



**Comhairle Contae  
Dhún na nGall**  
Donegal County Council

## APPENDIX 1

**(To the Donegal Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)  
Report on submissions received following period of public consultation on the proposed Local Economic  
and Community Plan)**

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Summary of points raised in submission</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Location</b>
1	<p>Lives in Malin Head, a rural disadvantaged area of immense beauty with a large amount of rare and unique features.</p> <p>There is high unemployment and emigration in this area; fishing and farming and 1 call centre are the main employment and there is some summer employment. If this area was promoted it could enhance all of Donegal . The community and area's strengths are its unique location, the most northerly point in Ireland, beauty, wildlife, marine life, history, bird life and access.</p> <p>An iconic visitor centre at Malin Head could support the local community extending the season for visitors to the area and increasing visitor numbers.</p> <p>Suggests numerous features that the visitor centre should include and a variety of facilities covering a range of interest/subject matter.</p> <p>Sets out changes that could improve the community, including: visitor centre, fix local beach access, Inishowen 100 should be incorporated into the WAW, amendments to WAW signage and the re-stocking of rivers to encourage fishing.</p>	2,5,6	Malin Head
2	<p>Branch of the national youth organization (nonameclub.ie) that provides an alternative to drink culture for young adults; this club has approx 40 members and 8 leaders.</p> <p>Believe the issue of underage drinking is serious and is not addressed by authorities or politicians and sets out a series of effects on local services, communities and the individuals themselves.</p> <p>Details the lack of an alternative to drink culture in Donegal Town and states that whilst issues of alcohol abuse are not addressed, the broad strategies of the LECP such as a Donegal Brand, Natural Resources and Tourism, Cultural Resources and Tourism could be seriously undermined.</p> <p>Proposes: establishing a facility for young people, for locals and tourists alike, staff to run it with an interest in youth culture and funding to publicise sensible drinking and promote Co Donegal as a safe place for young people.</p>	7	Donegal Town
3	<p>Queries whether they should complete the survey as their interest seems to be regarding the Local Plan for Donegal Town</p>		Donegal Town
4	<p>Sets out the importance of cultural heritage and in particular archaeology, has on the economic development of the county, from an educational as well as tourism perspective, and his hopes that this will be considered in the LECP.</p>	5,6	county wide

5	<p>Explains the main objectives of the group are to address rural isolation through a community development ethos, and provide opportunities for the community and diaspora to come together. They are focused around a community centre and programmes include activities promoting intergenerational sports, local festivals and local interests &amp; heritage events.</p> <p>Details some recent successful projects the group has undertaken and also works and projects in the pipeline.</p> <p>Lists changes that would most improve their community as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-increased footfall to the village</li> <li>-well maintained community centre</li> <li>-continued community focused activities</li> <li>-local heritage centre to help preserve local culture and history and encourage economic tourism.</li> </ul>	7	Mountcharles
6	<p>Explains that this cycling group, based in the Ballyshannon and Donegal Town area, has members of both sexes ranging in age from 7-70 yrs old. Details some of the focuses and strengths of the club and also highlights the problem of having no safe, off road area to cycle on (particularly for young people).</p> <p>Feel a dedicated track would be beneficial for locals and as a tourist attraction. Cites the Great Western Greenway in Co Mayo as an example.</p>	1,5	Ballyshannon and Donegal Town
7	<p>Mountcharles is a village and rural community with a mix of age groups, with many older people living alone in remote areas.</p> <p>The community strengths the plan should build on are: community groups, outdoor activities, WAW, views of Donegal Bay, water sports and heritage and history.</p> <p>The challenges faced are getting people involved in activities, provision of heritage, history, flora and fauna signage and improved access to places of interest.</p> <p>Community are undertaking the following to address challenges and build on strengths: free walk and talk walking group, recent launch of Irish Heart Foundation Sli na Slainte walk on WAW, heritage group, community development group, rowing club, angling club, writers group, GAA, summer festival and heritage festival.</p> <p>Services and facilities to support the community to thrive are listed as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-safe pedestrian access along stretches of the N56 and around St.Peters Lough, facilitating the provision of a new walking heritage/tourism route from the village.</li> </ul>	4,5,6,7	Mountcharles

	<p>-improved access from the old road to the Turas.          -preservation of Drumkeelan stone mines and improved access, mapping and preservation of double court cairn in Drumkeelan providing unique heritage and tourism experiences in the area.          -Map and information signage in the village for walking routes, stone heritage, pilgrim turas and double court cairn.          -establish a mens shed in the village.          -establish a tidy towns committee.          -set up a neighbourhood watch/text alert.</p> <p>Resources available to assist with addressing challenges/building on strengths are active community groups, local experts and knowledgeable walking leaders.</p> <p>Changes that could improve the community are better safe access to places of interest, provision of historic, tourism and heritage information on the area and more emphasis on the WAW.</p> <p>States that stone mining, stone monuments and walls are a major part of the heritage and history of Mountcharles and this should be preserved for future generations.</p>		
8	<p>States that this initiative provides an excellent opportunity to raise the profile of Donegal Nationally and Internationally.</p> <p>Refers to his recent report entitled "the Geological Heritage of South Donegal" (copies available from Joe Gallagher)</p> <p>Proposes that the entire Glencolmcille peninsula west of the road from Killybegs to Ardara should be designated 'The Bannagh National Park' in respect of it's historical identity as the province of one of 'Thee Mac Sweeney' families.</p> <p>In addition to geological and geomorphological features, the peninsula contains a wealth of pre-historic Christian remains, a vibrant Gaeltacht culture centered on the Aislanns at Kilcar and Glencolmbcille along with literary and historical battle associations.</p> <p>Killybegs could provide a serviced gateway to the area and Ardara an alternative.</p>	5,6	Glencolmcille and area

	Proposal would not need a great deal of initial investment and offer is made to discuss these proposals in the near future.		
9	<p>Sets the context for this submission by first detailing his position as a non native of Donegal who has lived here for 9 years following a career in northern Ireland civil service that included working for a 7 yr period on industrial promotion in north america, and the last 13+ of which were on regeneration projects, early years/childcare policy and helping create and sustain a health action zone in Belfast.</p> <p>To develop Donegal as a lead for the green economy, need to provide opportunities and incentives to acquire green skills and leading edge technologies leading to the establishment of green enterprises and design and build of green dwellings.</p> <p>To ensure community access to services, account must be taken of people suffering from a disability and include acquisition of farms to train and provide employment for disabled people.</p> <p>Donegal Heritage Office has promoted awareness of Donegal's heritage but more could be done to create linkages into the promotion of Donegal for tourism.</p> <p>Community initiatives need to be less parochial and a SWOT analysis for each area in the county should be carried out.</p> <p>Steady exodus of young people from the country is striking and any plan for the county needs to help these young people return and bring back the knowledge and skills they gained elsewhere.</p> <p>There has also been a steady influx of people resulting from the EU expansion; any plan for the county should aim to achieve cohesion and allow them to contribute to the county as they become part of its history.</p>	1,2,4,6	county wide
10	<p>Submission states that Malin is a rural community with friendly locals, in a coastal area with breathtaking views and an area of heritage and natural beauty.</p> <p>The community would benefit from road and small harbour development, support for small farmers and businesses and financial support for the development of sport activities.</p> <p>Local community are continuing to develop sporting and tourism facilities.</p> <p>Small businesses should be supported as they are being affected by charges and taxes.</p>	7,2	Malin Head

	<p>Strengths of the area are sea, land and countryside.</p> <p>The changes that would most improve the community are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-support from local and national authority</li> <li>-more local people would become involved if there was financial and advisory support</li> <li>-support for tourism development</li> <li>-support for small businesses.</li> </ul>		
11	<p>Togra Fiontar agus Cultur Uladh Ltd have care of the native home of Mici Mac Gabhann who was born and raised in this house in Cloughaneely and which has this year been redeveloped with funding from DLDC.</p> <p>They want the house and it's heritage to be included in the new LECP. It is a great facility within the community and they are looking at ways to open it to the public and tourists long term.</p> <p>It is financially challenging to maintain this thatched roof house in good order; an admission subscription is charged for events in the house that helps a little with electric bills and such. Cultural nights are held in the house and the Irish Heritage Board have visited, Dr Fidelma Mullane is a member of the heritage board and was the architect used during the redevelopment of the house.</p> <p>2 people are employed part-time through a Tus scheme; one cleaning and one working on marketing and a website for the house.</p> <p>House is on the WAW, R257.</p> <p>The group are in the National Pride of Place awards, winners to be announced November 2014.</p>	5,6	Cloughaneely
12	<p>Indigenous community with a transient tourist economy. Tourism is strong but this has not been matched by community development.</p> <p>Strengths of Bundoran are given as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the many successful business people and entrepreneurs</li> <li>- surfing and the brand of 'the surfing capital of Ireland'</li> <li>-existing skill base of dealing with the public and catering for tourists.</li> <li>- young people have a range of opportunities for summer work and many choose tourism as their career.</li> <li>-small community that works well together.</li> </ul>	4,6,7	Bundoran

	<p>- new people to the area bring strength and experiences.</p> <p>Challenges are given as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-isolated geographically from rest of Donegal making it difficult to network with other groups and agencies</li> <li>-lack of recent community development initiatives and therefore lack of capacity within some groups to run and develop projects and apply for funding.</li> <li>-more than €1m has been missed in funding opportunities</li> <li>-brain drain of educated young people</li> <li>-tourism business and image of the town has militated against community needs and an opportunity now to establish a strong community base.</li> </ul> <p>Lack of community centre is the single most important factor in addressing community challenges in Bundoran and this group are planning to purchase a premises soon following a €201,000 allocation by the town council. The group has formed a limited company and undertaken extensive training to build on expertise.</p> <p>Group is keen to work in partnership with other organizations and cites a recent example of working with the local heritage group.</p> <p>Town needs to be identified as a priority for community development and programmes to develop groups capacities should be delivered in Bundoran. Other courses in the county should positively discriminate in favour of the south and some regional offices need to service Bundoran on an outreach basis. Single most important need is a community premises.</p> <p>There should be meaningful consultation throughout this entire process and work needs to be done in the area of partnership and working together.</p> <p>Aiming for Easter 2015 for opening of planned community premises. It is intended that the new centre shall met the needs of existing organizations and potentially new groups and organizations.</p>		
13	<p>Animals in need is a registered charity that rescue dogs and other small animals in the county. It looks after animals for people in specific circumstances and provides veterinary care for those that cannot afford it. They also run an education programme</p>		county wide

	<p>for primary and second level students in the area.</p> <p>Receive a yearly grant from the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine and rely a lot of contributions and fundraising. They have recently bought a vehicle that should cut transport costs and arranged a loan of €8,000 to pay for it. They offer 24/7 helpline and also assist Gardai on animal rescue.</p> <p>Running costs of the charity are high and any assistance from Donegal County Council would be appreciated.</p> <p>If a re-homing centre could be provided as part of the pound in Letterkenny, the pressure to meet EU directive with regard to transfer of dogs to the EU could be lessened.</p>		
14	<p>Group based in NE Inishowen, a rural community with a history of farming and fishing. Popular as a tourist destination with blue flag beach, wildlife habitats and strong history and heritage.</p> <p>The strengths of this area are that it is a picturesque area close to Derry and the Causeway coast by road and via ferry. It has potential for wildlife tourism and a research destination particularly from a maritime perspective, and there is strong local interest in developing the area for ecotourism. There are significant heritage and historical sites and a strong link to past conflict due to the geographical location.</p> <p>Challenges indentified for the area are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-maintaining the scenic nature of the area, addressing litter control and providing creative waste solutions.</li> <li>-control of invasive plants and marine species.</li> <li>-provision of adequate treatment of waste water and good quality drinking water</li> <li>-lack of full time library service</li> <li>-poor provision for cyclists especially young children and families.</li> <li>-high (youth) unemployment- further training opportunities needed.</li> </ul> <p>There are a number of community initiatives in the area and there is a strong sense of co-operation between these groups.</p> <p>Services and facilities required are listed as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-cross-community facilitators to work with different groups.</li> <li>-full time library service</li> <li>-dedicated arts/conference centre.</li> </ul>	2,4,5,6,7	NE Inishowen

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-holistic health centre with outdoor facilities.</li> <li>-cycle paths and cycling areas- safer roads</li> <li>-mental health and well-being support</li> <li>-greater outreach with DCC</li> </ul> <p>Changes that would most improve the area are listed as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-protecting and increasing awareness of biodiversity, encouraging biodiversity related business opportunities.</li> <li>-promoting heritage and related business opportunities</li> <li>-promoting the use of vacant premises in the area.</li> <li>-providing further community employment and training opportunities.</li> <li>-improve road safety with different signage.</li> <li>-support use of renewable energies</li> <li>-promote ecotourism and food tourism</li> </ul> <p>Submission details a range of recent activities and events organised in the area.</p>		
15	<p>Birdwatch Ireland is the largest wildlife conservation organization in Ireland; it's remit is the conservation of wild birds and their habitats in Ireland. They welcome the focus on the green economy and development of natural resources. County Donegal is one of the most important in the country for the wealth of wildlife and biodiversity it supports and this should be an important consideration in the development of this plan. Important wildlife should be protected and in particular those in the EU Birds and Habitats Directives.</p> <p>Potential for sensitive development to increase tourism and promote sustainable development. Submission accompanied by a project proposal for such a project on Tory island. Birdwatch Ireland hoping to develop projects to support the natural environments and in tandem develop tourism opportunities and sets out some examples.</p> <p>Of overall importance is the need to protect and enhance the environment and biodiversity of the county, to recognise and foster appreciation of it and seek opportunities for green tourism and other initiatives to help promote sustainable tourism.</p>	5	Countrywide references
16	<p>Killybegs must be included in the LECP framework document for it's benefit, the benefit of the framework document and its economic, social and regional hinterland. It's inclusion will guide its strategic development and help access funding thereby guiding the sustainable economic and social dimensions of the town. Killybegs should be analysed for its long term and community development, not just from an industrial and</p>	2,4,5,6,7	Killybegs

<p>commercial perspective; and inclusion in the LECP will enhance this objective.</p> <p>Killybegs is an economic hub in a deprived area; it is a fishing town, a tourism hub, is on the WAW, and in the development stage of being a premier cruise destination.</p> <p>This is a vibrant and active community (the many groups are listed) and there is an active information and tourist office as well as being a maritime and carpet making centre of national importance.</p> <p>There is a varied medieval and plantation history and heritage and also ancient maritime traditions. This should all be assessed, highlighted and included in plans such as the LECP to ensure the proper and sustainable development of the town for all the community.</p> <p>Killybegs people are innovative, adaptable and resilient and have particularly strong women in many roles and associations. Submission lists physical facilities in Killybegs.</p> <p>The following challenges to the community are detailed in the submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Visitors transiently pass through, need to get them to stay for a while. Need to access the main street from the Shore Road and regenerate the main street.</li> <li>-Seeking extra parking, trying to create a walkway/bridge onto the Main Street from the Shore road. Hoping to acquire an area beside the new playspace for public toilets and extra parking. Seeking a pedestrian crossing to the play space and have started events promoting Killybegs as a centre of excellence for seafood and maritime history and heritage.</li> <li>-in draft stages of thinking about a seaworld/museum of coastal and marine life.</li> <li>-Need more courses in all levels of education and life learning.</li> <li>-Community hospital should be upgraded to service all the community.</li> <li>-financial assistance required to promote and implement tourism projects and the regeneration of Main Street.</li> <li>-Changes that would most improve Killybegs would be visual; lists how this could be done and suggest a regeneration package for Bridge Street and Main Street.</li> </ul> <p>Vision is for Maritime Heritage and Culture, whilst promoting fishing and fish processing. Need to consider the environment and be</p>		
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	<p>careful about future planning; factories should be physically pleasant and landscaping and screening a must in the planning process.</p> <p>Promote Killybegs as a vibrant port town with healthy industry and tourism, should be the Dingle/Kinsale of Donegal, and to summarize lists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-marina and development of marine tourism.</li> <li>-further development of cruise ships.</li> <li>-3rd level courses promoting tourism and catering.</li> <li>-promotion as seafood centre of excellence.</li> <li>-Upgrade Community Hospital</li> <li>-seaworld indoor tourism facility.</li> <li>-regeneration of Main street and Bridge street.</li> <li>-public toilets.</li> <li>-public library</li> <li>-parking and pedestrian crossings</li> <li>-upgrades to Fintra Bridge.</li> <li>-Shower/washing facilities and extra parking at Fintra beach</li> </ul>		
17	<p>This is a rural community that has a high level of unemployment and a large number of young people have emigrated in the last 6 years.</p> <p>The high level of community activity is given as a strength in this area, as is the community centre and the large number of volunteers.</p> <p>Challenges to the community are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-high level of unemployment for young people and men.</li> <li>-high running costs of centre</li> <li>-low education attainment</li> <li>-additional training programmes to keep people off the dole.</li> <li>-continued maintenance of the centre; need for a better access road and parking</li> <li>-local training needed for young men and women</li> <li>-greater support needed for social economy projects.</li> <li>-limited library service</li> <li>-lack of varied sports e.g gymnastics</li> <li>-new laptops needed in the community centre.</li> </ul> <p>They maintain and run the community centre (supported by POBAL)that supports a range of activities, listed in detail in the submission.</p> <p>Submission lists the following things needed for the community to thrive:</p>	2, 4, 7	Inver

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-support for the unemployed</li> <li>-local accredited education and training programmes</li> <li>-options for people after TUS and CE schemes</li> <li>-support for centre committees including maintenance and overhead costs.</li> <li>-support to allow people coming off TUS schemes to work in locally based social economy projects.</li> <li>-grants for the development and maintenance of local centres</li> <li>-Need water harvesting system for the community centre</li> <li>-Enhanced rural transport needed especially for older and younger people.</li> </ul> <p>All resources available to address challenges and build strength are currently being used. These are mainly the staff and volunteers who work hard and fundraise to keep the centre afloat. Would like more support with activities.</p>		
18	repeat of submission 37		
19	<p>The submission relates to a rural seaside community type and its strengths are that it is an area of outstanding beauty with offshore islands, harbour, Inishtrahull lighthouse and beautiful landscape scenery.</p> <p>The challenges to the community are access to cheap finance, tax incentives and realistic property rates to enable a sustainable business.</p> <p>Sets out their intention to build a fully integrated marine orientated learning centre incorporating an aquarium and perhaps a shellfish hatchery.</p> <p>Describes a need to create full time jobs to prevent emigration and encourage re-patriation based on the area's resources of agriculture, mariculture and tourism. A site adjacent to the sea has been identified for such a facility.</p> <p>States that Malin Head Fisherman's co-operative have indicated support for the plans, and close proximity to universities would provide students for research. This would in turn realize further tourism opportunities in the form of restaurants and accommodation.</p> <p>Explains that a streamlined planning and grant assistance process would be beneficial as private investors prefer a fast track approach.</p>	2,5	Malin Head

20	<p>Sets out that the submission will identify high level issues the HSE would like LCDC to consider in their plan, and that they hope this is the beginning of a process of engagement with key stakeholders.</p> <p>HSE state their support for An Strateis. They have a sustainability office working on improving the 'green' credentials and they believe that a 'Healthy Donegal' project will complement the objective of developing a Donegal brand.</p> <p>The community and voluntary sector is a strength and asset to Donegal and contribute greatly to the 5 goals of the WHO, in particular their contribution to keeping often isolated rural communities connected, thereby contributing to mental health and wellbeing. HSE depends on this to reach marginal socially excluded groups and the strengths of this sector should be supported and strengthened.</p> <p>'Healthy Ireland' is a cross-government framework for improving health and wellbeing so everyone can enjoy physical and mental health and wellbeing that is valued and supported at every level of society. The following key goals underlie this vision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-increase proportion of healthy people at all ages</li> <li>-reduce health inequalities</li> <li>-protect health from threats</li> <li>-create an environment that promotes improved health and wellbeing.</li> </ul> <p>The LECP is an ideal conduit for progressing the goals of 'Healthy Ireland'.</p> <p>Healthy Ireland recognises that health is shaped by a wide range of determinants outside the HSE including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-obesity</li> <li>-mental health and wellbeing (suicide prevention)</li> <li>-alcohol and its contribution to poor health</li> <li>-importance of early years and healthy lives for children growing up</li> </ul> <p>Partnerships will be required and the submission proposes that LCDC consider setting up a 'Healthy Donegal' project to draw together key partners. This would be based on the 'Health Improvement Model' best known example being the European 'Healthy Cities' movement.</p> <p>The heathy cities movement aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-create a health-supportive environment</li> <li>-achieve good quality of life</li> <li>-provide basic sanitation and hygiene needs</li> <li>-supply access to health care</li> </ul>	2,4,7	countywide
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	<p>Submission goes into detail on how to tackle obesity as an example via the 'healthy Ireland ' project, and Appendix 1 of their submission contains an extract of a table from the Healthy Ireland document of relevance to LCDCs.</p> <p>The public health department in the HSE is compiling a health profile of the 3 North west counties thereby providing information on key health and health determinant indicators; the HSE will be happy to provide this profile to DCC and LCDC.</p> <p>Appendix 2 of the submission contains a table containing identified priorities and programmes/measures for inclusion in the LECP. The priorities identified aim to enhance the health and wellbeing and quality of life of communities in the county and build capacity of communities to improve their health and wellbeing and quality of life. The identified priorities are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-promote positive mental health and wellbeing in Donegal.</li> <li>-Reduce risk factors for chronic disease through community based programmes in Donegal</li> <li>-Improve the health of Donegal through promoting smoking cessation</li> <li>-support initiative to improve health of children and young people</li> <li>-support community participation and build capacity within the community.</li> </ul> <p>Submission sets out in detail recommendations to support the development of healthy and sustainable communities, the main recommendations are summarized below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-incorporate a 'place' based approach to community needs</li> <li>-consider social, environmental, physical and economic capital and assets in baseline audits, assessments and decision making, use Sustainable Impact model.</li> <li>-consider outcomes based model accross all factors</li> <li>-consider the need for an integrated working group on sustainable neighbourhoods/communities.</li> <li>-consider integrated metrics to monitor and measure progress towards health and sustainability.</li> <li>-adapt the delivery of activities and infrastructure to consider the results of climate change and adverse weather.</li> <li>-Shaping of communities and neighbourhoods should integrate health and urban planning at any planning stage,</li> <li>-create joint partnerships for health and wellbeing</li> <li>-create joint partnerships with health care provision</li> <li>-create joint partnerships for green economy</li> <li>-create partnerships to reduce health inequalities</li> </ul>		
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	-incorporate the protection of Ecosystems into planning		
21	<p>Killybegs should capitalize on existing tourism and fishing and promote itself as a leader in these areas for development, training and education. Should be promoted together forming a multi-sectoral dynamic and a hub. Should reinforce the economic strengths and build on critical mass by facilitating the provision of high value added knowledge based industry.</p> <p>Tourism college should promote itself as a centre of excellence for food for 3rd level education and training.  Develop a renewable energy sector.  Promote high quality retail, promote employment, provide parking and support for the Main street and have competitive rates to encourage empty shops to re-open and pop up shops.  Support and attract investment for a maritime themed indoor tourist attraction.  Provide adequate tourism infrastructure and signage and develop tourism amenities to enhance the WAW.  Promote and support Killybegs carpet making and fishing centre, preserve it's history and attract more tourists.  Promote Killybegs as a Historic town and preserve its heritage.  Provide public amenities.  Promote and support development of a boat park/marina and associated facilities, and also the future growth of the cruise ship sector.  Provide sewerage treatment to complete the final stage and maintain excellent water quality in the harbour.  Protect the Blue Flag beach and water quality</p>	2,	Killybegs
22	<p>DSP established 2001 as part of Irish Sports Council strategy to promote participation in sport. Active Donegal 2011-2014 is their current strategic plan that sets future indicators and targets, the process of updating it shall begin later this year.</p> <p>DSP is a multi-sectoral inter-agency group supported nationally by the Irish sports council and also other national and local organizations.</p> <p>Donegal is a sporting county and has seen recent growth in popularity notably in walking, running and cycling, despite its relatively harsh climate and rural nature. Sport will make a greater contribution to the economy of Donegal and to society in the future.</p> <p>Key benefits of the promotion and development of sport within communities are detailed in the submission and are listed in summary below:</p>	4,7	county wide

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-health</li> <li>-social inclusion</li> <li>-economic benefit</li> <li>-Education</li> </ul> <p>Challenges to the development of sport in the county are bringing sport to 'hard to reach groups' and reduce barriers to encourage people to take part in sport on a more consistent basis.</p> <p>A number of general issues identified by DSP to assist in achieving its overall aim of bringing sport to everyone are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-retaining and developing the network of sports development officers and also generic sports development officers.</li> <li>-retaining local volunteers and community support.</li> <li>-having a consistent funding stream</li> <li>-building upon the current Sports Capital grants scheme.</li> </ul> <p>Others points for consideration are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-tax breaks and local authority concessions on charges for capital projects would provide some limited assistance to local communities developing facilities.</li> <li>-Ensuring that sport is continually and consistently promoted through pre-schools, primary and post-primary schools.</li> <li>-Developing 'Sports for everyone' campaigns</li> </ul> <p>Submission concludes by pointing out that sport can make a difference in areas such as health, social inclusion and tourism. There has been a 25% drop in state funding over the last 4 years and there is a fear that further cuts would damage grass roots sports provision.</p> <p>Sport should be presented as a real and positive option for Donegal in future statutory and community plans.</p> <p>A more active Donegal would be a better Donegal for the overall quality of life of everyone.</p>		
23	<p>Ionad Naomh Pdraig is a resource and enterprise centre in the rural Gaeltacht at Dore.</p> <p>State their disappointment with sewerage plans for the area and ask specific questions</p>	4,7	Dore

	<p>relating to Irish water.</p> <p>A major issue in the area is the lack of adequate youth services with nothing available for 14-18year olds. Lack of a drop-in centre has resulted in under age drinking and problems in the community.</p> <p>Group runs a series of classes but there is no public transport services for young people or those not from Dore.</p> <p>Submission asks specific question regarding water supply.</p> <p>Road safety is an important issue and the extension of the footpath to Lower Dore would improve life within the community.</p> <p>States that it would be of great benefit if the road could be tarred to the footpath.</p>		
24	<p>Similar to submission 21 above but with some additional points made and extracts from Killybegs Timeline attached.</p> <p>Additional points made subsequent to 21 are:          -Develop a river walk in Killibegs connecting Shore road and Main street.          -Develop a 'green way' from Donegal Town to Sliabh Liag for cyclists and walkers, along the old railway line to Killybegs and off the main road from Killibegs to Sliabh Liag.</p> <p>The 'Timeline of Killybegs' copied from the book 'St.Catherines Church and Graveyard' is appended to this submission.</p>	2,	Killybegs.
25	as per submission reference 21 and 24 above		
26	<p>Submission sets out the changes that would most improve the community as listed below:          -recognition of rich historical and cultural heritage of Lifford.          -Written history of Lifford including it's connection with famous people from the past, its historical buildings, poetry and legends.          -Information booklet for visitors on a 'Walk around the town' outlining it's history, heritage, legends including border stories.</p> <p>Submission lists historical houses and places in Lifford and surroundings, famous people with Lifford connections and places of interest.</p>	5	Lifford
27	Submission states that CDP na Rosann is located in the Gaeltacht in Dungloe. It's mission statement is 'to overcome the effect of social disadvantage in the Rosses area,	2,5,6,7	Dungloe

	<p>by actively promoting participation, equality of opportunity, and social inclusion through building awareness, abilities, facilities, and supporting local community development.' The submission consulted 12 focus groups that represent a wide cross section of the community and the following is a summary of their questionnaires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The strengths of the community are a number of voluntary, community groups and organizations. It is rich in heritage including fishing, heritage and culture and potential for tourism. There is a strong hospitality and fishing workforce.</li> <li>-The challenges the community face are unemployment and immigration. There is also a lack of Broadband infrastructure, public transport, social and sheltered housing, family services, funding for community groups and a hotel in Dungloe. They also state that coastal erosion and reduced library services are a challenge.</li> <li>-In terms of addressing challenges and building on strengths they are carrying out a needs analysis, engaging young people to get involved in the community and maximising resources. Other strengths are organising social activities to prevent social isolation, tidy towns competitions, festivals and plans for self catering/hostel facilities.</li> <li>-The services and facilities that are required in the Rosses Community to thrive are a high-speed fibre network and marine infrastructure. Also facilities for adding value to island products such as food. A hotel/campsite/hostel, a swimming pool, public transport, family support services and community centres are also required. They also need more blue flag beaches, a more co-ordinated approach to working towards setting up businesses, funding for community groups and would like funding through Udaras. Also additional support for developing the Irish language and culture.</li> <li>-Resources that are available within the Rosses community are human resources through community groups, volunteers and skilled people that can work on projects. Emphasis on community development and inclusion. Also untapped marine resources and sustainable agriculture practices. Suggest that vacant buildings could be utilised to set up businesses and community centres.</li> </ul> <p>Changes that could improve the community are tourism facilities hotel and swimming pool camp sites, information of what is available in the area, employment, promote Irish language and culture, an interagency working group to provide an integrated approach to progress issues. Resources and funding to provide accredited training locally. Public transport and more funding for community groups.</p>		
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28	<p>1. States that it is an urban community.</p> <p>2. Strengths to be built upon are ambition, determination, active, progressive, track record for delivery, centre for excellence for sports, natural resources and amenities, road networks, central location within County, strong cultural and traditional ethos, Quality accommodation for conferences, Balour Arts and Training Centre and Finn Valley Education Centre.</p> <p>3. Need assistance to overcome challenges including unemployment, emigration, urban renewal, manufacturing, viability of farming, co-ordination to maximise amenities and host events.</p> <p>4. Activities to address challenges and build on strengths are developments/initiatives to secure funding, an enterprise centre to support business and development growth, river links and local business initiatives</p> <p>5. Facilities that are required include a more visible local government presence, funding for the BASIC enterprise centre, local tourism strategy, tax breaks and incentives for businesses, grants for buildings and incentives for the renewable sector.</p> <p>6. Resources available to address challenges and strengths are as per item 2.</p> <p>7. Changes to improve this community include tax breaks and incentives to support economic development, visible local government presence, funding and personnel to focus on key deliverables, sustainable strategy for the community and integrating community and economic objectives.</p>	2,4,6,	Ballybofey and Stranorlar
29	<p>Submission acknowledges receipt of correspondence concerning the Local Community and Economic Plan and states that geological heritage data can now be viewed online on the GSI Public Data Viewer.</p> <p>The submission gives an outline of what datasets are available online and outlines the difference between two map layers 'Geological Heritage Sites Boundaries' and Geological Heritage Sites No Boundaries'. Advises that updates to data can be added at any time and they plan to complete the county audits over the next 5 years and that sites are of County Geological Site Status and some are to be designated as Natural Heritage Areas. The submission goes on to say that if a Geological Heritage Site (with buffer) is identified within the study area to contact GSI for further information and mitigation measures.</p> <p>They welcome complementary data collected during any EIA especially in relation to Karst and would welcome any reports detailing site investigations.</p>	5	Countywide
30	Same submission as above		Countywide
31	Submission gives background of Tor Mór CTC Voluntary Committee and their vision for cultural tourism enterprises and employment and educational opportunities as well as	1,2,5,6	Ardara/Rossbeg

	<p>involving schools and development of small enterprise centres throughout the county. Tor Mór Cultural Tourism Committees mission is to create, develop and promote finest quality tourism experience and see cultural heritage as integral to this including geological, geographical, historical, archaeological, heritage wildlife and natural biodiversity as well as building on resources such as the Gaeltacht, traditional Crafts, music and the islands</p> <p>The Committee has a business plan for the promotion of tourism in this part of Donegal and there is a long and short term plan for business and economic growth, one of which is called 'Project: Rossbeg.' They have identified areas for development to attract visitors and the local community and list a wide number of current projects as well as working with an Ardara based tour operator to offer a Donegal based tour. They State that the Ardara Brand 'The Home of the Festivals' can be expanded to other platforms. The submission is keen to support the green economy and the Committee are currently developing themed and loop walks in Rosbegg, Loughros Point and Ardara areas.</p> <p>The submission emphasizes that there is good accessibility to historic and archaeological monuments apart from Doon Fort and suggest that it needs proper signage, restoration work and sensitively exploiting its heritage potential.</p> <p>In terms of community development they aim to establish a working group to get people involved in the development of cultural tourism and educational awareness as well as crossborder and international projects. They state that this is a rural area with Ardara providing most services supported by Kilclooney Dolmen centre and Men's Sheds movements. Good education facilities which could be supported by further educational courses. Highlight low self esteem and alcoholism. they state that a challenge is the absence of a hotel in Portnoo decline in a agriculture and fishing need incentives for B&amp;B's, improvements to roads and signage and a need to restock lobster and crab habitats and fresh water fish in lakes.</p>		
32	<p>The DLDC feel they have a strategic role to play in identifying the strategic elements and objectives of the plan.</p> <p>Awareness of the Green Economy amongst the public and rural entrepreneurs must be</p>	1,2,3,4,5,6,7	county wide

	<p>increased to stimulate activity.  Fundamental need to promote entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial skills in the county. CEB and Enterprise Ireland provided supports and initiates in an effort to address this matter. as the back to work enterprise allowance scheme and leader must be continued. These supports, those delivered by the Local Development Companies and LEADER were provided in a co-ordinated manner through a working group. These supports must continue to be provided within a co-ordinated structure to avoid duplication and maximize resource delivery.</p> <p>Recognises the significant investment in identifying a county brand and would like to see this progressed.  Best access to services through the siting of service providers in the County Council's main office network.</p> <p>Tourism is expanding and DLDC will work to develop high quality products particularly in sport and outdoor pursuits Reduce support in the area of B&amp;B as it can meet market demand.  Continue to develop and promote cultural resources with emphasis between the heritage and tourism and outlines the list of people who can assist.  States that festivals need to be developed and co-ordinated in sustainable manner.  Outlines the importance for training people and communities in the sustainable development and management of cultural and heritage projects.  DCL has played a critical and strategic role in fostering community development through a variety of programmes.  Outline four types of communities namely rural dispersed, rural town and villages, urban settlements and communities of common interest and each with unique and overlapping requirements/challenge/strengths to be built upon are the commitment of local people to address their needs and great communication network.  Challenges to overcome relate to lack of funding and the hope that this will ease over the lifetime of the plan.  Raise issues in relation to representation structure on the LCDC.  In terms of addressing challenges and building on strengths DLDC delivers community initiatives.  In terms of supporting the community to thrive they highlight the enhancement of skills through training to enable community development actions being carried out. They stress the importance of targeting groups</p>		
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	<p>who are most in need of the support.  Would like to see a change at a local level and overarching level and outlines the importance of active participation of community groups to be developed.</p>		
33	<p>The introduction states that the ultimate success for LCDC lies in their ability to access/approve funding for the LECP with minimum red tape. Strongly advises against abandoning the Donegal Brand in relation to 'Difference'.  Urges special consideration of the goal to establish Donegal as a lead Green Economy with reference to DCC's misguided planning with on-shore wind turbines and the effect on peatland and gives case study examples of Straboy and Kinnegoe Bay and discusses the current ministerial order in relation to windfarms  In terms of green economy it should be something green, new and cutting edge like wave; tidal; mini/multi hydro schemes; biomass; geothermal and heat exchangers.  Cites tourism as the engine for economic regeneration of Donegal and discusses success of WAW, states that Idyllic landscape was reason in Failte Ireland survey that people visit Donegal.  Submission states that there is a need for better tourist facilities in terms of information boards, picnic areas, laybys and pull-over stops  and gives examples of the Glen, Meenaroya and Creeslough, back of Errigal Road and Errical and feels that these examples are simple and cost effective. Cruise ships at killybegs should be capitalised especially the lucrative cruise on shore excursions market. The port can cater for large ships to dock but the submission is disappointed that port authorities in Killybegs provide security to prevent people from approaching ships. Lists excursions as add ons. Would like to see LCDC enabling Donegal's tourism trade and advertise on the pier in Killybegs for premium cruise customers and gives an example in Alaska where this is highly successful. Sites Fintown Railway as a world class tourism product from Fintown to Glenties with the proper investment. Tourism facility 'up here is different-come to the top of Achla by cable car' a chair lift from the from the edge of the lake to the top of the mountain giving access to easy trails around corrie lakes. In terms of the first year of WAW and Cruise Ships asks did we do enough to make people rave about Donegal and will we do better next year? States that the County must grasp the chance to improve the most basic facilities for incoming visitors.</p>	1,3,5,6	Countrywide references

34	<p>Outlines the disadvantage of Irish travellers coupled with austerity measures and the LCDC's opportunity for local collaboration and real commitment to addressing social exclusion and inequality.</p> <p>Gives overview of their record in promoting and supporting community development with a minority ethnic group and state that they are uniquely placed to contribute to countywide strategies in areas of inter-culturalism, anti-racism and combating social exclusion. One of their projects was in relation to tackling poverty and disadvantage. Outline the context and key issues impacting on the traveller community in relation to a under representation in statistics and higher fertility rates.</p> <p>Key challenges for the traveller community in their struggle for equality and human rights are high unemployment, lack of appropriate accommodation, lack of recognition, traveller children and health inequality.</p> <p>Recommendation 1 - Maintain an independent traveller organisation in the County within the context of the SICAP</p> <p>Recommendation 2 - Development plan which supports the community development sector in Donegal.</p> <p>Recommendation 3 - Addressing traveller health inequality through a whole of society approach</p> <p>Recommendation 4 - Placing diversity, inter-culturalism and inclusion at the centre of the Plan for Donegal.</p>	4,7	Countywide
35	<p>Gives introduction to Foróige as Irelands most successful youth organisation with 1 in 8 young people being involved.</p> <p>The submission has identified the following priority areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Supporting existing Foróige services in the County in relation to budget cuts, a rise in demand and diverse range of needs and would like to expand services across the County.</li> <li>2. Challenge of providing suitable premises to enable a range of youth work programmes and activities.</li> <li>3. Long waiting times and long travel distances to access appropriate services i.e. mental health and addiction treatment. State that there is a need to provide quality services both residential and non residential in Donegal when young people and families need it.</li> <li>4. Collaboration with voluntary and statutory agencies in local communities for better access to community centres, facilities at affordable costs and extended opening hours.</li> </ol> <p>Welcome more indepth discussions that will help shape the direction of future initiatives for young people and their families throughout the County.</p>	4,7	Countywide

36	Submitted a document 'Bringing a greenway to Donegal'. Which outlines the initiative as a crossborder greenway connecting Derry with Donegal and discusses some of the benefits for Inishowen. States that there is considerable support for this idea and that it would be great to see it included in the Local Economic and Community Plan.	1,5	Inishowen
37	<p>In terms of the Green Economy states that Donegal's long coastline has potential in relation to research and development in tidal development. Incentives are needed to attract global companies and educational institutions involved in tidal energy. Wind energy should not impact visually on communities in southwest Donegal.</p> <p>State that efforts should be renewed to brand the County as a clean green region for food, energy and tourism. Untouched landscape on the edge of Europe and boasting the local farmer.</p> <p>Highlight that they need equal access to acute health services concerns that community nursing could be cut. Highlight the Garda Station closure was not welcomed and it is their intention to resist any plans for post office closure.</p> <p>Concerned about EU Legislation on turf cutting, the future of the small fisherman and need a strategy on angling tourism and a co-ordinated approach to protect the salmon. States that tourism is important for vital seasonal employment and highlights the need to maintain existing walks.</p> <p>State that the WAW is proving attractive and could be a way of prioritising grant aid for i.e. camping-vans sites. The submission also highlights the need for weekly bin services and a scheduled hedge cutting service. The submission outlines the importance of having a Gaeltacht region and that the archaeology and heritage of the area span 5000 years. State that there is a need for mapped archaeological routes and information posts and that there are long-term proposals for cycle routes from Donegal town via Killybegs to Glencolmcille onto Glenties and Ardara.</p> <p>The submission lists their most recent community led projects including those which were in conjunction with the Council.</p> <p>Raise concern in relation to their office rates and infrastructure in the wider area such as footpaths and cables.</p>	1,3,4,5,6,7	Glemcolmcille and South West Donegal
38	repeat submission		
39	<p>Welcomes LCDC overseeing Planning and Development and it should encourage cultural and economic projects and also constrain inappropriate development.</p> <p>Concerned about Donegal being 'a lead region for the green economy' in relation to windfarms in respect to their location to adjacent dwellings and destroying visual amenity of tourism areas.</p> <p>Mentions revenue as a reason why windfarms are prioritised in planning.</p>	1,	Fintown

	<p>States that there has been no estimate on the knock-on effects of Windfarms in relation to health and the environment.</p> <p>Concerned that residents will be incentivised by grants by the Council.</p> <p>Asks 'how are we allowing ourselves to be used by Green Economy to further its agenda to our cost and to the cost of future generations' and states that we don't realise the value of our unindustrialised landscape.</p> <p>States that there needs to be a transparent open-minded cost benefit analysis of wind energy that is open to debate.</p> <p>Asks 'can the output of turbines already in place be increased'? 'Can the wind industry contribute to the cost of the infrastructure provided for its benefit?'</p> <p>States that Donegal need to stand up to the onslaught of Green Energy and not blindly follow the decrees set down by national government.</p>		
40	<p>States that this is a draft submission that will be ratified by the committee at end of September.</p> <p>States that there is a broad diversity of minorities living in Ireland with a growing diversity in relation to religious beliefs and language and that public service providers need to ensure that all plans take account of the needs of minority groups.</p> <p>Quotes latest CSO Data which show a high percentage of population born outside the state. Sets out statistics in relation to the percentage of Polish community, Roma and other Nationalities living in Ireland. Outlines statistics on foreign languages spoken at home.</p> <p>Believe that this baseline appraisal together with their and other minority support groups will help define the depth of diversity in Donegal.</p> <p>State that the DCLG will need to explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What type of community you live in</li> <li>- Culturally and religious diverse society</li> <li>- Traveller Community</li> <li>- Roma</li> <li>- Diverse new communities</li> </ul> <p>State that some groups have specific needs such as integration support, employment support and welfare rights. These groups have experienced poverty, racism and discrimination.</p> <p>In terms of strengths the submission highlights that minority groups can provide new</p>	4,7	county wide

	<p>skills, experiences, languages and perspectives. They can also develop intercultural linkages to enhance social cohesion peace and understanding.</p> <p>Challenges the community face are; educational , language, racism and discrimination, conflict, human rights and social inequalities, health and suicide. In relation to Cultural Resources/ Creative Economy it is vital that ethnic minority communities are involved in the development of the County's cultural resources. States that new communities can bring a wealth of culture, music and new approaches and perspectives to the areas of arts and cultural development, social organisation and cultural responses to conflict resolution.</p> <p>In relation to services/facilities to support the community to thrive, language support, an effective racist incident report system, rights based work and peace, conflict and integration studies through community-based education and learning opportunities.</p> <p>In terms of changes that would improve these communities they state that a County Plan which reflects, respects and supports the diversity of groups living in Donegal Need a strategic approach to work collaboratively with existing organisations and commitment to equality measures across all services, Also need the establishment of intercultural venue for minority communities and an anti-racism programme and anti racism quality mark or award.</p>		
41	<p>Argue that by strengthening the position of the Donegal Railway Heritage Centre as a Heritage Base in Donegal Town, the organisation may be able to develop more interest in other local historical and heritage sites that are within walking distance from the town centre, while safeguarding the Railway Centre. States that additional funding would be required to assist with this proposal.</p>	5	Donegal Town
42	<p>Gives background to the Balor DCA and also a brief context of the Finn Valley in relation to economic and social isolation.</p> <p>States that the committee use drama to bring communities together and deliver a programme of social and cultural events/workshops/training to build trust and friendships of all ages and discusses funding.</p> <p>Discuss the reduction in staff and that including arts workers employment in the New LECP may provide for a more sustainable creative economy.</p> <p>Highlights the monetary benefits to a more complete arts programme and states that tax revenue of the exchequer through activities of the Arts Council amounted to 41.1 million in 2010.</p> <p>The Balor DCA is a certified training and education provider with Open College Network</p>	2,6	county wide

	Northern Ireland and run Skills for Gaining Employment Courses. Would like the LECF to include a stream for this training to be included.		
43	<p>The submission is from a rural seaside community. The strengths of the community is the outstanding beauty, Atlantic ocean, offshore islands, harbour and Inishtrahull lighthouse.</p> <p>Challenges are in relation to access to cheap finance, tax incentives and realistic property rates to enable a sustainable business.</p> <p>In terms of building on strengths they would like to build a fully integrated seafood orientated learning centre and cafe/sea food hub.</p> <p>Services that can support the community are fulltime jobs to stop immigration in the areas of agriculture, mariculture and tourism.</p> <p>Resources in the area to support plans are Malin Heads Fisherman's Cooperative and close proximity to universities in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Changes to improve community would involve a streamlined process of obtaining planning and grant assistance.</p>	2,5	Malin Head
44	<p>States that Donegal airport has second largest runway of the three regional airports after Kerry but that Waterford is soon extending and states that if the Donegal runway was extended to the same extent it could take jet engines at an approximate cost of 1.5 million.</p> <p>Highlighted that tourist programmes in last 20 years have excluded funding for the development of golf courses and suggest that the Council should make representation to Failte Ireland to include the upgrading of 9 hole link courses.</p> <p>Suggests island tours of Inishkerragh, Rutland and Owey Islands and discusses the need for toilet provision on them.</p> <p>Suggest that walking is a growth area and that it should be developed on commonage, bog roads and disused railway lines. States that the County Development Plan should prohibit development on disused railway lines and they should be preserved.</p> <p>Consideration should be given to grant aiding second hand equipment in relation to relatively cheap watersports such as kayaking, currach rowing and dinghy sailing.</p> <p>Interested in making the ruin of TeampallChroine at Termon outside Dungloe accessible to the public.</p> <p>Interested in a walking path from the main road at Crohy Head to the shore cliff and setting up a museum and a photographic archive.</p> <p>Would like a waterword centre, outdoor solar heated pool and the sewage plant built so that the outdoor swimming pool can be used and that children can swim by the pier.</p> <p>Suggest reducing commercial rates on Hotels and that indoor heated swimming pools should be excluded from commercial rates.</p> <p>Gaeltacht road signs should be in Irish and English with English in small letters in Gaeltacht areas.</p>	4,5,6	West Donegal

	Development of a pitch and putt golf course should be encouraged. State that the County could make more of some areas of economic activity where we have comparative advantage and build on existing infrastructure.		
45	Working in area of strategic partnership around environmental awareness and education and how to develop Greater Gartan/Glenveagh/Churchill/Derryveagh communities and schools in linking people with their landscape and understanding its value and potential. Would like LECP to recognise, fund and support these collaborative initiatives	5,6	Glenveagh area
46	States that they attached their last submission but it was not attached to the submission; see submission 49 below		
47	State that their group vision for the Cathedral Quarter has been lodged with the Dept Arts Heritage and Gaeltacht (141027/AHG) and that it is a 20 year plan and lists the dignitaries that have been in the Letterkenny and plans such as picnic area/town park, pedestrianized street, new retail units (in keeping with area) and walkways into the back of retail units on Main Street and rebuilding of old stables and opened up to tourists as a tourist product. They give an update on regeneration of Church Lane and how special it is including Conwal Parish Church, Plymouth Gospel Hall. The submission states that fundraising for this project has already commenced. They state the concept is to create a hidden gem in the heart of Letterkenny and that although it is a hugely ambitious plan that it can be done with the co-operation of all stakeholders with benefits to the whole County. Additional notes are attached to the submission including a location map of the Cathedral Quarter, location of the park and proposed new pathway.	5,6	Letterkenny
48	In terms of the Green economy the re-introduction of grant aid for private householders that are not eligible for the warmer homes scheme is suggested and the development of educational programmes in this area. They highlight a programme run by the Ocean Energy Development Unit of the SEAI and Limpet. Give overview for the Inishowen Peninsula in terms of size, landform and having the northern most point in Ireland Community groups have a wealth of experience in social economic and cultural development and they do community development well. Challenges are sited as unemployment, immigration, 3rd level education, aging population, upgrading and developing employment skills, programmes are funding led, and state that the 'top down' approach need to be replaced with a 'bottom up' approach. In terms of building on strengths they are working to tackle poverty, social exclusion and disadvantage by imitating projects on a partnership approach. They also raise awareness of further educational courses and employment. They empower individuals/groups by extending access to resources, skills and influence. They provide employment skills and match people with labour markets. On-going	2,4,5,6,7,	Inishowen

	<p>work is guided by needs of the community.  In terms of services/facilities required they stress the promotion of interagency work and would like to provide support to people who live in high unemployment areas. Would like to start new groups and support existing groups where ever there is a need, as well as having an ease of access to support. Maximising local self employment and respond to large class sizes in primary schools. would like support and intervention for old people, disabled, suicidal or those who have alcohol or drug addictions.  Resources and strengths in the community are the number of experienced community development workers and activists.  Changes that would improve the community would be investment and engaging with the youth. Also an increase in people availing of informal and formal education and a decrease in early school leavers. States that engaging the community is a 'whole process' from recommendation of needs to resources. Providing assistance to community groups to reach their potential and promotion of community development in a positive way.</p>		
49	<p>Support the green economy as intrinsic to the future development of enterprise. They question whether Donegal should have an Energy Agency and would prefer community owned wind farms and state that windfarm development should be made in a case by case basis and that windfarms should have development contribution to community facilities and services. Would like wave energy explored.  In terms of enterprise support and development they highlight the retention of young people from immigration with an emphasis on farmers and fishermen  They are inspired by food festivals and seaweed producers and state that they should be supported. Require better broadband infrastructure.  State that the Social Economy Enterprises require finance, training and marketing support. State that they need community owned centres where training is provided as a priority.  In terms of the Donegal Brand across all sectors they state that research has shown that the Donegal Accent and the friendliness of its people is known world over.  In terms of best access to services they highlight the closure of garda stations and care and support of the elderly with emphasis of the elderly getting help to live in their own houses and also improvement to rural transport services.  In terms of natural resources and tourism they support local tourism products, walking tours and raise issues such as signage, repairing trails, training of guides and insurance. They welcome the Slieve League development and village enhancement/improvements. Highlight more support in refuse disposal. They highlight</p>	1,2,3,4,5,6,7	South Donegal

	<p>marine tourism including educational, recreational and sporting initiatives.</p> <p>In terms of Cultural Resources/Creative economy heritage sites such as Inishkeel Island, Carn Graveyard, Kilbarron Castle and Promontory and 6th Century Church near Ballyshannon and protecting and developing them for educational and heritage events in terms of signage and key information. Would like to support communities in the development of genealogical databases.</p> <p>Promoting and supporting community development by providing opportunities for training/retraining upskilling and work placement.</p> <p>State that non-funded community groups must be supported.</p> <p>Describe their community as beautiful rugged rural/urban mix, coastal, mountainous, sparsely populated in places and has a caring and resourceful population.</p> <p>The strengths of the community are a large, educated, adaptable, friendly, and welcoming community.</p> <p>Challenges that they would need assistance to overcome are the drain of young people.</p> <p>The community is upskilling and examining the potential of the Wild Atlantic Way.</p> <p>Services/facilities that are needed include broadband, training/up skilling, marketing subsidisation of childcare and travel.</p> <p>In terms addressing challenges states that are a number of community based organisations that have capacity to build on strengths of people but only if they are supported. More meaningful engagement with the Council is a change that would improve the community.</p>		
50	<p>Interested in tourism and the railway project in Fintown. See it as tourism goldmine and an ideal opportunity to do it in conjunction with the WAW. They envisage a proper visitor centre, restaurant, steam engines and ancillary attractions such as boat and play facilities. It is envisaged that the train would go from Fintown to Glenties.</p> <p>Would like the CDC to see the economic value in this railway. States it needs badly injected funds and practical action. Project can be part of new tourism boom heralded by the WAW and with the location of Fintown in the centre of Donegal and halfway between the two premier tourist magnets of Glenveagh and Sliabh Liag.</p>	5	Fintown
51	<p>Would like the Plan to provide, develop and run green waste and composting centres around the County.</p>	1	Green waste
52	<p>Submission requests a designated play area in Lifford and signage in Irish and English for the streets in Lifford.</p>		Lifford
53	<p>Submission requests street name signage in both Irish and English for Lifford and refers to signage objective and policy contained within the Lifford Town Development Plan 2014-2015 (expired)</p>		Lifford
54	<p>Explain that Moville is a small seaside town 12km from the Border (by land) from NI.</p>	2,4,5,6,7	Inishowen

	<p>The strengths of the community area its sporting, cultural and other voluntary community organisations. Other strengths include it's beautiful location, rich history and scope for land and sea amenities.</p> <p>Strategic thinking is required in relation to training and job creation, especially for the young. There is potential for outdoor, resource and tourist based local jobs and training.</p> <p>Challenges faced in this area relate to access to funding, the good will and energy of volunteers can be wasted if their main activity becomes fundraising. The work and commitment of voluntary organisations should be recognised and their contribution to local wellbeing should be supported in future plans.</p> <p>Hope that rural transport will continue to be provided as the cost of transport is a barrier to local people in rural areas accessing services.</p> <p>Services required are listed in the submission as: transport, localised health services, local training, information services, a library service and proper internet coverage.</p> <p>Support the continuation of community education as provided by the ETB, this is important not only for job creation but also to rural communities, people living alone etc.</p>		
55	<p>Cluain Na dTor in Falcarragh aim to promote awareness of the environment and biodiversity, both practically and theoretically. They run environmental courses and intend to raise awareness on topics such as bees , organic sustainability and food security also . They work with local national schools and would aim to attract up to 32 schools from all over Donegal. This area struggles to attract tourism and finance and should be more included on the Wild Atlantic Way initiative. They would like to promote / fund themselves however it is difficult to find information out on promotion and funding opportunities . These challenges can be overcome with correct training and guidance. There are many beautiful landscapes and ecosystems here but we are lacking in facilities that actually teach us about what we see , e.g. there are no longer close knit communities where one storyteller passes on folklore to future generations . (.....)</p>	5	west Donegal
56		5,6	An Gaeltacht
57	<p>The strengths within the area include green areas, marked urban walks, library, community exercise facilities, theatre and cultural facilities, schools, hospital and health care facilities. The negatives include unemployment and deprived area's. Some</p>	4,7	not specifies

	<p>families do not interact with the community and cause distress to neighbours and bully them, nobody including the Gardaí can control them and they make the area practically unliveable.</p> <p>There is a range of community facility and support centres that provide support for the community (community workers, training, pre and post school clubs, travellers support group). There is a need to support the community groups to enable them with their work.</p> <p>Employment would assist in all areas. Extending the pathways (already in progress county wide) near bus routes and towns will assist in exercise and relaxation. Plenty of people walk, the more variety of safe area's the more will walk. Find a method of facing down bullies in housing supported by the Council or social welfare payments. (.....)</p>		
58	<p>Dungloe resides on the Wild Atlantic Way, a small vibrant town in The Rosses which serves as a cultural and economic base and is an ideal location to visit the rest of the County. In particular, walkers, fishers, golfers and those interested in all outdoor pursuits. There is a need for infrastructure geared towards tourism and the promotion of the Rosses as a unique area. Dungloe Development Association/Forbairt na Rosann are ensuring that all stakeholders are on board to make the town / locality as accessible and presentable as possible. All are adamant that a hotel is key for this initiative. We have excellent B &amp; Bs, we need a hotel and hostel with leisure facilities for wet days. The high emigration of the young, the aging dependant nature of the existing population , the lack of flagship projects are all consigning to relegate us to backwater status within the County.</p> <p>They have recently produced a tourist map and are completing a new website. This year Dungloe, Burtonport, Maghery and Loughanure all completed excellent walks. Dungloe and other areas are all involved in Tidy Towns . The Development Association run the Tourist Office from May until September with the help of schemes and volunteers and this year the number of tourists increased significantly.</p> <p>There is a need for a signature attraction in the area to match Sliabh Liag, Glenveagh etc. This could be based around what is already here, our natural landscape, our islands and our fishing. We have a strong vibrant development committees who run Tidy Towns, Mary From Dungloe Festival, Walking Weekends and much more. We have a wealth of knowledge on our heritage, fishing, historical knowledge etc. (.....)</p>	5,6	Dungloe
59	<p>The attractions include friendly locals, beautiful scenery, village hall and public houses. The local community is involved in litter picking community meetings and take pride in their local area. There is a need for more shops. restaurants and better transport. A</p>	2	not specified

	greenway would also encourage more tourism. (.....)		
60	<p>The strengths include local marine related knowledge and skillsets, a unique collection of natural habitats and endangered species , the seascape and landscape, the ease to access and experience the natural environment and the existing coastal communities capacity to deliver knowledge, understanding and awareness of the areas rich natural resources and the resulting sustainable management of such.</p> <p>Challenges include a lack of long term vision and a plan of action. There is a lack of technical knowledge and evidence based studies regarding particular aspects of natural environment. There is a lack of key specialist understanding of sustainable management of natural resources by those who require it and a lack of confidence to try new ideas and willingness to open up to new approaches. There are few successful role models who stay in the community. There is a lack of capital to kick start initiatives.</p> <p>We have produced a concept document outlining a vision for our communities future in which the sustainable management of local natural resources is undertaken by local communities and utilised to develop business opportunities which offer long term sustainable employment. We have developed a successful working relationship between QUB, local industry (Malin Head Fishermans Coop), local community (Malin head community group), and ourselves a marine conservation focused group. We have delivered and are delivering a number of projects (Depth charge, Monster munch, Shark spotting, Shark camp, Dr, Hammerhead) to increase the awareness, understanding and appreciation of the natural marine environment.</p> <p>There is a need for a Visitor Centre at Malin Head incorporating: 1) An internationally renowned viable visitor experience showcasing the natural marine environment, 2) A linked marine research laboratory which undertakes studies of international significance on the management and conservation of marine habitats / species and 3) a linked educational facility where all schools can visit and receive instruction and education on the natural marine environment.</p> <p>Local marine knowledge, traditions and skills. Globally unique natural marine resources which are underdeveloped and untapped. Specialist technical knowledge and experience in marine . A recognised brand name and easily marketable eco- tourism product at Malin head. Willing entrepreneurs to develop spin off business opportunities from sustainable management and exploitation of</p>	2,5,7	Malin Head

	local marine resources. (.....)		
61	The strengths of the area include community spirit, wonderful physical landscape, skilled workforce who would return if there were jobs. The negatives include poor transport to local town, roads are in poor state of repair. There is a need for economic development in rural areas, e.g. tourism and broadband. The local community have been fundraising locally. (.....)	2,5,7	not specified
62	The community is active and healthy and willing to opt for more sustainable travel. There is the need for the provision of proper playgrounds, cycle lanes / facilities, play park and a MUGA / 5-a-side pitch. (.....)		not specified
63	The strengths include a picturesque village, sea views, community center, planted flower beds and historic features. Tourism is key to the health and prosperity of rural communities; unfortunately much of the countryside is now covered with houses which detract from the landscape and are a threat to tourist's enjoyment of the countryside. Queries how is the Council going to address the issue of people wanting to continuously build new houses, leaving the old ones empty and derelict? The problem of half finished houses needs addressing. The community centre is well attended and holds many events including toddler group and social activities. There is a need to enhance the tourism offer in the area; e.g. visitors from mainland UK are disappointed with the lack of access to the countryside, improving the number of walks would encourage people to stay longer in the area, spending more money and return back for repeat visits. Footpaths / cycle paths and coastal walks are an amazing opportunity for tourism and would complement the fabulous beaches in Donegal. Look to England, Wales and Scotland for what could be achieved, how popular this is and how much it brings to the local economy. (.....)	5,7	not specified
64	The sense of community is important. Open pathways and greenways between many disparate communities will allow them to expand and feel more together as part of a wider Donegal community. Road and pedestrian safety is paramount. The formation of a Donegal Greenway between Derry City Centre the whole way through Inishowen and through to Falcarragh and Dungloe along the old railway lines (where possible). This has been a massive success in other parts of the Country and would be a massive draw for tourism to the area. (.....)	5,7	not specified
65	The strengths include; Community involvement which makes it easier to access funding for community volunteers. Allocate an allowance for towns active in the Tidy Towns, without them having to chase down invoices to claim. The challenges include; eyesore buildings, owners should be obliged to fix them and if they have no finances to do so money should be made available to remedy or disguise the eyesore. Sewerage schemes need to be in place, throughout Donegal but not in places of natural beauty. It is a disgrace that sewerage, bleach and other chemicals are being flushed into rivers.	1,4,5,7	not specified

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stop wind farms ruining beauty spots,</li> <li>• Invest in grants to home owners to have solar panels.</li> <li>• Opposes water meters give control back to experts in the Council and initiate water preservation, stop leaks and build reservoirs.</li> <li>• Support for the greenway initiative would increase tourism.</li> <li>• Less paperwork to help community groups get things done.</li> <li>• Stop charging for recycling. Rubbish is being burnt. (.....)</li> </ul>		
66	<p>The strengths include the beautiful countryside with potential for hill walking and recreational fishing and watersports. The Inishowen Greenway and Fort Dunree as major tourist destinations. We are only 20 minutes from Derry airport and Inishowen could be marketed as a weekend break destination in all those cities that can fly directly into Derry. Establish courses to train people as tour guides.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poor tourism infrastructure with few marked walking routes (There are a lack of pubs serving food outside the high tourist season).</li> <li>• The A5 upgrade should be a priority.</li> <li>• Very few local roads are safe for cycling / walking.</li> <li>• The Council should liaise with local landowners with road frontage to see the hard-shoulders filled in thus making the roads safer for walking / cycling.</li> <li>• Poor broadband coverage.</li> <li>• Great work being done by local volunteers in the Tidy Towns to make the area cleaner.</li> <li>• Council should appoint many more Pollution/Rubbish control officers.</li> <li>• Some excellent local initiatives have seen the opening of walkways in the Urris Hills and Inch Levels Walkway. This should be replicated throughout the peninsula including Scalp Mountain.</li> </ul> <p>Council should support local businesses to develop tourism. The tourism market wants - peaceful countryside with beautiful walks and views. Courses to train tour guides would be of great benefit as this would create a large cohort of people who could enhance the tourist experience and also educate their own community circles about local heritage / history.</p> <p>Retain Inishowen Development Company in place, NOT replacing it with a county-wide agency. There are also many people already providing jobs in the tourism sector whose expertise and input should be actively sought. These are the people dealing with tourists every day so these are the people with the knowledge. (.....)</p>	5	Inishowen
67	Inch Lake Trails and Walks, a public amenity should be extended towards Burnfoot and	1,5	Inishowen

	linked onto the old railway line in the direction of Bunrana to Carndonagh to provide a Greenway. A strategy on mountain biking should be implemented similar to Davagh, Rostrevor and Castlewellan. Planners should condition wind farm companies to develop these routes as part of the planning conditions. We need better water services, foul drainage and internet connection. (.....)		
68	Community involvement in local activities. A cycle network similar to the Greenway in Mayo linking Inishowen, Derry and Letterkenny would attract huge numbers of tourists and help to contribute to the development of the area. (.....)	5	Letterkenny-Derry
69	The following issues are considered important for Donegal; Green tourism, Employment, Inishowen Greenway, Activities to welcome family tourism. The establishment of an off-road cycle path utilising the disused Derry railway line. This would encourage family tourism and help showcase the amazing natural landscape in a safe, healthy and Greenway. The Mayo Greenway is less than 10 years old and attracts close to 200,000 visitors per year. (.....)	1,5	Inishowen
70	The strengths include the scenic location and heritage. There is a need for more info boards on the history of Carndonagh etc. The only industry that seems to be growing to me is tourism and I really think that's what investment should be in. With so many people unemployed at least the Tidy Towns etc. Many volunteers so the place looks great! Also as there are so many people with time on their hands a lot more people seem to have got into running, walking and cycling recently and there are clubs for all these things. A Greenway linking Inishowen and Derry would be a massive boost to Inishowen. It would definitely be of use to all these locals and kids walking to school etc, but also bring visitors to the area. Former railway lines are a resource that could be used for developing off-road trails for pedestrians / cyclists. It would be great to re-develop one of the old concrete bunkers at Malin Head into a whale watching station - or just building a new similar structure; with similar proportions but really just a frame with great visibility all round that could have a telescope in it and info on the walls on sea life in the area. (.....)	5	Inishowen
71	The strengths include a beautiful historic town with interesting layout / fine streetscape. It has an old aspect which has great potential for development. Many older buildings have retained their character and only some of them have been developed with new plastic signage etc. A long term plan to amend the frontage of shops / houses to retain the old character of the town should be initiated. Historic buildings such as the Workhouse, should be saved. The Town clock (which recently suffered damage) should be bought by the people, for the town as the iconic building which it is and restored to its former glory. The Old Barracks should be preserved by taking away the more recent addition to its front and at least the facade restored. The towns strengths lie almost entirely within the social, cultural, educational and arts areas. There should be a strong basis for further development.	2,5,6,7	Ballyshannon

	<p>With recent and longer term loss of retailing, the towns spend is being lost in their area. This needs to be addressed either by public or private enterprise. Employment needs could be helped by the establishment of outsourcing facilities by the Council / government.</p> <p>A possible development of a wind turbine by the town in conjunction with the development of the wind farm and the deserved assistance of the ESB which has had great benefits from the Erne, to bring cheaper electricity to the town would be a novel approach to public/private partnership and green energy.</p> <p>The town has many societies and community groups which need coordination. 'Erne Enterprise' and 'Backing Ballyshannon' have potential to do more.</p> <p>The Regeneration Groups looked after The Workhouse need Council backing to progress.</p> <p>To progress the towns tourism potential and achieve it's longer term focus as a heritage historic tourism town, the following projects should be supported;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly festivals plan</li> <li>• Free first - 1 hour parking (for the whole county)</li> <li>• Proper development of linear park with ESB on river banks.</li> <li>• Bar mouth development.</li> <li>• Marina development at Mall Quay.</li> <li>• Broadband and MAN.</li> <li>• Accomodation with possible hostel development</li> <li>• Eco Food outlet developments badly needed.</li> <li>• Plan for shop frontages is needed if the is going to refocus which it seriously needs to do.</li> </ul> <p>Development of a detailed 10 year plan to refocus the attitude and visual aspect of this beautiful and historic town to be the jewel of south Donegal in terms of historic tourism and exploitation of its great heritage potential. (1.....)</p>		
72	<p>The strengths of the area are; water sports, activity days, fishing facilities, boat building (training). There is a need to provide funding and support towards insurances for community days ie sports days, get togethers, insurance for walking, water sports days/community events. There is a need for better pier facilities, e.g. toilets. Attract</p>		not specified

	visitors who spend money in the area. Provide a walk for the community and boats for fishing, that suits the customers - tidal pier. Organize heritage information on area. (.....)		
73	<p>The strengths of the area includes; Strong cultural infrastructure - arts venues e.g. Balor Arts Centre, An Grianan Theatre and rich cultural and creative tradition. This along with natural amenities provides for the development and growth of both the cultural and tourism sectors. In addition Ballybofey has developed the following sporting facilities (Finn Valley AC, Butt Hall Tennis Club, Finn Harps stadium, currently in development) and a new Enterprise Centre - The Base. These developments significantly enhance quality of life and make it an attractive place to live and work.</p> <p>The challenges include; Poor physical infrastructure - lack of motorways, rail links etc. This combined with the dispersed population leads to a sense of rural isolation especially outside of the main population centre (i.e. Letterkenny). Lack of both FDI and indigenous industries has led to high unemployment/poverty/emigration. The challenges that need to be addressed are; 1) Make the area attractive for people to live in, 2) Provide employment opportunities. There are enough available resources in Ballybofey , that if maintained and supported by local government, make this community attractive, 3) It is vital that the existing facilities, e.g. Balor Arts Centre - continue to be supported directly by the Council. Formal medium to long term commitments would instill confidence and enable for strategic forward planning and development. (.....)</p>	2,4,5,6,7	Ballybofey and Stranorlar
74	<p>Falcarragh has a well educated and highly skilled work force, an active youth club, a resource centre and a lively business community. Falcarragh serves as a centre for Irish language studies, and the Irish culture is a significant feature of our community. The volunteer ethic is strong in Falcarragh, with a number of programmes and initiatives successfully underway Falcarragh is located close to Tory Island, pristine beaches, Glenveagh National park, and Mount Errigal, the area is a mecca for painters, sculptors and writers as well as filmmakers and photo artists. Sports and recreational activities include golf, horse riding, fishing, hiking, and surfing.</p> <p>To build on existing tourism possibilities, which would include the development of a new and updated web site for Falcarragh and the greater Cloughneely area. Attendant to tourism development, full camping facilities with electrical outlets for recreational vehicles as well as other services such as a hostel would add to the influx of tourists. Repair of derelict buildings will also give Falcarragh a more welcoming visual experience. As well, an ongoing need for a modern performance hall and upgraded marketing and promotion resources have led to a chronic lack of investment in cultural and recreational tourism,</p>	5,6	Falcarragh and west Donegal

	<p>challenging the ability of the Falcarragh community to maximise tourism revenues.</p> <p>Within the last three years, Falcarragh's community volunteers have launched two major annual celebrations, the July FestiFal, and the Evil Eye Festival, with both events drawing large numbers of new visitors to the area. Another significant outcome of these recently initiated celebrations has been a more dynamic partnership between volunteers and civic and business leaders to seek enhanced opportunities for tourism and trade. As well, the historic An Tsean Bheairic, The Yard (a youth centre) and the Ballyness Resource Centre, have significantly increased their public programming, which events include workshops, seminars, and performances by local and visiting artists.</p> <p>The development of a recreational vehicle park with full camping facilities, a multi-purpose community hall offering library, workshop and entertainment features such as a cinema, and also a town square for outdoor activities which would include spaces for market stands, a new town website, repair of derelict buildings, enhanced marketing and promotion capabilities, revival of Falcarragh's historic status as a Gaeltacht "market town", increased promotion of Irish language and culture, and development of local hydro energy and other alternative energy resources such as wind and solar, which would assist in the development of the area's emerging status as a destination for eco-tourism.</p> <p>There is a strong community volunteer ethic and an ongoing willingness to develop existing possibilities and opportunities. These existing resources offer a wide range of cultural, recreational, and eco-tourism services and attractions that build upon the area's strong Gaeltacht traditions, deeply rooted in Ireland's Gaelic past, e.g. Falcarragh's new Evil Eye Festival is themed after Balor of the Evil Eye, the ancient Formorian king of nearby Tory Island.</p> <p>To best harness Falcarragh's community vision and enthusiasm, we need the realisation of the facilities, venues and services previously mentioned, in order to further our area's considerable eco-tourism and cultural and recreational tourism potentials. To these ends, we intend to seek cross border funding, as well as to partner with Failte Ireland, Donegal</p>		
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	County Council, Northwest Tourism, Udaras na Gaeltachta, and others. However, such partnering alone will not realise the funding necessary to move our community forward. (.....)		
75	Respondents skipped these questions.		
76	<p>Dungloe Development has transformed the town and its approaches with green walkways, verge and garden maintenance, stone walls and Shorefront maintenance, to the highest standards. It has also built and maintains an Enterprise Centre and runs an all year round training centre. It works co-operatively with other groups i.e. Tidy Towns, Mary From Dungloe, GAA., Soccer club, Templecrone Society e.t.c in all matters to advance the town and the Rosses.</p> <p>The town and area is not progressing fast enough as a centre of commerce, industry or tourism. The lack of an operating hotel in the area is an obvious missed opportunity to assist all these sectors.</p> <p>Forbairt Na Rosann now has a dynamic new board and has done great work in developing and publishing a tourist friendly map of the Rosses and ensuring that all stakeholders are on board to make the town and locality as accessible and presentable as possible. A recent extension to our Riverwalk has added greatly to the amenities now available for walking / cycling. All stakeholders are adamant that a hotel is key for this initiative and the community at large. We need to refurbish and open our hotel to have a future in tourism.</p> <p>The outstanding beauty of our highlands and islands will always appeal and have a market coupled with our place on the Wild Atlantic Way. We need to provide accommodation to hotel guests to supplement our excellent bed and breakfast facilities. We have a strong community development ethos with vibrant committees working together to decide on strategic and operational projects to develop sustainable growth in tourism and small enterprise. (.....)</p>	2,5,6,7	Dungloe
77	<p>The strengths of the area include the beauty of the natural environment: from Donegal Bay to Bluestack Mountains. There is an availability of people who are seeking work, in part-time employment and those who give time after work, the active retired. The fun and enthusiasm when the community gets together , Sport and music. Increased understanding and co-operation between clergy and churches.</p> <p>The challenges within the area include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of employment and opportunities for skills training.</li> <li>• Deprivation and social isolation.</li> <li>• Lack of rural transport.</li> <li>• Poor educational attainment .</li> <li>• Lack of parish council and co-ordinated development.</li> </ul>	2,4,5,6,7	not specified

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depressed look to the place - derelict buildings, unoccupied homes, empty shops.</li> <li>• A sectarianism that is not openly aggressive but still is very close to the surface for many.</li> <li>• Severe economic pressure on small family farms with lack of off-farm additional income streams.</li> </ul> <p>There is a need for;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ETB funded night classes (via Dunkineely Community Limited).</li> <li>• Youth work that seeks to draw young people from all religious traditions and none.</li> <li>• Social events and community festivals eg. The Point 10k.</li> <li>• Sport clubs and music events to bring people together.</li> <li>• A Montessori school has started in the parish.</li> <li>• A purpose built preschool facility that enables all children in the parish to begin building friendships together and receiving the very best educational / social beginning in life.</li> <li>• A development worker to facilitate greater co-operation, social inclusion and enterprise initiatives in the Killaghtee/ Bruckless/ Dunkineely parish .</li> <li>• Meeting rooms / office space / community resource to enable learning and development within the parish and act as a hub to spur other activity.</li> <li>• Dunkineely Community Ltd and other community groups and sub-groups do exist, and have the potential to address challenges and build upon strengths - but they need professional facilitation and encouragement to work together</li> <li>• Jobs and employment opportunities in the community, for those here and for young people returning from college with all their skills and potential that is often lost from this area to Letterkenny or beyond. (.....)</li> </ul>		
78	<p>The strengths include; creative spirit, strong community ethos, amazing scenery and the challenges are the low level of economic activity generally. As an arts organisation we are trying to develop products / events which could attract commercial contracts from international festivals and events and attracting tourists. To create such events substantial finances are required to create a high quality product and to market successfully to an international audience. We have found it difficult to find such investment.</p> <p>Financial support for targeted tourism infrastructure projects and for creating high quality artist led tourism product - festivals and events. There is a need for the development of woodland areas, development of public art projects and trails, support for and development of arts infrastructure and project activity. (.....)</p>	2,5,6	not specified
79	<p>The strengths of the area include; community participation, scenic and historic area, Donegal Town bay area, history and historic buildings and tourism.</p>	4,5,7	Donegal Town

	<p>The challenges include the promotion of south Donegal (tourism, commercial/business/community), Networking, Public transport, Local Community transport, Increase in tourism, Community facilities upgrading and to include the local Family Resource Centre Community Development – walks / cycle lanes, town park, skate park, restore derelict buildings, Parking.</p> <p>Community organisations have been continually raising awareness of their needs and trying to obtain funding from government departments for capital development and programmes. Trying to access Leader funding. Local community chamber working with both community and businesses, enterprise centre established.</p> <p>There is a need for good transport links from the rural areas into Donegal Town, better community facilities located in a central area, Town park, cycle and walk ways upgrading, cinema Primary Care Centre.</p> <p>The following resources are in the community; Donegal Community Chamber, Donegal Family Resource Centre, Local businesses, other community organisations, Donegal County Council and local community schools.</p> <p>The following changes are needed; Community facilities upgraded and developed alongside family resource centre, St John Bosco Centre and community chamber. Roundabouts leading into Donegal Town would need to be lined/arrowed (as very few seem to know how to use them) Investment into the area towards the upkeep of entrance roads etc and to the tidy towns, community chamber for support with events happening throughout the year. (.....)</p>		
80	<p>The strengths in the area include natural resources such as small scale farming and fishing, the natural environment, culture and heritage and human resources. The challenges in the area include depopulation, lack of employment opportunities, inadequate broadband infrastructure, social housing and sheltered housing, marine infrastructure for inshore fishing / marine leisure and a lack of coordination in dealing with island issues.</p> <p>There are active community groups, advocating at national and EU level delivering local services. Newly formed directly elected community council founded in 2014. Active local food, marine leisure, tourism, fishing and farming projects.</p> <p>There is a need for high speed fibre broadband to the home, marine infrastructure to support our inshore fishing fleet and marine leisure and facilities for adding value to</p>	1,2	not specified

	<p>island products such as food eg accredited food hub.</p> <p>Human resources such as established and effective community groups, volunteers and skilled person available to work on projects.</p> <p>Vast untapped marine resource. Potential for community renewable energy projects, small and larger scale. Environmentally friendly and sustainable agriculture practices.</p> <p>Coordination: An interagency working group with representatives from the different agencies eg HSE, Failte Ireland, Teagasc, Donegal County Council meeting on a regular basis to provide a coordinated approach to progress island issues. E.g. West Cork Islands Interagency Group. (.....)</p>		
81	<p>LUXe is a business and community organisation creating sculpture, shows and events county wide, nationally and internationally that reflect local Donegal culture. They bring groups of people together and nurture community participation and believe that their work opens windows to worlds of possibilities, participation in positive cultural display empowers the individual, and allows for positive change and growth in society. They works entirely in the public domain and produces work in the public domain. This is difficult to fund commercially. Funding would help with research and development, marketing, training, travel, broadband and website costs and bringing in practitioners.</p> <p>They work with tourism, with festivals, with cultural organisations and with schools and education centers. They would benefit from practical assistance in the form of workspace development and transport/vehicle funding that would enable them to develop further services in these areas. (.....)</p>	5,6	not specified
82	<p>The challenges in this area are the need to provide more leisure centers (gyms / swimming pools). Existing centres are too expensive. There are no jobs in rural development renewable energy. Environmental and climate change impacts are not considered. Waste disposal in Inishowen is not working and many people are burning rubbish or dumping it in illegally. People don't understand what can be recycled. Large holes are being dug out of bogs for turf selling. Resident group meetings exclude the majority of the population and force their own agendas.</p> <p>There is an opportunity to form large sheds where farmers and community members could share the tools and machinery so that it would be easier to maintain households, farms, hedges, grassland etc.</p> <p>Carndonagh library does not have a computer lab and is out of date. Mayo has more sea / water sports and beach activities like horse riding, kite surfing, beach sail,</p>	1,5	Inishowen

	<p>karting, angling, golfing that tourists and locals would like to try.</p> <p>Harnessing the energy from the wind, sea, sun and rivers could make a greener economy and provide jobs. We need to expand our renewable energies in this county and be proud of them. (.....)</p>		
83	<p>This is a farming community, however there is a lot of land that could be put to better use by; e.g. opening up allotments / community gardens. Also there is a very vibrant care of the aged service, however something could be done to bring the young and old together. There is high unemployment and so many people sick and overweight. There have been positive changes, e.g. the introduction of free school lunches to the schools in disadvantaged areas, however the quality of the lunches could be addressed.</p> <p>There is a need for;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affordable and convenient public transport.</li> <li>• More awareness of the benefits of good nutrition.</li> <li>• Employment.</li> <li>• More community spaces, where communities can come together in the tradition of support for each other, for e.g. community gardens, farmers markets (classes or tuition offered to the farming community suggesting ways they could be more diverse and earn some much needed cash.</li> </ul> <p>The best resource any community has is its people, however they have been drained of any spirit of community in recent years as they are so involved with survival for themselves that reaching their own potential or indeed the potential of the community is going to take a lot of time. (.....)</p>	4,7	not specified
84	<p>There is a need to create jobs locally so that indigenous people can remain in the area and help to take pride in the community. There is a lack of investment and infrastructure. Carndonagh does not have anything to offer for visitors in terms of accommodation, things to do. There has been no investment unlike the rest of the west of Ireland. There is an insufficient park being developed. Tidy Towns have done incredible work, showing the town in the best light. There is a need to develop the other 30-40 acres of Council land for tourist attractions. A better quality bus service. There are funding bodies like IDP which assist in grants. However there is no clear coherent plan to bring Carndonagh forward in economic or tourist terms. There is a need for tax breaks for SMEs and for businesses that have premises in the centre of the town and to decrease business rates in the town centre. (.....)</p>	2,4,5,7	Inishowen
85	<p>The submission values the beautiful coast and recognises the strength of Tourism, Fishing and Farming. There are great multi talented people but no outlet to use their skills due to vast unemployment. Need some diversification. Funding for new business</p>	2,7	Inishowen

	<p>development to get the economy moving. Limited choice of shopping in Merville, we need a Lidl/Aldi.</p> <p>The challenges include; No job club. Library open only two days a week . Community Employment Schemes are always focused on Letterkenny -- if someone from Inishowen has to travel no extra incentive given. Very little if any support provided to unemployed especially those who have worked at middle / senior management level. Very isolating for newcomers. Lack of advertising for organised events.</p> <p>There is a need for; extended library access, job club, more training and development opportunities relevant to current market trends. FAS courses are very limited in how they relate to actual job opportunities. More networking free events to promote joint working - more funding available for community events. Community Centre for Redcastle area. Decent rubbish collection service i.e. local beaches left like a tip in summer, need more bins in tourist areas. Everything run in Dublin! More investment needed in local tourist attractions such as Malin Head, Fort in Greencastle, Ferry Service etc. (.....)</p>		
86	<p>The strengths include the clean environment, great local community leaders, traditional music and dancing, hill walking and many hotels and restaurants. The challenges include a lack of young people and need to provide those still here with activities and engagement. There is a need to foster local food production from small farms. Clonmany needs to be linked with other areas in Inishowen to promote nationally and internationally as a place to visit. The community are involved in many activities and learning activities through local the community centre. There is a need for good community resource centres. (.....)</p>	6,7	Inishowen
87	<p>The strengths in the area include its natural beauty, built heritage and history. The area requires investment in physical infrastructure linking to major roads in the North and South, enhanced marketing and investment in major tourist attractions including Malin Head and An Grianan. The community is involved with Tidy Towns, Community Centre, private- tourist centred businesses. The tourism bodies, Inishowen Development Partnership and Leader have been invaluable within the community. The area would benefit from employment and investment within the Green Energy, Tourism and added value Agricultural sectors. (.....)</p>	1,5,6,7	Inishowen
88	<p>The strengths in the area include its scenic landscape, mountains, lakes, rich biodiversity &amp; cultural heritage, architecture and archaeology which together present a great opportunity for eco &amp; outdoor tourism. However there are a lack of employment opportunities, poor infrastructure particularly transport. There is a need for high quality broadband and investment in road infrastructure such as a replacement bridge at Cockhill, the development of walkways/cycleways using the old railway line running alongside the centre and around the nearby lakes. There is a need for an outdoor</p>	4,5,6,	Inishowen

	activity / heritage / visitor centre which will help develop the tourism / heritage. Comprises enthusiastic community members who are willing to input resources and achieve results. (.....)		
89	Respondents skipped these questions.		
90	The strengths in the area include tourism, the landscape, beaches. The challenges are unemployment, migration and investment in tourism infrastructure. Festivals and events are organised by the community and community organisations. There is a need for a green way from Derry to Malin Head, paths for climbers, etc. Community spirit, EU funding, but there is a lack of political will and cross-border co-operation. Specifically, investment in outdoor tourism, green way and more infrastructure.	2,5,6.7	Inishowen