

**2019 LECP Annual Action Plan - COLLATED RESPONSES - Quarter 4 – Year End**

**1. Wellbeing**

**SCO 1.1 To reduce the levels of poverty being experienced**

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>What work programmes in your agency relate to the action</b>	<b>What Specific Progress on actions have been achieved since the last quarter</b>	<b>What barriers/limitations are you experiencing with the action</b>	<b>Will the action be achieved by year end, if not, why not.</b>
1.1.1 – Early Intervention(Joint Lead with HSE)	Meath Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To identify the areas and communities where the concentration of poverty and social exclusion is highest.</li> <li>Identify two communities experiencing high levels of child poverty, within which to develop and implement and Area Based Approach Childhood Programme. This will involve early intervention with children and families in disadvantages areas to ensure basic needs are met and to improve outcomes for children and young people and their parents / families, enhance supports for service providers and further develop interagency cooperation. This will be a community led initiative, supporting the implementation of Vetter Outcomes Brighter Futures.</li> <li>DSP will continue to support low income families through income and other supports.</li> </ul>	Community Alliance Navan (CAN) SICAP initiative is targeting the most disadvantaged housing estates in Navan and working with local community groups to build capacity locally and address issues of poverty and exclusion.	Community outreach office has been established in Oaklawns Navan and we continue to deliver a variety of programmes and services specifically targeting poverty and social exclusion.	None at present	Yes
1.1.1 – Early Intervention(Joint Lead with Meath Partnership)	HSE in its Early Intervention Department are exploring new initiatives to support young children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To identify the areas and communities where the concentration of poverty and social exclusion is highest.</li> <li>Identify two communities experiencing high levels of child poverty, within which to develop and implement and Area Based Approach Childhood Programme. This will involve early intervention with children and families in disadvantages areas to ensure basic needs are met and to improve outcomes for children and young people and their parents / families, enhance supports for service providers and further develop interagency cooperation. This will be a community led initiative, supporting the implementation of Vetter Outcomes Brighter Futures.</li> <li>DSP will continue to support low income families through income &amp; other supports</li> </ul>	The HSE services are continuously working to target particular areas of disadvantage for children & families throughout Co. Meath.	During 2018 and 2019 a number of families have been resettled in Co. Meath under the Irish Refugee Resettlement Programme. A number of Breastfeeding Support Groups have been established.	HSE Recruitment Pause 2019.  NonPay Expenditure Controls 2019.	Ongoing Work in this area
1.1.2 – Income Adequacy <b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q4</b>	DSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement a preventative programme to build budget management skills at an early age, including a life skills programme to be delivered through the schools that would prepare young people for independent living.</li> <li>Develop interagency action to address money lenders and provide access to alternative sources of credit.</li> <li>Develop supports for people who are constrained by mortgage debt.</li> <li>Provide education/awareness raising about the Mortgage to Rent and other schemes.</li> <li>Roll out of personal micro-credit scheme by Credit Union to help eligible borrowers to access low-cost credit, thus combating moneylenders.</li> </ul>	The Supplementary Welfare Allowance scheme includes a range of support payments which are available to people who do not have enough income to meet their needs and that of their families. The scheme is administered via the network of Community Welfare Clinics which operate throughout the county in the following locations:- Dunboyne, Enfield, Trim, Athboy, Navan, Kells, Oldcastle, Mosney.  The Money Advice and Budgeting	In Co. Meath the credit unions/CU offices in the follow locations are now participating in the Personal Micro Credit scheme:-  Navan, Ballivor, Clonmellon, Dunshaughlin, Kildalkey, Oldcastle, Slane, Ashbourne, Kilmessan, Dunboyne and Ratoath		Actions ongoing with the exception of the development of a life skills programme for schools which requires attention at national level

			<p>Service (MABS) is funded by DEASP via the Citizens Information Centres</p> <p>Information on the Mortgage to Rent Scheme is available via the MABS Service and on the dedicated MABS website <a href="http://www.keepingyourhome.ie">www.keepingyourhome.ie</a></p> <p>The implementation group for the rollout of the Personal Micro Credit (PMC) Scheme is chaired DEASP. Further info is available on the following link <a href="http://www.itmakessenseloan.ie/participating-credit-unions">www.itmakessenseloan.ie/participating-credit-unions</a></p> <p>Information leaflets are available in the Intreo Centres and in all DEASP Branch Offices.</p>			
1.1.3 Enhanced Evidence Based Service Provision	MCC - Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustain, and keep up to date, a socio-economic profile of County Meath that would make use of census and other sources of data to present a comprehensive, accessible report on the county. The profile would be repeated for census periods and would make all data available at county, ED and SAP level.</li> <li>Produce, and keep up to date, a gap analysis that maps the services to those experiencing poverty in the county and identifies where gaps in services exist.</li> <li>Provide ongoing training to those in key positions within the statutory, community and voluntary sectors on the collation and analysis of a range of data sources that contribute to maintaining high quality socio-economic data</li> </ul>	LECP/SICAP/LEADER/Economic strategy/Social Housing plan/Co Development Plan/Age Friendly strategy/JPC workplan/Clar/Town & Village /CEP scheme /Healthy Ireland/ Outdoor recreational etc funding programmes.	Spatial Insight solutions/Maynooth University continue to upload the stats into the Economic & community monitor tool. This tool is available to the public on <a href="http://www.meath.ie">www.meath.ie</a> . Tool used extensively for strategies & plans such as Healthy Meath and Migrant plan, draft co development plan.	none	Ongoing as statistics updated on a quarterly basis by Spatial Insight Solutions/AIRO Contract in place to receive updates.

### **SCO 1.2 Increased levels of employment and employability**

1.2.1 New Opportunities for the long term unemployed  <b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q4</b>	DSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An inter-agency Employment and Enterprise Task group will be established to develop a range of actions, supports and services to ensure that long-term unemployed people benefit from the developments on foot of the economic strategy.</li> <li>Steps would be taken ensure training provision to the diverse groups that make up the long-term unemployed and the unemployed is matched with new opportunities in initiatives such as the Boyne Valley Hub, High Tech Campus and tourism.</li> <li>Steps would be taken to ensure access for diverse groups to training and employment services by taking account of and addressing the particular needs, experience and situation of these groups, in particular people with disabilities, Travellers, migrants, carers, lone parents and women.</li> <li>DSP will open an Intreo Service across two offices in Navan. DSP will continue to engage with unemployed people in a timely manner and support customers into employment, training and further education via Intreo, JobPath &amp; the Job Club, and will identify suitable individuals to avail of SICAP. DSP will continue to engage with employers to publicise job vacancies via Jobsireland.ie, support recruitment of suitable employees, and will provide financial support to employers through JobsPlus.</li> </ul>	<p>DEASP represented on the interagency Jobseekers support group meets on a regular basis.</p> <p>Customised one to one employment support service being provided to all jobseekers via the Intreo Centre in Navan and outreach facility in Kells and Trim .</p> <p>Jobpath provides one to one employment support service focused exclusively on the long term employed in Navan and outreach in Kells and Trim.</p>	<p>A series of events took place country wide for National Jobs weeks in March 2019. In Navan two events took place; one targeted at under 25s focused on <i>Preparation for Work and Supports Available</i> and the second event was a <i>Job Shadowing Initiative</i>.</p> <p>Quarterly meeting with LMETB to discuss training needs</p> <p>Meeting held with Coordinator of Work Matters, an initiative of the Library Service.</p>		Ongoing
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1.2.2 – Empower the Long-Term Unemployed(Joint Lead with DSP & MERAN)  <b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q4</b>	DSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a Centre for the Unemployed to enable long-term unemployed people and unemployed people to identify and respond to structural issues they face. It will serve as a base to provide welcoming, effective and inclusive support services governed by unemployed people. It will inform the development of new access routes to education, training, and employment to respond to the diversity of the long-term unemployed including lone parents, people with disabilities, Travellers, and carers. Unemployed people will be supported to identify their own ambitions, needs and the supports they require.</li> </ul>	The Intreo Centre in Navan which was established in 2016, administers the full range of support payments and employment support services for people who are unemployed.	N/A	The development of a 'Centre for the Unemployed' is a matter for ICTU who are responsible for the Congress Centres Network (formerly known as the ICTU Network of Unemployed Centres)	No
1.2.2 – Empower the Long-Term Unemployed (Joint Lead with DSP & MERAN)	LMETB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a Centre for the Unemployed to enable long-term unemployed people and unemployed people to identify and respond to structural issues they face. It will serve as a base to provide welcoming, effective and inclusive support services governed by unemployed people. It will inform the development of new access routes to education, training, and employment to respond to the diversity of the long-term unemployed including lone parents, people with disabilities, Travellers, and carers. Unemployed people will be supported to identify their own ambitions, needs and the supports they require.</li> </ul>	The Adult Education Guidance Service provides information and guidance to all including unemployed. The BTEI programme provides part time programmes. VTOS, PLC's and the Regional Skills Training Centre provide full time programmes and apprenticeships. The DSP provides the INTREO centres. LMETB meets regularly with DSP to discuss initiatives and address any issues. The Adult Literacy service provides ESOL and literacy supports.	The LMETB Guidance Service has continued to work in close collaboration with the DEASP and Intreo. Talks are given to the regular DSP Jobseeker activation groups in Meath. Opportunities re provided for one to one consultation, to provide tailored advice and information for those on the live register.	None	Continuous
1.2.2 – Empower the Long-Term Unemployed(Joint Lead with DSP & MERAN)  <b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q4</b>	SIPTU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a Centre for the Unemployed to enable long-term unemployed people and unemployed people to identify and respond to structural issues they face. It will serve as a base to provide welcoming, effective and inclusive support services governed by unemployed people. It will inform the development of new access routes to education, training, and employment to respond to the diversity of the long-term unemployed including lone parents, people with disabilities, Travellers, and carers. Unemployed people will be supported to identify their own ambitions, needs and the supports they require.</li> </ul>	No Action taken as yet			

1.2.3 – Access to Entrepreneurship(Joint Lead with Meath Partnership)	LEO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop programmes of support to encourage women’s entrepreneurship, migrant entrepreneurship and Traveller entrepreneurship, to address the particular barriers they face, and to mobilise the particular potential they offer.</li> <li>• Develop a social enterprise programme with a capacity to engage, support and enable entrepreneurs, from among the long-term unemployed and other groups experiencing inequality, to establish enterprises that combine goals of economic gain with social benefit.</li> <li>• Enhance the capacity of LEO to develop broader access to mentoring services for social, micro, and small enterprises established by people from communities experiencing inequality and disadvantage. There is a high level of demand on the mentoring services of LEO. This demand will be met to ensure access to entrepreneurship.</li> <li>• Develop a programme of support for business, enterprise and employment through the Library Service on foot of the learning from their current Business, Enterprise and Employment project and make specific links for this programme to this activity.</li> <li>• DSP will continue to support unemployed people into self-employment through the Back to Work Enterprise Allowance and other supports.</li> </ul>	The LEO 2019 Plan shows an increase in the level of funding available for both financial incentives for start-up companies and training and development initiatives for would be business owners and existing business owners. The LEOs nationally have in place a formal agreement with the DSP to encourage entrepreneurship, particularly through the back to Work Enterprise Scheme. This is working effectively locally through the Start Your Own Business programme. Mentoring services are available to all micro businesses in the region. The remit of the LEO does not allow support for purely social enterprises, however if there is a commercial element to the enterprise the LEO are happy to provide support.	A total of eight SYOB programmes were completed during 2019, with 104 participants. Also 838 individuals received training on business start-up and business development, with the majority being female (502). Over 300 individuals received one to one mentoring to assist with their business development. LEO continues to support DSP clients on the BWES. LEO have also contributed to and supported the Intreo National Employer Road show and attended various DES/DEASP jobs events locally. LEO was also part of the North East DES/DEASP Brexit preparedness road show.	None	Yes
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1.2.4 – Access to Opportunity	Meath Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement an enabling opportunities initiative that would draw from and expand work being done through SICAP to support individuals to take opportunities in employment, education or personal development. It would be concerned to convert knowledge, skills and experience into earning opportunities by providing resources and supports designed around individual people.</li> <li>• Develop initiatives to support groups in Meath to access funding under the positive action measure for women returning to the workforces and women’s entrepreneurship run by the Department of Justice and Equality under the PEIL Operational Programme.</li> </ul>	The SICAP Team continues to offer support services through the Meath Employment Service and the Teach Mná Initiative.	185 SICAP clients have been supported through training and mentoring in order to be better prepared to enter the labour market this quarter.  Continued implementation of the ‘Teach Mná’ Programme addressing the needs of 41 disadvantaged women in Ashbourne, Athboy and Navan.	None at Present	Yes



1.2.5 - Progression from Precarious Work - To enable progression for those in precarious work <b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q4</b>	SIPTU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Devise and support new progression paths out of precarious work and inform those in precarious work of these and already existing pathways. Deploy flexibility in creating access routes to new supports for people in low paid and precarious employment. Address the particular obstacles for women to progress out of precarious work.</li> </ul>	No Action taken as yet			
<b>SCO 1.3 To improve health outcomes</b>						
1.3.1 – Community Health Initiatives	HSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community based initiatives will be stimulated and supported in communities experiencing inequality and disadvantage to enhance access to health services, improve take up of screening services, promote healthy living, and bring health issues of concern within the community to the attention of the health services. Smoking reduction, prevention and reduction of alcohol related harm, healthy eating and active living would be promoted.</li> </ul>	<p>Development of new Primary Care Centres in Navan and Bettystown.</p> <p>Health Professionals based in Primary Care will routinely promote the Bowel Cancer Screening; Diabetic Retinopathy; Breastcheck and Cervical Check Screening programmes among the population of Co. Meath in collaboration with the National Screening Programmes.</p>	<p>The development of these centres will enhance the provision and development of Primary Care; Mental Health &amp; Palliative Care Services to the population of Navan &amp; East Meath areas.</p> <p>All therapists working in Primary Care in Meath are being encouraged to undertake the training for Making Every Contact Count. This programme involves healthcare professionals having brief conversations with their patients about behaviour change. The four main risk factors for chronic disease are tobacco; harmful alcohol consumption; physical inactivity and unhealthy eating.</p>	<p>The development of Navan &amp; Laytown new Primary Care Centres are dependent upon successful outcome of negotiations with all stakeholders to get the projects up and running.</p> <p>HSE Estates Department are in active negotiations.</p> <p>Recruitment Pause, 2019.</p> <p>Restrictions on non pay expenditure in 2019.</p>	<p>No completion date for new Primary Care Centre development agreed as yet.</p> <p>Health professionals continue to work with clients on target areas healthy lifestyles.</p>
1.3.1 – Community Health Initiatives	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community based initiatives will be stimulated and supported in communities experiencing inequality and disadvantage to enhance access to health services, improve take up of screening services, promote healthy living, and bring health issues of concern within the community to the attention of the health services. Smoking reduction, prevention and reduction of alcohol related harm, healthy eating and active living would be promoted.</li> </ul>	Promote the benefits of community based sport and physical activity for communities, healthy lifestyles and quality of life in Meath.	Operation Transformation National Walk Operation Motivation Programme.	N/A	Yes
1.3.2 – County Wide Obesity Initiative(Joint Lead with Meath Sports Partnership)	HSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and implement a county -wide obesity initiative that will work through the schools, youth clubs and community-based groups to improve access to physical activity will be developed and implemented. There will be a focus on non-competitive sports and recreation and in targeting disadvantaged communities.</li> </ul>	All Primary Care Health Professionals will: - support the delivery of the relevant actions from the HSE's national breastfeeding action plan for 2016-2021 "Breastfeeding in a Healthy Ireland" One in four children are overweight or obese. Six in ten adults are overweight or obese. One in two pregnant women are overweight or obese at booking visit. Three in four adults over 50 are overweight or obese.	Embed the Healthy Weight for Children Framework in Primary Care. All Health Care Professionals are encouraged to undertake the Making Every Contact Count Training and implementation of this message to encourage healthy eating and active living. Dietician services are offered to children and adults. Healthy Ireland have national advertisement campaigns to encourage healthy lifestyles for all.	HSE Primary Care Services will continue to work with the National Chronic Disease Programme to highlight the increasing need for additional Dietician posts within Co. Meath Demand on Services. Recruitment Pause, 2019.	Ongoing

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			Meath Running Group	98 members participated in the programme over the 30 weeks. 10 completed full marathon and 43 completed half marathons.	None	Yes
			Health & Wellbeing initiatives	Healthy Ireland Meath plan	None	Yes
			Men on the Move	Delivered 6 week programme in 3 areas (Navan, Kells and Ashbourne). 60 men participated twice weekly in the programme.	Engaging men in physical activity	Yes
			Older Adults Projects	<p>Mature Movers; 12 seated exercise programmes with 250 participants.</p> <p>Circuits for 50+; 40 older people took part in 6 week programme in Trim.</p> <p>Games for Life: 50 older people participated in Kurling tournament</p> <p>Community Walking:Delivered 6 walking programmes with 80 people.</p>	None	Yes

1.3.3 – Mental Health of Young People	HSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand the services of Jigsaw to enable it to meet the demand from young people in the County and to improve understanding of mental illness and information on availability of services to support and respond to individuals, carers and families.</li> </ul>	<p>As a priority under Healthy Ireland, Mental Health and Wellbeing is concerned with promoting the mental wellbeing of the general population including those at risk from, or experiencing mental health difficulties.</p> <p>It aims to strengthen the ability of individuals, families and communities to cope with stressful events that happen in their everyday lives and to reduce the factors that place individuals, families and communities at risk of diminished mental health.</p> <p>Mental Health promotion also seeks to improve the everyday settings (homes; schools; communities and workplaces) where mental health is created, while addressing the broader social; physical and economic environments that determine the mental health of populations and individuals, especially those resulting in mental health inequalities.</p> <p>The development of a National Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing Promotion Plan is a commitment of the Connecting for Life Suicide Strategy. This plan will direct and support the work needed on wellbeing and mental health in the HSE and on a cross-sectoral basis under Healthy Ireland.</p>	<p>The following Action &amp; Targets have been agreed:</p> <p>Promote infant mental health; continue to deliver "Zippy's Friends" training programme to primary school teachers; Continue to deliver the "Mind Out" programme to post primary school teachers;</p> <p>Continue to deliver identified training to build capacity among staff to promote positive mental health among service users, e.g. Introduction to Youth and Mental Health.</p>	<p>Increasing demand for services.</p> <p>Recruitment Pause, 2019.</p> <p>Non pay expenditure controls 2019.</p>	Ongoing
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1.3.4 – Addiction Services for Young People	HSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To establish an initiative to address substance misuse among young people that combines treatment and support with enforcement and prevention. Particular attention will be given to providing addiction services to the under 18s. This initiative would be piloted in Trim.</li> </ul>	The Substance Use Service for Teens (SUST) is a HSE under 18 addiction service across Louth & Meath – and the 2 staff already provide supports on an outreach basis across Co. Meath	This under 18 addiction service takes referrals or self referrals and sees young people in Co. Meath.	<p>There are insufficient resources available at present to extend this service to all areas.</p> <p>Additional funding is being sought.</p>	These programmes will be ongoing and expanded as resources permit.
1.3.5 – Driver	HSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To identify a HSE lead person to drive healthy Ireland in the County. This role would include a developmental and policy focus on community health.</li> </ul>	The HSE has appointed a Head of Health and Wellbeing to each of the 9 Community Healthcare	Community Healthcare Organisation (CHO) 8 which comprises Louth, Meath,	In particular, there will be a focus on reducing the burden	Ongoing.

			Organisations in the country.	Longford, Westmeath, Laois and Offaly have developed a Healthy Ireland Implementation Plan 2018 - 2022.	of chronic disease given that half of all people over 50 have at least one chronic condition.  A new post of Self Management Support Co-ordinator for Midlands Louth/Meath has commenced Dec., 2017. The appointee will work as a support to the Clinical Teams in targeting Chronic Diseases. Welcome the publication in consultation with HSE of the Healthy Meath Plan 2019 - 2021.	
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**SCO 1.4 To Prevent and Reduce Homelessness**

1.4.1 – Social Housing Plan (prevent & reduce homelessness)	MCC- Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and promote the implementation of a social housing and tenancy sustainment plan for the County to meet the needs of the County. This will focus on the needs of those currently homeless and those vulnerable to homelessness. It will also focus on providing supports to maintain tenancies and ensure appropriate accommodation standards.</li> </ul>	Housing	<p>Tenancy Sustainment service now operational and is being delivered by the Peter McVerry Trust.</p> <p>Peter McVerry Trust has been appointed to deliver Housing First in the Mid East Homeless Region (Meath, Kildare, Wicklow). An initial 3 Meath clients were assessed for Housing First, with one Housing First tenancy set up prior to year end 2019.</p>	N/A	Yes
1.4.2 – Evidence Base(To increase evidence base for action on housing issue)	MCC – Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake an action based research initiative to identify the range of housing and accommodation issues impacting on people across both the public and private sector. This would provide the evidence base for the development of a comprehensive response to housing and accommodation including a model of support in the County, gaps in services and innovation in response to these issues.</li> </ul>	Existing forums in place that informs policy/strategy in the area of housing, including Regional Homeless Forum, Local Traveller Accommodation Committee, Homeless Action Team, Working Group for Housing People with a Disability, Strategic Policy Committee	Further clarity needed regarding this action and who should lead on same.		N/A
1.4.3 – Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)	MCC – Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximise the potential of HAP as a labour activation measure which allows individuals to take up full time employment without losing Housing support.</li> </ul>	Housing	699 HAP tenancies set up during 2019 (2,084 total active tenancies)	N/A	Yes
1.4.3 – Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)	DSP – Joint Lead with MCC Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximise the potential of HAP as a labour activation measure which allows individuals to take up full time employment without losing Housing support.</li> </ul>	Supplementary Welfare Allowance - Rent Supplement Scheme.	Ongoing referral of Rent Supplement recipients to Meath County Council for referral to HAP		Ongoing process
<b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q4</b>						



1.4.4 – Tenant Purchase Scheme	MCC – Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilise the new Tenant Purchase Scheme to increase home ownership.</li> </ul>	Housing	33 units acquired via Tenant Purchase Scheme to date (10 completed in 2019)	Ability of applicants to raise the required finance to acquire properties	Yes
1.4.5 – Social Housing Provision (maximise provision)	MCC – Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximise the provision of Social Housing Units through collaboration with the Approved Housing Bodies.</li> </ul>	Housing	184 units delivered by AHBs in Meath during 2019	N/A	Yes
1.4.6 – A housing NGO (To build greater priority for housing issues and more effective responses through advocacy for homeless people)	MCC – Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a County level non-governmental organisation to bring forward the full range of housing issues for the different groups in the County, to devise and model, as appropriate, innovation in response to these issues, to seek responses to these issues from the appropriate authorities, and to promote and support housing and tenant rights.</li> </ul>	Housing	Further clarity needed regarding this action and who should lead on same.		No

### **SCO 1.5 To increase Perceptions and Experience of Community Safety**

1.5.1 Extend Good Practice-Expand community safety programmes	MCC – Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extend the ‘Crime Ambassador’ programme that supports older people to develop crime prevention strategies and extend ‘The Way We Were’ programme that focuses on local older people and young people working jointly on projects throughout the County.</li> <li>Underpin and strengthen the work of the Joint Policing Committees and the development and implementation of the Joint Policing Committee strategy for County Meath.</li> </ul>	LECP/Co Development Plan/Local Area Plans/ Age Friendly strategy/JPC strategy	<p>It will take time for the new committee to embed and progress.</p> <p>Commissioner Drew Harris attended the last JPC meeting in November 2019.</p>	Attendance at JPC meetings can be an issue, with progress slow.	Ongoing and aligns with the JPC action plan.
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### **3. Resilience**

#### **SCO 3.1 To Expand and Strengthen the Community Infrastructure**

3.1.1 Renew our Community Infrastructure	MCC – Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support and resource the emergence of new community sector organisations where these are required and the strengthening of existing community sector organisations where this is necessary.</li> <li>Support the establishment of a specific organisation to bring forward the interests of women and a specific organisation to bring forward the interests of people with disabilities.</li> <li>Support and resource the development and implementation of community plans, area based and group based, through this community sector.</li> <li>Support and resource a range of development and training opportunities for community sector organisations in areas such as community leadership, community development, and analysis of social issues.</li> <li>Develop and resource a networking of community sector organisations to promote the sharing of resources, the development of joint policies and projects, new levels and forms of coordination, and the stimulation of new thinking and innovation.</li> <li>Obtain the necessary resources and employ a team of two community workers that would be directed by an independent steering committee to drive these activities and other activities required.</li> <li>DSP will continually review Community Employment (CE) Programmes to ensure that outcomes delivered are effective and ensure that CE is flexible in terms of delivering optimum outcomes at a local level</li> </ul>	LECP/SICAP/LEADER/Economic strategy/Co Development Plan/Local Area Plans/ Age Friendly strategy/JPC action plan	880 plus groups registered with the PPN with monthly meetings held by the secretariat to progress their PPN action plan for the year. PPN preparing a well being statement for the county with facilitated workshops in each MD area. Final workshops will take place in 2020. over Issues raised will be collated into one statement.	Trying to maintain commitment by volunteers within groups of the PPN. Difficult to recruit new volunteers onto groups.	Ongoing work with the PPN groups, secretariat with the assistance of the PPN support workers.
3.1.1 – Renew Our Community Infrastructure(Joint Lead with MCC/LCDC)	Meath Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support and resource the emergence of new community sector organisations where these are required and the strengthening of existing community sector organisations where this is necessary.</li> <li>Support the establishment of a specific organisation to bring forward the interests of women and a specific organisation to bring forward the interests of people with disabilities.</li> </ul>	Building Stronger Communities is a SICAP initiative that aims to develop the capacity, skills and core competencies of existing and new local community groups in Co. Meath. Training and capacity	<p>One-to-one mentoring support is being provided to 45 community groups this quarter.</p> <p>LEADER Grant Aid has been allocated to support the upgrade</p>	None at present	Yes

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3.1.1 – Renew Our Community Infrastructure (Joint Lead with MCC/LCDC)	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support and resource the emergence of new community sector organisations where these are required and the strengthening of existing community sector organisations where this is necessary.</li> <li>Support the establishment of a specific organisation to bring forward the interests of women and a specific organisation to bring forward the interests of people with disabilities.</li> <li>Support and resource the development and implementation of community plans, area based and group based, through this community sector.</li> <li>Support and resource a range of development and training opportunities for community sector organisations in areas such as community leadership, community development, and analysis of social issues.</li> <li>Develop and resource a networking of community sector organisations to promote the sharing of resources, the development of joint policies and projects, new levels and forms of coordination, and the stimulation of new thinking and innovation.</li> <li>Obtain the necessary resources and employ a team of two community workers that would be directed by an independent steering committee to drive these activities and other activities required.</li> <li>DSP will continually review Community Employment (CE) Programmes to ensure that outcomes delivered are effective and ensure that CE is flexible in terms of delivering optimum outcomes at a local level.</li> </ul>	Capacity build clubs, schools, communities & NGB's to deliver and sustain a broad range of sport and physical activity programmes	Safeguarding Children's Sport Sports First Aid Local sports conference and related workshops	7 Safeguarding 1 Basic Awareness in Child Protection courses delivered to 103 people.  2 Safeguarding 2 Club Children's Officers Workshops delivered to 25 people.  2 Safeguarding 3 Designated Liaison Person Workshops delivered to 27 people.  2 Sports Injuries First Aid Workshops delivered to 19 people.	Yes
3.1.2 Accommodate Our Community Infrastructure	Meath Partnership/LCDC/LAG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Map the needs for community based facilities.</li> <li>Develop and implement a programme to develop community based facilities found to be required including through new builds, adaptation of current facilities, making facilities that are idle at particular times available or refurbishing old buildings, or creating hubs to provide space for community organisation activity.</li> <li>Make community based facilities available in a manner that is affordable and accessible, allows for pooling of resources between community sector organisations, and addresses the diversity of needs and usages.</li> </ul>	Under the LEADER Programme, we are investing in the renewal of community assets and facilities.	LEADER Grant Aid has been allocated to support the upgrade of community facilities in County Meath this quarter – totalling €601,287.61	None at present.	Yes.

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3.1.3 Information on our community infrastructure	MCC – Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An online resource for community sector organisations and other stakeholders that provides up-to- date information on community sector organisations working in different areas and communities; contact points for these organisations; information on different issues and activities that these organisations are engaged in; information on supports available and becoming available for these organisations; and information on issues of concern for these organisations.</li> </ul>	LECP/SICAP/LEADER/Economic strategy/Social Housing plan/Co Development Plan/Local Area Plans/ Age Friendly strategy/JPC workplan	This is a continuous action in the new SICAP programme to work with the various youth groups.	To ensure that all youth groups work together and know what services are available.	Ongoing under SICAP 2019/2020 plan.
3.1.3 Information on our community infrastructure	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An online resource for community sector organisations and other stakeholders that provides up-to- date information on community sector organisations working in different areas and communities; contact points for these organisations; information on different issues and activities that these organisations are engaged in; information on supports available and becoming available for these organisations; and information on issues of concern for these organisations.</li> </ul>	Develop an online facility management resource pack inclusive of best practice guidelines for sports facility development and programming	Online resource pack		To be advised at later date.

**SCO 3.2 To Enhance Environmental Protection, Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation, and Action for Low Carbon Future, and to increase the Range of Transition Activities**

3.2.1 – Community Renewable Energy	MCC – Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a community renewable energy fund and support service.</li> <li>Stimulate and enable local community engagement with renewable energy potential and possibilities for community initiatives in this field.</li> <li>Support a range of locally controlled community led renewable energy initiatives. These initiatives would directly benefit the local community and would not include developer led initiatives.</li> </ul>	Preparation of draft Climate Action Strategy  MCC Environment Section have teamed up with Batterstown SEC and are lead partner helping them to prepare an energy masterplan.	Meath County Council Climate Action Strategy was adopted at the on Council meeting held on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2019  Consultants preparing energy action plan and expected to be completed by the end of 2019	Measures at National level to be initiated.  No barriers	Strategy adopted  Yes
3.2.2- House Retrofits	MCC – Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish, support and resource a social economy enterprise to retrofit houses to raise the</li> <li>BER rating and to improve the heating systems in the homes of people living in poverty.</li> </ul>	Housing	Phase 1 Energy Upgrade works now complete on housing stock of Meath County Council	N/A	Yes
3.2.3 – Community Transport(Joint Lead with NTA)	Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support Meath Flexibus to plan for and implement an expansion of its activities.</li> <li>Promote car-pooling and expand with access to bus lanes and with places made available to meet and leave cars.</li> <li>Improve and expand bicycle lanes, in particular on school routes.</li> </ul>	NTA Schemes Milltown Road, Ashbourne; Cantilever Bridge, Navan; Navan GDA Cycle Network & Ratoath Cycleway ; Brindley Park, Ashbourne  Greenway Strategy Projects  RRDF funded schemes	NTA Schemes : 1. Milltown Road- Letter of Acceptance issued to successful contractor – works starting on site Feb 2020 2. Navan Cycle Network – Proposed scheme has now passed the consideration period and is approved 3. Ratoath Cycleway - Approval obtained to put the Pedestrian & Cycling Improvement Scheme on Part 8 display, expected to happen in Feb 2020	Public resistance to change. Availability of funding and resources. Competing priorities. General increase in consultant and construction rates	Works will be ongoing - some schemes will take a couple of years to complete from design to construction stage

				<p>4. MCC have made a further application to the RRDF for Navan to Kingscourt Greenway – In the meantime, work has commenced by CIE on lifting some of the section of tracks along the route</p> <p>5. N52 – Kells Footpath &amp; Cycleway - Tender Documents issued for the construction of 1.4km shared footway facility on the Town side of the N52 Bypass in Kells closing end of Jan 2020</p> <p>6. Non Statutory public consultation held for Drogheda to Mornington section of the Boyne Greenway and revisions arising from this are being considered. Tender assessment for the appointment of Consultants for Feasibility &amp; Options Development complete and Successful Tenderer identified. It has been determined that insufficient funding exists to proceed with tender award, additional funding is currently being sought in advance of proceeding with the appointment process.</p> <p>7. Royal Canal - Funding secured from DTTAS for signage and ancillaries along the route, awaiting delivery of these items</p>		
3.2.4 – Public Transport(Joint Lead with NTA)	Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a forum for transport users and representative groups will be established to identify and work on issues of accessibility and availability of public transport.</li> <li>Highlight the issues identified in relation to public transport, including issues of accessibility, availability and affordability.</li> <li>Negotiate with the National Transport Authority, Bus Éireann and other relevant companies to address the issues.</li> <li>Highlight issues in relation to public transport infrastructure and accessibility through the community representative on the Transportation SPC.</li> <li>Transportation SPC linkage group to participate in public consultation processes in relation to public transportation strategies.</li> </ul>	<p>Navan 2030 - Bus Interchange - Kennedy Road &amp; Transport Hub</p> <p>Baltrasna - footpath &amp; bus stops</p> <p>Laytown Park &amp; Ride facility</p> <p>Proposal for Taxi Rank in Kells</p> <p>Proposal for Taxi Rank at Aldi in Navan</p>	<p>1. NTA undertake consultation on Public Transport. Navan Rail remains in National Planning Framework - Project Ireland 2040 . MCC have requested an early decision on the re appraisal of the Navan Rail line in the Regional Spatial And Economic Strategy – correspondence issued to CEO of the NTA in this regard - awaiting details of 2020 NTA funding allocation</p> <p>2. Navan 2030 scheme – Railway Street Phase almost complete. Navan Town Bus Stops - Consultant appointed and design work commenced. Topographical survey company appointed and survey completed, data processed and issued to the Consultants. Tender for Ground Penetrating Radar issued. Discussions ongoing with landowners re Park &amp; Ride site</p>	<p>Funding</p> <p>Availability of staffing resources</p> <p>General increase in consultant and construction rates</p> <p>Disruption to normal traffic impacts on business</p> <p>Taking submissions from the public can result to amendments being required on the provision of some measures</p>	<p>Design and preparatory works will be ongoing - some schemes will take a couple of years to complete from design to construction stage - Stakeholder engagement on Navan 2030 has commenced with a couple of meetings held</p>



				(Liscarton). 3. Design done for Baltrasna – Part 8 now approved 4. Work ongoing with bus service providers in relation to set down and pick up applications and taxi licensing . 5. Taxi Rank – proposal being worked on to provide a stand at Aldi in Navan – possibility of other locations being identified in other urban centres , including Trim 6. 12 bus shelters installed in Meath in 2019. ESB connections and wiring for lighting underway and to be completed by the end of Feb 2020		
3.2.5 – Community Production  No further update since last quarter	Meath Environmental Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide support for the further development and tending of community gardens to produce food for a healthy diet, to engage people experiencing social inclusion in ‘growing their own’, to enable healthy eating in disadvantaged communities, and to make productive use of derelict sites and green spaces in these communities.</li> <li>Support microenterprises in food production and processing.</li> </ul>	<p>This action being addressed by the Solas Glan Community Garden, Ardracran, Navan.</p> <p>Not involved in the support of food production enterprises, therefore no progress in this action.</p>	<p>Facebook link to activities <a href="https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=17268&amp;d=2bmI3VVwPgDiL_nUgN8BjeREf8C7FVMZNTQt5_9Mg&amp;s=613&amp;u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2efacebook%2ecom%2fSolas-Glan-835226343234339%2f">https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=17268&amp;d=2bmI3VVwPgDiL_nUgN8BjeREf8C7FVMZNTQt5_9Mg&amp;s=613&amp;u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2efacebook%2ecom%2fSolas-Glan-835226343234339%2f</a></p>	None at present	Ongoing
3.2.5 – Community Production(Joint Lead with Meath Environmental Network)	HSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide support for the further development and tending of community gardens to produce food for a healthy diet, to engage people experiencing social inclusion in ‘growing their own’, to enable healthy eating in disadvantaged communities, and to make productive use of derelict sites and green spaces in these communities.</li> <li>Support microenterprises in food production and processing.</li> </ul>	Educational resources are available through the Health Promotion Department and the Irish Heart Foundation to promote simple healthy meals.	All Health Professionals are being encouraged to "Make Every Contact Count" when engaging with clients to promote healthy lifestyle choices, including nutrition.		Ongoing
3.2.6 – Community Protection of the natural Environment	MCC - Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and implement biodiversity awareness, education and management initiatives within schools, communities and the business sector.</li> <li>Establish a Community Biodiversity Scheme to support the development and implementation of community biodiversity action plans across the County.</li> <li>Stimulate and support the development of more communal nature reserves under this scheme that underpin collective action to protect and enhance biodiversity and provide a focus for educational events.</li> <li>Provide linkages between key green infrastructure resources through multi-functional green corridors which enhance biodiversity, extend access and recreation opportunities.</li> <li>Undertake habitat mapping of the County.</li> </ul>	<p>Progress the implementation of Seven Community Biodiversity Plans – Slane, Ratoath, Longwood, Kells, Rathcairn, Stamullen and Juliantown.</p> <p>Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2020 Boyne Valley Field Club Programme 2020 – 4 events to run in 2020 Progress actions for the County Swift Survey</p>	<p>Advise local groups on implementing actions</p> <p>Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2020 launched – closing date 11<sup>th</sup> March</p> <p>Training in partnership with National Biodiversity Data Centre County Swift Survey complete and presented to Council</p>	None to date	Yes
3.2.7 – Community Environmental Awareness	MCC - Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement an active environmental awareness programme that involves and encourages a community and business participation, including using a community development approach. Test out and apply a community arts approach that engages people in community settings.</li> </ul>	Schools Programme including Green Schools, Really Rubbish Film Festival, Tree Planting Project for Schools, Workshops and Awards	30 Schools achieved new Green Flags in 2019. 65 Schools took part in Tree Planting Project Phase 2. Rubbish Film Festival workshops completed with 10 schools. Awards evening took place in November.	No barriers	Yes

			Environmental Campaign including Anti Litter League, Clean Up Navan, Dog Awareness Events	140 Groups took part in the Anti Litter Initiative 2019. Medals and Grant funding was awarded to participating groups.	Limited Staff	Yes
			Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund	Applications for 2019 assessed and projects approved for funding. First half of grants paid, with remainder due for payment Q3 2020.	None at present	Yes
			LAPN Project – What can you do?	Ashbourne Community School won National Young Environmentalist of the year title in 2019 for their LAPN project on Marine Waste undertaken in conjunction with Meath Co Co.	None at present	Yes
			Anti Dumping Initiative	7 Anti Dumping Initiative (ADI) Project were awarded funding of €87,000. 5 Projects have been completed and 2 more postponed until 2020.	Staff resources.	Yes
3.2.8 – Drivers for action	MCC - Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appoint a Biodiversity Officer in Meath County Council, within the confines of public sector recruitment policy.</li> <li>Appoint a Sustainability Officer in Meath County Council, within the confines of public sector recruitment policy.</li> </ul>		No progress on this action to date		

**SCO 3.3 To Address the Specific Needs of Particular Groups**

3.3.1 – Young Person’s Strategy(Joint Lead with Youth Work Ireland Meath)	LMETB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a County wide youth strategy to improve the situation, experience and standing of young people and the different groups of young people in the County, including a focus on the development of facilities, support for youth services, and the creation of new opportunities for young people.</li> <li>Link with and integrate the work and plans of the LMETB in this strategy.</li> <li>Obtain the necessary support and employ a team of two community youth workers that would be directed by an independent steering committee to drive the strategy.</li> <li>DSP will engage with other organisations including ETB to support young people back into education and training and will develop programmes to support those furthest from employment into employment through supported employment initiatives.</li> </ul>	LMETB Youth Service	<p>LMETB Youth Work Plan is complete</p> <p>LMETB have received approval from DCYA for the Area Profile. This will inform continued funding for current projects and any new projects.</p> <p>DCYA will base any future funding on the Area Profile process.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Awaiting response from DCYA for new greenfield projects.</p>	<p>Going to print in the coming weeks</p> <p>Service requirements issuing to existing projects</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
	LMETB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtain the necessary support and employ a team of two community youth workers that would be directed by an independent steering committee to drive the strategy.</li> </ul>	LMETB Youth Service	LMETB €50,000 committed to a Youth (2019) employability initiative with Meath Partnership	Awaiting further funding from DCYA	Ongoing Funding secured for 2019
	LMETB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSP will engage with other organisations including ETB to support young people back into education and training and will develop programmes to support those furthest from employment into employment through supported employment initiatives.</li> </ul>	Youthreach Programmes	€50,000 committed to a Youth employability initiative in partnership with Meath Partnership	Limitations include the fact that the service is available to 15 – 20 year olds however an increasing number of under 15 year olds	Continuous

					are presenting for admission to the programme	
3.3.1 – Young Person’s Strategy(Joint Lead with LMETB)	Youth Work Ireland Meath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a County wide youth strategy to improve the situation, experience and standing of young people and the different groups of young people in the County, including a focus on the development of facilities, support for youth services, and the creation of new opportunities for young people.</li> <li>Link with and integrate the work and plans of the LMETB in this strategy.</li> <li>Obtain the necessary support and employ a team of two community youth workers that would be directed by an independent steering committee to drive the strategy.</li> <li>DSP will engage with other organisations including ETB to support young people back into education and training and will develop programmes to support those furthest from employment into employment through supported employment initiatives.</li> </ul>	<p>Meath YouthQuake, group of young people informing Youth Work Ireland Meath Board of Directors of young people’s issues and needs</p> <p>Comhairle na nÓg</p> <p>Representation on Meath CYPSC working group (Connected &amp; respected)</p> <p>Links with LMETB Youth Officers.</p>	<p>Consultations continue to take place with young people, council reps, TD’s on lack of appropriate facilities for young people and youth organisations.</p> <p><b>No further progress on above – appeal for support aired on LMFM</b></p> <p>Represented on the LMETB Youth Work Committee.</p> <p>Consultation held at our first Meath Pride event with over 60 young people from Meath &amp; Louth to gather the needs of the young LGBT community.</p> <p>Links with national Involve traveller organisation to begin assessment of traveller services within Youth Work Ireland Meath. To be completed by December 2020</p> <p>Link established with Mosney Detention Centre which culminated with the completion of a 9 month programme with young people and adults. This will re-start in November 2019.</p>	Financial resources, staffing, gathering of up to date data	<p><b>Not without realistic financial resources,</b></p> <p><b>Not without a ‘fit for purpose’ youth facility and agency cooperation</b></p>
			Youth Consultations e.g. Annual Youth Participation Day, online surveys	Youth Work Ireland Meath increased Youth Work staffing hours to 30hrs per week.		
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				Youth Empowered Skills Day with local Business People	38 students from Beaufort College, Loreto Navan and Navan Youth Reach participated in Youth Work Ireland Meath's 'Youth Empowered Skills day' supported by local business people and a national mineral company. Young people learned about how to sell themselves, how to design a business advert, identifying their skills and CV preparation.	
3.3.1 – Young Person's Strategy	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a County wide youth strategy to improve the situation, experience and standing of young people and the different groups of young people in the County, including a focus on the development of facilities, support for youth services, and the creation of new opportunities for young people.</li> <li>Link with and integrate the work and plans of the LMETB in this strategy.</li> <li>Obtain the necessary support and employ a team of two community youth workers that would be directed by an independent steering committee to drive the strategy.</li> <li>DSP will engage with other organisations including ETB to support young people back into education and training and will develop programmes to support those furthest from employment into employment through supported employment initiatives.</li> </ul>	Promote the benefits of community based sport and physical activity for communities, healthy lifestyles and quality of life in Meath	Supporting work of CYPSC & Jigsaw Meath	N/A	Yes
3.3.2 – Achieving Integration(Joint Lead with Cultúr)	Meath Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the re-establishment and operation of the Meath Intercultural Network.</li> <li>Provide seed funding to enable and stimulate the implementation of the Action Plan.</li> <li>Secure and support the participation of Black and minority ethnic representatives in local decision-making structures, in particular the LCDC and the PPN.</li> </ul>	Meath Partnership continues to support the Meath Intercultural Network though the SICAP Integrate Actions and is also contributing to the development of the new county level Integration Strategy	<p>In this quarter, Meath Partnership participated in the consultation process regarding the new County Integration Strategy led by Meath County Council.</p> <p>In conjunction with Cultúr we continued to deliver a tailored labour market activation, career coaching and self-employment supports for 30 female refugees and asylum seekers through the Dormant Accounts Fund. This initiative will conclude this quarter.</p>	None at present	Yes
3.3.2 – Achieving Integration(Joint Lead with Cultúr)	Meath Local Sports Partnership / Meath Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the re-establishment and operation of the Meath Intercultural Network.</li> <li>Provide seed funding to enable and stimulate the implementation of the Action Plan.</li> <li>Secure and support the participation of Black and minority ethnic representatives in local decision-making structures, in particular the LCDC and the PPN.</li> </ul>	Disadvantaged communities programme - Multi Sport Activities, Futsal, Zumba, Cheer Dance, Fitsteps, Basketball, Fundamentals	<p>Multi-Sports Activities – 1 six week programme that had 30 participants aged 6-13 years</p> <p>Late Night Futsal League – Linked with FAI to deliver to 71 teens (13-17), with one going to finals in Dublin.</p> <p>Zumba – 1 Six week programme delivered to 15 adult women (18+yrears)</p>	Multi-Sport Activities - Johnstown: Trying to get people from various ethnicities to participate together has been a barrier.	Yes



3.3.2 - Achieving Integration is the relevant action	Cultúr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the re-establishment and operation of the Meath Intercultural Network.</li> <li>Provide seed funding to enable and stimulate the implementation of the Action Plan.</li> <li>Secure and support the participation of Black and minority ethnic representatives in local decision-making structures, in particular the LCDC and the PPN.</li> </ul>	To increase the capacity of migrants to enable them to acquire more intensive language skills to assist their integration into the workplace.	Continue to support Migrant Forum, Migrant groups and individual on an ongoing basis.	Resources to support more migrants.	Yes, its ongoing
3.3.3 – Achieving Inclusion for People with Disabilities(Joint Lead with Disability Federation of Ireland)	HSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase supports for disability services in particular to enhance access to personal assistant and home support hours to enable independent living for people with disabilities.</li> <li>Increase supports for the reconfiguration of day services to people with disabilities to secure their full participation in their local communities.</li> <li>Take action to progress the implementation of the Congregated Settings Working Group</li> <li>Report and reduce the number of people with disabilities in these settings in Meath.</li> </ul>	HSE are working with Disability Federation of Ireland to promote inclusion for people with Disabilities	The HSE carry out regular reviews of existing home support hours to disability clients in the region with the view to enhancing where necessary.	Limited resources.	Ongoing
3.3.3 – Achieving Inclusion for People with Disabilities(Joint Lead with Disability Federation of Ireland)	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase supports for disability services in particular to enhance access to personal assistant and home support hours to enable independent living for people with disabilities.</li> <li>Increase supports for the reconfiguration of day services to people with disabilities to secure their full participation in their local communities.</li> <li>Take action to progress the implementation of the Congregated Settings Working Group</li> <li>Report and reduce the number of people with disabilities in these settings in Meath. Increase supports for disability services in particular to enhance access to personal assistant and home support hours to enable independent living for people with disabilities.</li> <li>Increase supports for the reconfiguration of day services to people with disabilities to secure their full participation in their local communities.</li> <li>Take action to progress the implementation of the Congregated Settings Working Group</li> <li>Report and reduce the number of people with disabilities in these settings in Meath.</li> </ul>	<p>Deliver a range of sport and physical opportunities targeted at groups and individual with low participation rates and high sedentary levels</p> <p>Sports Inclusion Disability Programmes (SIDP)</p>	<p>Learn 2 cycle: Two 6 week cycling programme delivered to 30 children with a disability with the primary aim of assisting them to cycle independently.</p> <p>Time 2 Redesign: HSE 10 week mental health programme with 8 participants taking part in a variety of different activities.</p> <p>Ty Loreto/Prosper Navan: 6 week initiative which saw Ty students from Loreto Navan deliver activity sessions to members of the Prosper group in Navan.</p> <p>Royal Rockets Wheelchair Sports Club: Establishment of a multi-sport junior club for children with physical disabilities in county Meath, 10-12 members attending each week.</p>	Walking for wellbeing: Due to the nature of the group some venues can be difficult to access	Yes
3.3.4 – Asylum Responses	Cultúr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish interagency action on the health, education, labour market and training needs of asylum seekers, those with leave to remain, those relocated from other countries, and programme refugees in the County.</li> <li>Identify and respond to the particular needs of those living in direct provision, including targeted support for young people, child centred supports and recreational supports.</li> <li>Resourcing a community work initiative with asylum seekers to support them in representing their issues.</li> </ul>	To support asylum seekers and their families living in Mosney	Ongoing support provided for asylum seekers and their family leaving in Mosney Direct Provision centre	Limited resource to support more residents	Not all actions can be achieved due to lack of resources.
3.3.4 – Asylum Responses	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish interagency action on the health, education, labour market and training needs of asylum seekers, those with leave to remain, those relocated from other countries, and programme refugees in the County.</li> <li>Identify and respond to the particular needs of those living in direct provision, including targeted support for young people, child centred supports and recreational supports.</li> <li>Resourcing a community work initiative with asylum seekers to support them in representing their issues.</li> </ul>	To offer programmes to asylum seekers and their families living in Mosney	Cycle right training delivered to 21 families in Mosney under Bike Share initiative.	Some language barriers in delivering the theory component of the programme - we over came this by using services of 3 volunteer interpreters from	Yes

					Mosney itself.	
3.3.5 – Family Carer Supports(Joint Lead with Family Carers Ireland)3.3.4 – Asylum Responses	HSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand the capacity of the Carer’s Association to provide support to family carers by providing for a full-time family carer support officer.</li> <li>Expand the geographical spread of supports for family carers through the County.</li> <li>Expand the supports to family carers, in particular in home respite services, health and information workshops, and the availability of a family carers’ centre.</li> </ul>	The HSE is continuously monitoring the carers supports to families and are seeking alternatives to improve systems in place.	The HSE have liaised with Family Carers Ireland to progress this work	Limited resources.	Ongoing
3.3.5 – Family Carer Supports(Joint Lead with Family Carers Ireland)	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand the capacity of the Carer’s Association to provide support to family carers by providing for a full-time family carer support officer.</li> <li>Expand the geographical spread of supports for family carers through the County.</li> <li>Expand the supports to family carers, in particular in home respite services, health and information workshops, and the availability of a family carers’ centre.</li> </ul>	Promote the benefits of community based sport and physical activity for communities, healthy lifestyles and quality of life in Meath	Active Minds (training support for carers of people presenting with early onset dementia)	N/A	
3.3.6: Older people in North Meath	MCC – Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish interagency action to build on, expand and enhance current activities to respond to the social, care, cultural, transport, safety, accommodation, social service, and economic needs of older people in the north Meath area.</li> <li>Develop learning from this initiative to expand activities across the County.</li> </ul>	LECP/SICAP/LEADER/Economic strategy/Social Housing plan/Co Development Plan/Local Area Plans/ Age Friendly strategy/JPC workplan	These actions identified in the Age Friendly Strategy. We will continue to include this group in new strategies, projects and consultations.	Progress can be slow.	ongoing
3.3.6: Older people in North Meath	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish interagency action to build on, expand and enhance current activities to respond to the social, care, cultural, transport, safety, accommodation, social service, and economic needs of older people in the north Meath area.</li> <li>Develop learning from this initiative to expand activities across the County.</li> </ul>	Deliver a range of sport and physical opportunities targeted at groups and individual with low participation rates and high sedentary levels	Mature Movers Games for Life Active Minds  Seated exercise programmes in Kells, Cormeen and Moynalty with 65 older people. 4 groups in North Meath participating in Active Retirement Bowls League with 32 older people.	None	Yes
3.3.7 – Lone Parents in North Meath	Meath Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish interagency action to build on, expand and enhance current activities to respond to the specific needs of lone parents in Navan and in Kells.</li> <li>Develop learning from this initiative to expand activities across the County.</li> </ul>	SICAP programme supports continue to be directed towards this specific target group.	One-to-one support was provided to 53 lone parents this year through SICAP.	None at present	Yes

#### 4. Flourishing

#### SCO 4.1 To Reduce Educational Disadvantage4. Flourishing

4.1.1 – Routes to Higher & Further Education	LMETB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct a study on existing routes for people in Meath into further education and on the potential for improving and expanding these routes. location, provision and role of a further education college in the County.</li> <li>Develop and build on the collaboration, outreach and satellite initiatives with existing providers of higher and further education in and near the County in accordance with the study.</li> </ul>	BTEI, VTOS, PLC, Adult Guidance Service	<p>The Guidance service provide information and workshops on SUSI to current learners and college applicants. The guidance service also provides a free week long course called SAIL (Supporting Adults into Learning) a Free Preparation for College Workshop for adult learners who are progressing to Further Education or Third Level studies.</p> <p>Learners attend College Open Days. Colleges have direct links with PLC and VTOS in recruitment. Programmes are devised in relation to progression to HET. LMETB representative on the Fe2HE national forum.</p> <p>FET information days have been held in Drogheda, Dundalk and Navan to give the public information about further education and training opportunities in the counties.</p>	Transport (lack of and cost) and Childcare (limited places and cost) are still barriers	Continuous - Evolving and developing to meet required needs
4.1.2 – Forum for Education and Training	LMETB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Forum for Education and Training will be established. It will explore ways to link education and training with labour market opportunities and focus initiatives on the long-term unemployed and people from disadvantaged communities. The Forum will explore innovative approaches to education and training such as establishing a Mobile Learning Unit that could be used to facilitate outreach to communities that cannot access education opportunities. The Forum will develop an education and training plan for the County.</li> </ul>	BTEI and Community Education Service  LMETB (all programmes)	<p>LMETB uses data provided by the census and the Skills and Labour Market Research Unit to link education and training with labour market opportunities and focus initiatives on the long-term unemployed and people from disadvantaged communities.</p> <p>An LMETB mobile training unit has been in existence in Meath for a number of years.</p> <p>As part of the FET Strategy LMETB has developed a 3 year plan for the county and presents a yearly Service plan to SOLAS.</p>	Broadband and Internet coverage, While we have mobile routers coverage in rural areas is poor and routers will not work. This causes difficulty in providing computer Courses in rural areas	Continuous
4.1.3 – Support the extension of the Yellow Flag initiative throughout the County (Joint Lead with Meath Partnership)	LMETB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extend the Yellow Flag initiative within primary and secondary schools in the County with a view to enabling and securing an intercultural environment and practice within these establishments through staff training, school action plans, classroom practice and initiative, and engagement with the wider Black and minority ethnic community.</li> </ul>	All schools are aware of application forms for The Yellow Flag Initiative.	Youthreach centres engage with Show Racism the Red Card competition every year which highlights the needs of minority ethnic groups.		Continuous

4.1.3 – Support the extension of the Yellow Flag initiative throughout the County(Joint Lead with LMETB)	Meath Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extend the Yellow Flag initiative within primary and secondary schools in the County with a view to enabling and securing an intercultural environment and practice within these establishments through staff training, school action plans, classroom practice and initiative, and engagement with the wider Black and minority ethnic community.</li> </ul>	No programme funding available in 2018 and not associated with any activities within Meath Partnership.	n/a	No programme funding available in 2019 through Meath Partnership.	n/a
4.1.4 – Support the Extension of Community Education and Training for Women	LMETB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convene groups providing community based education and training opportunities for women to explore current provision with the relevant public agencies and how this might be expanded and further developed.</li> <li>Invest further resources in community education and training initiatives for women throughout the County.</li> </ul>	BTEI, Adult Literacy Service, Adult Education Guidance Service, PLC and Community Education Service	<p>Tuition is provided to a large number of community groups in a wide geographical area of Co. Meath; the majority of applicants for this tuition are women's groups.</p> <p>Youthreach Progression Navan provides a Childcare Course and other education options for young women and in particular traveller girls who are unable to travel for education further afield. BTEI provides part time options and VTOS provides full time options as well as options available from PLC courses.</p> <p>New courses are planned to run in local communities to target women returning to the labour market for 2019.</p> <p>There is a new national initiative called <i>Skills to Advance</i> being rolled out for employees interested in upskilling which will also be of benefit to women.</p>	Broadband and Internet coverage, While we have mobile routers coverage in rural areas is poor and routers will not work. This causes difficulty in providing computer Courses in rural areas. Usual barriers to participation for learners such as travel, childcare etc.	Continuous
4.1.5 – Language Support (Joint Lead with Meath Partnership and DSP)	LMETB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Embed and support English language programmes for migrants in a range of educational establishments and community organisations.</li> </ul>	BTEI, Adult Literacy Service, Adult Education Guidance Service and Community Education Service	LMETB collaborates with Cultur, Meath Partnership, INTREO and DEASP to provide services for migrants. LMETB is currently providing services to refugees and asylum seekers in Mosney and new refugee families resettled in Ashbourne and Navan.	Transport, Childcare; Difficulty recruiting ESOL Tutors as the demand is high	Continuous
4.1.5 - Language Support <b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q4</b>	DSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Embed and support English language programmes for migrants in a range of educational establishments and community organisations.</li> </ul>	Regular referral of clients in need of language support to LMETB and to the Jump Programme run by Cultur.	Quarterly meeting with LMETB to discuss training provision and access to language training.		Ongoing process



4.1.5 – Language Support (Joint Lead with LMETB and DSP)	Meath Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Embed and support English language programmes for migrants in a range of educational establishments and community organisations.</li> </ul>	Not directly applicable to any programme operated by Meath Partnership	This is an ongoing action identified in the Meath Intercultural Action Plan (see 3.3.2)	n/a	Please see more detailed response provided by LMETB as the primary provider of ESOL classes in Meath
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**SCO 4.2 To Further Develop Community Cultural Action**

4.2.1 – Community Based Cultural Action	MCC – ARTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and implement a programme to bring artists and communities together to devise and engage in activities that build a pride in identity, Irish language, culture and place, with a particular and sustained focus on communities experiencing inequality and disadvantage.</li> <li>Actions to educate about the arts and culture, to enable access to and appreciation of arts and culture, and to support the production of arts and culture within these communities would be an integral part of this programme.</li> <li>Ensure the support of professional artists for this.</li> </ul>	<p>Work with Culture Team in development and implementation of Creative Ireland programme and Five Year Cultural strategy. Devise, programme and manage Bealtine Festival; Cruinniu na nOg 2019 ;Toradh Gallery outreach &amp; Toradh on Tour programme; Primary Schools workshop programme; Encountering Arts Ireland Artists in School Scheme support and training in partnership with Navan Education Centre; support of Julianstown Youth Orchestra ; Act Out Youth Theatre - support of development new Youth Theatre for Meath .Work with Kells TypeTrail, Hinterland and Guth Gafa Festivals in elements of programme development and delivery. Manage MCC Arts Grants, Bursaries &amp; Awards Schemes.</p>	<p>Creative Ireland/Creative Meath Five Year Cultural Strategy being implemented.</p> <p>County Arts Development Plan strategic actions and goals being implemented.</p> <p>Phase 2 Professional Artists Development Scheme implemented with funding support from Creative Ireland. Nine awards made.</p> <p>Arts Council/Meath Framework Agreement negotiated as per Arts Council CCMA Framework for Collaboration process.</p> <p>Toradh Gallery Ashbourne &amp; Toradh2 Gallery, Kells exhibition programme on-going including artists talks and workshop programme for schools &amp; general audiences. By end Q4 55 individual artists facilitated at the two gallery spaces.</p> <p>Hinterland/Boyne Valley Flavours Samhain Festival facilitated at the Courthouse Cultural Hub November 2019.</p> <p>Rubbish Film Festival, Teenage Dreams and Guth Gafa Youth Film Festivals took place at the Courthouse Cultural Hub Nov 2019.</p> <p>Bombinate Theatre Company new children’s work Susie &amp; the Story Shredder rehearsed and performed at Courthouse Cultural Hub with 150+ children attending over two days.</p>	Capacity to deliver programmes undermined by low staff numbers. Current level of programme implementation unsustainable. Further specialist staff required to enable full programme delivery.	Level of programme delivery dependent on staff levels.
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4.2.2 Craft Collectives	MCC – Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop craft collectives that gather artists and crafts people in supportive community based settings with facilities available for their creative work in making work and financial support to sustain and promote this work.</li> </ul>	Development of Kells Creative Hub proposal at the Courthouse Kells focusing on the provision of workspace for artists, and the creative industries. Assist with realisation of Kells Printworks Studios at the Sawmills Kells.	As part of the ongoing Bigger Picture: Kells Creative Placemaking Project, Kells Courthouse Tourism and Culture Hub welcomed its first creative tenants: Soilsíú Films. License tenancy agreements successfully negotiated with Soilsíú Films and the Guth Gafa International Documentary Film Festival .This is a welcome development for the Culture Hub and Creative Placemaking Project and brings new employment opportunities in the film industry to Kells. Negotiations are underway with a further two creative/arts organisations re tenancies at the Courthouse Cultural Hub. Stage 1 RDF Kells Creative Placemaking Project application successful, RDF Stage 2 application submitted.	Funding. Time available to develop proposal due to other programme commitments.	Courthouse capital works tendered, contractors appointed, works to be completed end first quarter 2019.
4.2.3 – Public Realm Work 4.2.2 – Craft Collectives	MCC – Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement a programme of public realm works with a focus on shop fronts, playgrounds, green infrastructure, and streetscapes to enhance sense of place and quality of life.</li> <li>Works should complement those public artworks already in place and should have a high level of design input particularly with regard to streetscapes and green areas and strong artistic merit.</li> </ul>	Public Art Programme; consultation with Planning Dept. on Arts & Culture elements of Local Area Development Plans (variations); assessing Planning referrals re private developer art works; work with local communities in management of schemes.	On-going. Currently working with planning department re developer’s compliance. Assisting several schools implement per cent for art programme on new builds.	Reduced capacity to engage to required level due to other programme commitments and staff shortages.	On-going
4.2.4 – Drivers for Actions 4.2.3 – Public Realm Work	MCC – Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase the number of staff available to the Arts Officer in the County Council to enable a programme of community cultural action to be sustained and to be community led, within the confines of public sector recruitment policy.</li> <li>Support the further emergence of local leaders for community culture activities and to enable their access to new thinking and ideas in this field.</li> </ul>	No increase in Arts Office Staff numbers; Assistant Arts Officer appointed as replacement for previous officer.  FEACH - the Arts Office training and mentorship programme for professional artists and arts groups/organisations.	Assistant Arts Officer role increased to full time.  FEACH programme 2019 included continuation of the Training Notes - Music in a Healthcare Setting Training Programme apprenticeship scheme in partnership with Beaufort Nursing Home Navan, Navan Hospital & St Josephs Nursing Home Trim. Further Music in a Healthcare setting training programmes currently being devised.  Working with the Arts Council and Creative Ireland re the Creative Schools Project delivery in Meath.	Staff resources an issue in the ability to implement programmes on a county wide basis.  Assistant Arts Officer currently on maternity leave- no replacement appointed.	On going

**SCO 4.3 To Preserve Meath's Heritage and Enable Appropriate Access**

<p>4.3.1 - Boyne Valley - To conserve and make available a key part of Meath's heritage in line with the Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019 and the Boyne Valley Destination Development Strategy, the "Boyne Valley Destination Development Strategy" and the Boyne Valley Tourism Strategy 2016-2020.</p>	<p>MCC - Meath Tourism</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop the potential of the Boyne Valley as a visitor destination for the purpose of maximising the length of stay, level of enjoyment and economic return from national and international visitors, including through market research, programme development and partnership building to promote Boyne Valley locally and abroad.</li> <li>• Renovate the Boyne Valley navigation along with ancillary heritage and culture initiatives.</li> <li>• Facilitate the restoration of the Boyne Valley navigation and the development of the Boyne Valley</li> <li>• Greenway along with ancillary heritage and culture initiatives</li> <li>• Develop the infrastructure for educational and pilgrimage tourism, walking routes, and access to local heritage activity tourism, festivals, food and crafts and improve access to local heritage.</li> <li>• Devise and deliver educational programmes on the heritage of the Boyne Valley to "Boyne Valley Champions" Tourism members with those graduating becoming 'Boyne Valley Ambassadors'.</li> <li>• Support and co-ordinate festivals and events to maximise their economic potential.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Maximising economic return:</b></p> <p>Working with Fáilte Ireland to create a new Visitor Experience Development Plan for the Boyne Valley.</p> <p>Held a collaborative meeting with accommodation providers to garner views on how to further enhance the accommodation offering and extend visitor dwell time in the Boyne Valley.</p> <p>Boyne Valley Tourism hosted a tour operator/travel trade familiarisation trip to the Boyne Valley to promote businesses in the Boyne Valley for tour groups. Interest in the trip was at its highest with the largest group ever on the visit. 30 tour operators experienced the Boyne Valley over 2 days.</p>	<p>All actions completed</p>		<p>yes</p>
			<p><b>Education programmes to Boyne Valley members or Champions:</b></p> <p>Boyne Valley Tourism hosted a second educational trip for the tourism trade in Oct to Dowth Hall and the new Knowth Exhibition which opened in Oct 2019 with 28 tourism providers attending.</p> <p>MCC Tourism and Economic Development sections collaborated with the Meath Chronicle on the Meath Business and Tourism Awards held in November 2019.</p>	<p>All actions completed</p>		<p>yes</p>
			<p><b>Support and co-ordinate festivals and events to maximise their economic Potential:</b></p> <p>Meath County Council is working collaboratively with Failte Ireland and Louth County Council on the implementation of the Puca Halloween Festival. This festival is a major festival and took place at 3 locations – Trim, Athboy and Drogheda. 20,000 people attended the festival in year 1 which was deemed a success. Spectacular lighting and arts installations, music and food events took place during Oct 30<sup>th</sup> to Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>. Aim is to establish the Boyne Valley as the</p>	<p>All actions completed</p>		<p>yes</p>

			<p>origins of Samhain.</p> <p>Also continued the promotion of the Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival as a month-long calendar of events for families and adults. Printed brochure and updated SpiritsofMeath.ie with 30 events across Meath and the Boyne Valley. Carried out PR, advertising and social media.</p> <p><b>Develop infrastructure for local product:</b> MCC transport and tourism sections were successful in an application for funding to the Dept. of transport, tourism and sport. €1mn was provided to the four councils to complete the ancillary infrastructure on the Royal Canal Greenway. This includes picnic benches, seating, signage and footfall counters among other infrastructure to enhance the user experience. A launch is expected in 2020.</p>			
4.3.2 – Historic Town Centre & Village Centre Scheme	MCC – Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish an Historic Town Centre and Village Centre Scheme to support the development and implementation of heritage led regeneration plans.</li> </ul>	<p>Kells Creative Place Making Project – awarded funding from RRDF Support delivery of Kells Print works project – (Town and Village Renewal)</p>	<p>Solving Our Own Problems Report finalised and launched Progressed planning for Conservation Training Seminar Kells Printworks – (Archive secured and restoration of printing presses) Conservation works Kells Courthouse Kells selected for Irish Architecture Foundation <i>Reimagine</i> Project</p>	None to date	Yes
4.3.3 – Awareness and Access	MCC – Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement a programme of cultural heritage initiatives to allow schools, communities and the private sector to creatively engage with and develop a sense of ownership of their local heritage.</li> <li>Improve access and interpretation of heritage sights and include beach/coastal areas in activities.</li> <li>Develop and support projects to engage local communities in caring for and presenting local heritage to their own community and to visitors.</li> <li>Promote and communicate the heritage of the County through publications, audio-guides, web and social media platforms.</li> <li>☑ Link the Boyne Valley with Ireland’s Ancient East as the ‘master-region’ in order to maximise on the opportunities that Ireland’s Ancient East will bring the Boyne Valley in raising awareness of the abundance and quality of world class heritage available.</li> </ul>	<p>Meath Heritage Awareness Programme 2020; Geology Exhibition, Knowth Publication, Heritage Week 2020, Kells Creative Place making (RRDF Project) Turas Columbanus Update heritage section on meath.ie Input as part of Culture Team to prepare Culture and Creativity Strategy for County Meath</p>	<p>Secured funding from Heritage Council for County Heritage Plan Project 2020 Supported Columbanus Seminar in Dalgan Park (April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>) - complete Heritage content for meath.ie website complete Continue Passage tombs project – as part of European Year of Cultural Heritage Implement 2020 work programme from <i>Culture and Creativity Strategy for County Meath 2018-2022</i></p>	None to date	Yes
4.3.4 – Drivers for Action	MCC – Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase the number of staff available for heritage in the County Council to ensure implementation of the County Meath <i>Heritage Plan</i> within the confines of public sector recruitment policy.</li> </ul>	No progress on this action to date			



**SCO 4.4 To Increase Participation in Sport, Recreation and Physical Activity**

<p>4.4.1 – Increased Opportunities - To increase opportunities to participate in sport, recreation and physical activity within Meath across the lifespan.</p>	<p>Meath Local Sports Partnership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the development of local sports club to broaden the offer available and to expand the groups involved.</li> <li>• Support the emergence and capacity of sports leaders within communities experiencing inequality and disadvantage.</li> <li>• Support clubs and community groups in developing, delivering and sustaining a broad range of sports, recreation and physical activity programmes.</li> <li>• Provide capacity building programmes for clubs and community groups to empower them to engage with, develop and deliver community wide local sports, recreation and physical activity programmes.</li> <li>• Work with school representatives to support the sharing of school based sports facilities, and the development and delivery of extra - curricular sports, recreation and physical activity.</li> </ul>	<p>Capacity build clubs, schools, communities &amp; NGB's to deliver and sustain a broad range of sport and physical activity programmes</p>	<p>Cycle Safety in Primary schools Youth Leadership award - secondary school Daily Mile Challenge iRunForFun</p> <p>Youth Sport Leadership Awards - 3 courses were delivered to secondary schools and clubs. Daily Mile - two new schools were added to the Daily Mile Initiative, Meath still have the highest participating school in the country with over 52% taking part in the Daily Mile Challenge every day. iRunForFun - three new schools initiating the iRunforFun Programme in their school culminating in once school group participating in three local Park Run 5k events together.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Yes</p>
			<p>Deliver a range of sport and physical opportunities targeted at groups and individual with low participation rates and high sedentary levels</p>	<p>Blazing Saddles</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>4.4.2 - Public space - To expand local public space opportunities for recreation.</p>	<p>Meath Local Sports Partnership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further develop Slí na Sláinte routes in all areas of the County.</li> <li>• Map areas suitable for outdoor gym equipment and install where possible.</li> <li>• Take steps to ensure accessibility for people with disabilities to public recreation facilities.</li> </ul>	<p>Support local agencies in the sustainable development of natural and built infrastructure for use by the wider community in county Meath Support public and private facility initiatives that promote increased participation and multi-use, particularly those that target low participation groups</p>	<p>Development work in Blackwater Park</p>		<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>4.4.3. - To Enhance the Standing of Irish in and outside the Gaeltacht Areas - To support tourism in the Gaeltacht areas in a manner that protects the Irish language.</p>	<p>Udaras</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide support for community organisations in the Gaeltacht areas to develop specialised tourist packages that will promote the heritage in the areas in a way that protects the Irish language.</li> </ul>	<p>Language plan for the Meath Gaeltacht Eigse Dharach úí Chathain</p>	<p>A draft of the language plan for the Meath Gaeltacht, has been written. Once Údarás are satisfied, with the plan, it will be forwarded to the Dept for Ministerial approval. Údarás support Cultural events in the Gaeltacht, like Eigse Dharach úí Chathain</p>		<p>Once plan is approved implementation of the plan will start, and that will be ongoing for seven years. The Eigse is an annual event</p>

**SCO 4.5 To increase IT Access for all Groups**

<p>4.5.1 – Broadband Coverage – To improve broadband coverage in the County</p>	<p>MCC / Department of Communications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct an audit of gaps in broadband coverage.</li> <li>• Convene a forum for providers to present the gaps.</li> <li>• Develop a plan of action to address the gaps.</li> </ul>	<p>NBP</p>	<p>The 3 mobile Telecoms providers have continued to improve on their networks. In 2019, 3 new sites were developed with an additional 42 sites upgraded. Imagine’s “5G” like services are providing higher speeds in rural areas. Imagine is live on 7 new sites in 2019 bringing the total to 16 sites with 5 more planned for 2020.</p> <p><a href="#">Meath’s Digital Strategy- A Connected County</a> was adopted by the Council in October 2019. Implementation Committee meeting in Jan 2020.</p> <p>Open air have completed their rural fibre rollout connecting 15,619 homes to high speed broadband since March 2017. SIRO passed homes in Navan, Bettystown/Laytown, Trim, South Drogheda, Ashbourne, Dunshaughlin, Ratoath, and Dunboyne/Clonee</p> <p>Virgin Media have extended their network in the major towns in new estates.</p> <p>The NBP was signed in 2019 which will connect all rural homes &amp; businesses to High Speed internet. Up to 12 Broadband Connection Points will be delivered in Meath in 2020 to provide a go to broadband hotspot for isolated communities.</p> <p>Plan developed to deliver free public WIFI in primary settlements to assist tourists and residents without internet access or unlimited mobile data packages.</p>	<p>Availability of suitable sites at an affordable cost to operators. MCC have limited suitable locations</p>	<p>ongoing</p>
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