

**2018 LECP Annual Action Plan - COLLATED RESPONSES - Quarter 3**

**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"> <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 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.</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 have commenced to deliver a variety of programmes and services specifically targeting poverty and social exclusion.  We are currently supporting 38 local community groups through SICAP	Encouraging new forms of communication & interaction can be difficult	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 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.</li> <li>DSP will continue to support low income families through income &amp; other supports</li> </ul>	Development in April, 2016 of new Primary Care Centre in Kells to cover North Meath. Development of Primary Care Centre for Navan is planned for completion in 2021. This will improve service provision to the population of the Navan area. This new Centre will include accommodation for children's disability teams, and therefore will greatly enhance service provision to this cohort.	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.	Navan Centre for completion 2021.	
1.1.2 – Income Adequacy	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>	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 <a href="http://www.itmakesenseloan.ie/parti">www.itmakesenseloan.ie/parti</a>		Ongoing

				icipating-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"> <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/Rapid/Town & Village /Healthy Ireland/ Outdoor recreational etc funding programmes.	Maynooth University continue to upload the stats into the Economic & community monitor tool. This tool is available to the public on www.meath.ie	none	Ongoing as statistics updated on a quarterly basis by Maynooth University.

**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"> <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>	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	Meeting held with ETB regarding training plan for 2018.		Ongoing
1.2.1 New Opportunities for the long term unemployed No further update for Q3	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<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>	Community Coaching Programme	N/A Q2		Yes

1.2.2 – Empower the Long-Term Unemployed(Joint Lead with DSP & MERAN)	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>	Provision of a streamlined service offering practical and tailored employment services and supports to jobseekers and employers alike.	Intreo Centre opened in Navan in April 2016		ongoing
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 works in collaboration with the DSP and Intreo. Open days are held in collaboration with DSP at various times throughout the year in LMETB FET centres and hotel locations. LMETB collaborated with the DEASP on a recent recruitment drive in August 2018. . The DEASP sent out invitation letters to jobseekers to attend the events in Dundalk, Drogheda and Navan and were in attendance at the events. LMETB give talks to DSP Jobseeker activation groups in Meath.	None	Continuous
1.2.2 – Empower the Long-Term Unemployed(Joint Lead with DSP & MERAN)  No update provided for Q3	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 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	SYOB programme for Q3 2018 underway. Protocol between DSP and LEO in place.	None	Yes

			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.			
1.2.3 – Access to Entrepreneurship(Joint Lead with LEO)	Meath Partnership	<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>	<p>Meath Partnership continues to provide supports here under SICAP’s Meath Employment Service. A further QQI Business Options course has been completed. Portfolios are currently being submitted for marking and QQI accreditation.</p> <p>A further Business Options course with a specific element/module for migrant entrepreneurship is being developed and targeted to roll out in quarter 3</p>	<p>71 Individual jobseekers from disadvantaged backgrounds including migrant, have been supported to establish a new business.</p> <p>QQI and non-accredited entrepreneurship training has been delivered to 22 individuals this quarter.</p>	None at present	Yes
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>	<p>Development and implementation of the ‘Teach Mna Programme to address the needs of disadvantaged women.</p> <p>QQI Career Preparation has been completed and individuals are currently submitting portfolio for marking and QQI accreditation. Feedback has been very positive from the participants and therefore are planning to run the same course in quarter 3</p> <p>Feedback from individuals and employers has been the need to have completed a Manual Handling course. We have arranged for this to be carried out. Due to high volume of interest we are running this training in July and again in August.</p>	<p>The Teach Mná Initiative has been established in Navan and Athboy this quarter engaging with and supporting 45 disadvantaged women.</p> <p>25 individuals have completed manual handling and career preparation training this quarter.</p>	None at Present	Yes

1.2.5 - Progression from Precarious Work - To enable progression for those in precarious work  No update provided for Q3	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>The HSE community nutrition and dietetic department continues to work to target particular areas of need.</p> <p>All Primary Care Campuses are Smoke Free.</p> <p>Roll out of Annual Flu Vaccine Campaign.</p> <p>The “Ask About Alcohol” Information &amp; Communications Campaign was launched in July, 2018. This part of the campaign is specifically related to alcohol and heart health and is part of a media burst, in association with the Irish Heart Foundation, which will run over the coming weeks. This is a national campaign.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HSE Dietetic Service deliver the COOK-IT programme. Wider rollout of this programme required in Co. Meath including to Disability Services, but this is dependent upon resources.</li> <li>Provide one to one clinical dietetic service in primary care and GP practice.</li> <li>Infant nutrition training (0-12mths) for PHN.</li> <li>Structured patient education programmes for diabetes (X-PERT and DESMOND)</li> <li>SMART START initiative for pre schools (addressing childhood obesity).</li> <li>Paediatric obesity clinical service</li> <li>MDT weight management prog</li> <li>MECC (Making Every Contact Count) Initiative being rolled out. This encompasses the 4 parameters of health &amp; wellbeing, including smoking; alcohol; physical activity &amp; nutrition. 7,000 HSE staff to be trained in the first year.</li> </ol> <p>Annual Flu Vaccination Campaign commenced 01 Oct., 2018</p>	Staffing, budgets, administration support	These programmes will be ongoing and expanded as resources permit.
1.3.1 – Community Health Initiatives  No further update for Q3	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>	Operation Transformation National Walk Operation Motivation Programme	N/A Q2		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>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The HSE Dietetic Service work on healthy eating schools policies.</li> <li>Cook it programmes for transition year student.</li> <li>Paediatric obesity clinical service.</li> <li>HSE deliver a targeted Pre</li> </ol>	The healthy schools programme is being rolled out within the schools on an ongoing basis.	For the Dietetic Service Staffing, Budgets, Administration support. Lack of multidisciplinary	These programmes will be ongoing and expanded as resources permit.

			<p>diabetes/chronic disease programme. 5. Smart Start (addressing childhood obesity). 6. MDT (multidisciplinary team) weight management programme</p> <p>The HSE advocate and support the Active School Flag initiative within primary schools</p> <p>The HSE continue to build capacity within the school setting fostering the Health Promotion School model which includes polices around healthy food in school, healthy lunches, active travel and active schools</p> <p>The HSE deliver training to teachers with a view to increasing physical activity, i.e. Get Active in the Classroom. Get Your School Walking, Playground Games</p> <p>The HSE continue to encourage walking for all as part of Get Ireland Walking <a href="http://www.getirelandwalking.ie">www.getirelandwalking.ie</a> and encourage participation through the Irish Heart Foundation' Sli na Sláinte programme.</p> <p>The HSE have developed/relaunched many Sli na Sláinte walking routes within hospital settings (Our Lady's Hospital Navan) encouraging patients, visitors and staff to walk for health.</p> <p>The HSE continue to target active living through their Get Ireland Active social media platforms</p> <p>The HSE co-ordinate a 'Steps to Health' 5 week pedometer workplace programme for all HSE employees each year.</p>		<p>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.</p> <p>The physical activity programmes are running concurrently and are without barriers/limitations at present.</p>	
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<p>1.3.2 – County Wide Obesity Initiative(Joint Lead with Meath Sports Partnership)</p> <p>No further update for Q3</p>	<p>Meath Local Sports Partnership</p>	<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>	<p>Women in Sports</p>	<p>Women Only Tag Rugby; 20 ladies participating weekly in Navan Rugby club. Club coaches have taken ownership for the programme.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Yes</p>
			<p>Meath Running Group</p>	<p>30 participants completed block 1. 35 participants registered for block 2 of the programme.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Yes</p>
			<p>Health &amp; Wellbeing initiatives</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>Yes</p>
			<p>Men on the Move</p>	<p>70 men participating on a weekly basis in 3 areas in Meath. Groups have taken ownership and organised challenges with other groups outside the county.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Yes</p>
			<p>Older Adults Projects</p>	<p>450 older adults active through local projects. Mature Movers rolled out in 12 areas with 245 participants taking part weekly. Games for Life leagues- 205 older adults participating in game based activities through. 45 active retirement and disability groups take part in the programme.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Yes</p>
			<p>Education Programmes - Be Active After School Activity Programme (ASAP)</p>	<p>14 new schools trained and 8 schools re-trained.</p>	<p>A large number of schools requiring retraining Schools not turning up at training with little or no notice. Recruitment process active - part time coordinator overseeing programme</p>	<p>Yes</p>

			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.			
			Outline programme for well being programme in schools (linking physical and mental health)			
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>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 young people in Co. Meath.</p> <p>Issue under review at the inter-agency JIGSAW Advisory Group – looking at the impact that the new staff posts have in terms of addressing waiting lists and responding to new demands on the service.</p> <p>- Engage (Men's Health Training &amp; Connecting with Young Men on Health &amp; Well Being) was rolled out on 16 Feb., 2018 with 12 HSE staff participating.</p> <p>- Men's Health Week ran from 11<sup>th</sup> to 17th June 2018. The theme this year is <i>One small step for Man, one giant leap for Men's Health</i>, a supporting booklet is available.</p> <p>HSE supports and promoted awareness of World Suicide Prevention Day, which took place on 10 Sept., 2018.</p>	<p>ENGAGE trainers in place within HSE following February training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men's Health Symposium took place in Dr. Steeven's - Middle Aged Men and Suicide launch. Finian Murray, Men's Health Officer, will provide the material to the HPSG. Jason McAteer, footballer, launched the report with a lot of media coverage.</li> </ul>	Ongoing	These programmes will be ongoing and expanded as resources permit.

1.3.3 – Mental Health of Young People No further update for Q3	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<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>	Promote the benefits of community based sport and physical activity for communities, healthy lifestyles and quality of life in Meath	Health and Wellbeing Boards - Meath LSP, Meath GAA and HSE designed health and wellbeing awareness boards to promote		Yes
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 services across Louth & Meath – and the 2 staff already provide supports on an outreach basis across Co. Meath.	This under 18 addiction services 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.	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 Launch of the Healthy Ireland Plan for Midlands Louth Meath took place on Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018. Fiona Murphy, Head of Health & Wellbeing Midlands Louth/Meath lead out on this.		This plan give direction for Health & Wellbeing activities in Co. Meath.	The lifetime of the plan.

#### **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"> <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	Tenders process for the provision of Tenancy Sustainment is now complete. Successful tenderer is Peter McVerry Trust, and service will commence October 2018	N/A	Yes
Action 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
Action 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	597 HAP tenancies set up in 2018 to date	N/A	Yes
Action 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	All new applicants for housing support referred to MCC. DSP send referral list of Rent Supplement clients to MCC on a monthly basis for transfer to HAP		
Action 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	20 units acquired via Tenant Purchase Scheme to date	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"> <li>Maximise the provision of Social Housing Units through collaboration with the Approved Housing Bodies.</li> </ul>	Housing	Currently 246 Approved Housing Body units at approved stage, with 121 units delivered in 2018 to date.	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"> <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
<b><u>SCO 1.5 To increase Perceptions and Experience of Community Safety</u></b>						
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 workplan	3 JPC sub-groups meet quarterly to progress actions in their plan.  Public JPC meeting held 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Attendance at JPC meetings and the JPC subgroups can be an issue, with progress slow.	Ongoing and aligns with the JPC action plan.
<b><u>3. Resilience</u></b>						
<b><u>SCO 3.1 To Expand and Strengthen the Community Infrastructure</u></b>						
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	595 plus groups registered with the PPN with monthly meetings held by the secretariat to progress their PPN action plan. Meetings with each PPN MD are currently being held with good attendance.	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 worker.
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> <li>Support and resource the development and implementation of community plans, area based and group based, through this community sector.</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 building support will be in the	Training workshops for community sector organisations is underway with 18 local community groups completing training this quarter.  One-to-one mentoring support is being provided to 37 community	None at present	Yes

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	<p>thematic clusters of community development, community engagement, advocacy, governance &amp; 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 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 &amp; regional level.</p>	<p>groups.</p> <p>€200,000 of LEADER Grant Aid has been allocated to support the upgrade of community facilities in County Meath this quarter.</p>		
<p>3.1.1 – Renew Our Community Infrastructure (Joint Lead with MCC/LCDC)</p> <p>No further update for Q3</p>	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>	<p>Capacity build clubs, schools, communities &amp; NGB's to deliver and sustain a broad range of sport and physical activity programmes</p>	<p>Safeguarding Children's Sport Sports First Aid Local sports conference and related workshops  Local Sports conference</p>	No barriers Q2	<p>Yes</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
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>	<p>Under the LEADER Programme, we are investing in the renewal of community assets and facilities.</p>	<p>€200,000 of LEADER Grant Aid has been allocated to support the upgrade of community facilities in County Meath this quarter.</p> <p>Actively working with community-based project promoters to bring forward grant applications in the region of €250,000.00 over the next two quarters.</p>	None at present.	Yes.

				On-site needs analysis carried out on 6 community facilities with support focused on improving the long-term sustainability of existing facilities through the utilisation of renewable energy technologies. Community Energy Upgrade Initiative launched this quarter.		
3.1.2 Accommodate Our Community Infrastructure  No further update for Q3	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<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>	Maintain an up to date online database of indoor, field and natural facilities	Community & Sporting facilities audit	No barriers Q2	Yes
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
3.1.3 Information on our community infrastructure  No further update for Q3	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	No barriers Q2		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	A draft strategy containing a series of actions ( including actions with regard to Renewable Energy) was put on public display in June 2018 and once adopted these actions will be implemented during the life of the strategy 2019-2025	Measures at National level to be initiated.	Draft strategy to be adopted
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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	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	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	NTA Schemes : 1. Milltown Road- Part 8 completed and tender documents being prepared by the consultants 2. Cantilever Bridge - works progressing well, date for substantial completion is 30th November 2018 3. Navan Cycle Network - Part 8 documents on display October 2018 4. Construction of Cycle Infrastructure on Meadowbank Hill Road, Ratoath linking to Ratoath VEC - section underway, surveys complete, Part 8 documents being reviewed by Planning Department 5. Brindley Park Ashbourne Traffic Calming - connection to the School campus - Contractor due to start construction on site in October 2018	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 - Cantilever Bridge will be substantially complete by year end
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>	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 . Navan Rail remains in National Planning Framework - Project Ireland 2040 MCC consulting with NTA and Bus Eireann and other PT providers as part of the Navan 2030 scheme - Consultant appointed, site investigations underway. Business stakeholder meetings being scheduled Design done for Baltrasna - Part 8 documents being finalised Work ongoing with bus service providers in relation to set down and pick up applications and taxi	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 Disruption to normal traffic impacts on business Taking submissions and observations from the public can result to	Design and preparatory works will be ongoing - some schemes will take a couple of years to complete from design to construction stage - Stakeholder

				licencing Taxi Rank - Kells Town Appointed Stand Bye Laws 2018 adopted for a night time stand on Castle Street, Kells.	amendments being required on the provision of some measures	
3.2.5 – Community Production	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>		No further update		
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>	No further update provided since Q1 2018			
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>	Progress the implementation of Seven Community Biodiversity Plans – Slane, Ratoath, Longwood, Kells, Rathcairn, Stamullen and Juliantown. Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2018 Boyne Valley Field Club Programme 2018 – 5 events to run in 2018 Apply for funding to undertake survey of selected Annex I habitats	Three workshops for implementation of Community Biodiversity Action Plans held Over 20 projects progressed through the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2018 Heritage Week 2018 in Meath Community Archaeology Dig at Medieval Gardens held at Black Friary Site, Trim	None	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	35 Schools have been awarded Green Flags, 65 Schools took part in Tree Planting Project Phase 1.	None at present	Yes
			Environmental Campaign including Anti Litter League, Clean Up Navan, Dog Awareness Events	130 Groups took part in 2018. Awards and Medals have been disseminated.	Limited Staff	Yes
			Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund	Funding has been allocated for projects for 2018.	None at present	Yes
			LAPN Project - Repair Directory	Launch took place during summer 2018. Project is gaining traction.	None at present	Yes

			Anti Dumping Initiative	All 5 projects have been completed and grant claims submitted.	None at present	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			
<b>SCO 3.3 To Address the Specific Needs of Particular Groups</b>						
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	LMETB Youth Work Plan at Consultation with Stakeholders Stage  LMETB is piloting with DCYA The Development of an Area Profile tool for Youth work	Plan delayed because the data from Local profile tool will yield more valuable data. Commenced	October 18
			LMETB Youth Services	Next Funding window from DYCA is 2020		Ongoing
			Youthreach Programmes	Meath Partnership Education Support Worker Project. LMETB Youth Service will continue to support this initiative in terms of outcomes and assisting in returning client young people to education and/or training	Limitations include the fact that the service is available to 15 – 20 year olds, however an increasing number of under 15 year olds are presenting for admission to the programme.	Ongoing
3.3.1 – Young Person’s Strategy(Joint Lead with LMETB)3.3.1 – Young Person’s Strategy(Joint Lead with Youth Work Ireland Meath)	Youth Work Ireland Meath / 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. Develop a County wide youth strategy to improve the situation,</li> </ul>	Meath Youth Quake, our group of young people informing YWI Meath  Comhairle na nÓg  Representation on Meath CYPSC Link with LMETB Youth Officers	Consultations taking 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  LMETB has established the Youth Work Committee as per the Youth Work Act 2001. YWI Meath, YWI Louth, Councillors, LMETB Youth Officers and youth	Financial resources, staffing, gathering of up to date data	No, without financial resources to employ youth workers and agency cooperation

		<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>reps sit on the committee. 2 meetings have taken place since August. This will be important to inform the County Youth Work plan/strategy and identified activities</p>		
3.3.2 – Achieving Integration(Joint Lead with Cultúr)	Meath Partnership / Youth Work Ireland Meath	<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 through the SICAP Integrate Actions.	<p>Meath Partnership is currently collaborating with the network, through SICAP to conduct a review of the Integration Action Plan, including assessing progress to date and make recommendations for the relevance of outstanding actions, with a view to prioritising and consolidating actions for the remainder of the term of the plan.</p> <p>Training has concluded in Ashbourne and Navan with 24 migrant women to become integration experts and to support other migrants to successfully integrate into their host communities.</p> <p>In conjunction with Cultúr we are delivering pre-activation, career coaching and self-employment supports to 80 female refugees and asylum seekers.</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>	Promote the benefits of community based sport and physical activity for communities, healthy lifestyles and quality of life in Meath SICAP Programme	<p>Disadvantaged communities programme - Multi Sport Activities, Futsal, Zumba, Cheer Dance, Fitsteps, Basketball, Fundamentals</p> <p>5K Colour fun run - 400 runners/walkers participated in Navan's first ever colour run</p>	<p>Recurring barriers: Transport - lack / cost Facilities – location / access / maintenance Fees - keep low</p>	YES

				event. This event brought together 5 different agencies to include LA, youth groups and mental health groups to help organise the event.		
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>	No further updates from last quarter.	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"> <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>	<p>HSE are working with Disability Federation of Ireland to promote inclusion for people with Disabilities.</p> <p>The National implementation of the New Directions Policy is currently being rolled out in Day Services.</p> <p>The work of the Congregated Settings Working Group is progressing.</p>	<p>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 ability for independent living.</p> <p>Ongoing implementation of New Directions Policy in Day Services.</p> <p>Clients from Co. Meath are moving on a phased basis from congregated settings into community.</p>	Resource dependent for implementation of congregated settings plan and day service reconfiguration. However, all revenue and capital allocations for days services for the implementation of New Directions is currently for school leavers and RT leavers only.	These programmes will be ongoing and expanded as resources permit.
3.3.3 – Achieving Inclusion for People with Disabilities(Joint Lead with Disability Federation of Ireland)  No further update for Q3	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. HSE are working with Disability Federation of Ireland to promote inclusion for people with Disabilities.</p> <p>The National implementation of the New Directions Policy is currently being rolled out in Day Services.</p> <p>The work of the Congregated Settings Working Group is progressing.</p>	<p>Sports Inclusion Disability Programmes (SIDP) Laern2 Cycle; Cycle safety &amp; road skills; Pitch &amp; Putt; Learn 2 Run; Mood Walks; Tag Rugby; Special Athletics &amp; Yoga</p> <p>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 ability for independent living.</p> <p>Ongoing implementation of New Directions Policy in Day Services.</p> <p>Clients from Co. Meath are moving on a phased basis from congregated settings into</p>	Resource dependent for implementation of congregated settings plan and day service reconfiguration. However, all revenue and capital allocations for days services for the implementation of New Directions is currently for school leavers and RT leavers only.	Yes - These programmes will be ongoing and expanded as resources permit.

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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>	No further updates since last quarter.	Delivering capacity building programme to 25 residents in Mosney	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)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>	No update at present on the appointment of a Family Carer Support Officer.			
3.3.5 – Family Carer Supports(Joint Lead with Family Carers Ireland)3.3.5 – Family Carer Supports(Joint Lead with Family Carers Ireland) No further update for Q3	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. No update at present on the appointment of a Family Carer Support Officer.	Active Minds (training support for carers of people presenting with early onset dementia)		Ongoing
3.3.6: Older people in North Meath3.3.5 – Family Carer Supports(Joint Lead with Family Carers Ireland)	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 which are being progressed county wide.	Progress can be slow.	ongoing
3.3.6: Older people in North Meath3.3.6: Older people in North Meath No further update for Q3	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 levelsLECP/SICAP/LEADER/Economic strategy/Social Housing plan/Co Development Plan/Local Area Plans/ Age Friendly strategy/JPC workplan	Mature Movers Games for Life Active Minds  6 groups in North Meath participating in older adult projects. Overall 280 participants took part in programmes. These actions identified in the Age Friendly Strategy which are being progressed county wide.	Transportation in rural areas remains an issue for older adults Progress can be slow.	Yes ongoing

3.3.7 – Lone Parents in North Meath 3.3.6: Older people 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.	Ongoing one-to-one support is being provided to 13 lone parents in Navan and 2 in Kells.	None at present	Yes
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**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 (23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018).</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 development to 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, VTOS, PLC, Adult Guidance Service	<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>	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	Continuous

			LMETB (all programmes)	As part of the FET Strategy LMETB has developed a 3 year plan for the county and presents a yearly Service plan to SOLAS..	computer Courses in rural areas	
4.1.3 – Support the extension of the Yellow Flag initiative throughout the County(Joint Lead with Meath Partnership)4.1.2 – Forum for Education and Training	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.	<p>Youthreach centres engage with Show Racism the Red Card competition every year which highlights the needs of minority ethnic groups.</p> <p><b><u>Trim Youthreach won the Youthreach category in the Show Racism the Red Card competition for 2018</u></b></p>		Continuous
4.1.3 – Support the extension of the Yellow Flag initiative throughout the County(Joint Lead with LMETB)4.1.3 – Support the extension of the Yellow Flag initiative throughout the County(Joint Lead with Meath Partnership)	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 2018 through Meath Partnership.	n/a
4.1.4 – Support the Extension of Community Education and Training for Women4.1.3 – Support the extension of the Yellow Flag initiative throughout the County(Joint Lead with LMETB)	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>	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)4.1.4 – Support the Extension of Community Education and Training for Women	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 DSP to provide services for migrants. LMETB is currently providing services to refugees and	Transport, Childcare; Difficulty recruiting ESOL Tutors as the demand is high	Continuous

				asylum seekers in Mosney and new refugee families resettled in Ashbourne and Navan.		
4.1.5 – Language Support (Joint Lead with LMETB and DSP)4.1.5 – Language Support (Joint Lead with Meath Partnership 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
4.1.5 – Language Support (Joint Lead with LMETB and DSP)	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	JUMP Programme launched by Minister Regina Doherty in Cultúr. The JUMP Programme provides FREE support and training to migrants living in county Meath to facilitate improved access to employment and other support interventions. It aims to work in partnership with other agencies and local businesses to carry out a work placement scheme that will improve job opportunities for migrants who are unemployed. JUMP is funded under the ESF programme via the Office for the Promotion of Migrant Integration, through the Department of Justice and Equality. Referrals made to LMETB on a regular basis		Ongoing

**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>	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	Creative Ireland/Creative Meath Five Year Cultural Strategy completed with Cultural team. Pucas & Potions children's Halloween festival events programme finalised. Me & Molly & Moo new children's theatre & music commission production scheduled for 4 schools performances Ratoath October 2018.	Capacity to deliver programmes undermined by low staff numbers. Current level of programme implementation unsustainable. Assistant Arts Officer appointed , further specialist staff required to enable full	Level of programme delivery dependent on staff levels.
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			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. Commission and produce new work - ME, MOLLY & MOO children's theatre production 2018. Manage MCC Arts Grants, Bursaries & Awards Schemes		programme delivery.	
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, craftworkers and the creative industries. Assist with realisation of Kells Printworks Studios at the Sawmills Kells. Assist with and advise re Town & Village Renewal Scheme application for Slane Writers Retreat.	Funding secured for Printworks studios development; funding secured for Printworks operational strategy development. Funding secured for Creative Hub strategy development; part funding secured for capital works to Courthouse building to enable Creative Hub development. Major application prepared and submitted under RDF programme.	Funding. Time available to develop proposal due to other programme commitments.	Courthouse capital works tendered, contractors appointed, works to be completed by year end.
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.	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>	<p>No increase in Arts Office Staff numbers; Assistant Arts Officer appointed as replacement for previous officer.</p> <p>FEACH - the Arts Office training and mentorship programme for professional artists and arts groups/organisations.</p>	<p>Assistant Arts Officer role increased to full time.</p> <p>FEACH programme 2018 includes continuation of the Training Notes - Music in a Healthcare Setting Training Programme apprenticeship scheme in partnership with Beaufort Nursing Home Navan, Navan Hospital &amp; St Josephs Nursing Home Trim. Further training programmes currently being devised with our national partners &amp; new partners Create Louth &amp; DKIT.</p>	Staff resources an issue in the ability to implement programmes on a county wide basis	On going
<b><u>SCO 4.3 To Preserve Meath's Heritage and Enable Appropriate Access</u></b>						
4.3.1 - Boyne Valley - To conserve and make available a key part of Meath's heritage in line with the Meath County	MCC - Meath Tourism	<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> </ul>	<b>Maximising economic return:</b> we had our Boyne Valley stand at Bloom in the Phoenix Park, the Balmoral Show, Athboy Enterprise Day & Dundalk Tourism Conference.			Ongoing

<p>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>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>Attended Meitheal largest overseas tour operator workshops in Ireland, to promote Boyne Valley.  <b>Kells Courthouse:</b> new exhibition was installed and new tourist office opened in May. This has the purpose of attracting visitors to stay longer and explore the area.  <b>Boyne Valley Flags:</b> launched new Boyne Valley flags which are being used by Boyne Valley Tourism members to promote the brand.</p>			
			<p><b>Education programmes to Boyne Valley members or Champions:</b> Boyne Valley Tourism hosted an educational awareness and networking event around the origins of Samhain. Dr. Steve Davis, UCD and John Gilroy, Author spoke about the origins of Samhain at the Hill of Ward.</p>	All actions completed		yes
			<p><b>Support and co-ordinate festivals and events to maximise their economic Potential:</b> We supported the Fleadh with the Fleadh Executive Committee and Louth County Council through volunteering at the Tholsel tourist office, via training for the businesses on customer care, via promotion using google display advertising and a press visit from the UK and Holland.</p>	All actions completed		yes
			<p><b>Develop infrastructure for local product:</b> Made funding application to develop new infrastructure for the Boyne Valley.</p>	All actions completed		yes
<p>4.3.2 – Historic Town Centre &amp; Village Centre Scheme</p>	<p>MCC – Heritage</p>	<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 Kick Start Project – Phase II (painting of buildings, conservation training)  Support delivery of Kells Historic Town Initiative 2018</p>	<p>Painting of buildings complete  Finalising report of Solving Our Own Problems Report produced and stakeholder workshop held in Kells  Planning for seminar on care and conservation of historic buildings Supported <i>A Conversation in Signage Seminar</i> in partnership with Kells TypeTrail and Irish Walled Town Network  HTI Funding awarded 2018 and project progressed  Application for funding made for Creative Place making under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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>	Meath Heritage Awareness Programme 2018; Community Events Seminar, Geology Exhibition, Knowth Publication, Seminar on Local Publication Kells Kick Start Project – Phase II Turas Columbanus Update heritage section on meath.ie European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 Input as part of Culture Team to prepare Culture and Creativity Strategy for County Meath	Appointed consultant to undertake technical assessment of route of Turas Columbanus in Meath Supported work towards Knowth publication Two workshops for Turas Columbanus Project Review of data for heritage website – on-going Passage tombs project – as part of European Year of Cultural Heritage – Attended major conference in Dublin Castle and Autumn Equinox, Loughcrew Culture and Creativity Strategy for County Meath finalised and published Educational event for primary school teachers in count to promote <i>Wild Teaching</i> book	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	No progress on this action to date		
<b>SCO 4.4 To Increase Participation in Sport, Recreation and Physical Activity</b>						
4.4.1 – Increased Opportunities - To increase opportunities to participate in sport, recreation and physical activity within Meath across the lifespan.  No further update for Q3	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<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>	Capacity build clubs, schools, communities & NGB’s to deliver and sustain a broad range of sport and physical activity programmes	Cycle Safety in Primary schools Youth Leadership award - secondary school Daily Mile Challenge iRunForFun  Cycle safety 493 children participated from 12 Meath schools  Youth Leadership 5 courses with 74 participants over 105 contact hours	Schools very unresponsive to phone calls in an attempt to identifying participation rates in iRunForFin and Daily Mile.	Ongoing
4.4.2 - Public space - To expand local public space opportunities for recreation.  No further update for Q3	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<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>	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	Development work in Blackwater Park Run 4 Fitness Blackwater Park - 26 participants - 8 week programme / Multi Sport Activities Blackwater Park - 61 participants - 3 week programme	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	Ongoing

<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>No update provided for Q3</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 Gealtacht Eigse Dharach uí Chathain</p>	<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. The Eigse is an annual event</p>
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**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>Vodafone have responded with possible interest in a number of sites in Co. Meath for new mast locations.</p> <p>Digital Readiness Assessment and Digital Strategy Guidelines only completed by Indecon in September.</p> <p>No Additional progress on Strategic Community Access Hubs (SCAH) until 2019</p>	<p>-Resolving Coverage gaps will be dependent on commercial viability.</p> <p>- The delay in delivery of the DRAs has delayed the Digital Strategy Development</p>	<p>- Audit is completed. Plans to address gaps will be based on private sector investment</p> <p>-Digital Strategy should be significantly progressed by Year End.</p> <p>-SCAH's will not be delivered until mid 2019 as NBP Contract will not be completed until Year end.</p>
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