- 5) Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management;

- 6) Protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency;
- 7) Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures;
- 8) Promoting employment and supporting labour mobility;
- 9) Promoting social inclusion and combating poverty;
- 10) Investing in education, skills and lifelong learning;
- 11) Enhancing institutional capacity and an efficient public administration.

Source: [Europe 2020 - Europe 2020 in a nutshell - European Commission](#)

It is clear that many of the thematic priorities of the Europe 2020 Strategy also are of key importance in the context of Donegal. Specific goals and objectives are contained within the LCEP across all of the above topic areas.

4.2 Multi-Annual Financial Frameworks 2014-2020 – EU programmes

4.2.1 Funding Opportunities from Interregional Cooperation.

There are a suite of funding programmes contained within the Multi-Annual Financial Frameworks which are designed to support Inter-regional co-operation. The INTERREG programmes are a significant contributor to supporting inter-regional co-operation with an allocation of INTERREG V stemming from the [European Regional Development Fund](#) of EUR 10.1 billion, which represents 2.8% of the total of the European Cohesion Policy budget.

Source : [INTERREG C - Interregional cooperation - Regional Policy - European Commission](#).

The following programmes are of particular interest to the LCEP:

(i) INTERREG VA

The INTERREG VA programme aims to tackle problems across borders and along the 38 internal borders of the EU, concerning directly over one third of the population. An identified need exists to co-operate across borders/regions to enable the building of partnerships and critical mass and to develop opportunities and new ideas to address regional challenges and to encourage the development and creation of new products and services. The programme realised the potential for cross border networking and exchange of learning whilst also creating the opportunity for implementation of policies.

The INTERREG VA co-operation programme aims to tackle common challenges and exploit and maximise the potential of under-utilised resources. It concerns the jurisdictions of Border counties of Ireland, Northern Ireland and the West of Scotland who all face similar problems and challenges. Resulting from extensive public consultation INTERREG VA has four main programme priorities:

- Research & Innovation;
- Environment;
- Sustainable Transport and;
- Health.

With an overall ERDF budget of €240m and an emphasis placed on focused projects and a wider range of activities to ensure a significant change, this programme provides many

opportunities for cross border projects and initiatives to be led and co-ordinated in the context of the LECP.

(ii) PEACE IV

A specific fund allocation is available to Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland in recognition of the indigenous challenges specific to this region. This allocation of funding within the new regulations for 2014-2020 aim to address issues associated with the creation of a more peaceful society and a budget of €229m of ERDF has been allocated for the PEACE IV Programme. The new PEACE IV Programme will provide support to projects that contribute towards the promotion of greater levels of peace and reconciliation. It will place a strong emphasis on promoting cross-community relations and understanding in order to create a more cohesive society. The Draft Programme has four key priority areas and is awaiting formal approval from the European Commission:

- Shared Education;
- Children & young people;
- Shared spaces & Services;
- Building positive relations at a Local level.

Source: http://www.seupb.eu/Libraries/2014-2020_Programmes/9806/PEACE_IV_Programme_Factsheet_Final_3.sflb.ashx

4.2.2 Transnational Co-operation – INTERREG

INTERREG VB comprises transnational cooperation programmes with an agreed coordinated response across a range of specific problems and as set out under agreed priorities. The VB programmes eligible to Ireland are:

(i) Northern Periphery & Arctic Programme (NPA).

During the period 2014-2020, the Programme will allocate approximately €56 million of European regional development funding to projects and will focus on four priorities:

- Using Innovation to Maintain and Develop Robust and Competitive Communities;
- Promoting Entrepreneurship to Realise the Potential of the Programme Area's Competitive Advantage;
- Fostering Energy-Secure Communities through Promotion of Renewable Energy and energy efficiency;
- Protecting, Promoting and Developing Cultural and Natural Heritage

(ii) North West Europe (NWE) programme's

The North West Europe Programme mission for 2014-2020 is to produce measurable positive change in the North-West of Europe on three themes:

- Innovation;
- Low carbon and;
- Resource and materials efficiency

To achieve its objectives, the Programme will co-finance cooperation projects with €370 million of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

(iii) The Atlantic Area Funding Programme (AA)

The programme aims to address transnational cooperation geared towards cohesive, sustainable and balanced territorial development of the Atlantic Area and its maritime heritage. A total of €140 million of ERDF will be available to Projects across the eligible region. The Atlantic Area Programme is awaiting approval and has four draft priorities as follows:

- Stimulating Innovation and Competitiveness;
- Fostering Resource Efficiency;
- Strengthening the Territory's Resilience to Risks of Natural Climate and Human Origin;
- Enhancing Bio-diversity and the Natural and Cultural Assets.

(iv) Policy Focused measures

In addition to the suite of programmes identified above, the INTERREG EUROPE (VC) programme aims to promote exchange and transfer of knowledge and best practices among the European regions with an emphasis on policy development. This programme is due to open in July 2015 and over the funding period 2014-2020 will focus on the following four priorities:

- Research and Innovation;
- Competitiveness of SMEs;
- Low-carbon Economy;
- The Environment and Resource Efficiency.

Source: http://www.seupb.eu/Libraries/2014-2020_Programmes/9806_-_INTERREG_VA_Programme_Factsheet_FINAL_1.sflb.ashx

4.3 Other EU programmes

In addition to the suite of Inter-regional and Transnational Cooperation programmes profiled above under which Ireland has eligibility to bid to, the following programmes provide an additional resource and address a range of priorities on specific topics of interest to the LCEP.

4.3.1 Horizon 2020

Horizon 2020 is a €70 million research and innovation funding programme (2014-2020) with a distinct emphasis on Excellent Science, Industrial Leadership and Tackling Societal Challenges. The goal is to ensure Europe produces world-class science, removes barriers to innovation and makes it easier for the public and private sectors to work together in delivering innovation. The programme is framed around Europe 2020 for smart sustainable and inclusive growth.

4.3.2 The LIFE Programme

The LIFE Programme is one of the main EU mechanisms for funding projects in the area of the environment and works on the basis of two sub-programmes of Climate Action and the Environment that the projects must be based upon. The programme provides a national allocation and seeks to involve local, regional and national stakeholders.

4.3.3 The COSME programme

The COSME Programme is the European programme for the 'Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises', covering the funding period from 2014 to 2020 with a planned budget of €2.3bn, COSME seeks to support Small and medium Enterprises in the following areas:

- Better access to finance for SMEs (60% of budget)
- Access to markets (21.5% of budget)
- Supporting entrepreneurs (3% of budget)
- More favourable conditions for business creation and growth (11.5% of budget)

Source: [COSME - European Commission](#)

4.3.4 The URBACT programme

The URBACT programme is the European Territorial Cooperation programme that seeks to create and encourage sustainable integrated urban development in cities across Europe. URBACT seeks to enable cities to work together and develop integrated solutions to common urban challenges, by networking, learning from one another's experiences, drawing lessons and identifying good practices to improve urban policies. The URBACT III programme will be organised around four main objectives:

- Capacity for Policy Delivery;
- Policy Design;
- Policy Implementation and;
- Building and Sharing Knowledge

It is anticipated to achieve these main objectives by way of three types of interventions:

- transnational exchange;
- capacity-building and;
- capitalisation & dissemination

4.4 National Programmes

Within the context of the LCEP, there are key national programmes which will support the implementation of the Plan. These include:

4.4.1 National Rural Development Programme - LEADER

The LEADER element of the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 will provide €250 million in financial resources to address poverty reduction, social inclusion and economic development of rural areas over the 2014-2020 programme period. LEADER is a community led approach to the delivery of rural development interventions and the delivery of same is currently being finalised by the Department of the Environment Community and Local Development (DoECLG).

4.4.2 Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) aims to tackle poverty, social exclusion and long-term unemployment through local engagement and partnership between disadvantaged individuals, community organisation's and public sector agencies and will run from April 2015 until December 2017.

The Programme has three goals:

- 1) To support and resource disadvantaged communities and marginalised target groups to engage with relevant local and national stakeholders in identifying and addressing social exclusion and equality issues;
- 2) To support individuals and marginalised target groups experiencing educational disadvantage so they can participate fully, engage with and progress through life-long learning opportunities through the use of community development approaches;
- 3) To engage with marginalised target groups/individuals and residents of disadvantaged communities who are unemployed but who do not fall within mainstream employment service provision, or who are referred to SICAP, to move them closer to the labour market and improve work readiness, and support them in accessing employment and self-employment and creating social enterprise opportunities.

Source: <https://www.pobal.ie/Publications/Documents/SICAP%20Requirements%202015.pdf>

4.5 Implementation

It is clear from the above summary that there exist many opportunities to work in collaboration with local, regional, and EU regions to attract resources to this region. The multi-annual financial framework provides cyclical funding calls which require a proactive and targeted approach to attracting funding and resources to the county. The LECP has set out a range of objectives which are consistent with the challenges and opportunities which the European Commission is seeking to address. The EU unit of Donegal County Council working with partners continues to explore all opportunities to attract resources to the county and also to identify EU networks of benefit and interest to the county and wider region.

Appendices

Appendix 1:

Public authorities and publicly funded agencies notified of the preparation of the LECP

- Department of Social Protection
- Health Service Executive
- Traveller Interagency Group
- Drugs Task Forces
- Teagasc
- Education & Training Board
- Department of Children and Youth Affairs/ Tusla local structures
- An Garda Síochána/ Joint Policing Committee
- Fáilte Ireland
- Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport
- Údarás na Gaeltachta
- Third level institutions
- Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation
- Enterprise Ireland
- IDA Ireland
- Solas (Education & Training Authority)
- Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources
- Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine
- Irish Water

Appendix 2: Representation on the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and the Economic Development Committee (EDC) & SPC for Community, Culture & Development Planning

Local Community Development Committee

Name	Organisation
Mr. Seamus Neely	Donegal County Council
Cllr. Martin McDermott	Donegal County Council
Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher	Donegal County Council
Cllr. Niamh Kennedy	Donegal County Council
Mr. Michael Tunney	Donegal County Council (LEO)
Paul Hannigan	Letterkenny Institute of Technology
Ms Maire O'Leary	Health Service Executive
Mr. Michael Mac Giolla Easbuig	Udaras na Gaeltachta
Mr. Shaun Purcell	Education Training Board
Mr. Anthony Doogan	Inishowen Development Partnership
Mr. Jim Slevin	Donegal Local Development Company
Ms. Susan McCauley	PPN
Ms. Susan Mc Loughlin	PPN
Mr. Martin McBride	PPN
Mr. Emmett Johnston	PPN
Mr. Jan Feenstra	IBEC Rep
Mr. PJ Hannon	ICTU
Mr. James O'Donnell	Famers Rep
Ms. Noreen Ní Mhaoldomhnigh	Comhar na nOilean

Economic Development Committee

Name	Organisation
Mr. John Nugent	IDA
Ms. Carole Brenan	Enterprise Ireland
Ms. Micheal Mac Giolla Easpuic	Udaras na Gaeltachta
Ms. Mary O'Malley	ETB
Ms. Michael Tunney	LEO
Mr. Padraic Fingleton	DLDC
Mr. Andrew Ward	IDP
Ms. Nóirín Uí Mhaoldomhnaigh	Comhar na nOileán Teo
Mr. Jan Feenstra	IBEC
Mr. Andrew McNulty	PPN Community Rep
Ms. Maire O'Leary	HSE
Mr. Paul Hannigan	LYIT
Cllr. John Campbell	Donegal County Council
Cllr. Paul Canning	Donegal County Council
Cllr. Frank McBrearty	Donegal County Council
Cllr. M T Gallagher	Donegal County Council

Cllr. John Ryan	Donegal County Council
Cllr. John O'Donnell	Donegal County Council
Mr. Seamus Neely	Donegal County Council
Mr. Michael Heaney	Donegal County Council
Mr. Paddy Doherty	Donegal County Council
Mr. Barney McLaughlin	Donegal County Council

Economic, Enterprise and Planning Policy SPC

Name	Sector
Barry McMenamin	Building/ Construction
Lisa McMonagle	Agriculture/ Farming
Peter Cutliffe	Business/ Commercial
Dermot McLaughlin	Environmental
Annette Patton	Community/ voluntary/ social inclusion
Charlie Kelly	Trade Union
Nicholas Crossan	Elected Member of Donegal County Council
Dessie Shiels	Elected Member of Donegal County Council
Paul Canning	Elected Member of Donegal County Council
Albert Doherty	Elected Member of Donegal County Council
Enda Bonner	Elected Member of Donegal County Council
Maire Therese Gallagher	Elected Member of Donegal County Council
Martin Harley	Elected Member of Donegal County Council
Niamh Kennedy	Elected Member of Donegal County Council
Garry Doherty	Elected Member of Donegal County Council
Bernard McGuinness	Elected Member of Donegal County Council
Sean McEniff	Elected Member of Donegal County Council
James Pat McDaid	Elected Member of Donegal County Council
Liam Blaney	Elected Member of Donegal County Council

Appendix 3**Representation on the Extended Social Inclusion Measures Group**

Name of Community Group	Name of Rep	SIM/ Extended SIM
Michael O 'hÉanáigh	Donegal County Council	SIM
Crona Gallagher	Donegal Education Training Board	SIM
Annette Patton	Community Workers Co-op	SIM
Gearóid Ó Maonaigh	DLDC	SIM
Sean O Gallchóir	Údarás na Gaeltachta	SIM
Tracey Mitchell	NW Regional Drugs Task Force	SIM
Máire O Leary	Health Service Executive	SIM
Avril McMonagle	Donegal County Childcare Committee	SIM
Shauna McClenaghan	Inishowen Development Partnership	SIM
Denise McCool	Inishowen Development Partnership	SIM
Hugh Friel	Donegal Travellers Project	SIM
Siobhan McLaughlin	Donegal Travellers Project	SIM
Colette Stuart	Citizens Information System	SIM
Margaret Glackin	Action Inishowen	SIM
Eileen Burgess	DCC CS	SIM
Finola Brennan	Donegal Womens Network	SIM
Susan McCauley	DCCF/ Family Resource Centre	SIM
John Andy Bonar	Letterkenny Institute of Technology	SIM
Charles Sweeney	Donegal County Council	SIM
Loretta McNicholas	Donegal County Council	SIM
Lynda McGavigan	Donegal County Council/ Housing	SIM
Caroline McCleary	Donegal County Council, SIU	SIM
Maureen Kerr	Donegal County Council, CS	Extended SIM
Myles Sweeney	Donegal Sports Partnership	Extended SIM
Noreen Doogan	MABS	Extended SIM
Shaun Hannigan	Donegal County Council, CS	Extended SIM
Fiona O'Shea	Rural Transport	Extended SIM
Kieran Doherty	Alcohol Forum	Extended SIM
Sean McGrory	Jigsaw Donegal	Extended SIM
Caroline Mason Mohan	HSE	Extended SIM
Anne Sheridan	HSE	Extended SIM
Kate Wilkinson	HSE	Extended SIM
Maria McInnes	Tusla	Extended SIM
Anne McAteer	HSE	Extended SIM
Chief Superintendent Terry McGinn	Garda Siochana	Extended SIM
Francis Byrne	Dept. Social Protection	Extended SIM
Padraic Fingleton	DLDC	Extended SIM
Denis Kelly	Donegal County Council	Extended SIM
Sinead Harkin	Donegal County Council	Extended SIM
Margaret Fitzgerald	Donegal County Council	Extended SIM
Georgina Adu-Boahene	Donegal Intercultural Platform	Extended SIM
Billy Banda	Donegal Food Bank	Extended SIM
Marty Keeney	Donegal Youth Service	Extended SIM
Paula Leonard	Donegal Travellers Project	Extended SIM
Gina Grant	Donegal Down Syndrome	Extended SIM
Jim Nash	New Horizons Partnership	Extended SIM

Appendix 4**Representation of the Social Inclusion Linkage Group.**

Name of Community Group/ Organisation	Name of Rep
Active Retirement Ireland	Kevin Monaghan
19 th Donegal (Lifford/ Clonleigh) Scout Group	Joe Boland
An Mhachaire Le Cheile Teo	Frances Boyle
Ardara Parish Council	Mary McGowan
Ardara Womens Group	Louise Breslin
Arthritis Ireland, Donegal Branch	Sarah Meagher
Autism Support Donegal	Dolores Bonner
Ballyshannon & Bundoran Community Health Forum	Christine Ovens
Balor Developmental Community Arts (DCA) Group	Caroline Bell
Barrack Kill Town Park Carndonagh Community Food Project	Janine Strong
Bunrana GAA	Jim Doherty
Bunrana Youth Drop- In	Andrew Garvey- Williams
Bundoran Community Group	Val O'Kelly
Cairde le Cheile	James McClean
Cara House FRC	Susan McCauley
CDP na Rosann	Norah Cullinan Breslin
Clúid Housing Association	Deirdriú Murray
Coiste Forbartha Anagaire	Jimmy Duffy
Coiste Furbairt Oileán Ruaigh	Máire UiDochartaigh
Colaiste Chara Coláiste Samhraidh	Maireád Uí Bhrádaigh
Comhairle Paróiste Chill Chartha (Kilcar Parish Council)	Seán ÓBeirne
Community Development Alliance	Annette Patton
Creelough Drama Group	Ellen Druce
Creelough Women's Group	Sally Kelly
Donegal Women's Centre	Roisin Kavanagh
Donegal Down Syndrome	Amber Pyper or Gina Grant
Donegal Fibromyalgia Support Group	Jude Bromley
Donegal Intercultural Platform	Georgina Adu- Boahene
Donegal South Forum	Louise Brelin
Donegal Travellers Project	Siobhan McLaughlin
Donegal Youth Service	Lorraine Thompson
Donegal Youth Service	Charlene Logue
Dunkineely Community Ltd.	Michael Cunningham
Fanad Day Centre	Danny Kelly
Foróige	Eimear O'Connor
Foyle Sailability	Karen McCormick
IFAN	Shauna Clenaghan/ Denis McCool
Inishowen Community Forum	Margaret Glackin

Name of Community Group/ Organisation	Name of Rep
Inishowen Community Forum	Joseph McLaughlin
Inishowen Community Forum	Winifred Northy
Inishowen Women/s Information Network (IWIN)	Mary Doherty B
Irish Wheelchair Association	Mary McGrenra
Killygordon & Crossroads Youth Club	Maggie Gilbert
Kilmacrenan Men Shed	Micheál M. Fadden
LAn Teo.	Bearnaí Ó Gallchobhair
Letterkenny C.D.P. Ltd.	Margaret Toner
Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter Company Ltd	Donnan Harvey
Letterkenny Trades Council	John Quinn
Letterkenny Youth & Family Service (LYFS)	Garry Glennon
Lifestart Services Ltd	Mary Walker Callaghan
Manorcunningham Community Development Association Ltd.	Carmel Doherty
Mevagh Family Resource Centre	Marrietta Herraghty
NCCWN- Donegal Women's Network	Finola Brennan
New Horizons Partnership Ltd.	James Nash
Parentstop Ltd- Co Donegal Parent Support Service	Patricia Lee
Pobail le Cheile	Owen Curran
Raphoe Family Resource Centre	Tony McDaid
Rosses Community Dyslexia Group	Sheila McBride
Spraoi agus Spórt Family Centre Limited	Helen Nolan/ Tracy Doyle
The Carers Association	Rose McBrearty
The Joyce Cary Creative Centre	Martin Lynch
Tír Boghaine Teo	Evanna Schorderet
We Care LK Food Bank	Billy Banda

Appendix 5

Representation of the PPN Secretariat.

Name	Name of Community Group/ Organisation
Máirin Uí Fhearraigh	Comharchumann na nOileán
Louise Breslin	Ardara Parish Council
Dermot McLaughlin	Wild Inishowen
Helen Nolan	Spraoi agus Spórt Family Centre
Andrew McNulty	Balor Developmental Community Arts
Francis Coyle	Isaac Butt Heritage Centre Committee
Martin McBride	North Donegal Community Network
Anne McGowan	Letterkenny Tidy Towns
Finola Brennan	National Collective of Community- based Women's Networks
Joseph McNulty	Bundoran Childcare
Ralph Sheppard	Birdwatch Ireland

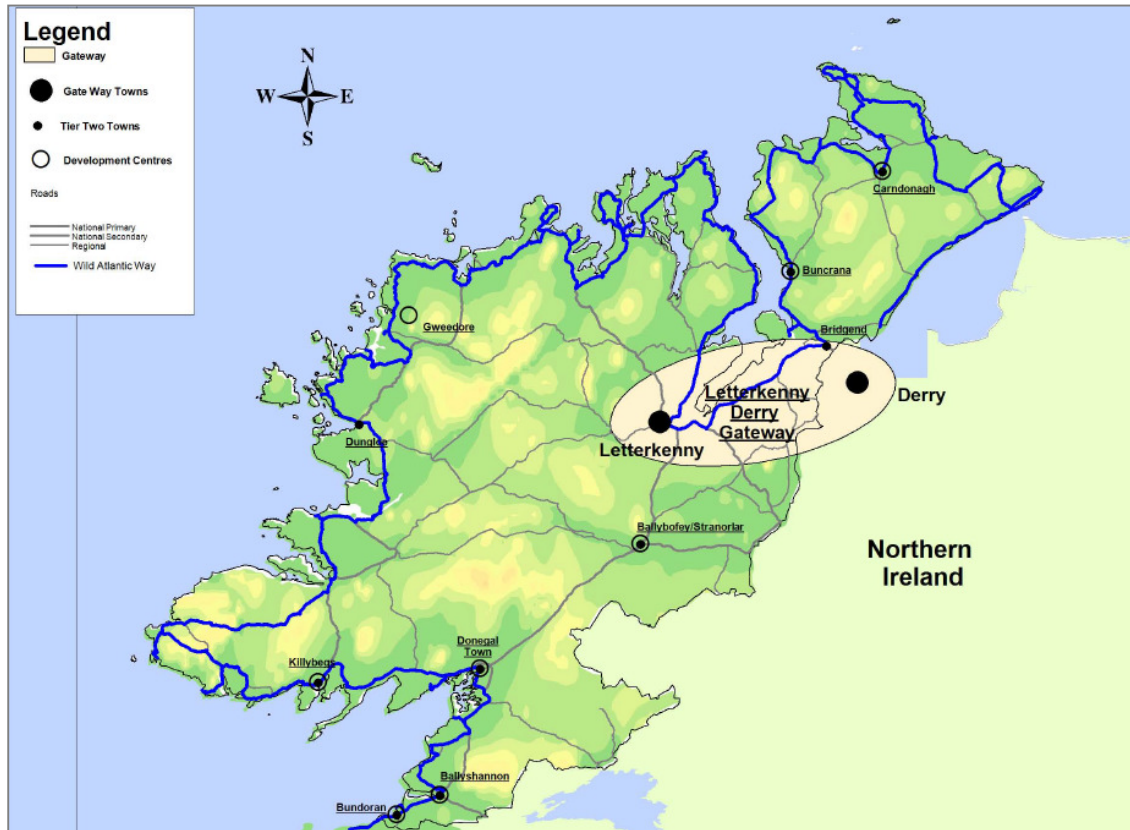
Name	Name of Community Group/ Organisation
Patricia Murphy	Irish Basking Shark Group
Keith Corcoran	Birdwatch Ireland
Kate Morgan	Downstrands Family Resource Centre
Annette Patton	Community Development Alliance
Paul Kernan	Pobal le Chéile
James Trearty	Termon Clean Up Group
Karen McCormick	Foyle Sailability
Joe Boland	19 th Donegal Scout Group

**Appendix 6:
The Urban Settlement Hierarchy for County Donegal.**

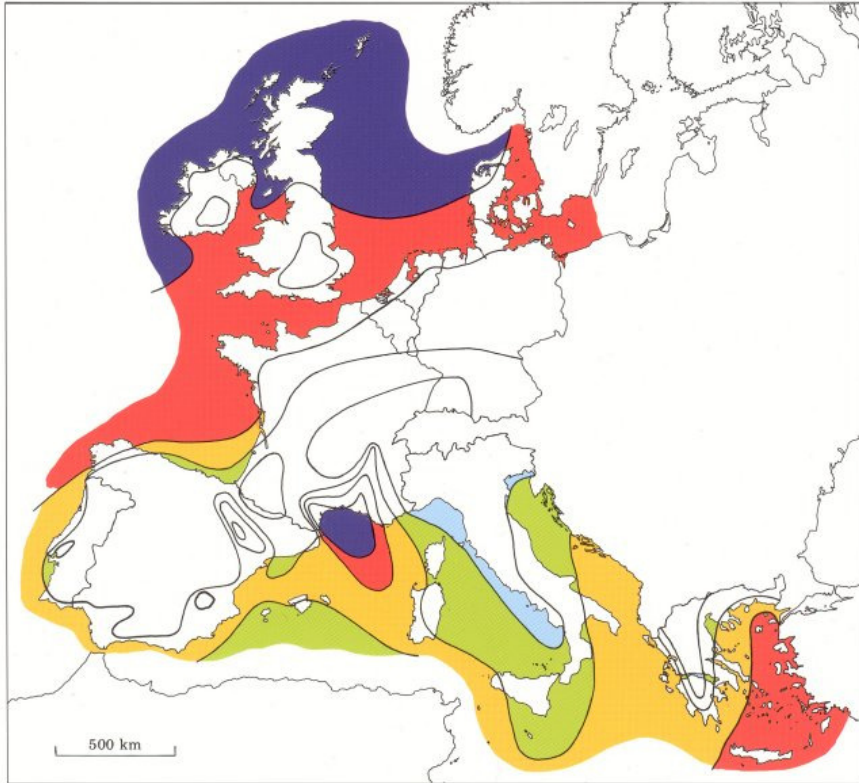


(Source: County Donegal Development Plan 2012- 2018)

Appendix 7: The spatial dimension for the Development Centres/ Hubs

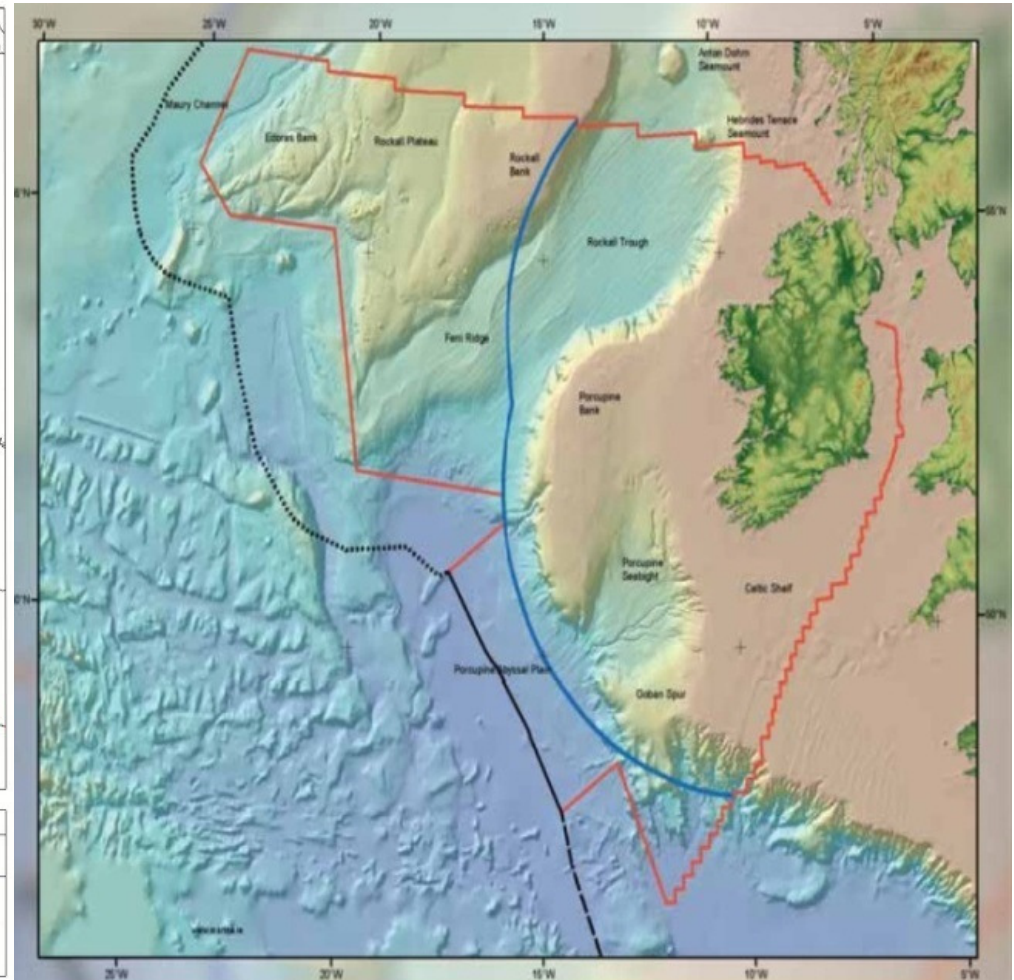


**Appendix 8:
Ireland's Offshore National Resources – The 'Real Map of Ireland'**



Wind resources over open sea (more than 10 km offshore) for five standard heights

	10 m		25 m		50 m		100 m		200 m	
	$m s^{-1}$	Wm^{-2}	$m s^{-1}$	Wm^{-2}	$m s^{-1}$	Wm^{-2}	$m s^{-1}$	Wm^{-2}	$m s^{-1}$	Wm^{-2}
Dark Blue	> 8.0	> 600	> 8.5	> 700	> 9.0	> 800	> 10.0	> 1100	> 11.0	> 1500
Red	7.0-8.0	350-600	7.5-8.5	450-700	8.0-9.0	600-800	8.5-10.0	650-1100	9.5-11.0	900-1500
Orange	6.0-7.0	250-300	6.5-7.5	300-450	7.0-8.0	400-600	7.5- 8.5	450- 650	8.0- 9.5	600- 900
Yellow	4.5-6.0	100-250	5.0-6.5	150-300	5.5-7.0	200-400	6.0- 7.5	250- 450	6.5- 8.0	300- 600
Light Blue	< 4.5	< 100	< 5.0	< 150	< 5.5	< 200	< 6.0	< 250	< 6.5	< 300



Appendix 9:

National Broadband Plan- Map of State Intervention areas in County Donegal

