

**COMMUNITY,  
CULTURE &  
ENTERPRISE  
DIRECTORATE**

**STIÚRTHÓIREACHT  
POBAIL, CULTÚIR  
AGUS  
FIONTAIR**

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Draft Budgeted Expenditure: €9,497,700  
Draft Budgeted Income: €2,119,700

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

Programme Group 4

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

Draft Budgeted Expenditure: €2,095,000  
Draft Budgeted Income: €573,600  
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Programme Group 6

**RECREATION AND AMENITY  
CAITHEAMH AIMSIRE AGUS TAITNEAMHACHT**

Draft Budgeted Expenditure: €7,402,700  
Draft Budgeted Income: €1,546,100  
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## **INTRODUCTION/REAMHRÁ**

The Community, Culture & Enterprise Directorate has two divisions, namely the Community & Enterprise Division and the Cultural Services Division. The Community & Enterprise Division focuses on the Council's responsibilities and lead role in assisting Community & Economic Development, Social Inclusion, County Development Board Management and Activities, Fund and Grants management, Development of Strategic Policy, Research activities and Project development with the Council as a lead or key partner across economic, tourism, cultural, recreation, environmental and social areas. The Cultural Services Division has the responsibility for managing and delivering activities in the area of Library Services, Museum Services, Heritage Services, Archive Services and Arts Services throughout the County. This Directorate deals with Communities and individuals in all parts of the County - bringing about development, delivering services and improving quality of life.

## **COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE DIVISION/RANNÓG POBAIL & FIONTAIR**

Community & Enterprise functions can be categorised into the following areas:

- Various Development Fund and Grant Management
- County Development Board - Management of the County Development Board process, Fora and Working Groups and initiator, lead and partner on a range of projects
- Initiation and development of projects across a range of Economic, Social and Cultural areas
- Community Development
- Local Development Coordination
- Social Inclusion
- Strategic Policy Management
- Research Unit
- Cross Border and Transnational Activities
- Play, Recreation and Amenity
- Local Resource Development (e.g. Walking, Marine Leisure)

The Division continues to aim to maximise to the benefit of the County, discretionary opportunities offered under emerging European Union, National and Regional plans and from the relevant legislation supporting the activities of the Council. The Division maximises the role of the Council as the primary development organisation in areas of Economic and Community Development for the County.

The Division will continue to pro-actively engage with all relevant partner development organisations, Government Departments and Cross Border bodies to maximise economic, social and cultural development opportunities for the County in 2008. This will include the ongoing development of projects under Interreg IV (via ICBAN, North West Region Cross Border Group) and directly across various Economic, Tourism, Environmental and Cultural related areas.

A specific focus in 2008 will be the engagement with the reforming Local Development Companies, which have many complimentary activities and actions to the Council with the objective of creating synergies, efficiencies and best value for the County as a result of co-operative working arrangements with the Council.

The Division will continue to develop and initiate specific developmental projects across a range of sectors with the objectives of employment creation, natural resource utilisation and retention of rural communities across the County.

The Division will continue in 2008 to maximise the County Development Board process for co-operative working arrangements amongst National, Regional and Local Development Organisations. This will continue to work through the various Sectoral Fora within the County Development Board to drive forward specific actions and activities.

The Division will have a particular focus on developing the Councils role and functions with regard to Social Inclusion in 2008 utilising the expanded Social Inclusion function and the developing Community Development engagement process initiated in 2007.

#### **DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT FUNDS**

The Division manages the allocation and distribution of a range of Community, Economic and Social Development support funds. During 2007, funds as detailed below were managed by the Division.

	€	No. of Projects
DCC Led Peace II Task Force	2,606,705	56
Council Community Dev. Fund Initiative	540,000	36
Council Members Development Fund	184,100	240
Council Bursaries	41,550	34
Council Tourism Development Fund	88,000	14
Social & Community Facilities	150,000	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,610,355</b>	<b>385</b>

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

The extension to the Peace II Task Force in 2006 ultimately saw €2,606,705 reallocated to 56 projects across a range of revitalisation and regeneration projects in the County. This was in addition to the €6,886,637 allocated during the period 2002-2005 and drawn down in its entirety by the end of 2006. Administration costs of 2% were the lowest of any intermediary funding body for the Peace Programme, North or South. The Peace II Task Force Programme will conclude in 2008.

Confirmation has been received that the Council Executive will continue to support, through the County Development Board, Priority measure 1.1, Building Better Communities, of the Peace III Programme. An "Action Plan" for the County will be initiated and completed in early to mid 2008 and will see a multi annual plan prepared to address the ongoing objectives of peace building during the period 2008-2013. The decision to continue with the County Development Board methodology of management and the Council Secretariat as Executive is indicative of the fact that the border task forces were acknowledged as the most efficient, effective and transparent of all intermediary funding bodies under Peace II, North or South.

A sum in the amount of €33,000 is included in Programme Group 6 in the Draft 2008 Budget in this regard to facilitate the completion of the Peace II programme and initiate preparations for the Peace III programme.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND INITIATIVES/CISTÍ  
FORBARTHA POBAIL**

The methodology of allocating these development funds at a local level saw the allocation of a discretionary fund to each Electoral Area from 2007 with local Members identifying specific developmental proposals within their areas to be funded from this. This has proven to be a major success with a total of €540,000 allocated during 2007 to 36 projects across the six Electoral Areas in the County. Each Electoral Area determined their own developmental priorities within the agreed guidelines and funded projects across a range of Tourism, Community Development, Economic Development, Arts, Culture and Heritage related activities.

A sum in the amount of €540,000 is again proposed in Programme Group 6 in the Draft Budget for 2008 with an equal allocation of €90,000 to each of the six Electoral Areas in the County. Each Electoral Area will determine its own developmental priorities subsequent to this allocation, taking cognisance of any existing legal and multi-annual commitments.

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

It is proposed to allocate €184,100 in Programme Group 6 in the 2008 Draft Budget for this Development Fund that continues to allow the members to aid local development initiatives through micro-financial contributions. This flexible fund allows for the provision of support to numerous activities across areas such as Recreation and Leisure, Sports and Games, Artistic, Linguistic and Cultural, Civic improvements, Environmental and Heritage Protection etc.

It is envisaged that by end of year there will be some 260 applications processed across the six Electoral Areas, although it should be noted that at any given time the number of active applications will be double this figure.

2007 funding committed to 31/10/07 is illustrated in the table below.

Electoral Area	€ <sup>1</sup>	No. of Allocations <sup>1</sup>
Donegal	31,320	43
Glenties	27,682	47
Inishowen	23,180	42
Letterkenny	18,082	40
Milford	11,620	24
Stranorlar	15,773	21
Public Lighting	3,900	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>131,557</b>	<b>220</b>

<sup>1</sup>Note: Reflects total allocation to projects, may represent more than one Members allocation.

## COUNCIL BURSARIES/SPARÁNACHT

The Draft Budget for 2008 makes a provision of €16,300 in Programme Group 6 under this heading.

The Bursary and Award Scheme has been in existence since 1997 and during that time has approved 130 applications to a value of €136,920. During 2007 alone some 34 applications (a record number) received assistance totalling €41,550. The Bursary Scheme has become more high-profile in recent years with specific presentations being made by pre-eminent sports men, with the former Celtic Goalkeeper and Republic of Ireland International, Mr Packie Bonner making the presentations in May 2007 to the 34 successful applicants.

During 2007 many of the successful applicants were involved in various overseas sporting events travelling to destinations including New Zealand, United States of America, Korea and various parts of Europe to take part in numerous sporting events ranging from Clay Target Shooting, Athletics, Rugby, Badminton and Boxing to name but a few. The scheme continues to represent an important intervention, allowing the Council to acknowledge those striving for sporting excellence in their respective fields.

### **TOURISM DEVELOPMENT FUNDS/FORBAIRT TURASÓIREACHTA**

The purpose of the Tourism Development Funds is to allow, at the discretion of the Members within each Electoral Area, seek funding to be allocated to prioritised tourism product initiatives within each area. This has been done in the past in many instances in partnership with local, regional or national bodies including bodies such as the National Parks and Wildlife Service in the case of Inch Lake and furthermore in the case of Sliabh Liag.

The Members identified, during 2007, a range of priority projects to be pursued during the lifetime of the current National Development Plan from a range of funding sources to progress and develop the Tourism Product in the County, acknowledging the importance of this economic sector to the County. This identified a range of Tourism Development Product opportunities in all Electoral Areas which has seen ongoing work with bodies such as Failte Ireland, Special EU Programmes Body through the Interreg IV programme, Government Departments and an emerging linkage with the newly reformed Local Development Companies. This will offer substantial co-funding opportunities during the lifetime of the new National Development Plan, in assisting in the development and co-funding of key Tourism Products/Projects throughout the County.

An allocation in the amount of €88,000 is included in Programme Group 6 in the Draft 2008 Budget to co-fund the development of such projects, in conjunction with Development Contribution Scheme Funds and External Grant Aid and to support the development, initiation and implementation of the priority projects as identified by the Members during 2007.

The table on the next page details the form, type and extent of funding allocated as part of the 2007 Failte Ireland Soft Infrastructure programme and as delivered by the Council as the grant recipient, in partnership with various statutory organisations. Proposals for the 2008 Soft Infrastructure programme are currently being developed, with these again to be delivered locally through the Council.

## Faite Ireland Soft Infrastructure Allocations 2007

<b>Donegal County Council Soft Infrastructure Fund Application 1st Call</b>										
<b>€</b>										
Project Name	Project Total	Fáilte Ireland 75%	Matching Funding 25%	Details of Matching Funding						Total Matching Funding
				DCC TDF	DCS	C&E Time	Údaras	National Park & Wildlife	NWRFB	
<b>Looped Walking Routes</b>										
Donegal Island Looped Walks	74,300	55,725	18,575			9,288		9,287		18,575
Shroove Looped Walks	36,050	27,037	9,013	7,420		1,593				9,013
<b>National Coastal Walks</b>										
Inishowen Coastal Walk	65,500	49,125	16,375			16,375				16,375
<b>Pilot Beach Management Project<sup>1</sup></b>										
Phase 1	292,242	219,182	73,060			73,060				73,060
<b>Angling Facilities</b>										
Eske/Owenea	34,100	25,575	8,525						8,525	8,525
Gweebarra	156,814	117,610	39,204						39,204	39,204
<b>Environment Management</b>										
Donegal Natural Resource	70,000	52,500	17,500	1,458		7,292		8,750		17,500
Inch Lake Woodland Management Project	40,960	30,720	10,240		5,120			5,120		10,240
Sliabh Liag Sustainable Trails Phase 1	101,984	76,488	25,496			12,748		12,748		25,496
<b>Cycling Routes</b>										
Ballyshannon Hub	82,250	61,688	20,562			20,562				20,562
<b>Overall Totals</b>	<b>954,200</b>	<b>715,650</b>	<b>238,550</b>	<b>13,998</b>	<b>120,356</b>	<b>20,562</b>	<b>30,785</b>	<b>5,120</b>	<b>47,729</b>	<b>238,550</b>

<sup>1</sup> To be commenced and completed in 2008

Development of tourism product projects may be carried out on a stand-alone basis or in partnership with local, regional or national bodies. Good examples of such initiatives include the Inch Lake Project (in association with, inter-alia, the National Parks and Wildlife Service) and Sliabh Liag (in association with NPWS, the local community, private sector and relevant agencies). It is intended to be proactive in the identification and advancement of potential tourism projects to add to the overall tourism product in all parts of the County (e.g. exploration of opportunities presenting at Lough Mourne and Doe Castle being two such examples).

## **DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS - COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **PLAY PROGRAMME**

The multi annual programme establishing play areas as prioritised by the Members continued in 2007 and will see a range of projects continuing to be developed and finalised into early 2008 as detailed in the schedule below.

Calls for expressions of interest were made in 2007 inviting communities to develop further play facilities in their areas. Priority lists have now been established by each of the electoral areas. The Division will continue to develop these proposals in 2008 in conjunction with other relevant developmental organisations and funders.

## Playground Development 2007

<b>Play Facility</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Funded By</b>
<b>Ramelton</b>	Opened - 02/03/07	DCS,NCO,Disability Funding
<b>Ballina - Falcarragh</b>	Opened - 28/03/07	Peace II, DCS, Disability Funding
<b>Killygordon</b>	Opened - 11/05/07	Peace II, Disability Funding
<b>Castefinn</b>	Opened - 22/06/07	Peace II, DCS, Disability Funding
<b>Dungloe</b>	Opened - 28/06/07	Peace II
<b>Milford</b>	Opened - 29/08/07	Peace II
<b>Rathmullan</b>	Opened - 07/09/07	DCS, Private Donation
<b>Tory Island</b>	Opened - 13/09/07	DCS, NCO, Roinn Na Gaeltachta
<b>Glenwood - Letterkenny</b>	Opened - 30/10/07	Peace II
<b>St Mary's Close - Gweedore</b>	Re-surfaced and open 23/10/07	Disability Funding
<b>Mall Park - Ballyshannon</b>	Contractor on site. Complete end November 2007	Peace II, Disability Funding
<b>Ardara</b>	Opened - 18/12/07	Peace II
<b>Ballyliffen</b>	Tender documents being drawn up	NCO,DCS
<b>Stranorlar</b>	Site survey carried out and waiting on tender documents to be drawn up	NCO,DCS
<b>Ard Na Ri - Letterkenny</b>	Tenders back in and waiting to be opened	DCC Housing, Peace II
<b>Lifford</b>	Lease agreement being finalised. Can then go to tender	NCO,DCS
<b>Ballymacool - Letterkenny</b>	Advertised on e-tender week beginning 26/11/07	Town Council

This programme has been greeted exceptionally well by all communities and the challenge going forward will be to maintain a revenue stream from capital and external sources to continue to meet demand for such facilities.

### **WALKING AND TRAILS**

The Walking and Trails Development initiative, funding for which in 2008 is proposed to be made through the Development Contribution Scheme in conjunction with relevant external funds, continues to put in place essential local recreational and amenity, targeted tourism product and walking and trails facilities in the County. Additionally, the project has worked closely with cross border cycling trails initiatives, which has seen the development of dedicated tourism and recreational cycle paths throughout Donegal and North West Region funded through a combination of Tourism Product Developments Funds allocated by the Council and European Union funds.

The role and function of this initiative will continue in 2008 to:

- Consolidate and enhance existing walking product within the County
- Maximise the potential for the creation of a network of healthy walking routes at local community level, and in all identified urban areas within the County
- Maximise external funding opportunities including those offered under Failte Ireland soft infrastructure fund and Interreg IV to develop additional tourism and recreation walks in all areas of the County.

A detailed review of activities and actions within each Electoral Area will be carried out and presented to the Elected Members in early 2008 for their review and consideration.

### **SUPPORTS TO SPORT & RECREATION**

The Council continues to develop the mini pitch proposals, the funding for which was provided through the Department of Arts, Sports & Tourism and the Football Association of Ireland at five locations throughout the County. Engagement is ongoing with various local groups to complete these facilities in early 2008.

The Council has been requested by a range of sporting organisations to provide supports to facilitate their ongoing activities in utilising sport and recreation as a facility to address challenges facing young people of today, including challenges in areas of health, social responsibility, access to recreation, social inclusion and motivation.

Taking into consideration the requirements of the National Recreation Policy for young people launched in September 2007 and the range of responsibilities identified within that as resting with local authorities, an opportunity may exist to utilise the requests from the sporting organisations to assist the local authority in meeting those identified responsibilities including areas such as:

- Giving young people a voice in the design, implementation and monitoring of recreation policies and facilities
- Promoting organised activities for young people and examining ways to motivate them to be involved
- Ensuring that the recreational needs of young people are met through the development of youth friendly and safe facilities and environments
- Maximising the range of recreational opportunities available for young people who are marginalized, disadvantaged or who have a disability
- Developing a partnership approach in developing and funding recreational opportunities across statutory, community and voluntary sectors
- Improving information on evaluation and monitoring of recreational provision for young people in Ireland.

To this end, it is proposed that the Members consider the provision of funding to facilitate the requests of the Irish Rugby Football Union and the Gaelic Athletic Association to assist in contributing towards those objectives. Presentations will be made by these organisations in early 2008 to the Council at which point in time, and subject to the agreement of the Members, a final recommendation and approval may be made regarding the allocation of these funds, taking into account any necessary conditions and requirements that the Council may have to facilitate the objectives associated with the National Recreation Policy for young people and the responsibilities of the local authority in that regard.

Finally, the Council will, in conjunction with other relevant stakeholders, complete the review of its current and potential future role in supporting sporting infrastructure and initiatives. This will be done in conjunction with all relevant County Development Board Partners and the Donegal Sports Partnership.

## **SOCIAL & COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAMME**

The Division will continue to coordinate this National Programme in a Donegal context in 2008, subject to funding being approved by Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government. Funding in the amount €150,000 was allocated in 2007 through this Programme and was subsequently allocated by the members to five projects throughout the County to the value of €30,000 each. These projects were:

1. Comharchumann Oilean Thoraí Teo
2. Kidzone, Ballyshannon
3. Lifford Athletic Club
4. Castlefin Tidy Towns
5. Carrigart Foreshore Viewing Areas

## **2012 - OLYMPICS RESPONSE**

The Council will continue to develop proposals and engage with relevant stakeholders with a view to maximising the opportunities offered under the 2012 London Olympics. A publicity document is currently being finalised and will be circulated to all international Olympic Council's and sporting organisations in early 2008 to identify interest in Donegal being used as a training camp facility in advance of the Olympics. Additionally, ongoing engagement has taken place with the relevant Government Department to assess opportunities to obtain additional capital funding to upgrade existing sporting facilities in the County to support this particular bid. This has been carried out following the completion of a detailed audit of facilities within the County and in identifying the counties capacity to meet the training camp requirements of Olympic teams.

This work is ongoing in a County Development Board context and in partnership with the Donegal Sports Partnership and relevant international experts in the fields of international athletics.

## **DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS - ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **MARINE AND WATER LEISURE UNIT**

The unit will continue to develop a range of projects in 2008 with the aim of initiating and implementing projects that will have a tangible economic impact in their respective areas. These projects include;

- Donegal Beach Management Strategy
- Donegal Angling Plan
- Erne Waterway Maritime link
- Buncrana Coastal research and education visitor centre
- Bundoran Sealife visitor centre
- Marina's at Fahan, Burtonport and Killybegs
- Sailing safe havens at Ballywhoriskey, Tory and Bunagee
- Sea Angling Centres at Bunagee / Culdaff
- Ireland/Scotland "Sail West" partnership for development of Marine Tourism
- Development of Donegal Marine & Water Leisure Website

An amount of €280,400 is included in Programme Group 4 in the Draft Budget for 2008 for this unit.

### **FOREST LINK PHASE II/NASE FORAOISEACHTA**

The Forest Link Project was initially commenced in 2004. The first phase of the project came to a conclusion in May 2005 and was funded by the Special EU Programmes Body. This research based project examined regional, national and international models of best practice in relation to a number of key issues revolving around the forestry and timber resource. These included:

- Adding value to timber resources of private growers
- Biomass for renewable energies
- Creation of community forests

The Council in conjunction with Donegal CDB Forestry Forum, have been successful in obtaining funding from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for funding the second year of phase 2 of Forest Link in respect of 2008. This is focused on implementing the lessons learned during the research phase with particular emphasis on developing community forests, the promotion of biomass as an alternative fuel source and supporting small scale private forestry growers in commercialising their forestries which are now coming on line for thinning.

To this end, a provision of €106,700 is included in Programme Group 4 in the Draft Budget for 2008.

## **INCH LEVELS**

The Council has worked in partnership with the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, National Parks and Wildlife Service, the local community and Donegal Co-Operative Creameries on the development of this unique area as a first class local amenity, conservation area, educational and environmental tourism attraction. Over the past four years, detailed proposals for the site have been developed to the extent that a feasibility study has been funded and completed, which recognises the potential of the site as a major attraction for the area for recreation, amenity, education, tourism and conservation purposes.

Work is ongoing in identifying suitable funding sources to facilitate the development of the site. The successful completion of the works identified in the study would see the site developed as a gateway interpretive centre for County Donegal and the North West Region as a whole. (This project has been shortlisted for a LAMA award in 2008).

## **ICONIC TOURISM PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT**

The development of Sliabh Líag, has been identified by Failte Ireland North West as an iconic tourism development project, and work is ongoing with a range of organisations and the local community in progressing development proposals for Sliabh Líag. The ongoing requirement to maintain the environmental sensitivity of the area whilst maximising the location for the purposes of tourism activity, bearing in mind its location, is a challenge that will continue to be worked on by the Division and development partners during 2008. The objective of agreeing a broad consensus on specific works and the identification and agreement of funding sources of funding to facilitate same during 2008 and subsequent years is to be completed.

In addition to iconic projects as identified by Failte Ireland, a range of additional priority tourism product development opportunities have been identified by the Members as part of a review during 2007. These include:

- The Columban Trail/Colm Cille Project
- The further development of Fort Dunree
- Development of Lough Mourne in parallel with reservoir development
- Development of Malin Head and Banbas Crown
- Development of Letterkenny Discovery Centre
- Future development of Inch Levels
- Doe Castle
- Gaelic Heritage Centre, Gaoth Dobhair

- Countywide Signage - including Interpretive Panels Project (Phase 1 - Malin Head, Fanad Head, Bloody Foreland, Glen Cholmcille, Phase 2 - Ballybofey/Stranorlar, Barnesmore, Donegal Town, Glenfin, Raphoe and Lifford)

A range of other projects have also been identified by the Members and through a combination of actions it is intended to progress these projects during 2008. It is envisaged that substantial progress can be made during the lifetime of the National Development Plan, in enhancing and increasing the level of tourism product particularly based upon the natural resource throughout the County. The objective of this is to assist in the creation of a longer tourism season, to assist in the expansion of the tourism industry into as many areas of the County as possible, and to support the retention of rural communities on the backbone of a solid tourism product in the County as a whole.

### **RENEWABLE ENERGIES**

The employment of a Renewable Energies Officer within the Council took place in mid 2007 and a number of specific actions including the preparation of a proposal for alternative energy suppliers to the Council has been prepared and is currently under review. Additionally, work has taken place with the Council's road service in the area of establishing bio-diesel usage within the Council fleet. This work will continue in 2008 in addition to progressing a range of development opportunities in the County across a range of renewable areas including wave and tidal renewable energy opportunities, biomass and other emerging opportunities. Additionally, a range of actions will be initiated to assist the Council itself in becoming more energy aware and efficient in its day-to-day activities.

Funding applications have been submitted as part of Interreg IV proposals for support on these areas and it is hoped that approval will be received on a number of initiatives that will assist in the co-funding of this function throughout 2008 and future years.

In the context of the 2008 Draft Budget, a sum in the amount of €49,000 is included for this function in Programme Group 4.

### **FERRY SERVICES**

The Council continues to support this important economic infrastructure which sees a year round service between Greencastle and Magilligan and a seasonal service serving Buncrana and Rathmullan. These initiatives are funded through the Development funds on an annual basis. The Foyle Service will be provided in 2008 with no cost to the Council.

The Swilly Service will, subject to funding being made available from the Development Funds, again serve the areas indicated between June and September 2008. Ongoing efforts are being made to maximise external sources to facilitate the running of this important service as in recent years.

### **ATLANTIC DRIFT (PHASE II)**

A sum in the amount of €36,000 is included in Programme Group 6 in the Draft Budget for 2008 for this initiative which is scheduled to be completed in early 2008. This final phase of the project is a culmination of activities originally emanating from the establishment of the Greencastle Magilligan Ferry Service and which saw substantial cross border networks being developed between the public sector and private sector tourism enterprises within the region and which has now, in its final phase, seen various training activities being supported to tourism providers in the area to facilitate an increased level of service to visitors to the area. The project has been acknowledged as innovative and has been awarded a number of awards during its period of activity.

The officer funded under this initiative has also proved invaluable in developing a range of projects including the Columban Trail, Inch Levels, in developing and implementing the National Resource/Interpretive signage soft infrastructure initiative, and in supporting a range of tourism related initiatives in addition to the core Atlantic Drift Project.

### **DIASPORA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

This project is scheduled to continue until June 2008 and a provision of €122,700 is included in Programme Group 4 in the 2008 Draft Budget to facilitate this. The project which is substantially co-funded through Interreg IIIA and partnered by Derry City Council has attracted substantial National and International interest which sees complimentary efforts to the economic development organisations being made to support economic development within the Northwest region. A network of Donegal People is being developed as part of this and a number of specific business enquiries have emanated as a result of networking activities held in Dublin and London in late 2007. This will be followed up with a USA visit in early 2008. The proposal has substantial support from all economic development organisations and a proposal is to be made to Interreg IV for a continuation of the project bearing in mind the timescales involved in initiating and establishing the concept of the Donegal Diaspora as a force of economic activity in the County.

## **INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL AIR ACCESS AT DONEGAL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

The Council supports Air Access through a multi-annual commitment to support ongoing capital investment at the airport. This is indicated at some €60,000 for 2008, subject to agreement of the Members from the relevant Development Funds. The importance of regional airports is emphasised by the increasing incidence of the short break, tourism market and the importance of people accessing areas in as expeditious a manner as possible.

The Council also has a watching brief on the City of Derry Airport with regard to its ongoing development plans and proposals and the evolving proposals of the governance of the airport is an area that will be of interest to the Council in the coming year bearing in mind its strategic location in supporting international air access in to the North West.

It is proposed that both of the above initiatives will continue in 2008.

## **DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS - YOUTH & CULTURE**

### **DONEGAL YOUTH COUNCIL**

The Donegal Youth Council will now be entering its fourth set of elections in October 2008. The Youth Councillors systematically feed into the electoral area committee meetings on areas of concern and in 2007 progressing issues raised in the Donegal Youth Survey as well as interagency work on various issues and training.

The project will be partially funded in 2008 by HSE North West and the Office of the Minister for Children. On this basis, a total of €96,300 has been set-aside in Programme Group 4 in the Draft 2008 Budget to facilitate this ongoing initiative.

### **DONEGAL PLACENAMES COMMITTEE/COISTE LOGAINMEACHA**

Following the adoption of the Donegal Placenames Policy in 2006 by the Council, a Placenames Committee was established within the Council to assist in its implementation. The Committee comprises of members of the local authorities, statutory bodies and sectoral interests. In 2007 the promoters of over 50 multi-unit housing reached agreement with the Placenames Committee regarding the suitable naming of their development. The Placenames Committee also plays an advisory role in the naming of Council infrastructure. It is envisaged that the level of activity in 2008 will continue to increase based upon the existing level of goodwill that exists between the Council and the developers and their agents within the County.

This service is run in parallel with the Council's ongoing commitment to develop and maximise the Irish language in supporting cultural and economic development of the County. For 2008 an increasing emphasis will be placed on the following areas under the programme in addition to the systematic and consistent use of An Coiste Logainmeacha.

- Targeting and assisting specific, appropriate flagship cultural projects
- Development of bilingualism with the Directorate of Community, Culture & Enterprise

It should be noted that a range of mobile festivals including the Pan Celtic festival which has been secured for Donegal Town for 2008 has come about as a result of the work of this Unit. This work will continue in 2008.

### **CULTURAL DIVERSITY PHASE II**

In partnership with Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council, the Council will complete Phase II of this project in June 2008. The project has the aim of developing stronger and more meaningful links across a range of thematic areas between the Council areas including politics, youth, sport, tourism and arts with the objective of increasing the levels of mutual understanding and respect between the different areas, the communities and their inhabitants. A range of specific activities tied into the Flight of the Earls Commemoration in 2007 formed part of the Cultural Diversity Programme in 2007.

Discussions are taking place at the moment between the relevant partners with a view to assessing the potential for a further phase of relationship building between the respective Council areas based upon external funding sources and a decision will be taken in relation to this in early 2008 following consultation with the members.

A sum in the amount of €24,500 has been set aside in Programme Group 4 in the 2008 Draft Budget to facilitate the completion of the programme by June 2008.

### **HEART PROJECT**

The HEART project is scheduled to come to a conclusion in June 2008. This Interreg IIIA funded programme managed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development has seen co-funding brought to bear through the International Fund for Ireland, the private sector, Strabane District Council and Donegal County Council.

The overall objective of the programme is aimed at enhancing the Heritage, Environment, Arts & Rural Tourism within the respective areas. Donegal County Council identified the towns of Lifford, Ballybofey/Stranorlar, Ballyshannon, Moville, Ardara, Ramelton and Raphoe as the recipients of these funds and a range of activities revolving around environmental improvements schemes and signage, shop fronts and public art have either taken place or are ongoing at the present time with a view to making the environments more attractive for the purposes of economic development, tourism and as a location to live.

Preliminary discussions with the funders have indicated a desire on their part to consider a further phase under Interreg IV and further discussions will be held with the funders in early 2008 with a view to maximising any opportunity that may be available to Donegal in this regard.

## **COUNCIL SUPPORT SERVICES**

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

This unit continues to provide executive and administration support to the Donegal County Development Board, its meetings and sub committees.

The section also provides an essential link between local planning, policy making and strategy development at a number of levels; local, County, cross border, regional, national and European Union level.

The strategic policy unit in 2008 will continue to provide a central repository of information on external policies, plans and funding programmes of interest at local, regional, national and European Union levels (for example Territorial Co-operation Programme/Interreg IV, National Rural Development Programme, National Development Plan, Border, Midland and West Regional Operational Programme etc). The unit will continue to provide ongoing reports and dissemination of activities and opportunities to the Senior Management Team and the respective Directorates in areas of relevance.

The unit will also co-ordinate the development of medium and long-term policies brought forward to the Strategic Policy Committee in 2008 (for example Regional Development Policy, Economic Development Policy). This will also include a review of how best the Council can engage in a pro-active, forward and progressive way in a cross border context with all relevant development organisations.

The unit will also coordinate submissions to external bodies in a Council and County Development Board context (for example CLÁR, Local Development etc).

As part of its ongoing remit to support the County Development Boards ongoing actions and activities to ensure that the board is used to its maximum benefit will be progressed including the use of the County Development Boards website and information technology.

## **RESEARCH UNIT**

The Research Unit has as its core objective the need to build up expertise in research, evaluation and policy development within Donegal County Council and Donegal County Development Board. To this end the unit in 2008 will continue to provide and build on its central repository of baseline information on key economic, social and cultural indicators and through its work on developing the Economic, Social and Cultural Profile & Atlas for the County.

At the start of 2007, the Research and Policy Unit successfully launched the 'Donegal Community Audit', which not only identifies the strategic needs of the Community Sector in County Donegal but also builds up Donegal County Councils databases of community infrastructure with currently 490 groups located to their most accurate geographical reference within the County. Additional directories prepared during 2007 included the 'Directory of Community and Voluntary Groups by Sectoral Remit 2007' which has seen widespread interest with this being the third most accessed document on Donegal County Councils website in 2007.

A substantial portion of the work of the Research and Policy Unit in 2007 was devoted to the completion of research on the 'The Cultural Compass project'. This project is a new initiative that is currently being developed through Donegal County Developments Boards Cultural Forum. This project sets out to strategically assess the needs of the entire cultural sector in County Donegal by determining 'How cultural infrastructure is and will continue to contribute to the unique culture and way of life in County Donegal.'

The Research and Policy Unit will continue to represent the Council on the Children's Services Committee in 2008. The purpose of this is to provide strategic direction and co-ordination in the development of an inter agency information service, through the collection and interpretation of generic data and to support the planning and development role within this local committee.

Part of the 2008 work will involve the development of an Audit of Services provided to Children under 17 years of age and a Directory of Frontline Staff providing those services within the county.

In 2007, the Research Unit has worked with the Road Safety Office in developing a mechanism to evaluate the Road Safety Strategy 2007 - 2009. This work will be continued in 2008 and will involve the development and setting of baseline indicators to evaluate the progress being made in the implementation of this strategy and the interrogation of relevant Databases over a time series to determine the impact of initiatives under the strategy on collisions at sub county level.

The Research and Policy unit has also made a number of strategic submissions for funding in 2008 including one as part of Interreg IV proposals to 'Evaluate the effectiveness of the National Spatial Strategy North South Gateway 2002-2006'. This submission was developed in conjunction with a number of agencies both North and South of the Border and will, if successful, allow assessment of the expenditure provided under the National Development Plan 2000-2006 on the growth of the Letterkenny/Derry areas.

Work will also be carried out in 2008 in supporting other Council directorates including Water, Environment & Emergency Services in developing baseline data to support funding proposals for the development of the Swimming Pool and Recreational facilities in Ballybofey & Stranorlar.

The Unit will also act as a resource, on an ongoing basis for various Council directorates and Senior Management in researching and providing key baseline and empirical data to assist in ongoing submissions, reports and reviews.

€157,500 is included in Programme Group 4 of the Draft 2008 Budget to facilitate these works.

### **COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD INITIATIVES**

The Community & Enterprise Division is responsible for the co-ordination and management of the County Development Board and its various sub structures. The sub structure system effectively works through a range of sectoral fora focusing on particular themes of development on a cross organisational basis. These fora have proven very useful in agreeing joint actions in areas where there is mutual benefit to be gained through co-operation amongst development organisations and where, for example, there are complex issues to be addressed in the context of developing a particular proposal or in addressing a specific issue.

The following are the sectoral fora that are currently operational in the context of the County Development Board:

- Economic Development Forum
- Environment Forum
- Forestry Forum
- Tourism Forum
- Lifelong Learning Forum
- Social Inclusion Measures Co-ordination Group
- Cultural Development Forum
- Transport Forum
- Gender Focus Group
- Health Forum
- Grupa Earnalach Gaeilge
- County Community Forum
- Marine Forum
- Agriculture Forum
- Energy Forum (proposed 2008)

A range of agreed activities and identified actions were facilitated through the sectoral forum process during 2007. These include areas such as:

- Further development of the Forestry Sector including development of wood land owners group
- Agreement and identification of priority funding projects under the Tourism Soft Infrastructure funding in conjunction with Failte Ireland North West
- Progression of Childrens Services Committee Activities
- Development of responses to Interdepartmental Group on Donegal
- Development of proposals to extend Rural Transport Initiative

It is also evident that there is an increasing inclination on the part of central government to utilise the County Development Board and its sub structures in actioning complex, interdepartmental, cross organisational type activities that require an agreed approach at a local level to move forward specific issues. In this context it is envisaged that the role of the County Development Board and its sub structures will continue to evolve and develop during 2008.

A budget in the amount of €51,000 is proposed in Programme Group 4 as part of the 2008 Draft Budget for the County Development Board support process.

## **SOCIAL INCLUSION**

In 2007 Donegal County Council continued to work towards achieving its commitment of responding to the needs of those experiencing poverty and social exclusion in the County and to ensuring that every member of the community has an opportunity to participate fully in the development of the County.

### **Social Inclusion Unit**

Community and Enterprise was successful in its application to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government for the setting up of a dedicated Social Inclusion Unit in the Council. This will enable the Council to build on the anti-poverty and social inclusion work that it has been involved in over the last number of years and to ensure that social inclusion is further embedded across all functional areas in terms of actions, policies and practices of the organisation. Funding secured from this application will support the work of the existing Social Inclusion Co-ordinator. This will see the provision of €50,000, fully recoupable from the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government, going towards the cost of a dedicated staff member in implementing the Social Inclusion activities of the Council.

2007 saw a number of key achievements in relation to promoting social inclusion including the appointment of a Disability Access Officer to facilitate the Council in meeting its obligations under the Disability Act 2005 and the Departments Sectoral Plan in terms of making our services more accessible to people with disabilities. In February 2007, a CDB High Level Group on Traveller Issues was established in line with recommendations of the Report of the High Level Group of officials, initiated by the Taoiseach, to find ways of securing better outcomes for Travellers and improve the use of resources, which are allocated across Government Departments for Traveller specific measures. The Donegal CDB High Level Group has been tasked with developing a strategic plan to implement a co-ordinated interagency approach in the delivery of services to Travellers in Co. Donegal and this strategy will be launched in early 2008.

### **Children's Services Committee**

In 2007 Donegal was identified as one of only four pilot sites in the country for the establishment of a multi-agency Childrens Services Committee, as a substructure of Donegal CDB, that will test models of best practice to promote integrated, locally led, strategic planning for children's services. The objective of this is to secure better developmental outcomes for disadvantaged children through more effective integration of existing services and interventions at local level.

The Donegal pilot site is unique in that it is the only rural pilot site with a county-wide focus, and the learning from the methodology and working arrangements of this committee will be used to inform the roll out of this initiative to other areas in the country. Whilst this committee is chaired by the HSE, Donegal County Councils involvement, particularly in relation to our lead role in the CDB, will be instrumental in the development of this work.

### **Community Development Officer**

In 2007 Donegal County Council strengthened its role in community development through the work of a dedicated Community Development Officer and the roll out of a number of successful projects including the first ever Donegal County Pride of Place Competition which saw over 20 groups from all over the county compete in this competition. Five projects, namely Carrigart Development Association, Castlefinn Partnership Initiative, Cashel na Cor, Bunrana, Finn Valley Athletic Club and Letterkenny CDP received County Pride of Place Awards at a Gala function in Letterkenny in March, and went on to represent Donegal in the national competition in Westport in November. Carrigart Development Association received a runners-up award in the national competition. This competition provides Donegal County Council with an opportunity to recognise the achievements of community groups throughout the county.

The 'Community Bulletin' has also proved to be a very successful initiative in 2007. The Community Bulletin provides information on funding, insurance offers, training opportunities and other useful information to over 450 community groups in the county on a monthly basis. This Bulletin is provided in both email and hard copy format and the number of groups requesting this Bulletin is continuously increasing and it is proposed that this will be developed further in 2008.

The Community Smoke Alarm scheme is a national pilot project, for the installation of smoke alarms in vulnerable households, and was extended to all local authorities in 2007. The Community Development Officer worked with the Councils Housing Service, Fire Service and community and voluntary groups throughout the county to roll out this scheme in Donegal. To date smoke alarms have been installed in 250 households throughout the county and it is proposed that in 2008 a further 250 smoke alarms will be installed.

### **County Community Forum**

The Donegal County Community Forum, established in 2000, acts as the voice for the Community and Voluntary Sector in Co. Donegal. It is recognised by the Local Authority and statutory agencies as the body to be consulted on community issues affecting the County.

The Councils Community Development Officer has been supporting the work of the Forum in developing work programmes focusing on areas such as Breast Screening Services, Waste Management, Care of Older People in their Communities, Drugs and Alcohol Culture and Community First Responder/Defibrillator Scheme. It is proposed that the Community Development Officer will continue to support the work of the Donegal County Community Forum in 2008.

Various activities will continue in 2008 including the co-ordination of the CDB Social Inclusion Measures (SIM) group; supporting the Councils Disability Strategy Group and the Letterkenny Joint Policing Committee, exploring measures to enhance the capacity of the labour market to meet the needs of lone parents; working with Donegal Sports Partnership and the FAI Football with the Community Development Officer with a view to increasing the levels of participation in sport among disadvantaged groups, and developing a policy framework that will guide Donegal County Councils future involvement in sport, play and recreation.

### **Donegal Youth Council**

2007 proved to be another busy year for Donegal Youth Council with the 36 youth councillors, elected in October 2006, continuing to meet on a monthly basis in each of their electoral areas and meeting as a full council on five occasions in 2007. The Youth Councillors systematically feed into the electoral area committee meetings of Donegal County Council to address issues or matters of concern in their own areas.

In April/May 2007, Donegal Youth Council hosted a Questions and Answers event for young people in both constituencies and invited each of the candidates standing in the general election to take part.

Donegal Youth Council also co-ordinated and facilitated a Youth Submission to the Letterkenny and Environs Development Plan Review in November 2007. This involved working with schools and youth projects in the Letterkenny area and provided an opportunity for young people to put their views and ideas across on how Letterkenny should be developed in a youth-friendly way.

In 2007 the Youth Councillors participated in an extensive training programme, funded by Border Action under Peace II Extension programme, to develop their skills and knowledge in areas such as public speaking, advocacy/lobbying, social inclusion, conflict management and peace building. This training programme will continue into 2008 and will assist in developing the skills of the youth councillors in voicing the views of their peers in a professional and coherent manner.

2008 will see Donegal Youth Council continue to represent the views of young people in the county and to build on the recommended actions in the recently launched National Recreation Policy, 'Teenspace' which calls on "local authorities to utilise the Youth Council to inform County strategies and plans particularly in relation to recreational facilities and community and amenity programmes". 2008 will also see the fourth set of elections for the Donegal Youth Council in October.

### **CONTRIBUTIONS TO EXTERNAL BODIES**

The Council has made annual contributions for many years to a range of organisations and bodies to assist in economic development, sporting development, tourism marketing, cross border co-operation activities and corporate sponsorship activities. It is proposed that this be continued in 2008 to include the following.

#### **Junior Achievement**

The Council will continue in its active involvement and support for this programme, working in schools at all levels during 2008. A sum in the amount of €7,200 is proposed for the initiative in 2008.

#### **Rehab People of the Year**

The Council will continue in its long-term partnership with Rehab in 2008 in a joint initiative that recognises the commitment of individuals in a voluntary capacity to the County and to their local areas. The event offers an important public relations platform for the Council on an annual basis. A sum in the amount of €9,000 is proposed for this initiative in 2008.

#### **Cross Border Co-operation/Project Supports**

The Council continues to work proactively with inter-alia, the North West Regional Cross Border Group in advancing a range of various regional initiatives of mutual benefit to the Donegal, Derry, Limavady and Strabane and Magherafelt Council areas. A sum in the amount of €16,000 is proposed in Programme Group 4 in the Draft Budget for 2008 to facilitate Donegal's contribution to this initiative in conjunction with potential matching funding for cross border projects.

#### **Donegal Tourism Ltd**

Donegal Tourism Ltd is the marketing vehicle established to assist in attracting additional visitors to Donegal for tourism purposes. Their ongoing activities continue to have an important impact on the County in the context of specific targeted marketing actions focusing on Donegal specifically as opposed to the wider area. In this regard a sum in the amount of €45,000 is included in Programme Group 6 in the Draft Budget for 2008.

### **Strabane, Lifford Development Commission**

An allocation in the amount of €10,000 is included in Programme Group 4 in the Draft 2008 Budget to assist this cross border initiative in further developing this area.

### **Club Dhún na nGall**

A contribution in the amount of €3,000 is included in Programme Group 6 in the Draft 2008 Budget in recognition of the key role that Gaelic games play in the social and sporting fabric of the County.

### **Youth Development / FAI Initiative**

In recognition of the importance of this sector an allocation of €30,000 to co-fund a youth development officer, following on from the multi-annual commitment made in 2007, in conjunction with the FAI, be included in Programme Group 6 in the Draft 2008 Budget. The requirements of the Council, in meeting the objectives of the National Recreation Policy for young people, can also be facilitated through this partnership arrangement.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **Flight of the Earls Commemoration/Imeacht na nIarlaí 1607-2007**

The Flight of the Earls Commemoration in 2007 was a priority activity for the Community & Enterprise Division. In supporting and commemorating this particular landmark historical event, the various events acted as a platform to initiate a range of economic, tourism, social, cultural and heritage activities across the County. The Division sourced substantial external funding from a range of organisations to facilitate the wide range of actions that took place during the year.

Substantial external funding was sourced from the Department of An Taoiseach, Interreg IIIA, International Fund for Ireland, Failte Ireland and from event revenues themselves to co-fund the wide range of events activities.

To this end it was a hugely complex and detailed programme on a Countywide basis, which involved numerous local organisations and groups. The project was brought to completion within budget and to a standard and quality that was acknowledged by all who were involved in attending the various events.

A range of activities will continue in 2008 emanating from the 2007 Flight of the Earls activities. It is targeted that in as far as possible external funds will be brought to bear to facilitate the carrying out of these actions and that at present no specific request is being made of the 2008 Draft Budget to facilitate co-funding any of these initiatives. Preliminary assessments and plans will also be made to assess how best the upcoming anniversary of the commencement of the Plantation of Ulster (Plandáil Uladh) might be marked.

### **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT**

During 2007, the Division continued its role in co-ordinating local development and community development support in a CDB context. The Cohesion process is now being completed and the Division will continue managing the Local Development Endorsement Process dealing with work programmes across the County prepared by the newly reformed Local Development Companies. (Inishowen Development, DLDC, MFG Teo, Comhdháil na Oileáin).

Funding made available under the National Rural Development Plan to these local development companies will see funding available for areas such as:

- Play and Recreation
- Walking and Trail Development
- Town and Village Regeneration
- Sporting and Leisure Infrastructure
- Marine and Water Leisure
- Tourism Product Development
- Street Lighting
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Community Infrastructure and Facilities
- Community Enterprise
- Cultural and Arts Infrastructure
- Public Art
- Renewable Energy
- Development of Public Spaces
- Environmental Measures
- Heritage
- Bus Shelters
- Community Forests

To this end it is apparent that co-ordination of activity would result in synergies and efficiencies being created between the Council and the Local Development Companies. Initial approaches have been made to the Local Development Companies with a view to establishing co-operative agreements in this regard at electoral area level. This will be progressed further in 2008 as part of the ongoing work of the Division.

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

The Cultural Services Division has responsibility for the following:

- **LIBRARIES** (Public Libraries, Taobh Tíre Centres, Mobile Library)
- **ARTS** (Regional Cultural Centre, Countywide Arts, Public Art)
- **HERITAGE** (Museum Service, Archives Service, Heritage Office)

The Draft Budget for 2008 includes a provision of €6,451,500 for expenditure under all headings listed above in Programme Group 6.

During 2008 the Cultural Services Division will continue to consolidate and expand on the broad range of activity undertaken to improve the quality of life and to contribute to the economic, social and cultural well-being of the county. The Cultural Services Division promotes education, recreation, imagination and culture. It deals with all sections of the community - young and old, urban and rural, through its network of service points (17 Libraries, Cross-Border Mobile Library, Regional Cultural Centre, County Museum, Archives Centre), use of ICT, and its expanding range of outreach activities and services delivered in association with other community and cultural venues and organisations.

### **Cultural Connections Cultural Services Strategic Plan 2008 - 2012**

The integrated draft plan progressed considerably in 2007, with staff and public submissions considered by the Steering Group. Extensive public consultation was undertaken, which included 7 public meetings/workshops, written submissions, and online submissions via the Donegal County Council website. Copies of the draft goals and objectives were made available at all Libraries, Taobh Tíre centres, the County Museum and all Public Service Centres during the open consultation period.

Five broad goals have been identified and under each goal are objectives and actions. The goals are:

- To improve access to, and increase participation in cultural activities in County Donegal,
- To maintain and develop a high quality service,
- To promote and develop the educational value of culture,
- To promote excellence and innovation, and
- To promote the importance of culture and preserve cultural inheritance.

The Strategic Policy Committee has approved these goals and an advanced draft of the plan will be brought to the Committee for consideration in early 2008.

The work programme for Libraries, Arts and Heritage over the next 5 years will be based on the Strategic Plan.

### **LIBRARY SERVICES/SEIRBHÍS LEABHARLAINNE**

Included in the Draft Budget for 2008 under the Library Service is a provision of €3,776,800 for expenditure and €250,000 for income.

#### **PLUS Public Library User Survey**

Over 6,100 visits to public libraries in Donegal were recorded during the one week visitor count in 2007, an increase of 41% on the number of visits to Donegal libraries in 2002. The increase can be accounted for by the investment Donegal County Council has made into new library buildings and services in Milford, Carndonagh and Bundoran, along with improved and extended services provided by staff at these and all library locations.

The survey itself took place in September. Irish, French, Polish and Russian questionnaires were printed as well as English questionnaires. A large-print version was also available. Questions were grouped around the purpose of the visit, the library itself, the services available, the services actually used, the technology available, charges, and the visitors themselves. One question related to how often the visitor used the library, with multiple choice options from *This is my first visit* and *Once a week* up to *Very occasionally*. It was interesting to note that many respondents added their own option, of *Every day*.

The full results of the survey will be available in 2008 and will be analyzed by library staff locally and discussed with An Chomhairle Leabharlanna/The Library Council. The information provided will be beneficial to the future planning and delivery of library services nationally and locally. It is expected that many recommendations made by the public will be put into effect. One of these recommendations is likely to be that book, music and film collections are improved, which will have a direct impact on the bookfund. The national target is €3.27 per head of population for stock, which is also the Donegal target which it is hoped will be achieved over the next 3-4 years.

### **Online services**

More and more resources are being made available through the library website at [www.donegallibrary.ie](http://www.donegallibrary.ie). Donegal County Council subscribes to a number of online databases, dictionaries and encyclopedias, such as Britannica Online, Grove Dictionaries of Art & Music, the Oxford Dictionary of Quotations, Newsbank (Irish Times, Irish Independent, Sunday Independent), and many more. 1835 Ordinance Survey maps for Donegal are also available through the website. A new service launched in 2007 is access to the full Irish Times Archive from 1859 (from internet points in libraries). The Donegal library catalogue is available online and members can order books or CDs from their home or office and have them delivered to their nearest library or Taobh Tíre site. In addition, library members can reserve items from any library in the country from the [www.borrowbooks.ie](http://www.borrowbooks.ie) service. Donegal County Council will continue to expand the services available online, and will develop the website accordingly. Killybegs Library will be added to the Genesis network in early 2008.

### **Events and activities**

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

The annual schedule of events and activities is an important element of the work programme, and gives Library Services additional opportunities to showcase its strengths, which include the provision of high quality reading material for children and adults, access to information of all types in a range of formats, and access to local history resources.

### **Book Groups**

In recent years, Book Groups have been established with a demand to facilitate and support further groups. From age 5 and upwards, readers are joining groups across the county. There are now 8 adult reading groups, 5 teen reading groups and 6 junior reading groups. The library service also supports 8 external groups. Two more groups are due to begin in Jan '08. Readers are introduced to a wide variety of books and feedback indicates that many of the books chosen are outside the readers' usual genre. The Library Service now has almost 100 sets of multiple copies of titles available for Book Groups.

In 2007 the Bunrana reading group attended the inaugural Ennis Book Club Festival, and are making plans to return in 2008. The Festival recently held a competition where entrants wrote an essay on their fantasy book club get-together. The 3 Donegal winners will receive two sets of tickets to the 2008 events in Ennis.

In addition to expanding the number of Book Groups and the number of titles available, plans for 2008 include improving awareness of the groups, additional advertising on the library website, and further training in critical analysis for staff. Most groups meet in evenings and library staff put considerable time and effort into these and other events/activities outside scheduled hours.

### **Wainfest Childrens' Book Festival**

Wainfest 2007 delivered over 110 events co-ordinated by library staff across the county from 8<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> October. The festival included author visits, storytelling, magic, puppetry, as well as workshops on multiculturalism and drama. Michael Moylan was back with hands-on educational and entertaining shows for 2007 themed around the Flight of the Earls, Charlie Gallagher also had an interactive history show. Many events had a European theme to encourage debate and discussion on European issues. All events were free & booked through schools/local libraries. The Wainfest programme for 2008 will maintain this level of programming across libraries and Taobh Tíre centres.

### **Europe Direct Information Centre**

Since the centre's launch at the Central Library in 2005 a wide programme events has been delivered to highlight the Europe Direct Information Centre and to encourage debate and discussion on European Union issues. Events include multicultural workshops for children/young adults, exhibitions, storytelling from Europe, EU quizzes and, to mark the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome in 2007, children from the local Educate Together primary school took part in a school project on the countries of the European Union which was exhibited in the Central library during March.

### **Taobh Tíre Service**

14 Taobh Tíre centres have been established and there are over 1400 new members through this outreach service run in partnership with local communities. The Taobh Tíre final report will be published in 2008 and will make recommendations to the DoEHLG on the potential for replication in other local authority areas. In September 2007 Taobh Tíre was awarded the EU Good Practice Label based on the recommendation of the 2007 European Government Awards consortium.

With continued funding the consolidation of Taobh Tíre centres will be continued and built upon. Emphasis will be given to capacity-building of community partners so that they can cascade this training and in turn facilitate access to the full range of services provided. This will include information skills training courses, computer courses and the development of programmes to support reading development. In 2008 work will continue on the integration of Taobh Tíre centres into the mainstream library service. 35 events were held in Taobh Tíre centres around Donegal during the 2007 Wainfest Children's Book Festival. Now, young people in areas distant from public libraries have the opportunity to enjoy cultural activities that they otherwise could not. This will be built upon in 2008.

Taobh Tíre services a significant population, more than many branch libraries, and its user base is growing. The Taobh Tíre service may be viewed as a virtual branch library and should be resourced appropriately both in terms of personnel and finance.

### **Flight of the Earls 2007**

Libraries throughout the county delivered a large part of the overall year long Flight of the Earls programme of activities across the county. There were class visits throughout the year. Promotional programmes such as Library Ireland week, Bealtaine, the Summer Programme, Heritage Week & Wainfest included themed events to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Flight of the Earls.

These included launches of the Flight of the Earls Art & Creative writing competitions, themed storytelling, historical talks with local author & historian Helen Meehan & Dr. Darren McGettigan author of *Red Hugh O'Donnell and the nine years war*, a Flight of the Earls Summer Reading programme, and exhibitions on the Flight of the Earls. Highlights also included Michael Moylan & Charlie Gallagher's interactive history shows for children and young people during Wainfest in October. Another highlight was a joint project between the students of Mulroy College and the Milford Library staff. The students retold the story of the Flight and illustrated the book. Copies have been distributed across Fanad and to schools and libraries in the County.

## **ARTS SERVICES/SEIRBHÍSI EALAÍONA**

### **Regional Cultural Centre /Ionad Cultúrtha Réigiúnach**

The Regional Cultural Centre, a new multidisciplinary arts facility developed by Donegal County Council, opened adjacent to An Grianán Theatre in July 2007. The Centre has a busy high quality programme of events for 2008, its first full year in operation. It presents a programme of exhibitions, concerts, film, digital media and education and outreach.

The exhibition programme includes: *New Work* by leading Donegal artist Eamon O'Kane (Jan - Feb); *Mandscape - Arts Council Touring Project with the Ark National Children's Cultural Centre* (March); *Victor Vasarely Retrospective* - internationally renowned French Hungarian artist (July - Aug); *The New Leonardo's* - key works of art/technology from the last 40 years (Sept - Oct); *Sweets* - exhibition on art made from, or inspired by, sweets, celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Oatfield Sweet factory (November), *James Fitzgerald (1899 to 1971)* - major exhibition on the American artist focusing on his Donegal series of works (Nov- Dec).

Education and outreach is interwoven into all aspects of the overall programme and the Centre will present an extensive education and outreach programme for all age groups in 2008 including *Bealtaine* for older people in May and *Wainfest* for children in October. The two state of the art digital media suites will run a programme of creative digital media workshops catering to all ages and levels of experience, in areas such as animation, music, photography, video, web-design & interactivity. The Draft Budget for 2008 includes an expenditure provision of €778,000 under this heading.

### **Strategic Partnership Revenue Funding Programme/Urraíocht reatha fá coinne eagraíochtaí straitéiseacha**

The purpose of this Programme is to support a strong independent arts sector throughout the county, complementing those services currently offered by the Regional Cultural Centre, the Public Art Programme, An Grianán Theatre and Earagail Arts Festival. It is the policy of Donegal County Council to create a sustainable support structure for a broad range of strategically important, independent arts initiatives and facilities, serving local and regional needs, throughout the whole county. In 2007, nine such independent arts organizations received funding support under the Programme, with an overall budget of €60,000. A general review of how Council support for independent organizations will be undertaken in 2008. A provision of €80,000 has been included in the Draft Budget for 2008, an increase of €20,000 (33%) on the 2007 provision.

### **Earagail Arts Festival/Féile ealaíne an Earagail**

Highlights of 2007 included the opening of the Festival Exhibition Programme at the new Regional Cultural Centre and the joint Festival, An Grianán Theatre, Donegal County Council sponsored production of Thomas Kilroy's play *The O'Neill*, produced with a community cast as part of the county's Flight of The Earls 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorations. The Festival also co-ordinated the hugely successful *Return of The Earls* pageant, featuring the Inishowen Carnival Group and Walk the Plank pyrotechnics company, at Rathmullan, in September. Earagail Arts Festival continued to develop its staff structure in 2007 with the appointment of a new Artistic Director.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Earagail Arts Festival will run from July 10-20, 2008. The Draft Budget for 2008 includes a provision of €65,000 towards this festival.

### **Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival/Féile Chuan Dhún na nGall agus na Cruacha Ghorma**

Initiated by Donegal County Council in 2001, the highly successful Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival will present its eighth programme in 2008. New performance commissions and a strong traditional music programme as well as arts educational, community, carnival, literary 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 2008 includes a provision of €50,000 towards this festival.

Building on the success of the Blue Stacks Festival and a number of other related projects - Killybegs Community Carnival etc. - the Council, in partnership with The Arts Council, created a post of Community Arts and Arts Education Officer to work specifically in the South and South West of the county. In 2008, the new Officer will continue to support and direct the development of existing projects as well as devising new programmes within her areas of expertise.

### **An Grianán Theatre/Amharclann an Ghrianáin**

Donegal County Council will maintain its revenue support in the Draft Budget for 2008 at €110,000. Donegal County Council continues to pay loan charges on the building, which amounted to €106,100 in 2007. Letterkenny Town Council contributes 50% to the cost of these loan charges (€53,100).

An Grianán Theatre 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 and internationally.

2008 will see a further series of high profile incoming productions arising from An Grianán's membership of the new, Arts Council funded, NASC touring theatre venues network and as a venue partner in the Arts Council's new Touring Experiment initiative.

### **Public art/Ealaíon poiblí**

2008 will see the continued implementation of Donegal County Council's Public Art Policy & Plan *Making Shapes*<sup>1</sup> *Public Art in Donegal 2006 - 2010*. It will see the appointment of a Public Art Assistant and the completion of the following commissions that are currently in progress:

- HEART Public Art Trail in partnership with Strabane District Council
- Oatfield Sweet Factory Project
- Architectural Landscape Artist Diarmuid Gavin working on design for Barrack Hill, Carndonagh, Co. Donegal
- The Pyrotechnics Public Art Project with Pierre Alain Hubert
- Firestation Theatre Project

2008 will also see the beginning of the Residency Strand of the Public Art Plan in association with the Regional Cultural Centre and will explore the development of the Public Art Agency for Donegal. The Draft Budget for 2008 includes a provision of €171,000 under this heading, which is recoupable from the Per Cent for Art Scheme.

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

The Museum will host *Seen But Not Heard* a major travelling exhibition organised jointly by the Local Authority Museums Network. The exhibition will explore how the definition of a child and childhood has changed since the 1850s using the broad themes of work, education, play and health. A website will be launched with the exhibition detailing the information, images and revelations of growing up over the last century and a half.

The Museum's World War I travelling exhibition *Before I Joined the Army* will continue to travel to venues throughout the island of Ireland.

The Museum plans to undertake and facilitate exhibitions in the Public Service Centres, libraries and community venues throughout the county.

The Museum intends to raise the profile of its services through the production and distribution of a Museum brochure in Basic English, a biannual exhibitions and events calendar and a brochure specifically aimed at primary schools.

To improve services for children the Museum plans to make the long-term exhibition more accessible to children and to launch the Cabinet of Curiosities schools outreach project on a pilot basis.

Donegal County Museum in conjunction with the Public Art Programme and the Regional Cultural Centre are developing a major public art project in four parts based in and about Oatfield Sweet Factory, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. The Oatfield Sweet Factory project will be launched in November 2008. The Museum will host an exhibition based on the history of the factory.

County Museum staff are working towards full accreditation on the Museums Standards Programme and will work on a number of policy documents as required. A Museum strategic management plan is also in development. The Programme consists of a series of detailed, and rigorous, minimum standards and objectives that recognise international best practice in museums. The Draft Budget for 2008 includes a provision of €441,200 under this heading of which 50% is recoupable from Letterkenny Town Council.

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

The Draft Budget for 2008 includes a provision of €235,000 for expenditure under all headings within the Archives service.

A number of significant events occurred in the Archives Service in 2007. For the 400th anniversary of the Flight of the Earls, a document study pack for second level schools was launched in April by the Minister for Education and rolled out to schools, north and south. The distribution of packs and liaison with schools will continue in 2008. A School pack for primary schools on the Flight of the Earls was produced in October, in conjunction with Donegal Education Centre and distribution will commence in 2008. A joint Co Museum/Archives exhibition to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary took place in the County Museum, with original archives from the period included.

Microfilming of Stranorlar and the remainder of Milford Poor Law Union will take place in 2008, to complete microfilming of this collection.

The County Archives Exhibitions in the Archives in 2007 included: *Faces and Places Unknown*. It is planned to produce and undertake a travelling exhibition on this theme, which will be launched in mid 2008. The purpose of this exhibition is to invite the public to identify unknown people and places in photographs and other documents in the collection. The major exhibition at the Archives will be of recent acquisitions.

Outreach events included in-service training for teachers, reminiscences at day centres and display of Flight of the Earls packs and materials at various events. More outreach activities and events are planned for 2008.

The deposit of archives to the Archives temporary repository in Kiltybeg from across the county will continue.

Significant donations in 2007 included the Donegal Shirt Factory, microfilms of the Donegal VEC minutes and the minutes of the meetings of Co Donegal Historical Society. Listing of these archives and the acquisition of more archives of historic value are planned for 2008.

### **COUNTY DONEGAL HERITAGE OFFICE/OIFIG OIDHREACHTA**

The Draft Budget for 2008 includes a provision of €108,200 for Heritage Office expenditure and a provision of €195,000 for Heritage Plan expenditure under the County Donegal Heritage Office.

In conjunction with the County Donegal Heritage Forum, the Heritage Officer placed the draft County Heritage Plan (2007-2011) on public review. The Heritage Plan, which contains 79 actions and is costed at €750,000 over five years (excluding staff costs), was finalised and adopted unanimously by Donegal County Council in December 2007. The Heritage Officer and the Heritage Forum secured €73,050 in matching funds from The Heritage Council for Heritage Plan implementation in 2007 which included a survey of thatched structures, an audit of heritage objects associated with farming and fishing, and a historic buildings and landscapes study. A report on the conservation of flora and fauna associated with stone bridges was launched on Biodiversity Day. In conjunction with the Biodiversity Steering Group and The Heritage Council, work began on the preparation of the draft County Donegal Biodiversity Action Plan.

The post of part-time Field Monument Advisor for County Donegal, part-funded by The Heritage Council, was extended for a further year in October 2007. In conjunction with the Ulster Architectural Heritage Society, the Heritage Office organised a 'Home & Dry: How to Restore Traditional Buildings' seminar in August 2007. In conjunction with Cumann Staire Chloich Cheann Fhaola, the Heritage Office received a 'Local Heritage' grant award of €5,000 from The Heritage Council to hold a highly-successful 'Vernacular Architecture in West Donegal' seminar in September 2007. A preliminary audit of historic graveyards in County Donegal was completed in 2007. A series on 'Heritage Town' brochures were published. 'Heritage Week' was a success in 2007 with over 45 events taking place across County Donegal.

The County Donegal Heritage Plan (2007-2011) will be launched in spring 2008. Some of the principal activities of the Heritage Office in 2008 will relate to the implementation and management of Heritage Plan actions which will include a hedgerows and stone walls survey, a project to establish best practice for the conservation of stone bridges, and a study of clachans. Village Design Statements for three towns and villages will be undertaken in 2008 in conjunction with The Heritage Council and Údarás na Gaeltachta. The outreach role of the Field Monument Advisor will be developed. The Heritage Office will host seminars on vernacular architecture and the 'Care & Conservation of Historic Graveyards', and other events to raise awareness of the natural, built and cultural heritage. A 'Golden Mile' competition will be initiated in 2008. It aims to promote awareness of the natural and built heritage to be found along a mile of country road. The Heritage Office will coordinate 'Heritage Week' (August 24 - August 31) in County Donegal in 2008.

**Three year Capital Programme - Community, Culture & Enterprise  
Directorate**

**Clár Capital 3 Bliana - Rannóg Seirbhísí Pobail, Cultúrtha agus Fiontair  
2008 - 2010**

The Community, Culture and Enterprise Directorate manage a Capital Programme including investment and development in the following categories

- Local Authority Core Functions (Cultural Services)
- Community Infrastructure
- Economic Development

This includes investment in such areas as playgrounds, walking routes, libraries, heritage and arts facilities, various tourism product including water based leisure infrastructure to assist economic development.

The investment will specifically continue during 2008-2010 across the areas indicated below. Additionally, reviews of Council policy and eligibility to fund other initiatives are ongoing at present across a number of areas including sporting and recreational infrastructure and various forms of community and enterprise infrastructure (including community enterprise centres).

**Local Authority Core Function Libraries**

**Donegal Town Library**

Approval for 75% funding has been announced by the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government for the development of the Donegal Town Library. Expressions of interest from developers or landowners were invited in mid-2006. Approval to go to tender was sought in December 2006. A detailed brief was prepared and tenders were invited in 2007. A full application for Stage 1 approval will be developed and submitted to the DoEHLG when a suitable site has been identified.

**County Library Administrative Centre/ Ballybofey Stranorlar Library**

Approval is awaited for the development of the County Library Administrative Centre and the Ballybofey/Stranorlar Library, with applications submitted to the DoEHLG in July 2001 and September 2002 respectively. For the purposes of the capital programme it is estimated that approval will be received for these to allow development to go ahead in 2009.

### **Leabharlann Phobail Ghaoith Dobhair**

A new library for Gaath Dobhair is planned as an integral part of the Aislann Ghaoith Dobhair development. Funding amounting to €1.7 million to the overall development has been committed to by the Council, to be sourced from a combination of Disposal of Assets and Development Contribution Scheme. Works will continue during 2008 with scheduled completion in 2009.

### **Central Library extension**

An extension to the Central Library is planned along with renovations to maximise use of the vacated Arts Centre space.

### **Accessibility**

An access audit of public buildings was commissioned by Donegal County Council and carried out during 2007. The results and recommendations of this audit will be available in 2008. It is likely that some capital works to buildings operated by the Cultural Services Division will be recommended in the audit and every effort will be made to ensure buildings and services are made as accessible as possible.

### **Cultural Centres**

#### **Teach Chathail Uí Shearcaigh**

Tenders were invited for Teach Cathal Uí Shearcaigh in 2007 and construction work commenced on site. The capital works will be completed in 2008. The three funders, Donegal County Council, the Arts Council, and Údarás na Gaeltachta will set up a Steering Group in early 2008 to ensure the project is developed and implemented to its full potential. Those who will benefit will include the people of Cloch Cheann Fhaola and the Donegal Gaeltacht, students and lovers of literature, and especially Gaelic language literature, language learners, and indeed the people of Ireland in general.

### **Regional Cultural Centre**

The Regional Cultural Centre building was completed in mid-2007 and opened to the public on 7th July. *Painting in the Noughties* was the inaugural exhibition, scheduled to coincide with the opening of the Earagail Arts Festival 2007. The Regional Cultural Centre is the culmination of 20 years work on the planning and development of the building. Key partners are An Grianán Theatre, the Earagail Arts Festival, the Nerve Centre Derry, Letterkenny Institute of Technology, and the Donegal VEC Local Area Music Partnership.

The Centre will also play a key role in the development of the Public Art programme along with the Arts Officer and the Public Art Working Group. Funding was provided by Donegal County Council, Letterkenny Town Council, INTERREG, the International Fund for Ireland, the Arts Council/Film Board, and the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism.

### **County Museum Enhancement/Archives Centre**

The Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism sought applications to the ACCESS fund in late 2006. Applications for an extension to the County Museum, and for a purpose-built Archives Centre were submitted. The Department's decision was announced in early 2007 with the Department stating it could not fund either development at this time. The reason given was that the fund prioritised projects that are largely arts based. There are very few avenues for funding Museum and Archive buildings which presents a challenge for the local authority. Any future funding opportunities will be explored. One such option is that the Archives Centre and the Records Centre will be incorporated into Phase II of the County House development in Lifford.

### **Community Infrastructure**

#### **Playground/Áiseanna Súgartha**

Details of the completed capital programme for playgrounds are included in the yellow pages. It is proposed that a new multi-annual plan, to be finalised in conjunction with the members in early 2008, and taking into account external funding opportunities will be implemented during the period 2008-2010.

#### **Walking Routes/Bealaí Siúloide**

An annual programme, as indicated in the yellow pages was commenced during 2006. A multi-annual plan to cover the period 2008-2010 will be brought to the members in early 2008 and will outline a number of proposals to put in place a range of walking routes both of a local and way marked nature, to serve local amenity, health/activity and finally tourism infrastructure needs. A gross cost of €360,000 (6 x €60,000) is allocated for this. It is intended that, in the first instance, funding from external services including Failte Ireland Soft Infrastructure and, where agreed, Local Development Companies, will be maximised, with the balance of funding, for eligible activity, to be charged to the Development Contribution Scheme, subject to the agreement of the members.

## **Economic Development**

### **Marine Development/Forbairt Muirí**

A range of capital projects within this sector will be progressed during 2008 as indicated in the yellow pages. The extent of their development and eligibility for core funding from sources such as Failte Ireland Soft Infrastructure, NDP/Marine Institute, Interreg IV and National Rural Development Programme will determine overall levels of investment and applicable co-funding. All proposals may be dependant to some extent on the Development Contribution Scheme and as such, will be subject to future specific agreement by the members.

Project areas in these areas may include:

- Donegal Beach Management
- Sailing Safe Havens
- Marinas
- "Sail West" Initiative
- Buncrana Coastal Research & Education Visitor Centre
- Erne Waterway Maritime Link

### **Tourism Product Development**

As detailed in the yellow pages substantial funding through NDP, Failte Ireland Soft Infrastructure, Interreg IV and National Rural Development Programme will be available during the period 2008-2013. A range of applications are in train to support Council priority projects and the success of these will determine the extent of the Capital programme under this heading during the period 2008-2010 and the subsequent co-funding requirements. As such the figures estimated are conservative estimates pending decisions from bodies such as Failte Ireland, SEUPB (Interreg IV) and subject to discussion with Local Development Companies.

### Community Enterprise Centres

Draft proposals have been received from a number of areas to support community enterprise centres and detailed proposals will be brought to the relevant Electoral Areas in 2008 for consideration.

<u>Category</u>	Description	Projected Cost Per Annum			Proposed Sources of funding	
		2008 €	2009 €	2010€	Council €	External €
<b>Core Function / Cultural Services</b>	<b>Libraries</b>					
	Donegal Town	1,400,000*			350,000*	1,050,000*
	Aislann Gaoth Dobhair <sup>1</sup> (Council Contribution Only)	1,000,000	1,000,000		2,000,000	<sup>1</sup>
	Ballybofey/Stranorlar		1,200,000		300,000	900,000
	Central Library		800,000		200,000	600,000
	<b>Cultural Centres</b>					
	Teach Cathal Uí Shearcaigh	260,000			87,000	173,000
	Cultural Services HQ		1,300,000	1,300,000	650,000	1,950,000
	Archives Centre		2,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	3,000,000
	Records Centre		1,000,000	1,000,000	500,000	1,500,000
	County Museum	70,000			70,000	
<b>Community Infrastructure</b>	Playgrounds	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	1,080,000
	Walking Routes	360,000	360,000	360,000	540,000	540,000
<b>Economic Development</b>	Marine & Water Leisure	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	750,000	5,250,000
	Tourism Product	1,500,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	687,500	4,812,500
	Community Enterprise <sup>2</sup> (Council Contribution Only)	200,000	200,000	200,000	600,000	<sup>2</sup>

\* Updated costs available in 2008