

**COMMUNITY, CULTURE & ENTERPRISE  
POBAL, CULTÚR AGUS FIONTAIR**

**Draft Budgeted Expenditure: €8,550,900**  
**Draft Budgeted Income: €1,837,400**

The following pages set out the above as per each relevant Programme Group.

**COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND ENTERPRISE DIRECTORATE/  
STIÚRTHÓIREACTH POBAIL, CULTÚIR & FIONTAIR**

The Community, Culture and Enterprise Directorate consists of two divisions (Community and Enterprise and Cultural Services). The Directorate will continue to be engaged in a wide range of activities in all parts of the County in 2006 in supporting community development, economic and enterprise development, local government and local development integration and in the provision of a range of services in the cultural and arts area.

Tá dhá rannóg ar leith san Stiúirthóireacht seo. Tá réimse leathan de ghníomhaíochtaí idir lámhe ag an dá rannóg seo ar fud an Chondae.

Programme Group 4

**DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES & CONTROLS  
DREASACHTAÍ FORBARTHA AGUS STIÚRADH**

Draft Budgeted Expenditure: €2,368,700  
Draft Budgeted Income: €760,200  
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Programme Group 6

**RECREATION AND AMENITY  
CAITHEAMH AIMSIRE AGUS TAITNEAMHACHT**

Draft Budgeted Expenditure: €6,182,200  
Draft Budgeted Income: €1,077,200  
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## COMMUNITY AND ENTERPRISE DIVISION/ RANNÓG POBAIL & FIONTAIR

This Division will continue with its broad range of activities over the coming year. The broad areas of responsibility in **2006** will include: seo a leanas athchoimre de ghníomhaíochtaí na Rannóige seo.

- Implementation of priority areas targeted in CDB review and which now form part of its 2006-2008 Work Programme
- Continuation of Co-ordination of Donegal **COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD** and **CDB SUB-STRUCTURES** such as sectoral working groups.
- Co-ordination of Implementation of **An Straitéis - COUNTY STRATEGY FOR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT** for the period 2002 - 2012.
- Monitoring and Evaluation of **AN STRAITÉIS**.
- Initiation and Management of **COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD** Related Projects in conjunction with partner organisations.
- The continued Co-ordination and Implementation of recommendations of the **DONEGAL EMPLOYMENT TASK FORCE REPORT** as updated on an annual basis involving progression of areas identified for priority intervention.
- The promotion and development of key **NATURAL RESOURCES** in the County.
- The consolidation and co-ordination of the Council's evolving role with regard to **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**.
- The management and disbursement of a range of **FUNDS**.
- Promote and manage the **INTEGRATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SYSTEMS**.
- The consolidation of the Councils role in relation to **SOCIAL INCLUSION**.
- The proactive pursuance of **EXTERNAL FUNDS** to support discretionary developmental initiatives.

## FUND MANAGEMENT/BAINISTIÚ CISTÍ AIRGIDIS

The Division has an important role in managing a range of funds. These are both sourced internally from the annual Council Draft Budget and externally as it acts under the auspices of the Donegal County Development Board as the Donegal County Council led Peace II Task Force for funds provided under the Operational Programme for Peace & Reconciliation via the Special EU Programmes' Body. These funds are utilised for a wide range of community, economic, enterprise and cultural related developmental activities.

During 2005 funds as detailed below were managed by the Community & Enterprise Division.

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| • Donegal County Council led Peace II Task Force | €7,090,330        |
| • The County Council Community Development Fund  | €442,000          |
| • The Council Members Development Fund           | €184,100          |
| • County Council Bursaries                       | €16,300           |
| • County Council Tourism Development Fund        | €42,000           |
| • County Council Tourism Marketing Fund          | €45,000           |
| Total:   | <u>€7,819,730</u> |

**DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL LED PEACE II TASK FORCE/  
TASCFHÓRSA SÍOCHÁIN 11 FAOI CHEANNAS CHOMHAIRLE  
CHONTAE DHÚN NA NGALL**

Funding provided under the EU Programme for Peace & Reconciliation (Peace II) is managed by staff of the Community & Enterprise Division acting as the Secretariat of the Peace II Task Force (a sub-committee of the County Development Board). For the period 2002-2004 a total figure of €7,090,330.00 was allocated to 137 projects in County Donegal. This funding supported revitalisation, regeneration, urban and village renewal, housing estate renewal, community infrastructure and tourism marketing related projects. The management of these funds continued throughout 2005 with a current total figure of €5,402,714.00 having been spent and drawn down by project promoters. A figure of €1,687,616.00 remains to be drawn down by project promoters during 2006.

**EXTENSION TO THE PEACE II PROGRAMME  
SÍNIÚ AMA LE CLÁR "SÍOCHÁIN II)**

The EU Programme for Peace & Reconciliation has been extended by a further two years for the period 2005-2006. The allocation of these funds will be made in early 2006 with project promoters drawing down funds by end of 2008. A total of €2.4 million has been made available to the Donegal Peace II Task Force under the extension to the programme - €1.2 million for 2005 and €1.2 million for 2006. The allocation for 2006 is, however, contingent on EU funds becoming available next year.

As with the management of the Peace and Reconciliation funds in 2005, there is no direct cost implication to the Council in the context of Draft Budget 2006 other than the existing staff costs associated with the operation of the Task Force Secretariat.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS/CISTÍ FORBARTHA POBAIL

As was the case in 2005 the Community Development Funds remain an important source of funding to support existing commitments already undertaken and to provide much needed seed and initiation capital for projects which have a substantial economic, cultural and social benefit to the County. The proposal in the Draft Budget in relation to these funds for 2006 is, therefore, as follows:

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND: 2006 CISTE FORBARTHA POBAIL: 2006**

| <b>Project</b>  | <b>€<br/>2006</b> |
|---|-------------------|
| Greencastle Magilligan Ferry                              | 108,000           |
| Donegal International Airport                             | 50,000            |
| Donegal Ancestry Ltd                                      | 50,000            |
| Buncrana/Rathmullan Ferry                                 | 105,000           |
| Fleadh Ceol 2006  | 40,000            |
| Rehab People of the Year                                  | 7,000             |
| Junior Achievement Award                                  | 7,000             |
| Gaeltacht Community Infrastructure                        | 20,000            |
| Pan Celtic Festival                                       | 10,000            |
| Dyslexia Association of Ireland                           | 20,000            |
| Magill Summer School                                      | 15,000            |
| Strategic Development Partnership<br>Udaras Na Gaeltachta | 30,000            |
| "An Baile Beo" contribution                               | 8,900             |
| Ozanam Centre, Bundoran                                   | 20,000            |
| Lifford Athletic Club                                     | 20,000            |
| Abbey Centre  | 25,000            |
| <b>Total:</b>   | <b>535,900</b>    |

This is a proposed increase of some 20% on the 2005 Development Fund with specific increases for;

- Donegal Ancestry Ltd, a 67% increase (€20,000) on 2005
- Donegal International Airport, a 20% increase (€10,000) on 2005, with a proposal that a further €10,000 per annum will be allocated from 2007.
- Buncrana/Rathmullan Ferry, a 5% increase (€5,000) on 2005

- Strategic Development Partnership with Udaras na Gaeltachta, a €30,000 allocation in 2006.
- A specific allocation to "An Baile Beo" competition of €8,900
- A specific allocation to the development of the Ozanam Centre, Bundoran of €20,000.
- An allocation of €20,000 to Lifford Athletic club to facilitate completion of capital investment programme.
- An allocation of €25,000 to the Abbey Centre, Ballyshannon, the primary arts and cultural centre in South Donegal.

The above represents significant ongoing investment across a range of sectoral areas supporting Tourism, Local and International Transportation, Air Access, Community Development, Arts and Culture and Public Relation Activities.

#### **DEVELOPMENT FUND - MEMBERS ALLOCATION/ CISTE NA MBALL TOFA**

The Development Fund Members Allocation is an ongoing, established and exceptionally effective mechanism that facilitates the Elected Members directly to aid the local development process through micro financial contributions to community based/led projects.

The funding is targeted towards local development projects which may have difficulty obtaining minor grant assistance from other sources. This funding does make a significant contribution to community and voluntary activities throughout the County with a figure now approaching €1.4 million which has been made available to the public since 1996. The broad categories of projects supported as eligible under the Development Fund Members Allocation are:

- Tourism
- Sporting Organisations & Events
- Community Enterprise, Culture & Heritage
- Residents Associations
- Marching Bands
- Festivals
- Youth Oriented Groups

These funds may also be used by the Members in supporting the putting in place of public lights.

An amount of €184,100 is included in the Draft Budget for 2006 to facilitate this aspect of the Development Fund.

### **BURSARIES/SPARÁNACHT**

The Division manages a sports and cultural bursary which facilitates the provision of small scale funding to athletes and post graduate students operating at a specific level of excellence. It provides them with, in a flexible manner, funding to facilitate their ongoing pursuit of excellence in their chosen field. The eligibility criteria for the scheme are currently under review with the objective of bringing to Council in early 2006 proposals for a more relevant and targeted bursary scheme. The Draft Budget for 2006 includes a provision of €16,300 under this heading.

### **TOURISM MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT/MARGAÍOCHT & FORBAIRT TURASÓIREACHTA**

Tourism has been recognised as a key natural resource for Co Donegal. This has been recognised in documents such as the Donegal Employment Task Force Report, in An Stratéis - The Donegal County Strategy for Economic, Social and Cultural Development and in the County Development Plan. The Council has responded to deal with perceived gaps and areas of opportunity wherever possible with a view towards maximising this resource.

- To assist the ongoing work of the North West Regional Tourism Authority in its ongoing development, marketing and information role (including the provision of five tourism information offices in the county). €40,000 is included in the Draft Budget for 2006.
- To support the direct marketing efforts of Donegal Tourism Ltd. in 2006 the Draft Budget for 2006 includes a provision of €45,000.
- The refocusing of the Council to attract additional investment into Tourism Products has been commenced in 2005 through the €42,000 Tourism Development Fund. The Elected Members in each Electoral Area have been asked to consider prioritising various micro projects, that will assist in improving the Tourism Product within the County. Examples of this include a contribution towards the redevelopment of the Quay in Donegal Town, a focal point for tourism in this area and a viewing point to commemorate the Flight of the Earls, at Portamurray, Rathmullen.

The opportunity to use these as matching funds may present the opportunity for the development of larger projects in 2006.

On this basis the Draft Budget for 2006 includes a provision for €48,000.

The Council will also co-fund the following projects in 2006 with the objectives of supporting the tourism sector.

- Donegal County Council with its cross border partner Limavady Borough Council have through a cross border marketing initiative developed and marketed the new touring route linking the entire region from the West and North Donegal, including the off-shore islands, to the Roe Valley, the Sperrins and the Causeway Coast, via the Inishowen Peninsula. The Draft Budget for 2006 includes a provision of €69,000 under this heading which includes matching funding of €18,500 for Interreg 111 A funding for the project.
- Walking Route Development: Substantially funded via the Peace 11 Task Force, an allocation of €7,000 is proposed in 2006 to assist in the completion of existing and development of new walking routes in various parts of the county to National Way Marked Way Standard.
- The balance of funding allocated in 2004 under Peace Programme, Priority Measure 4.2A will be drawn down by recipient groups during 2006. This will assist various local tourism-marketing efforts
- The Council has, in partnership with Limavady Borough Council, initiated and provided financial support for the Foyle Ferry - this amounted to €108,000 in 2005 with a similar amount included in the Draft Budget for 2006. It has also supported the seasonal Swilly Ferry Service which cost some €120,875 in 2005. The Draft Budget for 2006 includes a provision of €105,000.
- Donegal County Council has also been active in the whole area of Marine and Water Based Leisure addressing areas such as Marina Development, Angling, Beach Management, Coastal Zone Management and an Erne Canal Study.
- The Directorate, through various project executives, has been active in supporting tourism related arts and culture initiatives through its Cultural Service Division e.g. Eargail Arts Festival, Donegal Bay and Bluestacks Festival and Festival of the Peninsulas with substantial annual contributions towards costs. It also assists events such as the Magill Summer School which is a flagship event for the county. It is proposed that supports for these initiatives will continue in 2006.

- The Council has been active in attracting major outside events to the county e.g. Oireachtas na Gaeilge, Fleadh Ceoil na hEireann and the Pan Celtic Festival. These events bring direct benefit in the form of substantial revenue and other indirect benefits to the County. The Draft Budget for 2006 includes a provision of €40,000 for Fleadh Ceoil 2006.
- A major research project into some of the county's main tourism attractions has also been undertaken by the C & E Research and Policy Unit with its findings presented to the Council in late 2005. The findings have contributed to the proposals put forward in this year's Draft Budget with regard to how best the Council can respond to the needs of the sector.
- The Council continues to be actively involved in walking development and maintenance e.g. Bealach na Gaeltachta. It also supports location specific projects such as Fort Dunree and Donegal Ancestry in Ramelton.

## DONEGAL COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD/BORD FORBARTHA CHONDAE DHUN NA NAGALL

The Community and Enterprise Division are responsible for the Co-ordination and management of the County Development Board and the CDB process.

During 2005, the Community and Enterprise Division continued its involvement in a wide range of projects relating to the objectives of An Strateis with a view towards advancing and co-ordinating the economic, social and cultural development of the County. Once again, the CDB carried out a comprehensive review of its activities and the implementation of AN Straiteis in 2005. The CDB has submitted to the DOEHLG a work programme of activities proposed for 2006-2008.

The County Development Board has remained an important Forum for a range of stakeholders to exchange information and to create synergies in local development, economic development and cultural areas.

The Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment has established a Donegal Interdepartmental Initiative, in response to a deputation from members of the CDB and Donegal County Council in early 2005. The Division provides both executive support and active participation in progressing the case in various fora, for essential economic infrastructure in various parts of the county in conjunction with Ernact and Information Systems Section, Donegal County Council. The Division was instrumental in progressing the MAN for Donegal Town and the Cross Border Broadband Link

The Division continues to lead and manage a range of County Development Board sectoral working groups in areas such as economic development, culture, social inclusion measures, tourism, forestry, rural transport, environmental, health, agriculture and marine. The Division also co-ordinated an international fishing conference in May 2005 and an international forestry conference as part of the Forest Link project in October 2005.

The CDB has continued to pilot models of local area planning across the county as part of the integration of local government and local development. The CDB is also responsible for the endorsement process involving all local development companies and community development projects in the County. In October 2005, proposals for improved cohesion were presented by the local development companies to the CDB for approval.

The Community & Enterprise Division will continue to provide support to the Donegal County Development process, sectoral working groups, key initiatives in the context of implementing the recommendations of the CDB review 2005. A figure of €49,500 is included in the Draft Budget for 2006 to assist the operation of the CDB in 2006.

### **An Straitéis - THE COUNTY STRATEGY FOR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT/STRAITÉIS AN CHONDAE DO FHORBAIRT EACNAMÚIL, SÓISIALTA AGUS CULTÚRTHA**

The Community & Enterprise Division is responsible for co-ordinating the implementation of An Straitéis, the County Strategy for Economic, Social & Cultural Development. The Strategy is the blue print and plan for development in these areas in County Donegal for the period 2002-2012. There are currently 62 projects on the project vision project management system, as activated by the CDB. These projects have been funded through a range of internal and external resources across a range of economic sectors in pursuit of the objectives of An Straitéis. Training has been provided to members of the CDB to access the project management tool.

The Executive Strategy Resource Group within the Division will continue to support the implementation and monitoring of same and have provided support to the CDB review in 2005. The CDB review has provided an updated socio-economic profile of the County and highlighted the response by Donegal CDB to the issues affecting the county.

### **STRATEGIC POLICY UNIT/AONAD POLASAÍ STRAITÉISEACH**

The role of the Strategic Policy Manager in the context of Donegal County Council has continued to evolve. While supporting the implementation of the County Strategy, specific areas have been developed in 2005, including the development of mechanisms to track applications by Donegal County Council to external bodies in 2005, establishment of systematic communication tools to proactively alert staff to potential funding opportunities, and development of contacts with a range of external bodies. Ongoing reports are provided to the Senior Management Team on external policies, plans and funding programmes at local, regional and national levels. This section links planning and development at all levels, local, Electoral Area, County, Regional, Cross Border, National and in the broader EU context.

## MARINE & WATER LEISURE

### FÓILLÍOCHT UISCE AGUS MARA

The Draft Budget for 2006 includes a provision of €390,800 to facilitate the ongoing work of this unit. Of this amount €211,000 will be recouped from external sources.

The work programme for 2006 includes

- Progression of development of marinas, sea angling centres identified in Deloitte Touche Report with Burtonport and Tory being progressed initially. This identification of optimum business/delivery models will be the precursor to any capital development which itself, depending on model proposed, may be subject to funding approval/agreement from a range of sources.
- Development of actions identified and agreed on completion of review of consultation report on the pilot Beach Management Project at Rossnowlagh. Proposals of a capital nature will be predicated on, inter alia, approval of external funds and/or the Development Contribution Scheme.
- "Eye Cast" Angling Marketing project, co-funded by Interreg 111 via Ernact.
- Completion of Donegal County Angling Plan
- Completion of feasibility studies into Erne Canal Maritime link.
- Supporting the ongoing work of Bundoran and Buncrana Town Councils respectively in their Sea Life and Coastal Education project proposals.
- Maximising opportunities for the County in the context of the evolving NDP for 2007-2013 in the context of marine leisure development.

### **POBAIL LE GAELIGE**

Pobail le Gaeilge will continue with its countywide focus of using the Irish Language as an Economic, Social & Cultural resource for the people of Donegal. It will build upon its continuing success which saw it being instrumental in supporting and obtaining Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2005 and 2006 for Letterkenny, the Féile an Oireachtas Festival in 2004 and Pan Celtic Festival for 2006 and 2007. It will continue to support the Council Place Names Committee/Coiste Lagainmeacha and ongoing festivals and other events which have an economic and cultural benefit to the County. This project is to be funded through Foras na Gaeilge from May 2006. The Draft Budget for 2006 includes a provision of €38,000 for the period to end April 2006. This expenditure is 100% recoupable.

### **PLACENAMES COMMITTEE/COISTE LOGANMEACHA**

The Division manages the place names committee which co-ordinates and facilitates the naming of new housing areas in the county with appropriate, descriptive names in each instance.

### **FOREST LINK/NASC FORAOISEACHTA**

A project initiated in 2004 to support the development of the important Forestry and timber resource in the County for both Economic and Amenity purposes will come to an end in early 2006. The Draft Budget for 2006 includes a provision of €46,500 under this heading. This project is 100% funded from the Special EU Programmes' Body. A review with regard to progressing a number of identified actions is currently underway, and subject to external funding being obtained, may result in further projects in this area in 2006.

### **CULTURAL DIVERSITY PROJECT/ÉAGSÚLACHT CULTÚIR**

In conjunction with Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council, Donegal County Council has been funded at the rate of 100% by the Special EU Programmes' Body to initiate a range of programmes to develop better understanding across political and cultural areas between inhabitants of the respective Council areas. This project will come to an end in December 2005. The project is also looking at developing an initiative to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Flight of the Earls which has had an impact across these respective geographical areas.

A working proposal has been developed for this commemorative project and submitted to the SEUPB for consideration. Subject to funding approval from the SEUPB this may result in a further cultural diversity project,

jointly led by both Donegal and Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Councils.

### **SOCIAL INCLUSION**

#### **CUIMSIÚ SÓISIALTA**

The potential for a national pilot project being run in Donegal during 2006 will continue to be pursued. This would support the ongoing work of the Council with regard to Social Inclusion including the implementation of the Local Anti Poverty Strategy and the ongoing co-ordination of the inter agency social inclusion measures working groups. The Division, through its relevant Administrative Officer, also acts as the Council's Disability Access Officer.

### **E-FORUM/E-CONNECT**

#### **RÍOMH-FHÓRAM / RÍOMH-CHEANGAL**

The E-Forum/E-Connect Project which was originally piloted in An Gaeltacht will be rolled out on a Countywide basis to link communities and other relevant bodies in terms of consultation, ongoing communications and information provision using information and communications technology. This project will also evolve in 2006 to take account of the E-Government Initiative and the Ernact sponsored E-Connect project which has similar objectives in the context of utilisation of ICT for dissemination of information. Funding for 2006 is pending with 100% grant aid currently being sought from ADM-CPA. (Now Border Action)

### **COMMUNITY LED INITIATIVES**

#### **TOGRAÍ POBAIL**

The Division continues to provide executive support to a range of community led initiatives and will in 2006 provide administrative/executive support for initiatives including the Entente Florale, Magill Summer School and Fleadh Ceoil 2006.

The Division also provides ongoing advice, support and direction at a local level to community groups with regard to availability of and accessing funds or supports for various local initiatives. This includes advising Peace 11 applicants, Sports Capital applicants and Interreg 111A applicants.

### **DONEGAL YOUTH COUNCIL / COMHAIRLE NA nÓg**

The Donegal Youth Council following its second set of elections in October 2004 continues to operate in all six Electoral Areas working on a range of issues of relevance to youth of the County.

This now includes representatives of youth who have left school prior to the normal completion period. The Youth Council has also initiated a cross border project in conjunction with Fermanagh District Council which has seen a subsidiary project grant aided at the rate of 100% through the Special EU Programmes' Body to support cross border development co-operation in youth related areas.

Funding for the core Youth Council project is via Donegal County Council and the North Western Health Board in 2006, with further programme funding being sought from ADM/CPA. The work of the Youth Council for 2006 will include progressing issues raised in the Donegal Youth Survey 2005, Youth Council elections in October 2006, Peace, Equality & Reconciliation training, interagency work on various conferences, inclusion of young people outside the education system, dealing with specific issues in each electoral area and training for Youth Councillors. The Draft Budget for 2006 includes a provision of €68,000 under this heading. Income of €27,500 means that the matching funding provided is €40,500.

Due to the decreasing availability of funding from external sources for this initiative, the demand into the future may see the Council being required to allocate up to €100,000 per annum to ensure the continuation of this project, should other relevant stakeholders not be in a position to contribute financially to this initiative.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** **FORBAIRT PHOBAIL**

The Donegal County Forum was set up in 2000 as an umbrella body for the Community & Voluntary Sector in the County. It is the voice of the community and recognised by the local authority and the statutory agencies as the body to be consulted on community issues affecting the county.

This has resulted in the County Forum developing a very strong community thread through the County Development Strategy.

Five years on, Donegal County Forum has conducted an internal review of its structures, procedures and activities. The County Forum intends to address the issues affecting the community and voluntary sector, on a countywide basis, for the benefit of all groups in the county. In this regard, a newly appointed Community Development Officer, will assist the County Forum in this work. A budget of €43,600 is provided in the Draft Budget for 2006, and is recoupable from the DOEHLG.

## **RESEARCH & POLICY UNIT**

### **AONAD TAIGHDE AGUS POLASÁÍ**

The Research & Policy Unit has evolved into an essential component of Donegal County Council over the last few years.

While carrying out a range of consultancy and research tasks for various Directorates in 2005 including Housing and Water & Environment, Consultancy quality research and findings have been generated at economical rates. It is proposed that this internal role will continue to evolve in 2006. The Draft Budget for 2006 includes a provision of €175,000 under this heading of which 60% will be recoupable from external sources.

## **NON-FOOD USE OF LAND**

### **ÚSÁID NEAMHBHIA TALAIMH**

Donegal County Council through the CDB Agricultural Sectoral Forum, with its cross border partners Derry City Council, NWRD, and the Donegal Tyrone Partnership received project funding from Intereg 111A in year 2005 to explore the Non Food Use of Land in the North West Region. A project officer was appointed in February 2005 to manage the project. The Draft Budget for 2006 includes a provision of €69,600 of which €54,000 is recoupable.

Having identified the potential of Biomass, Biodiesel, Wind and Short Rotation Forestry in 2005 it is targeted to support the development of a number of initiatives to actual commercial projects in the coming year.

## **JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT DONEGAL/FORBAIRT ÓIGE**

The County Council will continue in its support for and involvement with the Junior Achievement Programme working in schools at all levels and in all parts of Donegal in 2006.

## **REHAB PEOPLE OF THE YEAR/PEARSA NA MBLIANA**

The Council will continue in its partnership with Rehab in 2006 - This project recognises the commitment of individuals to County Donegal and is an important public relations platform for the Council.

### **PLAYGROUNDS/ÁISEANNA SÚGARTHA**

An amount of €7,500 is included in the Draft Budget 2006 for playground management/inspection costs.. This is to facilitate inspection and training requirements to meet the Council's insurance requirements for the ongoing coverage on playgrounds throughout the County. The capital development of playgrounds will continue to be supported by the Division through funds sourced inter alia from the National Children's office, the Peace II Task Force and other local initiatives. The Division will also facilitate pilot initiatives led out by DOEHLG in relation to skateboard parks etc.

### **DONEGAL CHILDCARE COMMITTEE**

#### **COISTE CÚRAM LEANAÍ DHÚN NA NGALL**

The Division will continue with its participation in the Donegal Childcare Committee as a working group of the Donegal County Development Board

### **DONEGAL FILM OFFICE**

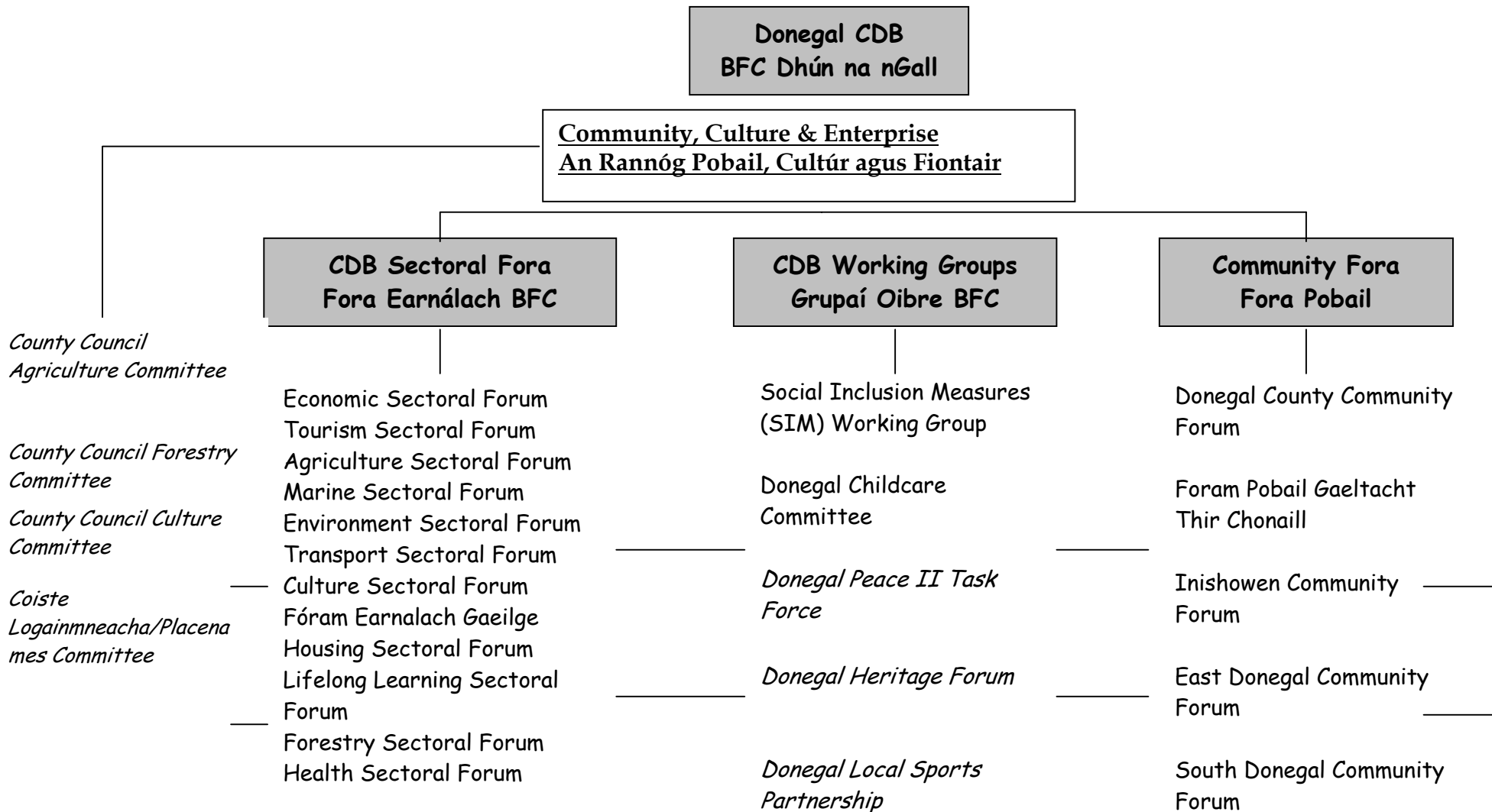
#### **OIFIG SCANNÁNAÍOCHTA DHÚN NA NGALL**

The Division will continue in its collaborations with Bord Scannáin na hÉireann, the Irish Film Board to promote Donegal as a Film Location. A number of films were shot in the county during 2005 as a result of the work of the film office.

### **CROSS BORDER ACTIVITY/GNÍOMHAÍOCHT TRASTEORANN**

The Division will continue to place a strong emphasis on cross border activity through its ongoing involvement with the North West Region Cross Border Group, (€26,000 included in the Draft Budget for 2006) Strabane Lifford Development Commission (€10,000 included in the Draft Budget for 2006) various joint activities with Derry City Council, Strabane District Council, Limavady Borough Council, Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council and Fermanagh District Council. The development of closer relationships with Council's in the natural economic hinterland of Donegal including joint funding opportunities through accessing cross border funds will remain a priority activity for the Division during 2006. Additionally the Division will continue to be proactive in pursuing funding opportunities provided by Interreg 111A as managed by ICBAN and NWRCBG, Border Action and the SEUPB in relation to Peace Funds.

**Structure Supported / Managed by Community & Enterprise Division**  
*Struchtúir BFC Dhún na nGall á Bhainistiú ag an Rannóg Pobail agus Fiontair*



## **CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION/RANNÓG SEIRBHÍSI CULTÚRTHA**

The Cultural Services Division has responsibility for each of the following areas:

- LIBRARY SERVICES
- ARTS SERVICE (including Letterkenny Arts Centre, Countywide Arts and Public Art)
- MUSEUM SERVICE
- ARCHIVES SERVICE
- HERITAGE SERVICE

During 2005 the Service continued to consolidate and expand on the broad range of activity it undertakes to improve the quality of life and to contribute to the economic, social and cultural well-being of the county. As set out in Saol agus Saoithiúlacht, the Cultural Services Division promotes education, recreation, imagination and culture. It relates to all sections of the community - young and old, urban and rural, through its network of service points (17 Libraries, Arts Centre, County Museum, Archives Centre), use of ICT, and its range of outreach activities and services in association with other cultural venues and organisations.

The Draft Budget for 2006 includes a provision of €5,328,300 for expenditure under all of the headings listed above.

### **LIBRARY SERVICE/SEIRBHÍSI LEABHARLAINNE**

Included in the Draft Budget for 2006 under the Library Service is a provision of €3,552,700 for expenditure and €309,900 for income.

#### **Library Service Review**

In May 2005, the DOEHLG issued a Circular Letter which provides for the introduction of a new post of Senior Executive Librarian at Grade VII level for which specialist library qualifications will be required. A post at Staff Officer level (Grade V) will also be filled. Donegal County Council have agreed a new staffing structure that will go towards bringing the Library Service into line with other Council services. Until now, there was no Grade VII post within the Library Service, and the Grade V post was open to qualified librarians only. The agreement, in which additional posts are provided at Grades III, IV, V, VI, and VII, will give library staff promotional opportunities similar to those available to other Local Authority staff arising from implementation of Better Local Government (BLG). "Branching Out" constitutes BLG for Libraries. It is envisaged that future agreements will relate to the proposed move of the entry grade for qualified librarians from V to VI, and to the streamlining of the posts of Branch Librarian and

Library Assistant. The proposed structure now represents an increase in staffing costs in excess of €270,000 per annum, with most of the investment in frontline posts, directly serving the public. This is a significant additional investment by the Council and a recognition of the valuable resource Library Service staff provide for the whole community, for children and young people, for learning and information, and for culture and the imagination.

The Library Service continues to develop service points and expand the range of services provided. Programmes during Bealtaine, Wainfest and Heritage Week continue to be developed, along with Summer Reading Programmes.

2006 will see the development of plans for Donegal Town Community Library, following the announcement of Stage 1 Approval-in-Principle in October 2005. The Library in Donegal Town will be the main Library for the South and South West, and will support Ballyshannon, Bundoran and Killybegs Libraries. An application for Stage 2 approval will be submitted to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government. This will involve establishing a detailed design brief, consultation with An Chomhairle Leabharlanna and the Department's technical advisers, and determining realistic overall cost targets.

In 2005, Ballyshannon Library moved to new premises at Abbey View, sharing space with the Town Council and the Citizens Information Centre. The Library is now networked to the Genesis Library Management System and provides 2 public internet access computers. Opening hours have been extended from 6 hours per week to 20 hours per week, including two late evenings until 8 pm and Saturdays from 11 am - 3 pm. An additional €5,000 has been included in the Library Bookfund to allow new stock to be provided.

In January 2006, Bundoran Community Library will extend its opening hours from 31 hours to 38.5 hours per week. These extended opening hours will include two late evenings until 8 pm and all day Saturday. In the Branching Out report on public library services, the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government places particular emphasis on enhancing opening hours. The Council is committed to improving opening hours, tailored to local needs.

As funding becomes available, the Council will extend the Genesis Library Management System and Public Internet access to other libraries. It is planned to include both Donegal Town and Ballybofey in 2006. The Donegal Town Library in the Old Technical School will be upgraded.

A sum of €20,000 has been included in the Draft Budget to allow for the purchase and setting up of PCs, communication costs, training, security measures, and an extension of opening hours in Ballybofey Library from mid-2006.

### **EUROPE DIRECT IRELAND**

The Central Library in Letterkenny has become one of six Europe Direct Information centres around Ireland. The project is co-ordinated by An Chomhairle Leabharlanna and funded by the European Commission. The Centre for the Northwest was launched on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November, by Ms Marian Harkin MEP. Promotion of events/services will take place throughout the initiative.

The Library will provide a range of new services - An information point providing a whole range of free publications, brochures and guides; an on-the-spot question and answer service; computers with access to the EU's Europa website; a meeting room capable of hosting talks, promotional events etc. on European matters; freephone access to the Europe Direct call centre in the event of a query having to be referred to the Commission; act as a relay for neighbouring counties. Other branch libraries will also provide a minimum standard of information on Europe;

Staff of the Central Library will throughout 2006, raise the general level of understanding of EU priorities and activities among the general public, raise awareness of the opportunities which arise in EU Programmes such as Leader, Interreg, Peace II, etc. disseminate and publish information about the EDI service and reinforce the knowledge and leadership of the public library in the communities being served by the EDI initiative.

### **TAOBH TÍRE NATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECT**

The interim report was launched in May 2005, during a visit by the Information Society Fund Evaluation Committee. The report stated the project was delivering real benefits and recommended a second phase with additional access points, including urban points. The ISF Committee visited sites in Baile na Finne, Arranmore Island and Killybegs and were impressed with how the Fund has benefited local people and with the Council's innovative approach to extending access. 4 additional sites were developed, in Letterkenny, Falcarragh and Pettigo. The Ask-a-Librarian online enquiry facility was launched to coincide with the opening of the Fanavolty site.

Evaluation is underway at the time of writing and the final report will be published in 2006. It is expected the Department will recommend the

Taobh Tíre model be introduced in other counties. In 2006, the Donegal Taobh Tíre project will concentrate on future proofing, by raising awareness, capacity building and integration within the existing library structure.

A number of funding applications have been submitted to allow this future proofing to take place, with funding continuing from Donegal County Council.

This project has been funded by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, An Chomhairle Leabharlanna, Peace II and Donegal County Council with support from Údarás na Gaeltachta and MFG.

A provision of €115,000 is included in the Draft Budget for 2006. Income of €65,000 is targeted from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government through the Library Council.

### **CROSS BORDER MOBILE LIBRARY/LEABHARLANN SO-GHLUAISTE**

The Western Education & Library Board (WELB) are our partners in this project, supported by the EU Programme for Peace & Reconciliation until June 2006. Donegal County Council and WELB will mainstream the service at this point, maintaining services in the East Donegal/South Inishowen areas. The library schedule will be reviewed and adapted in 2006, to better meet the needs of the communities served. A sum of €22,500 has been included in the Draft Budget 2006 in order to fund the service from July - December 2006.

### **INSPIRING READERS/SREAGADH LÉITHEOIRÍ**

Inspiring Readers is an innovative Reader Development programme managed by WELB and Donegal County Council Library Service. It is funded by the EU Programme for Peace & Reconciliation until June 2006.

Inspiring Readers has

- Established 12 new Reading Groups for adults and children
- Delivered training to 34 Library staff
- Launched Stories from the Web - an online resource - in Donegal
- Delivered 40+ events (60+ sessions) to over 1800 people. These include reminiscence sessions, storytelling, online author events and school based programmes.
- Delivered the Inspiring Readers Children's Festival.

In 2006 Inspiring Readers will

- Rollout the Reading our Histories Programme examining how we communicate our own versions of history and experience.
- Run the One Book Promotion

- Organise further training on community/conflict issues and on reader development.

### **Strategic Partnerships - Capitals**

Donegal County Arts Service plan to greatly extend to the level of support provided under the Strategic Partnerships Fund. The purpose of this fund is to support a strong independent arts sector throughout the county, complementing those services that are and may in the future be offered by An Grianan Theatre and the regional Cultural Centre. It is the policy of Donegal County Council to create a suitable support structure for a broad network of similarly significant arts initiatives and facilities, serving local needs, throughout the whole county. A provision of €60,000 has been included in the Draft Budget for 2006. A number of organisations and projects will benefit from the fund, including the Abbey Centre, The Balor Theatre, the Balor Developmental community Arts/Education Programme, An Gealairi Ceardlann na gCroisbhealach, Summer Palace press, Artlink, Simply Music, Saothar Ealaine and Tullyarvan Mill.

## **LETTERKENNY ARTS CENTRE/IONAD EALAÍNE LEITIR CEANAINN**

### **REGIONAL CULTURAL CENTRE LETTERKENNY** **IONAD CULTÚRTHA RÉIGIÚNACH LEITIR CEANAINN**

Total cost of project €4,530,000

This project commenced construction in August 2005 and is due to be completed in November 2006. The Centre will build on the successful countywide and cross-border programme of the existing Letterkenny Arts Centre and there will be an enhanced emphasis on education and training, access and participation and on programmes for children and young people. The Centre will be a high profile, prestigious, civic building, located alongside An Grianán theatre.

The completed centre will be one of the finest facilities of its type in Ireland and the combined Regional Cultural Centre/An Grianán Theatre campus will be a significant social, cultural and tourism resource for the North West region. The project is part funded by the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism, IFI, Interreg, Arts Council and Donegal County Council/Letterkenny Town Council.

The new Centre, which is scheduled to be open to the public in early 2007, will continue to develop Letterkenny Arts Centre's existing, highly successful programme of exhibitions, concerts, film, literary events and education.

The total provision for the Arts Centre in expenditure in the Draft Budget for the Arts Centre is €487,500. A grant of €265,000 is anticipated from the Arts Council.

## **EXHIBITIONS**

### **TAISPEÁNTAIS**

2006 is the final year of Letterkenny Arts Centre at the Central Library. The exhibition programme will commence with a series of 4 group shows entitled "Four Lights" featuring the work of Donegal artists that the Centre has worked with since 1997 and some recent graduates. The shows will be accompanied by an overall catalogue and a schools education programme.

The exhibitions will feature:

Simon Burch, Steve McCollum, Philip Moss & Eamon O' Kane (Jan - Feb);

Odette Boal, Paul Rooney, Ian Gordon, Kevin Quille (Feb - Mar);

Caitlin Gallagher, Philip McFadden, Declan Doherty & Clare McLaughlin (Mar - April);

And Recent graduates (April - May).

Another highlight will be a major international exhibition programme organised by LAC and the Glebe Gallery to coincide with the Earagail Arts Festival. It will explore the idea of Conflict and will include 2 exhibitions of William Orpen's First World War series from the Imperial War Museum London, international 20<sup>th</sup> century photographic shows, other exhibitions/installations plus talks and a publication (July-Aug).

Other exhibitions in 2006 will include:

- EV+A Select, work from EV+A Limerick, Ireland's pre-eminent annual contemporary art group exhibition (June)
- Súil na nÓg - 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior Cert Art Exhibition (Oct)
- A retrospective exhibition of the work of well-known Irish artist Jim Fitzpatrick, including an extensive education programme (Nov-Dec)
- And Four Rooms Travelling Exhibition to schools county wide, with education packs and facilitated art workshops.

## **COMMUNITY/EDUCATION/PARTICIPATION**

### **POBAL/OIDEACHAS/RANNPHÁIRTÍOCHT**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Bealtaine Festival for Older People - 60 + events countywide including film, readings, storytelling, concerts and specially commissioned projects, in partnership with the HSE and other agencies will be held in May.

A year round Children and Young Peoples Programme will have a particular concentration of activities in the Autumn including the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Wainfest festival (storytelling, music, theatre, workshops, readings in association with the County Library), Foyle Film Festival education, and Súil na nÓg

Other youth projects will include Party in the Park in Letterkenny Town Park and Teenage Kicks - Phase 3, a documentary film with students that examines the issues of underage drinking and Music Workshops in conjunction with Moving On Music.

## **MUSIC/FILM/DONEGAL CULTURE MAGAZINE**

### **CEOL/SCANNÁIN/IRISLEABHAR CULTÚIR DHÚN NA NGALL**

Three seasons of Letterkenny Film Club (Spring/Summer/Autumn) will be held at Century Cinemas. LAC will present Spring & Autumn Music Programme concerts by leading national & international classical, jazz, traditional and world musicians. The Centre will continue to publish and improve the long established quarterly Donegal Culture magazine and website.

## **EARAGAIL ARTS FESTIVAL/FÉILE EALAÍNE AN EARAGAIL**

Earagail Arts Festival will continue to develop its staffing structure by, for the first time, recruiting both a dedicated Festival General Manager and a (temporary) Festival Director. This will be the first time that the general management and artistic programming functions have been separated reflecting the growing complexity of the operation and a desire on the part of the Festival's Board of Directors to secure the structure of the Festival in the medium to long term.

The Draft Budget for 2006 includes a provision of €60,000 for a contribution to this festival.

## **DONEGAL BAY AND BLUE STACKS FESTIVAL/FÉILE BHÁ DHÚN NA NGALL AGUS NA GCRUACH GORM**

Initiated by Donegal County Council in 2001, the highly successful Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival will present its sixth programme in 2006. New performance commissions and a strong traditional music programme as well as arts educational, community, carnival and visual art events, will be at the core of this South and South West Donegal festival which is funded jointly by Donegal County Council and The Arts Council/An Chomhairle Ealaíon.

The Draft Budget for 2006 includes a provision of €45,000 for a contribution to this festival.

## **AN GRIANÁN THEATRE/AMHARCLANN AN GHRIANÁIN**

Donegal County Council will increase its revenue support in the Draft Budget for 2006 to An Grianán Theatre to €105,000. Donegal County Council continue to pay loan charges on the building which amount to €101,800 in 2006.

Letterkenny Town Council contributes 50% to the cost of these loan charges (€50,900). An Grianán is a major resource for the county, providing access to top quality drama, music and other events from Ireland and abroad, as well as commissioning events for Donegal audiences and for tours throughout the country. Highlights in 2006 will include a Summer Tour of the Theatre's 2005 commissioned play, "The Witchin' Well" and a new, An Grianán Theatre produced, Christmas show.

## **PUBLIC ART/EALÁIN POIBLÍ**

2006 will see the launch of [www.publicartdonegal.ie](http://www.publicartdonegal.ie), revision of our current Public Art Policy in line with the National Guidelines on Public Art, the launch and delivery of Donegal County Council Public Art Plan 2006 - 2010 "Making Shapes<sup>1</sup>" and the completion of the following commissions

- The Port Roundabout, Letterkenny by artist Locky Morris
- Red Hugh O' Donnell Commission, Donegal Town
- Photography Book Commission, Ardara by artist Richard Wayman
- Seated Man, Burtonport by artist Lua Breen
- Seat, Porthall by artist Aileen Barr
- Untitled, Laghey by artist Niall Bruton
- Untitled Projection, Letterkenny Arts Centre, 2007

The 2006 Draft Budget includes a provision of €48,600 under this heading.

## **SUMMARY**

The Draft 2006 Budget provision for all Arts activities including above is €1,200,700 with income targeted of €486,100.

## **COUNTY MUSEUM SERVICE/MUSAEUM AN CHONDAE**

An expenditure provision of €406,200 is included in the 2006 Draft Budget under the Museum Service. 50% of this expenditure (€203,100) is recoupable from Letterkenny Town Council.

### **Cabinet of Curiosities/Caibinéad Seandachtaí**

This innovative school's outreach project will be launched in 2006 to coincide with the introduction of the new primary history curriculum in Donegal schools. The Cabinet of Curiosities will promote a hands-on approach to history and will provide children and young people with an introduction to the work of museums.

### **Hands On Interactive Exhibition for Children**

#### **Taispeántais Idirghníomhaíochta do Pháistí**

The Museum will develop and design an innovative hands on interactive exhibition aimed at the under 12s as part of the Peace Building in the Border Counties Project between Strabane District Council and Donegal County Council (Arts and Museum Services). It is envisaged that this exhibition will form part of a permanent display in the Museum for both school groups and families.

### **Exhibition of material from the N15 Ballyshannon/Bundoran Bypass**

#### **Taispeántas de na hiarsmaí ón Seachbhóthar N15 Béal Átha Seanaidh/Bhun Dobhráin**

The Museum will organise an exhibition of artefacts from the archaeological excavations carried out along the route of the N15 Bundoran-Ballyshannon Bypass, in conjunction with the NRDO. The exhibition will tell the story of the excavations and the significance of the sites and artefacts found. This will be the first opportunity that the public will have to view the fascinating material unearthed during these excavations.

### **Development of Museum Building**

#### **Forbairt Fhoirgneamh na hIarsmalainne**

In 2006 the present workshop and storeroom situated in the Museum building on the High Road, will be moved to a new ready built warehouse (leased). This new facility will be provided with a conservation workshop and storage-space in a variety of racking / shelving.

The move will:

- guarantee the long-term care and preservation of the Museum collection.
- enable the Museum to expand its educational/exhibition facilities

## **COUNTY ARCHIVES SERVICE/CARTLANN AN CHONTAE**

The Draft Budget for 2006 includes a provision of €168,700 for expenditure under all headings within the Archives service.

"A View of....." a joint exhibition with the County Museum, was held in Dungloe in 2005 and will move to Donegal and Stranorlar in 2006. Separately, following the purchase of suitable display cases, it is planned to hold small County Archives exhibitions and information days in the main libraries from 2006, starting with Ramelton and Ballyshannon in 2006. The Archives service will engage in reminiscence programmes for the Bealtaine Festival for Older People in May and there will be a full programme of events for Heritage Week in September. Preparation and research for the Flight of the Earls exhibition in 2007 will take place.

The Education programme will continue and the Archives Schools Facsimile Pack will be launched early in 2006. As a follow up to this, a publication on the sources contained in the Archives will be produced for teachers, students and the general public in 2006. The purpose is to ensure Donegal County Council resources held in the Archives will be fully utilised by teachers and students at primary, secondary and third levels.

Microfilming of Poor Law Union/Boards of Guardians collections will continue. In 2006 the microfilming of Letterkenny Union will take place.

In 2005 it was decided to lease a second unit for the storage of the County Archives collection, at Kilty, Letterkenny. Rental costs for the two units in Kilty, and the fitting out of the second unit with mobile shelving and other furniture will form a major part of the overall budget for the Archives service in 2006.

Conservation work will be carried out on a number of the Board of Guardians admission registers in 2006.

A major updated survey of Donegal Local Authorities' non-current records will be undertaken and a plan for effective records management and record keeping will commence in 2006.

## **HERITAGE OFFICE/OIFIG OIDHREACHTA**

The Draft Budget for 2006 includes expenditure of €103,000 of which €52,500 is recoupable from the Heritage Council and Udaras na Gaeltachta.

The County Donegal Heritage Office is committed to "placing heritage at the heart of public life" in County Donegal as advocated in the National Heritage Plan (2002) and will continue in its role:

- (i) to raise awareness of County Donegal's natural, built and cultural heritage,
- (ii) to provide advice and information to members of the public, Donegal County Council and its staff on heritage matters,
- (iii) to propose heritage policy to Donegal County Council,
- (iv) to collect data and conduct research on aspects of County Donegal's natural, built and cultural heritage, and
- (v) to promote best practice in relation to heritage matters.

The key activity in which the County Donegal Heritage Office will be engaged in 2006 is to prepare, publish and launch the first five-year County Donegal Heritage Plan in conjunction with the Donegal Heritage Forum. All local authorities in Ireland are required to prepare and implement a County Heritage Plan under the National Heritage Plan (2002). The aim of the County Donegal Heritage Plan is "to gather knowledge, raise awareness, encourage appreciation of the natural, built and cultural heritage of our county and to promote best practice in the management of our heritage for the enjoyment of present and future generations." The County Donegal Heritage Plan is an opportunity to identify heritage issues and needs in the county and to address them locally, within a regional and national framework. The Heritage Plan will set out heritage needs and priorities in relation to raising awareness, collecting data, and promoting best practice. Implementation of the actions set out in the Heritage Plan will also commence in 2006.

The Heritage Office will coordinate heritage events in County Donegal as part of 'Heritage Week' which will take place from Sunday, August 27 to Sunday, September 3, 2006. The aims of 'Heritage Week' are to foster awareness of the natural, built and cultural heritage thereby encouraging its conservation and preservation and to encourage interest in our shared European heritage. The Heritage Office will seek to build on the success of 'Heritage Week' in County Donegal in 2005 which witnessed over 44 heritage events taking place at regional venues across the county and most of them were free. This was the fourth highest number of events organised in any county in the country and double the number of events in the county last year.

## **CDB CULTURE SECTORAL FORUM/ FORAM EARNÁLACH CULTÚIR**

In 2005, the Forum identified its priorities for 2006 to 2008, and these priorities were endorsed by the CDB at its July meeting. These Cultural Linkages priorities include Taobh Tíre, Archives Centre, Heritage Towns, Local Music Education Partnership, Regional Culture Centre, Co-ordinated strategy for funding, Festival Support Resources and Research into Cultural provision in the County.

Forum members prepared a snapshot of Culture in the county, which included the number of Culture organisations, an assessment of numbers employed, and analysis of investment, including investment by CDB members. This led to agreement that there is a need for formal research into Culture in the county. Terms of reference were drawn up and a funding application submitted. If this Cultural Compass - A Profile of Provision application is successful, the work will be conducted in 2006. Research will include an audit of existing cultural infrastructure, activity and services, as well as qualitative research seeking to identify the strategic needs of this infrastructure.

## **FLIGHT OF THE EARLS**

### **IMEACHT NA nIARLAÍ**

Donegal County Council appointed a Co-Ordinator for the continuously expanding programme of events being planned for the Flight of the Earls commemoration in 2007. Local, regional, national and international groups and organisations will stage a wide range of activities in Donegal and elsewhere. The Cultural Services Division of Donegal County Council will commission work and organise events/exhibitions to be integrated into the programme. The purpose of establishing the post was to provide a co-ordinated approach and to maximise the impact of the commemoration for the benefit of the whole county and beyond.

The 2006 Draft Budget includes an expenditure provision of €50,000 under this heading.

## THREE-YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME COMMUNITY, CULTURE & ENTERPRISE

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#### INTRODUCTION

##### RÉAMHRÁ

The Community, Culture & Enterprise Directorate has prepared the 2006 - 2008 capital programme across 3 broad categories.

- Community Infrastructure
- Local Authority Core Function
- Tourism/Local amenity infrastructure

#### COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

##### BONNEAGAR POBAIL

#### PLAYGROUNDS

##### ÁISEANNA SÚGARTHA

The Council has been proactive in supporting the development of playground facilities on Council owned property over the last number of years. Projects prioritised by the Members for 2005 are the subject of an application to the Donegal County Council Led Peace 11 Task Force for funds. Additional demand remains and it is proposed that during the period 2006 to 2008 direct investment of €498,000 per annum will be made across the 6 electoral areas on a multi-annual basis.

#### LOCAL AUTHORITY CORE FUNCTION LIBRARIES

##### CROÍ-LEABHARLANNA AN ÚDARÁIS ÁITIÚIL

Approval has now been received for the development of the Donegal Town Library which will be progressed in 2006. Approval is awaited for the development of the Gweedore, Ballybofey/Stranorlar and Central Libraries. For the purposes of the capital programme it is estimated that approval will be received for these to allow development to go ahead in 2007 and 2008.

## **CULTURAL CENTRES**

### **IONAID CHULTÚRTHA**

A range of cultural centres will be developed during the period 2006 and 2008 including Teach Cathal Uí Shearcaigh and the Regional Cultural Centre which are both scheduled to be completed during 2006.

Subject to co-funding approval from the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government and availability of funding from the Development Contribution Scheme the Cultural Services Headquarters and the Archives Centre may be progressed further in 2007 and 2008.

## **TOURISM/LOCAL AMENITY INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **BONNEAGAR TURASÓIREACHTA / TAITNEAMHACHTA**

## **WALKING ROUTES**

### **BEALAÍ SIÚLÓIDE**

To assist the walking route development officer employed and funded under Peace 11 Taskforce funds it is proposed under the Development Contribution scheme to allocate €50,000 per annum to develop existing and create new walking routes for amenity and tourism recreation purposes to National Way Mark Way standards in various parts of the county during the period 2006 - 2008.

## **MARINA DEVELOPMENT**

### **FORBAIRT MUIRÍ**

To progress the objectives contained within the Deloitte-Touche report it is proposed that Marina developments will progress both at Burtonport and Tory during 2006 with the other remaining centres identified within the report being developed in subsequent years. The level and from of investment will depend on the model used in each instance and this will be subject to further discussions at Council.

## **BEACH CENTRE**

### **IONAD TRÁ**

In order to complete the pilot beach management programme at Rosnowlagh it is proposed that an investment of some €1,465,000 in 2006 will establish the infrastructure to support this initiative.

It should be noted that in all instances the proposed sources of funding from the Council will be dependent on the Development Contribution Scheme.

| Category                                       | Description                       | Projected Cost Per Annum |                        |                        | Proposed Sources Of funding |                       |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
|  |                                   | 2006<br>€                | 2007<br>€              | 2008<br>€              | Council<br>€                | External<br>€         |
| <b>Community Infrastructure</b>                | <b>Playgrounds</b>                | 498,000                  | 498,000                | 498,000                | 1,494,000                   | —                     |
| <b>Core Function</b>                           | <b>Libraries</b>                  |                          |                        |                        |                             |                       |
|  | Donegal Town                      | 1,400,000                |                        |                        | 350,000                     | 1,050,000             |
|  | Gaoth Dobhair                     |                          | 1,200,000              |                        | 300,000                     | 900,000               |
|  | Ballybofey/Stranorlar             |                          | 1,200,000              |                        | 300,000                     | 900,000               |
|  | Central Library                   |                          |                        | 800,000                | 200,000                     | 600,000               |
|  | <b>Cultural Centres</b>           |                          |                        |                        |                             |                       |
|  | Teach Cathal Ui Shearaigh         | 250,000                  |                        |                        | 75,000                      | 175,000               |
|  | Regional Arts                     | 4,700,000                |                        |                        | 400,000                     | 4,300,000             |
|  | Cultural Services                 |                          | 1,300,000              | 1,300,000              | 650,000                     | 1,950,000             |
|  | Archives Centre<br>Records Centre |                          | 2,000,000<br>1,000,000 | 2,000,000<br>1,000,000 | 1,000,000<br>500,000        | 3,000,000,<br>500,000 |
| <b>Tourism/<br/>Amenity<br/>Infrastructure</b> | <b>Walking Routes</b>             | 50,000                   | 50,000                 | 50,000                 | 150,000                     |                       |
|  | <b>Marina Development</b>         | 1,100,000                | 1,000,000              | 1,000,000              | 1,600,000                   | 1,500,000             |
|  | <b>Beach Centre</b>               | 1,465,000                |                        |                        | 1,100,000                   | 365,000               |
|  | <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>9,463,000</b>         | <b>8,248,000</b>       | <b>6,648,000</b>       | <b>8,119,000</b>            | <b>16,240,000</b>     |

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