

**2020 LECP Annual Action Plan - COLLATED RESPONSES - Quarter 1**

**1. Wellbeing**

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

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>What work programmes in your agency relate to the action</b>	<b>What Specific Progress on actions have been achieved since the last quarter</b>	<b>What barriers/limitations are you experiencing with the action</b>	<b>Will the action be achieved by year end, if not, why not.</b>
1.1.1 – Early Intervention(Joint Lead with HSE)  <b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q1</b>	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 continue to deliver a variety of programmes and services specifically targeting poverty and social exclusion.	None at present	Yes
1.1.1 – Early Intervention(Joint Lead with Meath Partnership)	HSE in its Early Intervention Department are exploring new initiatives to support young children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To identify the areas and communities where the concentration of poverty and social exclusion is highest.</li> <li>Identify two communities experiencing high levels of child poverty, within which to develop and implement 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>	<p>The HSE services are continuously working to target particular areas of disadvantage for children &amp; families throughout Co. Meath.</p> <p>The HSE continue to work with the Interagency Working Group on the Irish Refugee Resettlement Programme.</p> <p>Ongoing work with Asylum Seeker Population and Traveller Health.</p> <p>Ongoing work with children &amp; families</p>	<p>During 2018 and 2019 a number of families have been resettled in Co. Meath under the Irish Refugee Resettlement Programme, with further resettlements planned for Q1 2020.</p> <p>A number of Breastfeeding Support Groups have been established.</p>	<p>HSE Recruitment Pause 2020.</p> <p>Covid 19 Pandemic impacting on HSE Service Provision from March, 2020.</p> <p>Non Pay Expenditure Controls 2020</p>	Ongoing Work in this area
1.1.2 – Income Adequacy  <b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q1</b>	DSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement a preventative programme to build budget management skills at an early age, including a life skills programme to be delivered through the schools that would prepare young people for independent living.</li> <li>Develop interagency action to address money lenders and provide access to alternative sources of credit.</li> <li>Develop supports for people who are constrained by mortgage debt.</li> <li>Provide education/awareness raising about the Mortgage to Rent and other schemes.</li> <li>Roll out of personal micro-credit scheme by Credit Union to help eligible borrowers to access low-cost credit, thus combating moneylenders.</li> </ul>	<p>The Supplementary Welfare Allowance scheme includes a range of support payments which are available to people who do not have enough income to meet their needs and that of their families.</p> <p>The scheme is administered via the network of Community Welfare Clinics which operate throughout the county in the following locations:-</p>	<p>In Co. Meath the credit unions/CU offices in the following locations are now participating in the Personal Micro Credit scheme:-</p> <p>Navan, Ballivor, Clonmellon, Dunshaughlin, Kildalkey, Oldcastle, Slane, Ashbourne, Kilmessan, Dunboyne and Ratoath</p>		Actions ongoing with the exception of the development of a life skills programme for schools which requires attention at national level

			<p>Dunboyne, Enfield, Trim, Athboy, Navan, Kells, Oldcastle, Mosney.</p> <p>The Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS) is funded by DEASP via the Citizens Information Centres</p> <p>Information on the Mortgage to Rent Scheme is available via the MABS Service and on the dedicated MABS website <a href="http://www.keepingyourhome.ie">www.keepingyourhome.ie</a></p> <p>The implementation group for the rollout of the Personal Micro Credit (PMC) Scheme is chaired DEASP. Further info is available on the following link <a href="http://www.itmakessenseloan.ie/participating-credit-unions">www.itmakessenseloan.ie/participating-credit-unions</a></p> <p>Information leaflets are available in the Intreo Centres and in all DEASP Branch Offices.</p>			
1.1.3 Enhanced Evidence Based Service Provision	MCC - Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustain, and keep up to date, a socio-economic profile of County Meath that would make use of census and other sources of data to present a comprehensive, accessible report on the county. The profile would be repeated for census periods and would make all data available at county, ED and SAP level.</li> <li>Produce, and keep up to date, a gap analysis that maps the services to those experiencing poverty in the county and identifies where gaps in services exist.</li> <li>Provide ongoing training to those in key positions within the statutory, community and voluntary sectors on the collation and analysis of a range of data sources that contribute to maintaining high quality socio-economic data</li> </ul>	LECP/SICAP/LEADER/Economic strategy/Social Housing plan/Co Development Plan/Age Friendly strategy/JPC workplan/Clar/Town & Village /CEP scheme /Healthy Ireland/ Outdoor recreational etc funding programmes.	Spatial Insight solutions/Maynooth University continue to upload the stats into the Economic & community monitor tool. This tool is available to the public on <a href="http://www.meath.ie">www.meath.ie</a> . Tool used extensively for strategies & plans and stats when required.	none	Ongoing as statistics updated on a quarterly basis by Spatial Insight Solutions/AIRO Contract in place to receive updates.
<b>SCO 1.2 Increased levels of employment and employability</b>						
1.2.1 New Opportunities for the long term unemployed  <b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q1</b>	DSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An inter-agency Employment and Enterprise Task group will be established to develop a range of actions, supports and services to ensure that long-term unemployed people benefit from the developments on foot of the economic strategy.</li> <li>Steps would be taken ensure training provision to the diverse groups that make up the long-term unemployed and the unemployed is matched with new opportunities in initiatives such as the Boyne Valley Hub, High Tech Campus and tourism.</li> <li>Steps would be taken to ensure access for diverse groups to training and employment services by taking account of and addressing the particular needs, experience and situation of these groups, in particular people with disabilities, Travellers, migrants, carers, lone parents and women.</li> <li>DSP will open an Intreo Service across two offices in Navan. DSP will continue to engage with unemployed people in a timely manner and support customers into employment, training and further education via Intreo, JobPath &amp; the Job Club, and will identify suitable individuals to avail of SICAP. DSP will continue to engage with employers to publicise job</li> </ul>	<p>DEASP represented on the interagency Jobseekers support group meets on a regular basis.</p> <p>Customised one to one employment support service being provided to all jobseekers via the Intreo Centre in Navan and outreach facility in Kells and Trim .</p> <p>Jobpath provides one to one employment support service focused exclusively on the long term employed in Navan and outreach in Kells and Trim.</p>	<p>A series of events took place country wide for National Jobs weeks in March 2019. In Navan two events took place; one targeted at under 25s focused on <i>Preparation for Work and Supports Available</i> and the second event was a <i>Job Shadowing Initiative</i>.</p> <p>Quarterly meeting with LMETB to discuss training needs</p> <p>Meeting held with Coordinator of Work Matters, an initiative of the Library Service.</p>		Ongoing

		vacancies via Jobsireland.ie, support recruitment of suitable employees, and will provide financial support to employers through JobsPlus.				
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1.2.2 – Empower the Long-Term Unemployed (Joint Lead with DSP & MERAN)  <b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q1</b>	DSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a Centre for the Unemployed to enable long-term unemployed people and unemployed people to identify and respond to structural issues they face. It will serve as a base to provide welcoming, effective and inclusive support services governed by unemployed people. It will inform the development of new access routes to education, training, and employment to respond to the diversity of the long-term unemployed including lone parents, people with disabilities, Travellers, and carers. Unemployed people will be supported to identify their own ambitions, needs and the supports they require.</li> </ul>	The Intreo Centre in Navan which was established in 2016, administers the full range of support payments and employment support services for people who are unemployed.	N/A	The development of a 'Centre for the Unemployed' is a matter for ICTU who are responsible for the Congress Centres Network (formerly known as the ICTU Network of Unemployed Centres)	No
1.2.2 – Empower the Long-Term Unemployed (Joint Lead with DSP & MERAN)  <b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q1</b>	LMETB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a Centre for the Unemployed to enable long-term unemployed people and unemployed people to identify and respond to structural issues they face. It will serve as a base to provide welcoming, effective and inclusive support services governed by unemployed people. It will inform the development of new access routes to education, training, and employment to respond to the diversity of the long-term unemployed including lone parents, people with disabilities, Travellers, and carers. Unemployed people will be supported to identify their own ambitions, needs and the supports they require.</li> </ul>	The Adult Education Guidance Service provides information and guidance to all including unemployed. The BTEI programme provides part time programmes. VTOS, PLC's and the Regional Skills Training Centre provide full time programmes and apprenticeships. The DSP provides the INTREO centres. LMETB meets regularly with DSP to discuss initiatives and address any issues. The Adult Literacy service provides ESOL and literacy supports.	The LMETB Guidance Service has continued to work in close collaboration with the DEASP and Intreo. Talks are given to the regular DSP Jobseeker activation groups in Meath. Opportunities re provided for one to one consultation, to provide tailored advice and information for those on the live register.	None	Continuous

<p>1.2.2 – Empower the Long-Term Unemployed(Joint Lead with DSP &amp; MERAN)</p> <p><b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q1</b></p>	<p>SIPTU</p>	<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>	<p>No Action taken as yet</p>			
<p>1.2.3 – Access to Entrepreneurship(Joint Lead with Meath Partnership)</p>	<p>LEO</p>	<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>The LEO 2020 Plan shows an increase in the level of funding available for both financial incentives for start-up companies and training and development initiatives for would be business owners and existing business owners. The LEOs nationally have in place a formal agreement with the DSP to encourage entrepreneurship, particularly through the back to Work Enterprise Scheme. This is working effectively locally through the Start Your Own Business programme. Mentoring services are available to all micro businesses in the region. The remit of the LEO does not allow support for purely social enterprises, however if there is a commercial element to the enterprise the LEO are happy to provide support.</p>	<p>The Start Your Own Business training programme , the Women in Business and mentoring were begun in February. However one-to-one training and mentoring had to be curtailed due to Covid19. The LEO has moved quickly to transfer all training and mentoring to an on-line/Zoom model. This will be rolled out in Q2 2020. The Women in Business initiative will resume when it is safe to do so.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>1.2.3 – Access to Entrepreneurship(Joint Lead with LEO)</p> <p><b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q1</b></p>	<p>Meath Partnership</p>	<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>In 2019, Meath Partnership is providing entrepreneurship supports under the SICAP Meath Employment Service and continues to facilitate access for disadvantaged and jobseeker clients to DEASP Back to Work Enterprise Allowance. Through this facilitated service we offer one-to-one business coaching, QQI training and access to local start-up grants.</p>	<p>98 individual jobseekers from disadvantaged backgrounds including migrant, have been supported to establish a new business this year.</p>	<p>None at present</p>	<p>Yes</p>

1.2.4 – Access to Opportunity <b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q1</b>	Meath Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement an enabling opportunities initiative that would draw from and expand work being done through SICAP to support individuals to take opportunities in employment, education or personal development. It would be concerned to convert knowledge, skills and experience into earning opportunities by providing resources and supports designed around individual people.</li> <li>Develop initiatives to support groups in Meath to access funding under the positive action measure for women returning to the workforces and women’s entrepreneurship run by the Department of Justice and Equality under the PEIL Operational Programme.</li> </ul>	The SICAP Team continues to offer support services through the Meath Employment Service and the Teach Mná Initiative.	185 SICAP clients have been supported through training and mentoring in order to be better prepared to enter the labour market this quarter.  Continued implementation of the ‘Teach Mná’ Programme addressing the needs of 41 disadvantaged women in Ashbourne, Athboy and Navan.	None at Present	Yes
1.2.5 - Progression from Precarious Work - To enable progression for those in precarious work <b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q1</b>	SIPTU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Devise and support new progression paths out of precarious work and inform those in precarious work of these and already existing pathways. Deploy flexibility in creating access routes to new supports for people in low paid and precarious employment. Address the particular obstacles for women to progress out of precarious work.</li> </ul>	No Action taken as yet			

**SCO 1.3 To improve health outcomes**

1.3.1 – Community Health Initiatives	HSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community based initiatives will be stimulated and supported in communities experiencing inequality and disadvantage to enhance access to health services, improve take up of screening services, promote healthy living, and bring health issues of concern within the community to the attention of the health services. Smoking reduction, prevention and reduction of alcohol related harm, healthy eating and active living would be promoted.</li> </ul>	<p>Development of new Primary Care Centres in Navan and Bettystown.</p> <p>Health Professionals based in Primary Care will routinely promote the Bowel Cancer Screening; Diabetic Retinopathy; Breastcheck and Cervical Check Screening programmes among the population of Co. Meath in collaboration with the National Screening Programmes.</p>	<p>The development of these centres will enhance the provision and development of Primary Care; Disability Services; Mental Health &amp; Palliative Care Services to the population of Navan &amp; East Meath areas.</p> <p>All therapists working in Primary Care in Meath are being encouraged to undertake the training for Making Every Contact Count. This programme involves healthcare professionals having brief conversations with their patients about behaviour change. The four main risk factors for chronic disease are tobacco; harmful alcohol consumption; physical inactivity and unhealthy eating.</p>	<p>The development of Navan &amp; Laytown new Primary Care Centres are dependent upon successful outcome of negotiations with all stakeholders to get the projects up and running.</p> <p>HSE Estates Department are in active negotiations.</p> <p>Recruitment Pause, 2020. Covid 19 Impact March 2020 Restrictions on non pay expenditure in 2020.</p>	<p>No completion date for new Primary Care Centre development agreed as yet.</p> <p>Health professionals continue to work with clients on target areas healthy lifestyles.</p>
1.3.1 – Community Health Initiatives	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community based initiatives will be stimulated and supported in communities experiencing inequality and disadvantage to enhance access to health services, improve take up of screening services, promote healthy living, and bring health issues of concern within the community to the attention of the health services. Smoking reduction, prevention and reduction of alcohol related harm, healthy eating and active living would be promoted.</li> </ul>	Promote the benefits of community based sport and physical activity for communities, healthy lifestyles and quality of life in Meath.	<p>Operation Transformation National Walk Operation Motivation Programme.</p> <p>10 walks organised to coincide with National Walk day - Operation Transformation programme - 405 participants 11 community groups organised 6 week long walking</p>	N/A	Yes – completed

				programmes delivering to 140 participants.		
1.3.2 – County Wide Obesity Initiative(Joint Lead with Meath Sports Partnership)	HSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and implement a county -wide obesity initiative that will work through the schools, youth clubs and community-based groups to improve access to physical activity will be developed and implemented. There will be a focus on non-competitive sports and recreation and in targeting disadvantaged communities.</li> </ul>	All Primary Care Health Professionals will: - support the delivery of the relevant actions from the HSE's national breastfeeding action plan for 2016-2021 "Breastfeeding in a Healthy Ireland" One in four children are overweight or obese. Six in ten adults are overweight or obese. One in two pregnant women are overweight or obese at booking visit. Three in four adults over 50 are overweight or obese.	Embed the Healthy Weight for Children Framework in Primary Care. All Health Care Professionals are encouraged to undertake the Making Every Contact Count Training and implementation of this message to encourage healthy eating and active living. Dietician services are offered to children and adults. Healthy Ireland have national advertisement campaigns to encourage healthy lifestyles for all.	HSE Primary Care Services will continue to work with the National Chronic Disease Programme to highlight the increasing need for additional Dietician posts within Co. Meath Demand on Services. Recruitment Pause, 2020. Impact of Covid 19 on service delivery from March, 2020.	Ongoing
1.3.2 – County Wide Obesity Initiative(Joint Lead with Meath Sports Partnership)	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<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>	Deliver a range of sport and physical opportunities targeted at groups and individual with low participation rates and high sedentary levels	<b>Women in Sports</b> Women on the Move - 1 programme x 6 weeks - (6 sessions) - 20 participants - Female aged 18yrs+ Active Parents - Delivered 4 programmes for parents of school going children to activate and increase daily physical exercise - active parents/active children. Active Girls - initiated 3 activity programmes specifically for teenage girls who dont normally take part in physical activity - aims to build confidence/self esteem and introduce range of fun physical activities. Womens Netball Programme - initiated programme and set up new Netball Club in east Meath - North East Netball.	The recent outbreak of Covid 19 has caused us to suspend the majority of our programmes, making it difficult to continue and complete. We are endeavouring to combat some of these challenges by switching our programmes to an online virtual format and will continue to engage our participants with daily physical activity needs.	We plan to continue with the planned programmes when the Covid restrictions are lifted but our end of year targets may have to be reviewed or altered to take in the programme adaptations put in place during the restricted time.
			Meath Running Group	Q2		
			Health & Wellbeing initiatives			
			Men on the Move	Delivered 6 week programme in 3 areas (Navan, Kells and Ashbourne). 60 men participated twice weekly in the programme. <b>Walking Football – 1</b>	Challenge to keep men engaged in an activity post programme end; also challenges exist around type of activity	Yes

				programmes x 6 weeks (6 sessions) – 1 locations - 12 participants - Male aged 40yrs+		
			Older Adults Projects	Mature Movers; 12 seated exercise programmes with 250 participants. Circuits for 50+; 45 older people took part in 6 week programme in Trim and Navan. Games for Life: 50 older people participated in Pickle ball Come Try Community Walking: Supported 18 walking programmes with 350 people.	None	Yes
1.3.3 – Mental Health of Young People	HSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand the services of Jigsaw to enable it to meet the demand from young people in the County and to improve understanding of mental illness and information on availability of services to support and respond to individuals, carers and families.</li> </ul>	<p>As a priority under Healthy Ireland, Mental Health and Wellbeing is concerned with promoting the mental wellbeing of the general population including those at risk from, or experiencing mental health difficulties.</p> <p>It aims to strengthen the ability of individuals, families and communities to cope with stressful events that happen in their everyday lives and to reduce the factors that place individuals, families and communities at risk of diminished mental health.</p> <p>Mental Health promotion also seeks to improve the everyday settings (homes; schools; communities and workplaces) where mental health is created, while addressing the broader social; physical and economic environments that determine the mental health of populations and individuals, especially those resulting in mental health inequalities.</p> <p>The development of a National Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing Promotion Plan is a commitment of the Connecting for Life Suicide Strategy. This plan will direct and support the work needed on wellbeing and mental health in the</p>	<p>The following Action &amp; Targets have been agreed:</p> <p>Promote infant mental health; continue to deliver "Zippy's Friends" training programme to primary school teachers; Continue to deliver the "Mind Out" programme to post primary school teachers; Continue to deliver identified training to build capacity among staff to promote positive mental health among service users, e.g. Introduction to Youth and Mental Health.</p>	<p>Increasing demand for services.</p> <p>Recruitment Pause, 2020 Impact of Covid 19 on HSE Service delivery from March, 2020 onwards. Non pay expenditure controls 2020.</p>	Ongoing

			HSE and on a cross-sectoral basis under Healthy Ireland.			
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1.3.4 – Addiction Services for Young People	HSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To establish an initiative to address substance misuse among young people that combines treatment and support with enforcement and prevention. Particular attention will be given to providing addiction services to the under 18s. This initiative would be piloted in Trim.</li> </ul>	The Substance Use Service for Teens (SUST) is a HSE under 18 addiction service across Louth & Meath – and the 2 staff already provide supports on an outreach basis across Co. Meath	This under 18 addiction service takes referrals or self referrals and sees young people in Co. Meath.	There are insufficient resources available at present to extend this service to all areas.  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 HSE has appointed a Head of Health and Wellbeing to each of the 9 Community Healthcare Organisations in the country.	Community Healthcare Organisation (CHO) 8 which comprises Louth, Meath, Longford, Westmeath, Laois and Offaly have developed a Healthy Ireland Implementation Plan 2018 - 2022.	In particular, there will be a focus on reducing the burden of chronic disease given that half of all people over 50 have at least one chronic condition.  A new post of Self Management Support Co-ordinator for Midlands Louth/Meath has commenced Dec., 2017. The appointee will work as a support to the Clinical Teams in targeting Chronic Diseases. Welcome the publication in consultation with HSE of the Healthy Meath Plan 2019 - 2021.	Ongoing.

### SCO 1.4 To Prevent and Reduce Homelessness

1.4.1 – Social Housing Plan (prevent & reduce homelessness)	MCC- Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and promote the implementation of a social housing and tenancy sustainment plan for the County to meet the needs of the County. This will focus on the needs of those currently homeless and those vulnerable to homelessness. It will also focus on providing supports to maintain tenancies and ensure appropriate accommodation standards.</li> </ul>	Housing	<p>Tenancy Sustainment service continues to be delivered by the Peter McVerry Trust.</p> <p>Peter McVerry Trust is the Programme Implementer for Housing First in the Mid East Homeless Region (Meath, Kildare, Wicklow). A further two Housing First tenancies were set up in Meath during Q1 2020.</p>	N/A	Yes
1.4.2 – Evidence Base (To increase evidence base for action on housing issue)	MCC – Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake an action based research initiative to identify the range of housing and accommodation issues impacting on people across both the public and private sector. This would provide the evidence base for the development of a comprehensive response to housing and accommodation including a model of support in the County, gaps in services and innovation in response to these issues.</li> </ul>	Existing forums in place that informs policy/strategy in the area of housing, including Regional Homeless Forum, Local Traveller Accommodation Committee, Homeless Action Team, Working Group for Housing People with a Disability, Strategic Policy Committee	Further clarity needed regarding this action and who should lead on same.		N/A
1.4.3 – Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)	MCC – Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximise the potential of HAP as a labour activation measure which allows individuals to take up full time employment without losing Housing support.</li> </ul>	Housing	143 HAP tenancies set up during Q1 2020	N/A	Yes
1.4.3 – Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)	DSP – Joint Lead with MCC Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximise the potential of HAP as a labour activation measure which allows individuals to take up full time employment without losing Housing support.</li> </ul>	Supplementary Welfare Allowance - Rent Supplement Scheme.	Ongoing referral of Rent Supplement recipients to Meath County Council for referral to HAP		Ongoing process
<b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q1</b>						
1.4.4 – Tenant Purchase Scheme	MCC – Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilise the new Tenant Purchase Scheme to increase home ownership.</li> </ul>	Housing	A total of 33 units acquired via Tenant Purchase Scheme since the Scheme was reintroduced in 2016	Ability of applicants to raise the required finance to acquire properties	Yes
1.4.5 – Social Housing Provision (maximise provision)	MCC – Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximise the provision of Social Housing Units through collaboration with the Approved Housing Bodies.</li> </ul>	Housing	Currently 205 AHB units with Departmental approval, representing pipeline delivery for the AHB sector in the County	N/A	Yes
1.4.6 – A housing NGO (To build greater priority for housing issues and more effective responses through advocacy for homeless people)	MCC – Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a County level non-governmental organisation to bring forward the full range of housing issues for the different groups in the County, to devise and model, as appropriate, innovation in response to these issues, to seek responses to these issues from the appropriate authorities, and to promote and support housing and tenant rights.</li> </ul>	Housing	Further clarity needed regarding this action and who should lead on same.		No

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

1.5.1 Extend Good Practice-Expand community safety programmes	MCC – Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extend the ‘Crime Ambassador’ programme that supports older people to develop crime prevention strategies and extend ‘The Way We Were’ programme that focuses on local older people and young people working jointly on projects throughout the County.</li> <li>Underpin and strengthen the work of the Joint Policing Committees and the development and implementation of the Joint Policing Committee strategy for County Meath.</li> </ul>	LECP/Co Development Plan/Local Area Plans/ Age Friendly strategy/JPC strategy	New JPC committee to commence work plan for 2020.	Attendance at JPC meetings can be an issue, with progress slow.	Ongoing and aligns with the JPC action plan.
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### 3. Resilience

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

<p>3.1.1 Renew our Community Infrastructure</p>	<p>MCC – Community</p>	<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>LECP/SICAP/LEADER/Economic strategy/Co Development Plan/Local Area Plans/ Age Friendly strategy/JPC action plan</p>	<p>900 plus groups registered with the PPN with monthly meetings held by the secretariat to progress their PPN action plan for the year. PPN preparing a well being statement for the county with facilitated workshops in each MD area. Final workshops will take place in 2020. Issues raised will be collated into one statement.</p>	<p>Trying to maintain commitment by volunteers within groups of the PPN. Difficult to recruit new volunteers onto groups.</p>	<p>Ongoing work with the PPN groups, secretariat with the assistance of the PPN support workers.</p>
<p>3.1.1 – Renew Our Community Infrastructure(Joint Lead with MCC/LCDC)</p> <p><b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q1</b></p>	<p>Meath Partnership</p>	<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>Building Stronger Communities is a SICAP initiative that aims to develop the capacity, skills and core competencies of existing and new local community groups in Co. Meath. Training and capacity building support will be in the thematic clusters of community development, community engagement, advocacy, governance &amp; Charity Regulatory Authority compliance, action-planning, sustainability, and measuring social impact.</p>	<p>One-to-one mentoring support is being provided to 45 community groups this quarter.</p> <p>LEADER Grant Aid has been allocated to support the upgrade of community facilities in County Meath this quarter – totalling €601,287.61</p> <p>155 individuals representing 36 local community groups have been supported to address the social inclusion needs of the communities they serve or represent.</p>	<p>None at present</p>	<p>Yes</p>

3.1.1 – Renew Our Community Infrastructure (Joint Lead with MCC/LCDC)	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support and resource the emergence of new community sector organisations where these are required and the strengthening of existing community sector organisations where this is necessary.</li> <li>Support the establishment of a specific organisation to bring forward the interests of women and a specific organisation to bring forward the interests of people with disabilities.</li> <li>Support and resource the development and implementation of community plans, area based and group based, through this community sector.</li> <li>Support and resource a range of development and training opportunities for community sector organisations in areas such as community leadership, community development, and analysis of social issues.</li> <li>Develop and resource a networking of community sector organisations to promote the sharing of resources, the development of joint policies and projects, new levels and forms of coordination, and the stimulation of new thinking and innovation.</li> <li>Obtain the necessary resources and employ a team of two community workers that would be directed by an independent steering committee to drive these activities and other activities required.</li> <li>DSP will continually review Community Employment (CE) Programmes to ensure that outcomes delivered are effective and ensure that CE is flexible in terms of delivering optimum outcomes at a local level.</li> </ul>	Capacity build clubs, schools, communities & NGB's to deliver and sustain a broad range of sport and physical activity programmes	Safeguarding Children's Sport Sports First Aid Local sports conference and related workshops.  x6 Safeguarding 1 workshops delivered to 89 participants.  x1 Safeguarding 2 workshops delivered to 15 participants.  x3 Sports Injuries First Aid workshops delivered to 32 participants.	None	Yes
3.1.2 Accommodate Our Community Infrastructure  <b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q1</b>	Meath Partnership/ LCDC/LAG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Map the needs for community based facilities.</li> <li>Develop and implement a programme to develop community based facilities found to be required including through new builds, adaptation of current facilities, making facilities that are idle at particular times available or refurbishing old buildings, or creating hubs to provide space for community organisation activity.</li> <li>Make community based facilities available in a manner that is affordable and accessible, allows for pooling of resources between community sector organisations, and addresses the diversity of needs and usages.</li> </ul>	Under the LEADER Programme, we are investing in the renewal of community assets and facilities.	LEADER Grant Aid has been allocated to support the upgrade of community facilities in County Meath this quarter – totalling €601,287.61	None at present.	Yes.
3.1.2 Accommodate Our Community Infrastructure	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  Ongoing work - number of facility contact list updated per quarter	None	Ongoing
3.1.3 Information on our community infrastructure	MCC – Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An online resource for community sector organisations and other stakeholders that provides up-to- date information on community sector organisations working in different areas and communities; contact points for these organisations; information on different issues and activities that these organisations are engaged in; information on supports available and becoming available for these organisations; and information on issues of concern for these organisations.</li> </ul>	LECP/SICAP/LEADER/Economic strategy/Social Housing plan/Co Development Plan/Local Area Plans/ Age Friendly strategy/JPC workplan	This is a continuous action in the new SICAP programme to work with the various youth groups.	To ensure that all youth groups work together and know what services are available.	Ongoing under SICAP 2020 plan.
3.1.3 Information on our community infrastructure	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An online resource for community sector organisations and other stakeholders that provides up-to- date information on community sector organisations working in different areas and communities; contact points for these organisations; information on different issues and activities that these organisations are engaged in; information on supports available and becoming available for these organisations; and information on issues of concern for these organisations.</li> </ul>	Develop an online facility management resource pack inclusive of best practice guidelines for sports facility development and programming	Online resource pack		Q3

**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>	<p>Preparation of draft Climate Action Strategy</p> <p>MCC Environment Section have teamed up with Batterstown SEC and are lead partner helping them to prepare an energy masterplan.</p>	<p>Meath County Council Climate Action Strategy was adopted at the on Council meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019</p> <p>Consultants preparing energy action plan and expected to be completed by the end of 2019</p>	<p>Measures at National level to be initiated.</p> <p>No barriers</p>	<p>Strategy adopted</p> <p>Yes</p>
3.2.2- House Retrofits	MCC – Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish, support and resource a social economy enterprise to retrofit houses to raise the</li> <li>BER rating and to improve the heating systems in the homes of people living in poverty.</li> </ul>	Housing	Phase 1 Energy Upgrade works now complete on housing stock of Meath County Council	N/A	Yes
3.2.3 – Community Transport(Joint Lead with NTA)	Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support Meath Flexibus to plan for and implement an expansion of its activities.</li> <li>Promote car-pooling and expand with access to bus lanes and with places made available to meet and leave cars.</li> <li>Improve and expand bicycle lanes, in particular on school routes.</li> </ul>	<p>NTA Schemes</p> <p>Milltown Road, Ashbourne; Cantilever Bridge, Navan; Navan GDA Cycle Network &amp; Ratoath Cycleway ; Brindley Park, Ashbourne</p> <p>Greenway Strategy Projects</p> <p>RRDF funded schemes</p>	<p>€5.9M allocation for Sustainable Transport Grant Measures in 2020 provided by NTA.</p> <p>Milltown Road – Construction commenced.</p> <p>Navan Cycle Network – Tenders being assessed for Consultants to carry out detailed design and tender documents for Athlumney to Trim Road.</p> <p>N52 Kells Footpath and Cycleway (Oldcastle Road – Moynalty Road) – construction commenced,</p> <p>Consultants appointed to undertake feasibility study, identified preferred route and obtain statutory approval for Boyne Greenway between Oldbridge House and Navan.</p> <p>Boyne Greenway (Drogheda to Mornington) – Public consultation complete. Design being finalised for submission to An Bord Pleanala.</p> <p>Royal Canal Greenway – Signage, waymarking and street furniture being provided.</p>	<p>Public resistance to change. Availability of funding and resources. Competing priorities. General increase in consultant and construction rates</p>	<p>Works will be ongoing - some schemes will take a couple of years to complete from design to construction stage</p>
3.2.4 – Public Transport(Joint Lead with NTA)	Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a forum for transport users and representative groups will be established to identify and work on issues of accessibility and availability of public transport.</li> </ul>	Navan 2030 - Bus Interchange - Kennedy Road & Transport Hub Baltrasna - footpath & bus	Construction of 8 new Bus shelters across county completed.	Funding Availability of staffing resources	Design and preparatory works will be

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highlight the issues identified in relation to public transport, including issues of accessibility, availability and affordability.</li> <li>Negotiate with the National Transport Authority, Bus Éireann and other relevant companies to address the issues.</li> <li>Highlight issues in relation to public transport infrastructure and accessibility through the community representative on the Transportation SPC.</li> <li>Transportation SPC linkage group to participate in public consultation processes in relation to public transportation strategies.</li> </ul>	<p>stops Laytown Park &amp; Ride facility Proposal for Taxi Rank in Kells Proposal for Taxi Rank at Aldi in Navan</p>	<p>Navan 2030 – Phase 1 – Works substantially complete and Railway Street opened to two-way traffic 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Tenders have been received and assessed for the construction works in Phase 2 affecting Bridge Street, Abbey Road and Circular Road.</p> <p>NTA provided Allocations for 2020 for the following PT improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pedestrian and Bus stop improvements at Harlockstown</li> <li>Bus Stop Reconstruction – Parochial House Kells</li> <li>Navan Bus Service Infrastructure (linked to improved Navan Town Service)</li> <li>Asset renewal of Laytown Park and Ride</li> <li>Cycle parking</li> </ul> <p>Design of 8 wheelchair accessible bus stops in County (3 stops in Navan, 3 stops in Trim, 2 stops in Kells )</p>	<p>General increase in consultant and construction rates Disruption to normal traffic impacts on business Taking submissions from the public can result to amendments being required on the provision of some measures</p>	<p>ongoing - some schemes will take a couple of years to complete from design to construction stage - Stakeholder engagement on Navan 2030 has commenced with a couple of meetings held</p>
<p>3.2.5 – Community Production</p> <p><b>No further update since Q3 2019</b></p>	Meath Environmental Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide support for the further development and tending of community gardens to produce food for a healthy diet, to engage people experiencing social inclusion in ‘growing their own’, to enable healthy eating in disadvantaged communities, and to make productive use of derelict sites and green spaces in these communities.</li> <li>Support microenterprises in food production and processing.</li> </ul>	<p>This action being addressed by the Solas Glan Community Garden, Ardbraccan, Navan.</p> <p>Not involved in the support of food production enterprises, therefore no progress in this action.</p>	<p>Facebook link to activities <a href="https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=17268&amp;d=2bml3VVwPgDilL_nUgN8BjeREf8C7FVMZNTQt5_9Mg&amp;s=613&amp;u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2efacebook%2ecom%2fSolas-Glan-835226343234339%2f">https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=17268&amp;d=2bml3VVwPgDilL_nUgN8BjeREf8C7FVMZNTQt5_9Mg&amp;s=613&amp;u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2efacebook%2ecom%2fSolas-Glan-835226343234339%2f</a></p>	None at present	Ongoing
3.2.5 – Community Production(Joint Lead with Meath Environmental Network)	HSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide support for the further development and tending of community gardens to produce food for a healthy diet, to engage people experiencing social inclusion in ‘growing their own’, to enable healthy eating in disadvantaged communities, and to make productive use of derelict sites and green spaces in these communities.</li> <li>Support microenterprises in food production and processing.</li> </ul>	Educational resources are available through the Health Promotion Department and the Irish Heart Foundation to promote simple healthy meals.	All Health Professionals are being encouraged to "Make Every Contact Count" when engaging with clients to promote healthy lifestyle choices, including nutrition.		Ongoing

3.2.6 – Community Protection of the natural Environment	MCC - Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and implement biodiversity awareness, education and management initiatives within schools, communities and the business sector.</li> <li>• Establish a Community Biodiversity Scheme to support the development and implementation of community biodiversity action plans across the County.</li> <li>• Stimulate and support the development of more communal nature reserves under this scheme that underpin collective action to protect and enhance biodiversity and provide a focus for educational events.</li> <li>• Provide linkages between key green infrastructure resources through multi-functional green corridors which enhance biodiversity, extend access and recreation opportunities.</li> <li>• Undertake habitat mapping of the County.</li> </ul>	<p>Progress the implementation of Seven Community Biodiversity Plans – Slane, Ratoath, Longwood, Kells, Rathcairn, Stamullen and Juliantown. Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2020          Boyne Valley Field Club Programme 2020 – 4 events to run in 2020          Progress actions from the County Swift Survey</p>	<p>Advise local groups on implementing actions          Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2020 launched – closing date 11<sup>th</sup> March          Training for Local Authority Staff in partnership with National Biodiversity Data Centre (Feb 2020)          County geology booklet published          Swift Conservation Project</p>	<p>Restrictions in relation to Covid 19 impacting on community groups and Tidy Towns and Boyne Valley Field Club Spring Activities</p>	<p>Covid 19 may impact on timelines</p>
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>	<p>Schools Programme including Green Schools, Really Rubbish Film Festival - Workshops and Awards, Tree Week</p>	<p>Green Schools assessments have been carried out for 2020.           Rubbish Film Festival workshops completed with 10 schools in 2020.           Meath Co Co distributed 5,000 saplings to community groups, schools and individuals in March 2020 to mark Tree Week</p>	<p>Covid 19 restrictions have led to cancellation of Green Schools Awards Event.           Rubbish Film Festival will take place in November 2020.</p>	<p>Yes, if Covid 19 restrictions allow for same</p>
			<p>Environmental Campaign including Anti Litter League, Community Clean Up Events, Dog fouling Awareness Campaign</p>	<p>140 Groups signed up for the Anti Litter Initiative 2020. Judging began in March but was suspended in mid march due to Covid 19 restrictions.           Dog Fouling Awareness Campaign – some elements (cinema, poster) suspended due to Covid 19</p>	<p>Covid 19 Restrictions</p>	<p>Yes, if Covid 19 restrictions allow for same</p>
			<p>Community Environmental Action Fund</p>	<p>Applications for 2020 will be invited in June 2020</p>	<p>None at present</p>	<p>Yes</p>
			<p>Bulky Waste Collections</p>	<p>Calendar of events for free Drop off Days for household bulky waste began in February 2020. Events were suspended in March due to Covid 19 until further notice</p>	<p>Covid 19 Restrictions</p>	<p>Yes, if Covid 19 restrictions allow for same</p>
			<p>Anti Dumping Initiative</p>	<p>Applications for ADI projects have been submitted and will be considered by the DCCAE in due course</p>	<p>Covid 19 Restrictions may disrupt projects particularly where community action is included in event</p>	<p>Yes, if Covid 19 restrictions allow for same</p>

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)  <b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q1</b>	LMETB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a County wide youth strategy to improve the situation, experience and standing of young people and the different groups of young people in the County, including a focus on the development of facilities, support for youth services, and the creation of new opportunities for young people.</li> <li>Link with and integrate the work and plans of the LMETB in this strategy.</li> <li>Obtain the necessary support and employ a team of two community youth workers that would be directed by an independent steering committee to drive the strategy.</li> <li>DSP will engage with other organisations including ETB to support young people back into education and training and will develop programmes to support those furthest from employment into employment through supported employment initiatives.</li> </ul>	LMETB Youth Service	<p>LMETB Youth Work Plan is complete</p> <p>LMETB have received approval from DCYA for the Area Profile. This will inform continued funding for current projects and any new projects.</p> <p>DCYA will base any future funding on the Area Profile process.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Awaiting response from DCYA for new greenfield projects.</p>	<p>Going to print in the coming weeks</p> <p>Service requirements issuing to existing projects</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q1</b>	LMETB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtain the necessary support and employ a team of two community youth workers that would be directed by an independent steering committee to drive the strategy.</li> </ul>	LMETB Youth Service	LMETB €50,000 committed to a Youth (2019) employability initiative with Meath Partnership	Awaiting further funding from DCYA	Ongoing Funding secured for 2019
<b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q1</b>	LMETB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSP will engage with other organisations including ETB to support young people back into education and training and will develop programmes to support those furthest from employment into employment through supported employment initiatives.</li> </ul>	Youthreach Programmes	€50,000 committed to a Youth employability initiative in partnership with Meath Partnership	Limitations include the fact that the service is available to 15 – 20 year olds however an increasing number of under 15 year olds are presenting for admission to the programme	Continuous
3.3.1 – Young Person’s Strategy(Joint Lead with LMETB)	Youth Work Ireland Meath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a County wide youth strategy to improve the situation, experience and standing of young people and the different groups of young people in the County, including a focus on the development of facilities, support for youth services, and the creation of new opportunities for young people.</li> <li>Link with and integrate the work and plans of the LMETB in this strategy.</li> <li>Obtain the necessary support and employ a team of two community youth workers that would be directed by an independent steering committee to drive the strategy.</li> <li>DSP will engage with other organisations including ETB to support young people back into education and training and will develop programmes to support those furthest from employment into employment through supported employment initiatives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meath YouthQuake, group of young people informing Youth Work Ireland Meath Board of Directors of young people’s issues and needs</li> <li>Comhairle na nÓg</li> <li>Representation on Meath CYPSC working group (Connected &amp; respected)</li> <li>Links with LMETB Youth Officers</li> </ul>	<p>Consultations continue to take place with young people, council reps, TD’s on lack of appropriate facilities for young people and youth organisations.</p> <p><b>No further progress on above – appeal for support aired on LMFM</b></p> <p>Represented on the LMETB Youth Work Committee.</p> <p>Consultation held at our first Meath Pride event with over 60 young people from Meath &amp; Louth to gather the needs of the young LGBT community.</p>	<p>Financial resources, staffing, gathering of up to date data</p> <p><b>**Covid-19 prevents face to face consultations to follow through on actions</b></p>	<p><b>Not without realistic financial resources,</b></p> <p><b>Not without a ‘fit for purpose’ youth facility and agency cooperation</b></p>

				Links with national Involve traveller organisation to begin assessment of traveller services within Youth Work Ireland Meath. To be completed by December 2020		
			Youth Consultations e.g. Annual Youth Participation Day, online surveys	Youth Work Ireland Meath increased Youth Work staffing hours to 30hrs per week.		
			Youth Consultations eg Annual Youth Participation Day, online surveys  Youth Empowered Skills Day with local Business People	<p>Consultation held at our first Meath Pride event with over 60 young people from Meath &amp; Louth to gather the needs of the young LGBT community.</p> <p>Links with national Involve traveller organisation to begin assessment of traveller services within Youth Work Ireland Meath. To be completed by December 2020</p> <p>Link established with Mosney which culminated with the completion of a 9 month programme with young people and adults. This will re-start in November 2019.</p>		
			Youth Empowered Skills Day with local Business People	<p>38 students from Beaufort College, Loreto Navan and Navan Youth Reach participated in Youth Work Ireland Meath's 'Youth Empowered Skills day' supported by local business people and a national mineral company. Young people learned about how to sell themselves, how to design a business advert, identifying their skills and CV preparation.</p> <p>**Consultation took place in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020 with young people on the LMETB Youth Work Plan.</p>		

3.3.1 – Young Person’s Strategy	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a County wide youth strategy to improve the situation, experience and standing of young people and the different groups of young people in the County, including a focus on the development of facilities, support for youth services, and the creation of new opportunities for young people.</li> <li>• Link with and integrate the work and plans of the LMETB in this strategy.</li> <li>• Obtain the necessary support and employ a team of two community youth workers that would be directed by an independent steering committee to drive the strategy.</li> <li>• DSP will engage with other organisations including ETB to support young people back into education and training and will develop programmes to support those furthest from employment into employment through supported employment initiatives.</li> </ul>	Promote the benefits of community based sport and physical activity for communities, healthy lifestyles and quality of life in Meath	Supporting work of CYPSC & Jigsaw Meath	N/A	Yes
3.3.2 – Achieving Integration(Joint Lead with Cultúr)  <b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q1</b>	Meath Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the re-establishment and operation of the Meath Intercultural Network.</li> <li>• Provide seed funding to enable and stimulate the implementation of the Action Plan.</li> <li>• Secure and support the participation of Black and minority ethnic representatives in local decision-making structures, in particular the LCDC and the PPN.</li> </ul>	Meath Partnership continues to support the Meath Intercultural Network though the SICAP Integrate Actions and is also contributing to the development of the new county level Integration Strategy	<p>In this quarter, Meath Partnership participated in the consultation process regarding the new County Integration Strategy led by Meath County Council.</p> <p>In conjunction with Cultúr we continued to deliver a tailored labour market activation, career coaching and self-employment supports for 30 female refugees and asylum seekers through the Dormant Accounts Fund. This initiative will conclude this quarter.</p>	None at present	Yes
3.3.2 – Achieving Integration(Joint Lead with Cultúr)	Meath Local Sports Partnership / Meath Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the re-establishment and operation of the Meath Intercultural Network.</li> <li>• Provide seed funding to enable and stimulate the implementation of the Action Plan.</li> <li>• Secure and support the participation of Black and minority ethnic representatives in local decision-making structures, in particular the LCDC and the PPN.</li> </ul>	Disadvantaged communities programme - Multi Sport Activities, Futsal, Zumba, Cheer Dance, Fitsteps, Basketball, Fundamentals	<p>Basketball - 2 programmes X 6 weeks (12 sessions) 49 participants - aged 6-17yrs</p> <p>Buggy Buddies - 2 programmes X 6weeks (12 sessions) 7 participants aged 18yrs+</p> <p>Cheer Dance - 1 programme X 6 weeks (6 sessions) - 13 participants - aged 11-16yrs</p> <p>Fitsteps - 1 programmes x 6 weeks (6 sessions) - 23 participants - aged 18yrs+</p> <p>Futsal4Fun - 1 programme x 6 weeks (6 sessions) - 10 participants - aged 13-17yrs</p>	Some barriers that are being faced is getting young teenage girls to participate in sporting programmes.	Yes
3.3.2 - Achieving Integration is the relevant action	Cultúr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the re-establishment and operation of the Meath Intercultural Network.</li> <li>• Provide seed funding to enable and stimulate the implementation of the Action Plan.</li> <li>• Secure and support the participation of Black and minority ethnic representatives in local decision-making structures, in particular the LCDC and the PPN.</li> </ul>	To increase the capacity of migrants to enable them to acquire more intensive language skills to assist their integration into the workplace.	Continue to support Migrant Forum, Migrant groups and individual on an ongoing basis.	Resources to support more migrants.	Yes, its ongoing

3.3.3 – Achieving Inclusion for People with Disabilities(Joint Lead with Disability Federation of Ireland)	HSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase supports for disability services in particular to enhance access to personal assistant and home support hours to enable independent living for people with disabilities.</li> <li>• Increase supports for the reconfiguration of day services to people with disabilities to secure their full participation in their local communities.</li> <li>• Take action to progress the implementation of the Congregated Settings Working Group</li> <li>• Report and reduce the number of people with disabilities in these settings in Meath.</li> </ul>	HSE are working with Disability Federation of Ireland to promote inclusion for people with Disabilities	The HSE carry out regular reviews of existing home support hours to disability clients in the region with the view to enhancing where necessary.	Limited resources.	Ongoing
3.3.3 – Achieving Inclusion for People with Disabilities(Joint Lead with Disability Federation of Ireland)	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase supports for disability services in particular to enhance access to personal assistant and home support hours to enable independent living for people with disabilities.</li> <li>• Increase supports for the reconfiguration of day services to people with disabilities to secure their full participation in their local communities.</li> <li>• Take action to progress the implementation of the Congregated Settings Working Group</li> <li>• Report and reduce the number of people with disabilities in these settings in Meath. Increase supports for disability services in particular to enhance access to personal assistant and home support hours to enable independent living for people with disabilities.</li> <li>• Increase supports for the reconfiguration of day services to people with disabilities to secure their full participation in their local communities.</li> <li>• Take action to progress the implementation of the Congregated Settings Working Group</li> <li>• Report and reduce the number of people with disabilities in these settings in Meath.</li> </ul>	<p>Deliver a range of sport and physical opportunities targeted at groups and individual with low participation rates and high sedentary levels</p> <p>Sports Inclusion Disability Programmes (SIDP)          Laern2 Cycle; Cycle safety &amp; road skills; Pitch &amp; Putt; Learn 2 Run; Mood Walks; Tag Rugby; Special Athletics &amp; Yoga</p>	<p>Learn 2 Cycle - 6 week programme delivered in Trim to 12 participants.</p> <p>Swim Ability- 6 week programme delivered in Kells swimming pool to 8 participants.</p> <p>TY Prosper Initiative- Initiative between Loreto secondary school and Prosper Navan saw Ty Students deliver a 8 week P.A programme to Prosper service users.</p> <p>Run, Jump, Throw - 1 programme x 6 weeks (6 sessions) - 1 location - 14 participants - aged 6-13yrs.</p>	None	Yes
3.3.4 – Asylum Responses	Cultúr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish interagency action on the health, education, labour market and training needs of asylum seekers, those with leave to remain, those relocated from other countries, and programme refugees in the County.</li> <li>• Identify and respond to the particular needs of those living in direct provision, including targeted support for young people, child centred supports and recreational supports.</li> <li>• Resourcing a community work initiative with asylum seekers to support them in representing their issues.</li> </ul>	To support asylum seekers and their families living in Mosney	Ongoing support provided for asylum seekers and their family leaving in Mosney Direct Provision centre	Limited resource to support more residents	Not all actions can be achieved due to lack of resources.
3.3.4 – Asylum Responses	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish interagency action on the health, education, labour market and training needs of asylum seekers, those with leave to remain, those relocated from other countries, and programme refugees in the County.</li> <li>• Identify and respond to the particular needs of those living in direct provision, including targeted support for young people, child centred supports and recreational supports.</li> <li>• Resourcing a community work initiative with asylum seekers to support them in representing their issues.</li> </ul>				
3.3.5 – Family Carer Supports(Joint Lead with Family Carers Ireland)3.3.4 – Asylum Responses	HSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand the capacity of the Carer’s Association to provide support to family carers by providing for a full-time family carer support officer.</li> <li>• Expand the geographical spread of supports for family carers through the County.</li> <li>• Expand the supports to family carers, in particular in home respite services, health and information workshops, and the availability of a family carers’ centre.</li> </ul>	The HSE is continuously monitoring the carers supports to families and are seeking alternatives to improve systems in place.	The HSE have liaised with Family Carers Ireland to progress this work	Limited resources.	Ongoing

3.3.5 – Family Carer Supports (Joint Lead with Family Carers Ireland)	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand the capacity of the Carer’s Association to provide support to family carers by providing for a full-time family carer support officer.</li> <li>Expand the geographical spread of supports for family carers through the County.</li> <li>Expand the supports to family carers, in particular in home respite services, health and information workshops, and the availability of a family carers’ centre.</li> </ul>	Promote the benefits of community based sport and physical activity for communities, healthy lifestyles and quality of life in Meath	Active Minds (training support for carers of people presenting with early onset dementia) Q3		
3.3.6: Older people in North Meath	MCC – Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish interagency action to build on, expand and enhance current activities to respond to the social, care, cultural, transport, safety, accommodation, social service, and economic needs of older people in the north Meath area.</li> <li>Develop learning from this initiative to expand activities across the County.</li> </ul>	LECP/SICAP/LEADER/Economic strategy/Social Housing plan/Co Development Plan/Local Area Plans/ Age Friendly strategy/JPC workplan	These actions identified in the Age Friendly Strategy. We will continue to include this group in new strategies, projects and consultations.	Progress can be slow.	ongoing
3.3.6: Older people in North Meath	Meath Local Sports Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish interagency action to build on, expand and enhance current activities to respond to the social, care, cultural, transport, safety, accommodation, social service, and economic needs of older people in the north Meath area.</li> <li>Develop learning from this initiative to expand activities across the County.</li> </ul>	Deliver a range of sport and physical opportunities targeted at groups and individual with low participation rates and high sedentary levels	<p>Mature Movers Games for Life Active Minds</p> <p>Seated exercise programmes in Kells, Cormeen and Moynalty with 65 older people. 4 groups in North Meath participating in Active Retirement Bowls League with 32 older people.</p>	None	Yes
3.3.7 – Lone Parents in North Meath  <b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q1</b>	Meath Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish interagency action to build on, expand and enhance current activities to respond to the specific needs of lone parents in Navan and in Kells.</li> <li>Develop learning from this initiative to expand activities across the County.</li> </ul>	SICAP programme supports continue to be directed towards this specific target group.	One-to-one support was provided to 53 lone parents this year through SICAP.	None at present	Yes

**4. Flourishing**

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

<p>4.1.1 – Routes to Higher &amp; Further Education</p> <p><b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q1</b></p>	<p>LMETB</p>	<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>	<p>BTEI, VTOS, PLC, Adult Guidance Service</p>	<p>The Guidance service provide information and workshops on SUSI to current learners and college applicants. The guidance service also provides a free week long course called SAIL (Supporting Adults into Learning) a Free Preparation for College Workshop for adult learners who are progressing to Further Education or Third Level studies.</p> <p>Learners attend College Open Days. Colleges have direct links with PLC and VTOS in recruitment. Programmes are devised in relation to progression to HET. LMETB representative on the Fe2HE national forum.</p> <p>FET information days have been held in Drogheda, Dundalk and Navan to give the public information about further education and training opportunities in the counties.</p>	<p>Transport (lack of and cost) and Childcare (limited places and cost) are still barriers</p>	<p>Continuous - Evolving and developing to meet required needs</p>
<p>4.1.2 – Forum for Education and Training</p> <p><b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q1</b></p>	<p>LMETB</p>	<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>	<p>BTEI and Community Education Service</p> <p>LMETB (all programmes)</p>	<p>LMETB uses data provided by the census and the Skills and Labour Market Research Unit to link education and training with labour market opportunities and focus initiatives on the long-term unemployed and people from disadvantaged communities.</p> <p>An LMETB mobile training unit has been in existence in Meath for a number of years.</p> <p>As part of the FET Strategy LMETB has developed a 3 year plan for the county and presents a yearly Service plan to SOLAS.</p>	<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</p>	<p>Continuous</p>
<p>4.1.3 – Support the extension of the Yellow Flag initiative throughout the County (Joint Lead with Meath Partnership)</p> <p><b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q1</b></p>	<p>LMETB</p>	<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>	<p>All schools are aware of application forms for The Yellow Flag Initiative.</p>	<p>Youthreach centres engage with Show Racism the Red Card competition every year which highlights the needs of minority ethnic groups.</p>		<p>Continuous</p>

<p>4.1.3 – Support the extension of the Yellow Flag initiative throughout the County(Joint Lead with LMETB)</p> <p><b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q1</b></p>	<p>Meath Partnership</p>	<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>	<p>No programme funding available in 2018 and not associated with any activities within Meath Partnership.</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>No programme funding available in 2019 through Meath Partnership.</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>4.1.4 – Support the Extension of Community Education and Training for Women</p> <p><b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q1</b></p>	<p>LMETB</p>	<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>	<p>BTEI, Adult Literacy Service, Adult Education Guidance Service, PLC and Community Education Service</p>	<p>Tuition is provided to a large number of community groups in a wide geographical area of Co. Meath; the majority of applicants for this tuition are women's groups.</p> <p>Youthreach Progression Navan provides a Childcare Course and other education options for young women and in particular traveller girls who are unable to travel for education further afield. BTEI provides part time options and VTOS provides full time options as well as options available from PLC courses.</p> <p>New courses are planned to run in local communities to target women returning to the labour market for 2019.</p> <p>There is a new national initiative called <i>Skills to Advance</i> being rolled out for employees interested in upskilling which will also be of benefit to women.</p>	<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.</p>	<p>Continuous</p>
<p>4.1.5 – Language Support (Joint Lead with Meath Partnership and DSP)</p> <p><b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q1</b></p>	<p>LMETB</p>	<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>	<p>BTEI, Adult Literacy Service, Adult Education Guidance Service and Community Education Service</p>	<p>LMETB collaborates with Cultur, Meath Partnership, INTREO and DEASP to provide services for migrants. LMETB is currently providing services to refugees and asylum seekers in Mosney and new refugee families resettled in Ashbourne and Navan.</p>	<p>Transport, Childcare; Difficulty recruiting ESOL Tutors as the demand is high</p>	<p>Continuous</p>
<p>4.1.5 - Language Support</p> <p><b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q1</b></p>	<p>DSP</p>	<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>	<p>Regular referral of clients in need of language support to LMETB and to the Jump Programme run by Cultur.</p>	<p>Quarterly meeting with LMETB to discuss training provision and access to language training.</p>		<p>Ongoing process</p>

<p>4.1.5 – Language Support (Joint Lead with LMETB and DSP)</p> <p><b>NO UPDATE PROVIDED FOR Q1</b></p>	<p>Meath Partnership</p>	<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>	<p>Not directly applicable to any programme operated by Meath Partnership</p>	<p>This is an ongoing action identified in the Meath Intercultural Action Plan (see 3.3.2)</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Please see more detailed response provided by LMETB as the primary provider of ESOL classes in Meath</p>
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**SCO 4.2 To Further Develop Community Cultural Action**

<p>4.2.1 – Community Based Cultural Action</p>	<p>MCC – ARTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and implement a programme to bring artists and communities together to devise and engage in activities that build a pride in identity, Irish language, culture and place, with a particular and sustained focus on communities experiencing inequality and disadvantage.</li> <li>Actions to educate about the arts and culture, to enable access to and appreciation of arts and culture, and to support the production of arts and culture within these communities would be an integral part of this programme.</li> <li>Ensure the support of professional artists for this.</li> </ul>	<p>Work with Culture Team in development and implementation of Creative Ireland programme and Five Year Cultural strategy. Devise, programme and manage Bealtine Festival; Cruinniu na nOg 2020 ;Toradh Gallery outreach &amp; Toradh on Tour programme; Primary Schools workshop programme; Encountering Arts Ireland Artists in School Scheme support and training in partnership with Navan Education Centre; support of Julianstown Youth Orchestra ; Act Out Youth Theatre - support of development new Youth Theatre for Meath .Work with Kells TypeTrail, Hinterland and Guth Gafa Festivals in elements of programme development and delivery. Manage MCC Arts Grants, Bursaries &amp; Awards Schemes.</p>	<p>Creative Ireland/Creative Meath Five Year Cultural Strategy being implemented.</p> <p>County Arts Development Plan strategic actions and goals being implemented.</p> <p>New branch of Meath Youth Theatre – Act Out Youth Theatre – established in Dunshaughlin Jan 2020.</p> <p>Meath Artists Meet Up (artists clinic and network) established as per County Arts Plan. First event took place Feb 27<sup>th</sup> with over 30 professional artists attending.</p> <p>Meath Arts Grants, Awards &amp; Bursaries Scheme Advertised.</p> <p>Toradh Gallery Ashbourne &amp; Toradh2 Gallery, Kells exhibition programme on-going including artists talks and workshop programme for schools &amp; general audiences.</p> <p>Mary Lavin Season events In The Middle of the Fields took place to capacity audiences in Courthouse Kells and Dublin.</p> <p>Implementation of the Music Generation Meath programme continues with LMETB as lead partners. Music Development Officer appointed.</p>	<p>Events from mid-March onwards cancelled due to Covid19. These included schools visual arts workshops (primary &amp; secondary school) Music and song-writing workshops (Transition year students) and Ashbourne Music Appreciation Club Arts Office Concerts. Meath Artists Meath Up events for March also cancelled.</p>	<p>New supports for artists being introducing as a response to Covid 19. One such example is the on line commission and performance programme being developed.</p> <p>Working with our creative partners – local and national to devise means of delivering cultural, creative and educational programmes and supports during Covid 19.</p> <p>Support for artists, arts organisations and the arts community essential during this time to ensure sustainability and existence post Covid19.</p>
<p>4.2.2 Craft Collectives</p>	<p>MCC – Arts</p>	<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>	<p>Development of Kells Creative Hub proposal at the Courthouse Kells focusing on the provision of</p>	<p>Stage 2 RDF Kells Creative Placemaking Project application successful with funding secured to</p>	<p>Time available to develop proposal due to other</p>	<p>Consultant appointed to complete three</p>

			workspace for artists, and the creative industries. Assist with realisation of Kells Printworks Studios at the Sawmills Kells.	complete works to the Courthouse Cultural Hub and development of Kells Printworks Project. Working with Facilities Dept. and Heritage and Conservation Officers re tendering process. Business and Operational Plans for 3x creative enterprises as part of Kells Creative Placemaking project commissioned.	programme commitments.	Business & Operational Plans Kells Creative Placemaking Project.
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. Meath Artists Meet Up – artists clinic and network programme introduced Feb 2020. Programme now being remodelled in response to Covid 19.</p> <p>FEACH programme element - 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 has had to be suspended due to Covid 19. On line training programme being devised with partners.</p> <p>Working with the Arts Council and Creative Ireland re the Creative Schools Project delivery in Meath – currently being readapted in response to Covid19.</p>	Assistant Arts Officer currently on maternity leave- no replacement appointed.	On going

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

<p>4.3.1 - Boyne Valley - To conserve and make available a key part of Meath's heritage in line with the Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019 and the Boyne Valley Destination Development Strategy, the "Boyne Valley Destination Development Strategy" and the Boyne Valley Tourism Strategy 2016-2020.</p>	<p>MCC - Meath Tourism</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop the potential of the Boyne Valley as a visitor destination for the purpose of maximising the length of stay, level of enjoyment and economic return from national and international visitors, including through market research, programme development and partnership building to promote Boyne Valley locally and abroad.</li> <li>• Renovate the Boyne Valley navigation along with ancillary heritage and culture initiatives.</li> <li>• Facilitate the restoration of the Boyne Valley navigation and the development of the Boyne Valley</li> <li>• Greenway along with ancillary heritage and culture initiatives</li> <li>• Develop the infrastructure for educational and pilgrimage tourism, walking routes, and access to local heritage activity tourism, festivals, food and crafts and improve access to local heritage.</li> <li>• Devise and deliver educational programmes on the heritage of the Boyne Valley to "Boyne Valley Champions" Tourism members with those graduating becoming 'Boyne Valley Ambassadors'.</li> <li>• Support and co-ordinate festivals and events to maximise their economic potential.</li> </ul>	<p>The Tourism industry has been devastated due to Covid-19 restrictions since mid March at a time when the tourism season was due to commence. Cashflow is at its weakest at this time annually and businesses have had to let staff go. We are currently working to support businesses through this very difficult time. Most of the objectives below were implemented pre Covid-19.</p> <p>Maximising economic return:</p> <p>VEDP: Working with Fáilte Ireland to create a new Visitor Experience Development Plan for the Boyne Valley.</p> <p>Evening Economy Workshop held on January 29th: As part of the Boyne Valley Tourism strategy, there is an objective to examine opportunities from the Evening Economy. It also forms part of Fáilte Ireland's forthcoming VEDP and we worked in collaboration with Fáilte Ireland on this project. Two workshops were held in Trim and Drogheda on January 29<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>The workshop demonstrated a lack of evening experiences during the 5-8pm time period and presented significant opportunity. We have worked in collaboration with Fáilte Ireland and the industry to develop new experiences.</p> <p>The new 2020 Boyne Valley Holiday Guide was designed, produced, printed and distributed to tourism businesses and tourist offices to prepare for the forthcoming season.</p> <p>Promotional Shows attended Q1: Boyne Valley Tourism was busy with promotional shows in the first quarter of 2020. A stand was taken at a number of shows at home and abroad and the tourism industry attended also: CMT Stuttgart, the</p>	<p>All actions completed</p>		<p>yes</p>
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			<p><b>Education programmes to Boyne Valley members or Champions:</b></p> <p><b>Digital Educational and Networking Session was held on 11<sup>th</sup> February</b> – 50 tourism businesses attended the networking event which was held on 11<sup>th</sup> February at the Monasterboice Inn. Key note speaker, Joe Wilde, Mac Digital spoke to the industry on how to maximise their digital presence. A formal speed networking session took place. Many new ideas and collaborations were created at the event.</p>	All actions completed		yes
			<p><b>Support and co-ordinate festivals and events to maximise their economic Potential:</b></p> <p>Meath County Council Community section advertised the Festivals and Events Grant Scheme with a deadline of March 13<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Meath County Council is working with partners Failte Ireland and Louth County Council to host the <b>Puca Halloween Festival</b> from Oct 30<sup>th</sup> to Nov 1. The Covid-19 situation is being monitored at present and at this point in time, the festival is due to proceed.</p>	All actions completed		yes

			<b>Develop infrastructure for local product:</b> MCC transport and tourism sections were successful in an application for funding to the Dept. of transport, tourism and sport in 2019. The Tourism and Transport sections have been working on ordering ancillary infrastructure and developing new storyboards for the Royal Canal Greenway during Q1.	All actions completed		yes
4.3.2 – Historic Town Centre & Village Centre Scheme	MCC – Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish an Historic Town Centre and Village Centre Scheme to support the development and implementation of heritage led regeneration plans.</li> </ul>	Kells Creative Place Making Project – awarded funding from RRDF Support delivery of Kells Print works project – (Town and Village Renewal)	Business Plans for three cultural spaces in Kells complete in partnership with the Arts Office Partnership with the Irish Architecture Foundation to scope the Kells Reimagine Project – (Kells selected as a pilot) Kells Printworks – Paper conservator appointed to complete conservation of printing press archive Worked with Facilities to prepare tender documentation for Kells Creative Placemaking project	None to date	Yes
4.3.3 – Awareness and Access	MCC – Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement a programme of cultural heritage initiatives to allow schools, communities and the private sector to creatively engage with and develop a sense of ownership of their local heritage.</li> <li>Improve access and interpretation of heritage sights and include beach/coastal areas in activities.</li> <li>Develop and support projects to engage local communities in caring for and presenting local heritage to their own community and to visitors.</li> <li>Promote and communicate the heritage of the County through publications, audio-guides, web and social media platforms.</li> <li>Link the Boyne Valley with Ireland’s Ancient East as the ‘master-region’ in order to maximise on the opportunities that Ireland’s Ancient East will bring the Boyne Valley in raising awareness of the abundance and quality of world class heritage available.</li> </ul>	Meath Heritage Awareness Programme 2020,, Geology Exhibition, Knowth Publication, Heritage Week 2020, Industrial Heritage Survey (Phase 2) – Field Survey Turas Columbanus Update heritage section on meath.ie Input as part of Culture Team to prepare Culture and Creativity Strategy for County Meath	Secured funding from Heritage Council for County Heritage Plan Project 2020 February Heritage content for meath.ie website complete Continue Passage tombs project – as part of European Year of Cultural Heritage Implement 2020 work programme from <i>Culture and Creativity Strategy for County Meath 2018-2022</i>	Restrictions as a result of COVID 19 impacting on public events and gatherings	Covid 19 may impact on timelines
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			
<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.	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> </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 Primary school sport  Youth Leadership Award - 4 Youth Leader Courses delivered	The recent outbreak of Covid 19 has caused us to suspend the majority of our programmes, making it difficult to continue and complete. We are endeavouring to combat some of	We plan to continue with the planned programmes when the Covid restrictions are lifted but our end of

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide capacity building programmes for clubs and community groups to empower them to engage with, develop and deliver community wide local sports, recreation and physical activity programmes.</li> <li>• Work with school representatives to support the sharing of school based sports facilities, and the development and delivery of extra-curricular sports, recreation and physical activity.</li> </ul>		<p>to Schools and Youthreach Education Centres.</p> <p>Daily Mile - 1 new schools recruited to the Daily Mile Challenge Programme.</p> <p>iRunForFun - 1 Club supported to deliver an iRunForFun teenage programme</p> <p>Walk to Jog Programme - collaborated with 3 athletic clubs to deliver a 12 week Walk to Jog Programme.</p> <p>Club Development - supported the development of a new athletics club in Kells - Kells AC.</p>	<p>these challenges by switching our programmes to an online virtual format and will continue to engage our participants with daily physical activity needs.</p>	<p>year targets may have to be reviewed or altered to take in the programme adaptations put in place during the restricted time.</p>
			<p>Deliver a range of sport and physical opportunities targeted at groups and individual with low participation rates and high sedentary levels</p>	<p>Blazing Saddles – Q3</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>4.4.2 - Public space - To expand local public space opportunities for recreation.</p>	<p>Meath Local Sports Partnership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further develop Slí na Sláinte routes in all areas of the County.</li> <li>• Map areas suitable for outdoor gym equipment and install where possible.</li> <li>• Take steps to ensure accessibility for people with disabilities to public recreation facilities.</li> </ul>	<p>Support local agencies in the sustainable development of natural and built infrastructure for use by the wider community in county Meath</p> <p>Support public and private facility initiatives that promote increased participation and multi-use, particularly those that target low participation groups</p>	<p>Development work in Blackwater Park</p> <p>Navan Cyclo Cross hosted 2 events in Q1 on cycle track;</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>4.4.3. - To Enhance the Standing of Irish in and outside the Gaeltacht Areas - To support tourism in the Gaeltacht areas in a manner that protects the Irish language.</p> <p><b>No update provided for Q1</b></p>	<p>Udaras</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide support for community organisations in the Gaeltacht areas to develop specialised tourist packages that will promote the heritage in the areas in a way that protects the Irish language.</li> </ul>	<p>Language plan for the Meath Gaeltacht Eigse Dharach uí Chathain</p>	<p>A draft of the language plan for the Meath Gaeltacht, has been written. Once Údarás are satisfied, with the plan, it will be forwarded to the Dept for Ministerial approval.</p> <p>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>

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

<p>4.5.1 – Broadband Coverage – To improve broadband coverage in the County</p>	<p>MCC / Department of Communications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct an audit of gaps in broadband coverage.</li>   <li>• Convene a forum for providers to present the gaps.</li> <li>• Develop a plan of action to address the gaps.</li> </ul>	<p>NBP</p>	<p>The 3 mobile Telecoms providers have continued to improve on their networks. In 2019, 3 new sites were developed with an additional 42 sites upgraded. Imagine’s “5G” like services are providing higher speeds in rural areas. Imagine is live on 7 new sites in 2019 bringing the total to 16 sites with 5 more planned for 2020.</p> <p><u>Meath’s Digital Strategy- A Connected County</u> was adopted by the Council in October 2019. Implementation Committee meeting in Jan 2020.</p> <p>Open eir have completed their rural fibre rollout connecting 15,619 homes to high speed broadband since March 2017. SIRO passed homes in Navan, Bettystown/Laytown, Trim, South Drogheda, Ashbourne, Dunshaughlin, Ratoath, and Dunboyne/Clonee</p> <p>Virgin Media have extended their network in the major towns in new estates.</p> <p>The NBP was signed in 2019 which will connect all rural homes &amp; businesses to High Speed internet. Up to 12 Broadband Connection Points will be delivered in Meath in 2020 to provide a go to broadband hotspot for isolated communities.</p> <p>Plan developed to deliver free public WIFI in primary settlements to assist tourists and residents without internet access or unlimited mobile data packages.</p> <p>Work has progressed with the WIFI4EU tender awarded and the BCP’s started but nothing is delivered due to the Covid 19 situation</p>	<p>Availability of suitable sites at an affordable cost to operators. MCC have limited suitable locations</p>	<p>ongoing</p>
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