

TIPPERARY SOUTH RIDING COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

NINTH MEETING REPORT

Meeting held: November 5, 2001
Members present: 25 (86 % attendance)
Chair: Cllr. Denis Bourke.

SUMMARY

The main body of the meeting was spent reviewing the amendments to the Draft County Strategy arising from consultations with Board members. A document *'Recommendations on responses to the Board Member Draft of the County Strategy for Economic, Social and Cultural Development'* was circulated to members at the meeting. This document listed all points arising from the consultation, with recommendation on the action for each point (and can be accessed on the website: www.southtippcdb.ie).

The Consultation Process with stakeholders was discussed. A Stakeholders' Review Draft of the County strategy is to be circulated by mid-November. The consultation period will take place from November 14, 2001 to January 17, 2002. There will be focus group discussions with stakeholders under each of the four Innovation Programmes.

Decisions:

1. The Board formally adopted the County Crafts Strategy as the Crafts Strategy of the County Development Board.
2. In relation to the provisions under the Local Government Act (2001), the name of the Board will change to 'South Tipperary County Development Board' from January 2002. Amendments were also made to the Operating Procedures with the title of the Executive Officer changing to Director of Services (from director of Community and Enterprise).
3. The Board adopted the (amended) draft of the County Strategy as a Consultative Draft for the November 14, 2001 – January 17, 2002 period.
4. The Board agreed the consultation process with stakeholders for the November 2001– January 2002 period.
5. Innovation Programme Chairs were agreed and appointed.
 - Ned Gleeson: Economic Development Innovation Programme
 - Seamus Moore: Social Development Innovation Programme
 - Cllr Barry O'Brien: Cultural Development Innovation Programme
 - Cllr Brendan Griffin: Local Agenda 21 Innovation Development Programme

1. Report of the Director of Community and Enterprise

A printed copy of the report was circulated with the agenda. The executive summary of the County Crafts Strategy had also been circulated with the agenda. A copy of the full document is available on request.

Decision: The Board formally adopted the County Crafts Strategy as the Crafts Strategy of the County Development Board. Proposed by: Pat Norris. Seconded by: Tim Shanahan.

The following changes were adopted arising from the Local Government Act 2001.

1) Decision Title of the current Director of Services. The Board agreed that the title Director of Services would replace Director of Community and Enterprise in the Operating Procedures of the Board.

2) Decision Item: Name change. The Board agreed to change its name from Tipperary South Riding County Development Board to South Tipperary County Development Board.

2. Review/Amendments to the Draft County Strategy and Consultation Process with stakeholders

The Board Member Consultative Draft of the County Strategy had been circulated before the meeting and every Board member was consulted with and their comments recorded. A document recording and responding to the Board consultation was circulated at the meeting – *‘Recommendations on responses to the Board Member Draft of the County Strategy for Economic, Social and Cultural Development’*

The Director of Services acknowledged the appreciation of the Executive for the huge response from Board members, especially the theme leaders, to early drafts of the County Strategy.

Discussion points from the *‘Recommendation on Responses to the Board Member Draft of the County Strategy for Economic, Social and Cultural Development’* document included:

Economic Development Innovation Programme: points (1.4), (1.5), (2.8), (2.14), (2.28), (2.32), (2.36)

Social Development Innovation Programme: points (3.5), (3.8)

Cultural Development Innovation Programme: points (4.2)

Local Agenda 21 Innovation Programme: points (5.4), (5.16), (5.20)

Stakeholder Consultation: points (6.1), (6.2), (6.4), (6.5)

Presentation and publication issues: points (7.1), (7.2), (7.5), (7.7)

Appendices: points (9.2), (9.4), (9.5), (9.9)

Ongoing Management of the CDB: (10.1), (10.3), (10.5), (10.6), (10.7), (10.8), (10.9)

In particular the board agreed to look at policy on the local development component at a future meeting, as there is a need for a strategy on Area Based Companies to fill existing gaps.

Decision Item: The Board adopted the (amended) draft of the County Strategy as a Consultative Draft for the period November 14, 2001 – January 17, 2002 period.

It was agreed to circulate the Stakeholders' Review Draft of the County Strategy within two weeks. Board members agreed to work with the Executive in relation to formal consultations. The recommendations of Cllr Pat Downey, Tim Shanahan and Maureen McNamara in relation to the process of consulting with the Urban authorities, the community pillar and the Business pillar were agreed.

In the discussion around the consultation, a point raised was that experience has shown that people do not really look at a document until it is finalised, and it is then that they will look critically at their own sectoral areas of the document. The consultation to be undertaken now is with stakeholders and those who will be impacted by the strategy, rather than a consultation with the general public. However, different agencies may identify other consultations, and staff will be guided by the Board.

Decision Item: The Board agreed the consultation process with stakeholders for the November 2001– January 2002 period.

Decision Item: Agreement was reached on Innovation Programme chairs:

Ned Gleeson:	Economic Development Innovation Programme
Seamus Moore:	Social Development Innovation Programme
Cllr Barry O'Brien:	Cultural Development Innovation Programme
Cllr Brendan Griffin:	Local Agenda 21 Innovation Development Programme

3. Clár Programme.

The Director of Services outlined the Clár programme that was announced by Minister Ó Cúiv and requested Board members to forward any plans they may have for the DEDs of Glengar, Curraheen and Clogher. The Minister plans to hold a public meeting in Upperchurch on December 14, 2001.