

2018 LECP Annual Action Plan - COLLATED RESPONSES - Quarter 1

1. Wellbeing

SCO 1.1 To reduce the levels of poverty being experienced

<u>Actions</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>What work programmes in your agency relate to the action</u>	<u>What Specific Progress on actions have been achieved since the last quarter</u>	<u>What barriers/limitations are you experiencing with the action</u>	<u>Will the action be achieved by year end, if not, why not.</u>
1.1.1 – Early Intervention(Joint Lead with HSE)	Meath Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To identify the areas and communities where the concentration of poverty and social exclusion is highest. Identify two communities experiencing high levels of child poverty, within which to develop and implement an Area Based Approach Childhood Programme. This will involve early intervention with children and families in disadvantaged 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. DSP will continue to support low income families through income and other supports. 	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.	This is a new initiative introduced in 2018 and progress will be reported in Q2.	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"> To identify the areas and communities where the concentration of poverty and social exclusion is highest. Identify two communities experiencing high levels of child poverty, within which to develop and implement an Area Based Approach Childhood Programme. This will involve early intervention with children and families in disadvantaged 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. DSP will continue to support low income families through income and other supports. 	Development in April, 2016 of new Primary Care Centre in Kells to cover North Meath.	Continued provision of a wide range of primary care services including; Physio; Public Health Nursing; Speech & Language Therapy; Occupational Therapy; Primary Care Counselling; Community Mental Health Services; Palliative Care Services; Dietetics; etc.	Action Complete.	Action Complete.
1.1.2 – Income Adequacy	DSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Develop interagency action to address money lenders and provide access to alternative sources of credit. Develop supports for people who are constrained by mortgage debt. Provide education/awareness raising about the Mortgage to Rent and other schemes. Roll out of personal micro-credit scheme by Credit Union to help eligible borrowers to access low-cost credit, thus combating moneylenders. 	Community Welfare Clinics operate throughout the county in the following locations:- Dunboyne, Enfield, Trim, Athboy, Navan, Kells, Oldcastle, Mosney.	The Personal Micro Credit (PMC) Scheme is being rolled out to credit unions nationwide by an Implementation Group chaired by the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP). Nationally 112 credit unions, representing 237 credit union office locations, have signed up as Personal Micro Credit (PMC) scheme participants. The list of participating Credit Unions is updated regularly on the website for the 'It Makes Sense' loan scheme at www.itmakesenseloan.ie/participating-credit-unions . Information		

				leaflets are available in the Intreo Centres and in all DEASP Branch Offices.		
1.1.3 Enhanced Evidence Based Service Provision	MCC - Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 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. 	LECP/SICAP/LEADER/Economic strategy/Social Housing plan/Co Development Plan/Age Friendly strategy/JPC workplan/Clar/Rapid/Town & Village /Healthy Ireland/ Outdoor recreational etc funding programmes.	Maynooth NUI uploaded the final stats for census 2016. This tool is available to the public on www.meath.ie	none	Ongoing as statistics updated on a quarterly basis by Maynooth NUI.

SCO 1.2 Increased levels of employment and employability

1.2.1 New Opportunities for the long term unemployed	DSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 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. 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 & 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. 	<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>Customised support provided to Long Term unemployed people via the Jobpath Programme</p>	The number of Long Term Unemployed has been falling consistently over the past number of years from a high in 2012 of 9.8% to a current rate of 2.5%.		
1.2.1 New Opportunities for the long term unemployed	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 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. 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 & 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. 	Community Coaching Programme	11 participants completed the 14 week programme - some have since went on to further education and gained part time employment.	Whereas participants very much enjoyed the programme, they did feel that the duration of the programme (14 weeks) was too long in terms of time commitment. Suggestion would be to roll out the programme over half the time and 4 days per week rather than 2the current 2 days.	Yes

1.2.2 – Empower the Long-Term Unemployed(Joint Lead with DSP & MERAN)	DSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Provision of a streamlined service offering practical and tailored employment services and supports to jobseekers and employers alike.			
1.2.2 – Empower the Long-Term Unemployed(Joint Lead with DSP & MERAN)	LMETB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	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 works in collaboration with the DSP and Intreo. An open day was held in collaboration with DSP for National Jobs Week in March in LMETB FET centres including Navan. DSP invited jobseekers to attend; presentations were given by DSP and LMETB. LMETB give talks to DSP activation groups in Meath.	none	Ongoing
1.2.2 – Empower the Long-Term Unemployed(Joint Lead with DSP & MERAN)	SIPTU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	No Action taken as yet			
1.2.3 – Access to Entrepreneurship(Joint Lead with Meath Partnership)	LEO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 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. 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. DSP will continue to support unemployed people into self-employment through the Back to Work Enterprise Allowance and other supports. 	The LEO 2018 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	Agreed and implemented the 2018 LEO Annual plan. Developed a close working relationship with regional DSP managers to deliver bespoke services to the unemployed. Funding for mentoring has been increased for 2018.	None	This is a continuing activity. New programs will be rolled out as the year progresses, along with multi-annual plans.

			enterprise the LEO are happy to provide support.			
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1.2.4 – Access to Opportunity	Meath Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 	Disadvantaged Women are a designated target group of the SICAP Programme and we deliver a number of programmes and services directly providing access to learning, education, health and employment opportunities.	This is a new target group designation introduced in 2018 and progress will be reported in Q2.	None at present	Yes
1.2.5 - Progression from Precarious Work - To enable progression for those in precarious work	SIPTU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	No Action taken as yet			
<u>SCO 1.3 To improve health outcomes</u>						
1.3.1 – Community Health Initiatives	HSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	The HSE community nutrition and dietetic department continues to work to target particular areas of need	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> HSE Dietetic Service deliver the COOK-IT programme Provide one to one clinical service in primary care and GP practice Infant nutrition training (0-12mths) for PHN Structured patient education programmes for diabetes (X-PERT and DESMOND) SMART START initiative for pre schools Paediatric obesity clinical service MDT weight management 	Staffing, budgets, administration support	

				programme 8. MECC		
1.3.1 – Community Health Initiatives	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Operation Transformation National Walk Operation Motivation Programme	20 walking groups around the county with 308 participants out walking in their community with 22 walk leaders.	Weather in quarter 1 effected the number of people getting out to walk.	Yes
1.3.2 – County Wide Obesity Initiative(Joint Lead with Meath Sports Partnership)	HSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The HSE Dietetic Service work on healthy eating schools policies Cook it programmes for transition year student Paediatric obesity clinical service. We deliver a targeted Pre diabetes/chronic disease programme Smart Start MDT weight management programme 	The healthy schools programme is being rolled out within the schools on an ongoing basis.	Staffing, Budgets, Administration support. Lack of multidisciplinary weight management programmes in South Louth and Meath. Inadequate availability and waiting lists for bariatric services, nearest service Loughlinstown Hospital. No service for disability and mental health clients.	
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			Meath Running Group	25 participants have commenced block 1 Core Conditioning.	None	Yes
			Health & Wellbeing initiatives	Planning has commenced for both the Royal County 5km/10km event in Kells - May 7th; and Cycle Tour July.	None at present.	Yes

			Men on the Move	60 men participating on a weekly basis in 3 areas in Meath. Groups have taken ownership and organised challenges with other groups outside the county.	Attracting men to participate in Physical Activity. Information night to take place in Quarter 2 to get men involved. Adapted sports are most popular with men.	Yes
			Older Adults Projects	427 older adults active through local projects. Mature Movers rolled out in 11 areas with 220 participants taking part weekly. Ballroom Dance for 50+ in 3 areas with 55 participants. Games for Life leagues- 152 older adults participating in game based activities through. 45 active retirement and disability groups take part in the programme.	None	Yes
			Education Programmes - Be Active After School Activity Programme (ASAP)	Programme will commence roll out in Q2.		Yes
			Eat Wise and Exercise programme developed to provide culturally appropriate information on the key messages by Meath PHC Project for Travellers and HSE Health and Wellbeing.	No action on this at present		
			Outline programme for well being programme in schools (linking physical and mental health)	No action on this at present		
1.3.3 – Mental Health of Young People	HSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Jigsaw are engaging with community groups for example the secondary schools; GAA; young travellers; LGBT Groups and the North Eastern School Boys Football League to increase awareness of mental health promotion among those communities and how JIGSAW can support the mental health of	ENGAGE trainers in place within HSE following February training. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men’s Health Symposium took place in Dr. Steven’s - Middle Aged Men and Suicide launch. Finian will provide the material to the HPSG. Jason McAteer, footballer, launched the report with a lot of media coverage. 		

			<p>young people in Co. Meath.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engage (Men's Health Training & Connecting with Young Men on Health & Well Being) was rolled out on 16 Feb., 2018 with 12 HSE staff participating. - Men's Health Week commences on 11th June and runs to 17th June 2018. The theme this year is One small step for Man, one giant leap for Men's Health, a supporting booklet will be available. 			
1.3.3 – Mental Health of Young People	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	Health and Wellbeing Boards - Meath LSP, Meath GAA and HSE designed health and wellbeing awareness boards to promote	Meath GAA Health and Wellbeing Awareness and Information Boards launched in Feb 2018. 59 GAA clubs throughout Meath received their boards with 65 boards distributed in total.		Yes
1.3.4 – Addiction Services for Young People	HSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	An under 18 addiction service has been established in Meath & Louth. There is a Clinical Nurse Specialist and a Substance Abuse Counsellor attached to the service.	This under 18 addiction service takes referrals or self referrals and see young people in Co. Meath.	There are insufficient resources available at present to extend this service to the Trim area. Additional funding is being sought.	
1.3.5 – Driver	HSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>No further update Q1 2018</p> <p>The HSE has appointed a Head of Health and Wellbeing to each of the 9 Community Healthcare Organisations in the country.</p>	Community Healthcare Organisation (CHO) 8 which comprises Louth, Meath, Longford, Westmeath, Laois and Offaly is in the process of developing a Healthy Ireland Implementation Plan.	In particular, there will be a focus on reducing the burden 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.	This will be developed by the end of 2017 and will include actions to progress a number of strategic priorities.

SCO 1.4 To Prevent and Reduce Homelessness

Action 1.4.1 – Social Housing Plan (prevent & reduce homelessness)	MCC- Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Mid East Region Homeless Action Plan devised and adopted. Tenancy Sustainment cited as one of the key themes contained within same.	Request for Tender Documents regarding Tenancy Sustainment Services prepared.	Will be subject to Section 10 Homeless funding	Yes
Action 1.4.2 – Evidence Base (To increase evidence base for action on housing issue)	MCC – Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	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	N/A
Action 1.4.3 – Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)	MCC – Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximise the potential of HAP as a labour activation measure which allows individuals to take up full time employment without losing Housing support. 	1,532 HAP Tenancies as at 31/03/2018	200 HAP tenancies created in Q1 2018	Availability within the private rented sector/escalating rent rates	Yes
Action 1.4.3 – Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)	DSP – Joint Lead with MCC Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximise the potential of HAP as a labour activation measure which allows individuals to take up full time employment without losing Housing support. 	Supplementary Welfare Allowance - Rent Supplement Scheme	Sixty (60) people in receipt of Rent Supplement referred by DEASP to Meath Co Co for transfer to HAP		
Action 1.4.4 – Tenant Purchase Scheme	MCC – Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilise the new Tenant Purchase Scheme to increase home ownership. 	11 units acquired via Tenant Purchase Scheme to date.	N/A	Ability of applicants to raise the required finance to acquire properties	Yes
Action 1.4.5 – Social Housing Provision (maximise provision)	MCC – Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximise the provision of Social Housing Units through collaboration with the Approved Housing Bodies. 	Currently 283 Approved Housing Body units at approved stage, with 212 to be delivered in 2018.	24 new Approved Housing Body units approved in Q1 2018.	N/A	Yes
Action 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"> 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. 	N/A	Further clarity needed regarding this action and who should lead on same.	N/A	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"> 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. Underpin and strengthen the work of the Joint Policing Committees and the development and implementation of the Joint Policing Committee strategy for County Meath. 	LECP/Co Development Plan/Local Area Plans/ Age Friendly strategy/JPC work plan	3 JPC sub-groups met to progress actions in their plan.	Attendance at JPC meetings and the JPC subgroups can be an issue, with progress slow.	ongoing
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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"> 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. 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. Support and resource the development and implementation of community plans, area based and group based, through this community sector. 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. 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. 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. 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. 	LECP/SICAP/LEADER/Economic strategy/Co Development Plan/Local Area Plans/ Age Friendly strategy/JPC action plan	550 plus groups registered with the PPN with training sessions being rolled out to assist them setting up as a group.	Trying to maintain commitment by volunteers within groups of the PPN. Difficult to recruit new volunteers onto groups.	Ongoing work with the PPN groups with the assistance of the PPN support worker.
3.1.1 – Renew Our Community Infrastructure(Joint Lead with MCC/LCDC)	Meath Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. Support and resource the development and implementation of community plans, area based and group based, through this community sector. 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. 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. 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. DSP will continually review Community Employment (CE) Programmes to ensure that outcomes delivered are effective and ensure that CE is flexible in terms of 	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 building support will be in the thematic clusters of community development, community engagement, advocacy, governance & Charity Regulatory Authority compliance, action-planning, sustainability, and measuring social impact. Building Stronger Communities will also support the emergence and sustainability of social inclusion focused networks	30 Local Community Groups and Networks will be supported in 2018	None at present	Yes

		delivering optimum outcomes at a local level.	within the county; in the areas of homelessness, disadvantaged women, disability, health, and suicide prevention, to increase capacity of its members and to work with the networks towards becoming strategic players at local & regional level.			
3.1.1 – Renew Our Community Infrastructure (Joint Lead with MCC/LCDC)	Meath Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. Support and resource the development and implementation of community plans, area based and group based, through this community sector. 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. 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. 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. 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. 	Safeguarding Children's Sport Sports First Aid Local sports	<p><u>Safeguarding 1 Basic Awareness Course</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17 workshops delivered to 255 participants. 54 Clubs represented. <p><u>Safeguarding 2 CCO Training</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 workshops delivered to 51 participants. 19 clubs represented. <p><u>Sports Injuries First Aid Training</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 workshops delivered to 40 participants. 9 clubs represented. 	None at present	Yes
3.1.2 Accommodate Our Community Infrastructure	Meath Partnership/ LCDC/LAG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Map the needs for community based facilities. 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. 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. 	Under the LEADER Programme, we are investing in the renewal of community assets and facilities.	Actively working with community-based project promoters to bring forward grant applications in the region of €70,800 this quarter.	None at present	Yes
3.1.2 Accommodate Our Community Infrastructure	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Map the needs for community based facilities. 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. 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. 	Maintain up to date online database of indoor, field and natural facilities. Community & Sporting facilities audit	Club database currently being updated. Facility database scheduled for Q3	Club contacts are slow to return information.	Yes

3.1.3 Information on our community infrastructure	MCC – Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	LECP/SICAP/LEADER/Economic strategy/Social Housing plan/Co Development Plan/Local Area Plans/ Age Friendly strategy/JPC work plan	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.	Yes
3.1.3 Information on our community infrastructure	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Develop an online facility management resource pack inclusive of best practice guidelines for sports facility development and programming Online resource pack	This particular piece of work is being reviewed as part of the review of our strategic plan.	None that we are aware of at this time.	To be advised at later date.
<u>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</u>						
3.2.1 – Community Renewable Energy	MCC – Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a community renewable energy fund and support service. Stimulate and enable local community engagement with renewable energy potential and possibilities for community initiatives in this field. 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. 	As part of a County wide Climate Action Strategy a Renewable Energy Strategy has been identified as one of the 139 actions.	The Draft Climate Action Strategy is ready to go on public display in mid May 2018 for 4 -5 weeks.	None at the moment	Yes
3.2.2- House Retrofits	MCC – Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish, support and resource a social economy enterprise to retrofit houses to raise the BER rating and to improve the heating systems in the homes of people living in poverty. 	Approximately 238 units to be subject to Phase 1 Energy Upgrade in 2018. This represents the last batch of units within the housing stock of Meath County Council that requires such works and will complete the Phase 1 programme	N/A	N/A	Yes
3.2.3 – Community Transport(Joint Lead with NTA)	Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Meath Flexibus to plan for and implement an expansion of its activities. Promote car-pooling and expand with access to bus lanes and with places made available to meet and leave cars. Improve and expand bicycle lanes, in particular on school routes. 	NTA Schemes Milltown Road, Ashbourne; Cantilever Bridge, Navan; Navan GDA Cycle Network & Ratoath Cycleway ; Brindley Park, Ashbourne	Interactions undertook a survey on the usage of park and ride/car pool facilities NTA Schemes : 1. Milltown Road- Part 8 process commenced 2. Cantilever Bridge – Structural Surveys completed – construction due to commence during school summer holidays 3. Navan Cycle Network – Preparation of Part 8	Public resistance to change. Availability of funding and resources. Competing priorities. General increase in consultant and construction rates in 2018	Works will be ongoing – some schemes will take a couple of years to complete from design to construction stage

				documentation and design ongoing 4. Construction of Cycle Infrastructure on Meadowbank Hill Road, Ratoath linking to Ratoath VEC – section underway - Part 8 documents being finalised for remainder 5. Brindley Park Ashbourne Traffic Calming – connection to the School campus – tender documents being review		
3.2.4 – Public Transport(Joint Lead with NTA)	Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Highlight the issues identified in relation to public transport, including issues of accessibility, availability and affordability. Negotiate with the National Transport Authority, Bus Éireann and other relevant companies to address the issues. Highlight issues in relation to public transport infrastructure and accessibility through the community representative on the Transportation SPC. Transportation SPC linkage group to participate in public consultation processes in relation to public transportation strategies. 	Navan 2030 – Bus Interchange – Kennedy Road & Transport Hub Baltrasna – footpath & bus stops Laytown Park & Ride facility Proposal for Taxi Rank in Kells	NTA undertake consultation on Public Transport. In 2016 there was a consultation on the Rail Review and in 2017 the NTA had a public consultation on the Statement of Strategy 2018 – 2022 MCC consulting with NTA and Bus Eireann and other PT providers as part of the Navan 2030 scheme Preliminary design done for Baltrasna Laytown Park and Ride – Contractor tender complete- project being reviewed Work ongoing with bus service providers in relation to set down and pick up applications and taxi licensing also Submissions being reviewed for Taxi rank proposal in Kells	Funding is an issue in progressing some of these schemes Availability of staffing resources is also having an impact General increase in consultant and construction rates in 2018	Design and preparatory works will be ongoing – some schemes will take a couple of years to complete from design to construction stage
3.2.5 – Community Production	Meath Environmental Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Support microenterprises in food production and processing. 	Item to be discussed at next MEN meeting which is scheduled for April (date TBC)			
3.2.5 – Community Production(Joint Lead with Meath Environmental Network)	HSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Support microenterprises in food production and processing. 	No further update provided Q1 2018 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. It is proposed to roll out targeted training for staff on "Making Every Contact Count" during 2018.		2017

3.2.6 – Community Protection of the natural Environment	MCC - Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement biodiversity awareness, education and management initiatives within schools, communities and the business sector. • Establish a Community Biodiversity Scheme to support the development and implementation of community biodiversity action plans across the County. • 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. • Provide linkages between key green infrastructure resources through multi-functional green corridors which enhance biodiversity, extend access and recreation opportunities. • Undertake habitat mapping of the County. 	<p>Progress the implementation of Seven Community Biodiversity Plans – Slane, Ratoath, Longwood, Kells, Rathcairn, Stamullen and Juliantown.</p> <p>Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2018</p> <p>Boyne Valley Field Club Programme 2018 – 5 events to run in 2018</p> <p>Apply for funding to undertake survey of selected Annex I habitats</p>	<p>Organise ecologist to visit 4 towns to meet local groups and advise on actions</p> <p>Grant scheme launched and applications received</p> <p>Organised event in partnership with National Biodiversity Data Centre</p> <p>Funding secured for selected Annex I Habitat Survey</p>	None	Yes
3.2.7 – Community Environmental Awareness	MCC - Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	Schools Programme including Green Schools, Really Rubbish Film Festival, Workshops and Awards	On-going - Rolling from year to next year	Limited Staff	Yes
			Environmental Campaign including Anti Litter League, Clean Up Navan, Gum Litter task Force, Dog Awareness Events	On-going - Rolling from year to next year	Limited Staff	Yes
			Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund	Projects for 2017 completed. Final part of Grants will issue in Q2.	None at present	Yes
			LAPN Project - Repair Directory	Funding approved. Food Waste Project commenced - will continue in Q2 2018	None at present	Yes
			Anti Dumping Initiative	Proposed projects for 2018 Submitted, awaiting approval	None at present	Yes
3.2.8 – Drivers for action	MCC - Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appoint a Biodiversity Officer in Meath County Council, within the confines of public sector recruitment policy. • Appoint a Sustainability Officer in Meath County Council, within the confines of public sector recruitment policy. 	No progress on this action to date	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"> • 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. • Link with and integrate the work and plans of the LMETB in this strategy. • 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. • 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. 	Youth Reach Foundation, Youth Reach Progression, School Completion Programmes, Youth Officer, Youth Reach Progression works with many Youth organisations in the Town. Including Involve, NYPD etc. YR young people are involved through activities and work experience.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LMETB Youth Work Plan currently at advanced stages of Development. 2. DCYA initiative on Youth Employment to be published shortly. 3. Demographic analysis completed. Plan currently being written. Consultation with interested parties and with young people to follow. Plan then proposed to ETB for Adaption. 4. Awaiting DCYA Employment Initiative. New course in Understanding Youth work has been set up in YR Progression to support young people who wish to follow a career in Youth work. 	No barriers to either	Plan will be in place in the coming months (Summer 2018)
3.3.1 – Young Person’s Strategy(Joint Lead with Youth Work Ireland Meath)	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Link with and integrate the work and plans of the LMETB in this strategy. • 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. • 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. 	<p>Promote the benefits of community based sport and physical activity for communities, healthy lifestyles and quality of life in Meath</p> <p>Supporting work of CYPSC & Jigsaw Meath</p>	Acting as the fiscal agent for the Healthy Ireland CYPSC fund	None at present	Yes
3.3.1 – Young Person’s Strategy(Joint Lead with LMETB)	Youth Work Ireland Meath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Link with and integrate the work and plans of the LMETB in this strategy. • 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. • 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. 	Development of Youth Work Ireland Meath's young Civic Engagement Group. Supporting the work of Meath Comhairle na nÓg	Consultations took place with young people, council reps, TD's on lack of appropriate facilities for young people and youth organisations. LMETB Youth Officer working on county youth plan	Financial resources, staffing, gathering of up to date data	

3.3.2 – Achieving Integration(Joint Lead with Cultúr)	Meath Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the re-establishment and operation of the Meath Intercultural Network. • Provide seed funding to enable and stimulate the implementation of the Action Plan. • Secure and support the participation of Black and minority ethnic representatives in local decision-making structures, in particular the LCDC and the PPN. 	SICAP Programme	Meath Intercultural Network operational and work is ongoing to strengthen and grow the membership of the network. The Anti-Racism Event was organised and hosted on 29th March 2018 with 72 people in attendance. Minister David Stanton, Minister Damien English and Cllr Joe Fox attended the Event with 12 LCGs promoting their services also.	Funding is being sought at the moment to conduct an independent mid-term review of the Meath Intercultural Action Plan	Yes
3.3.2 – Achieving Integration(Joint Lead with Cultúr)	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the re-establishment and operation of the Meath Intercultural Network. • Provide seed funding to enable and stimulate the implementation of the Action Plan. • Secure and support the participation of Black and minority ethnic representatives in local decision-making structures, in particular the LCDC and the PPN. 	<p>Promote the benefits of community based sport and physical activity for communities, healthy lifestyles and quality of life in Meath</p> <p>Disadvantaged communities programme - Multi Sport Activities, Futsal, Zumba</p>	<p>Futsal Claremont Stadium - 24 participants - 6 week programme /</p> <p>Futsal Colaiste Na Hinse - 20 participants - 5 week programme /</p> <p>Fitsteps Mother & Daughter Claremont Stadium - 15 participants - 6 week programme /</p> <p>Fitsteps Parents Scoill Mhuire - 10 participants - 5 week programme</p>	<p>Recurring barriers:</p> <p>Transport - lack / cost</p> <p>Facilities – location / access / maintenance</p> <p>Fees - keep low</p>	Yes
3.3.2 - Achieving Integration is the relevant action	Cultúr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the re-establishment and operation of the Meath Intercultural Network. • Provide seed funding to enable and stimulate the implementation of the Action Plan. • Secure and support the participation of Black and minority ethnic representatives in local decision-making structures, in particular the LCDC and the PPN. 	To increase the capacity of migrants to enable them acquire more intensive language skills to assist their integration into the workplace.	Continue to support Migrant Forum monthly	Resources	yes
3.3.3 – Achieving Inclusion for People with Disabilities(Joint Lead with Disability Federation of Ireland)	HSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Increase supports for the reconfiguration of day services to people with disabilities to secure their full participation in their local communities. • Take action to progress the implementation of the Congregated Settings Working Group • Report and reduce the number of people with disabilities in these settings in Meath. 	HSE are working with Disability Federation of Ireland to promote inclusion for people with Disabilities	The HSE carry out regular reviews to existing home support hours to disability clients in the region with the view to enhancing where possible to improve client's situation.	Limited Resources	

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"> • 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. • Increase supports for the reconfiguration of day services to people with disabilities to secure their full participation in their local communities. • Take action to progress the implementation of the Congregated Settings Working Group • Report and reduce the number of people with disabilities in these settings in Meath. 	<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) Laern2 Cycle; Cycle safety & road skills; Pitch & Putt; Learn 2 Run; Mood Walks; Tag Rugby; Special Athletics & Yoga</p>	<p>2 Learn 2 Cycle programmes delivered to 21 participants in 2 locations (Trim and Athboy). 1 community based programme for children aged 5-12years, one school based in ASD unit for students aged 15-17years.</p> <p>1 Learn 2 Run programme delivered to 16 participants from JIGSAW and CAMHS.</p> <p>1 10 week VI Tennis Programme delivered to 6 participants who are blind or have low vision.</p> <p>1 Inclusive School programme commenced delivered to 10 adults from Prosper Meath and 55 students from Loreto Secondary School. Disability Awareness Training delivered to 60 students in 3 schools (Kells, Navan and East Meath). Students have assisted the delivery of SIDP.</p> <p>Football For All Club developed with East Meath United currently delivered to 20 participants.</p>	None at present	Yes
3.3.4 – Asylum Responses	Cultúr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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. • Resourcing a community work initiative with asylum seekers to support them in representing their issues. 	To support asylum seekers and their families living in Mosney	Delivering capacity building programme to 25 residents	Limited resource to support more residents	Not all actions can be achieved due to lack of resources.
3.3.5 – Family Carer Supports(Joint Lead with Family Carers Ireland)	HSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand the capacity of the Carer’s Association to provide support to family carers by providing for a full-time family carer support officer. • Expand the geographical spread of supports for family carers through the County. • Expand the supports to family carers, in particular in home respite services, health and information workshops, and the availability of a family carers’ centre. 	<p>No further update on the appointment of a Family Carer Support Officer – Q1 2018</p> <p>The HSE is continuously monitoring the carer’s supports to families and are seeking alternatives to improve systems in place.</p>	The HSE have liaised with Family Carers Ireland to progress this work		
3.3.5 – Family Carer Supports(Joint Lead with Family Carers Ireland)	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand the capacity of the Carer’s Association to provide support to family carers by providing for a full-time family carer support officer. • Expand the geographical spread of supports for family carers through the County. • Expand the supports to family carers, in particular in home respite services, health and information workshops, and the availability of a family carers’ centre. 	<p>Promote the benefits of community based sport and physical activity for communities, healthy lifestyles and quality of life in Meath.</p> <p>Active Minds (training support for carers of people presenting with early onset dementia)</p>	Currently at review stage		

3.3.6: Older people in North Meath	MCC - Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Develop learning from this initiative to expand activities across the County. 	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 which are being progressed county wide.	Progress can be slow.	ongoing
3.3.7 – Lone Parents in North Meath	Meath Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Develop learning from this initiative to expand activities across the County. 	SICAP Programme	Interagency collaboration with LMETB and DSP ongoing. Training and mentoring delivered on a one-to-one basis to lone parents supporting their access to local services, education and employment services.	None at present	Yes

4. Flourishing

SCO 4.1 To Reduce Educational Disadvantage

4.1.1 – Routes to Higher & Further Education	LMETB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 	BTEI, VTOS, PLC, Adult Guidance Service	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, The Guidance service provide information and workshops on SUSI to current learners and college applicants.	Transport, Childcare	Ongoing - Evolving and development to required needs
4.1.2 – Forum for Education and Training	LMETB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	LMETB link with the Skills and Labour Market Research Unit to inform planning for education and training each year. BTEI, VTOS, PLC (Dunboyne College Further Education)	There are a number of new PLC courses planned for September.	Usual barriers to participation for learners such as travel	Ongoing, evolving.
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"> 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. 	All schools have been made aware off and issued with application forms for The Yellow Flag Initiative. Youth Reach Progression	Youth Reach Progression engages with Show Racism the Red Card competition every year which highlights the needs of minority ethnic groups.		Ongoing

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"> 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. 	No programme funding available in 2017 and not associated with any activities within Meath Partnership.	N/a	No programme funding available in 2017 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"> 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. Invest further resources in community education and training initiatives for women throughout the County. 	BTEI, Adult Literacy Service, Adult Education Guidance Service, PLC and Community Education Service	Funding and tuition is provided to community groups, the majority of applicants for these grants are women's groups. Youth Reach 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.	Usual barriers to participation for learners such as travel, childcare etc	Ongoing
4.1.5 – Language Support (Joint Lead with Meath Partnership and DSP)	LMETB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embed and support English language programmes for migrants in a range of educational establishments and community organisations. 	BTEI, Adult Literacy Service, Adult Education Guidance Service and Community Education Service	LMETB collaborates with Culture, Meath Partnership, INTREO and DSP to provide services for migrants. LMETB is currently providing services to refugees and asylum seekers in Mosney and new refugee families located in Ashbourne. Tuition grants provided to Cultur to provide language courses.	Transport, Childcare; Difficulty recruiting ESOL Tutors as the demand is high	Ongoing
4.1.5 – Language Support (Joint Lead with LMETB and DSP)	Meath Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embed and support English language programmes for migrants in a range of educational establishments and community organisations. 	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
4.1.5 - Language Support	DSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embed and support English language programmes for migrants in a range of educational establishments and community organisations. 	Regular referral of clients in need of language support to LMETB	Ongoing referral to relevant services	Regular referral of clients in need of language support to LMETB	Ongoing referral to relevant services

SCO 4.2 To Further Develop Community Cultural Action

4.2.1 – Community Based Cultural Action	MCC – ARTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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. • Ensure the support of professional artists for this. 	<p>Work with Culture Team in development and implementation of Creative Ireland programme and Five Year Cultural strategy. Devise, programme and manage Bealtine Festival; Pucas & Potions Children's Halloween Arts Festival; Toradh Gallery outreach & 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 development of new Youth Theatre for Meath. Work with Kells Type Trail, Hinterland and Guth Gafa Festivals in elements of programme development and delivery. Commission and produce new work - ME, MOLLY & MOO children's theatre production 2018. Manage MCC Arts Grants, Bursaries & Awards Schemes.</p>	2018 programmes being devised and/or in progress	Capacity to deliver programmes undermined by inadequate staff support. Current level of programme implementation unsustainable. Assistant Arts Officer currently being recruited , further specialist staff required to enable full programme delivery.	Level of programme delivery dependent on staff levels.
4.2.2 – Craft Collectives	MCC – ARTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop craft collectives that gather artists and craftspeople in supportive community- based settings with facilities available for their creative work in making work and financial support to sustain and promote this work. 	<p>Development of Kells Creative Hub proposal at the Courthouse Kells focusing on the provision of workspace for artists, craft workers and the creative industries. Assist with realisation of Kells Printworks Studios at the Sawmills Kells.</p>	Funding secured for Printworks studios development; funding secured for Printworks operational strategy development. Funding secured for Creative Hub strategy development; funding applications submitted for capital works to Courthouse building to enable Creative Hub development.	Funding. Time available to develop proposal due to other programme commitments.	Expect capital works to commence and strategies to be in progress.

4.2.3 – Public Realm Work	MCC – ARTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 	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	Reduced capacity to engage to required level due to other programme commitments and staff shortages.	On-going
4.2.4 – Drivers for Actions	MCC – ARTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Support the further emergence of local leaders for community culture activities and to enable their access to new thinking and ideas in this field. 	FEACH - the Arts Office training and mentorship programme for professional artists and arts groups/organisations.	FEACH programme 2018 currently being devised to include 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 training programmes currently being devised with our national partners.	Staff resources an issue in the ability to implement programmes on a county wide basis	On-going.

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

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.	MCC - Meath Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Renovate the Boyne Valley navigation along with ancillary heritage and culture initiatives. Facilitate the restoration of the Boyne Valley navigation and the development of the Boyne Valley Greenway along with ancillary heritage and culture initiatives 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. 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'. Support and co-ordinate festivals and events to maximise their economic potential. 	Maximise length of stay, level of enjoyment and economic return: Put in place the new multimedia exhibition at the Kells Courthouse which will act as an orientation point for the Boyne Valley. This exhibition is in place with the financial assistance of Failte Ireland and Meath County Council.	Complete	None	Yes
			Increase economic return & Visitor Numbers: Boyne Valley Tourism attended three consumer shows in Ireland and Germany in addition to attendance at a B2B show promoting to tour operators.	Complete	None	Yes
			Educational Programmes: Carried out two days training on Service Delivery /Customer Care and Ireland's Ancient East in advance of the Fleadh.	Complete	None	Yes

			<p>Maximise Economic Return: worked with tourism trade on putting in place packages</p> <p>Greenway Development: Working with Louth, Monaghan and Cavan County Councils in relation to the Navan to Drogheda Greenway</p>	Complete	None	Yes
4.3.2 – Historic Town Centre & Village Centre Scheme	MCC – Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish an Historic Town Centre and Village Centre Scheme to support the development and implementation of heritage led regeneration plans. 	<p>Kells Kick Start Project – Phase II (painting of buildings, conservation training)</p> <p>Support delivery of Kells Historic Town Initiative 2018</p>	<p>Draft of Solving Our Own Problems Report produced and stakeholder workshop held in Kells.</p> <p>Applied for IWTN Funding 2018</p>	Painting of buildings weather dependent	Yes
4.3.3 – Awareness and Access	MCC – Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Improve access and interpretation of heritage sights and include beach/coastal areas in activities. Develop and support projects to engage local communities in caring for and presenting local heritage to their own community and to visitors. Promote and communicate the heritage of the County through publications, audio-guides, web and social media platforms. ☑ 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. 	<p>Meath Heritage Awareness Programme 2018; Community Events Seminar, Geology Exhibition, Knowth Publication, Seminar on Local Publication</p> <p>Kells Kick Start Project – Phase II</p> <p>Turas Columbanus</p> <p>Update heritage section on meath.ie</p> <p>European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018</p> <p>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 2018</p> <p>Two workshops for Turas Columbanus Project</p> <p>Draft content for heritage website</p> <p>Passage tombs project – as part of European Year of Cultural Heritage</p> <p>Input into draft Culture and Creativity Strategy for County Meath</p> <p>Publish Wild Teaching book</p>	None to date	Yes
4.3.4 – Drivers for Action	MCC – Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	No progress on this action to date	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"> • Support the development of local sports club to broaden the offer available and to expand the groups involved. • Support the emergence and capacity of sports leaders within communities experiencing inequality and disadvantage. • Support clubs and community groups in developing, delivering and sustaining a broad range of sports, recreation and physical activity programmes. • 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. • ☑ 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. 	<p>Implementation of the Meath Local Sports Strategy supported.</p> <p>Capacity build clubs, schools, communities & NGB's to deliver and sustain a broad range of sport and physical activity programmes</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>Cycle Safety in Primary schools Youth Leadership award - secondary school Daily Mile Challenge iRunForFun</p> <p>Blazing Saddles - New round of programme currently being rolled out to 5 secondary schools in Meath.</p>	<p>Poor weather early in Q1, meant that schools were slow to engage thus programme was pushed out to Q2.</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"> • Further develop Slí na Sláinte routes in all areas of the County. • Map areas suitable for outdoor gym equipment and install where possible. • Take steps to ensure accessibility for people with disabilities to public recreation facilities. 	<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 - Couch to 5k Blackwater Park - 24 participants - 8 week programme / Buggy Buddies Blackwater Park - 10 participants - 4 week programme</p>	<p>Lack of plan for development of Blackwater Park is challenging, without the use of toilet facilities or weather shelter all programme timings are limited for local residents to engage.</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"> • 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language plan for the Meath • Gealtacht Eigse Dharach uí Chathain 	<p>A draft of the language plan for the Meath Gealtacht, 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 uí Chathain</p>		<p>Once plan is approved, implementation of the plan will start, and that will be ongoing for seven years.</p> <p>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"> • Conduct an audit of gaps in broadband coverage. • Convene a forum for providers to present the gaps. • Develop a plan of action to address the gaps. 	<p>NBP Audit of gaps in broadband coverage completed and documented Action plan for County developed and implemented</p>	<p>DCCAE completed and updating the NBP Map. Local Digital Strategy in development with the Issues Paper drafted and Indecon appointed as consultants in Nov 2017. Indecon to produce Digital Readiness Assessment (DRA) and Digital Strategy Guidelines during Q1/2 2018 for all LAs</p>	<p>Indecon delayed in getting information from other LA's to complete the DRA</p>	<p>Broadband Map developed but review is on-going. Digital Strategy will be completed.</p>
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