

## Appendix 2.11

Social Inclusion Measures Group (established September, 2002, members, meeting report).

# TIPPERARY SOUTH RIDING COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

## MEETING REPORT (Social Inclusion Measures Working Group)

**Meeting held: 11.00am., 23-10-2000**

Chair: John Quinn, Director of Community and Enterprise

In attendance:

- ✓ Mick Cummins, Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs
- ✓ Terry Cunningham, TEAGASC
- ✓ John Devane, Tipperary Leader Group
- ✓ P J Dooley, Clonmel Community Partnership
- ✓ Ruairi O'Caislean, South Eastern Health Board
- ✓ Breda O'Connor, Community and Enterprise Section
- ✓ Marie O'Gorman, Tipperary (South Riding) County Council
- ✓ Bridget O'Keeffe, Voluntary and Community Pillar
- ✓ Dean Panter, CERT
- ✓ John Quinn, Director of Community and Enterprise
- ✓ Declan Rice, Barrow Nore Suir Rural Development Ltd
- ✓ John Slattery, Tipperary (South Riding) County Vocational Education Committee

Apologies:

Oliver Clancy, FAS

Mary Fitzgerald, Garda Siochana

Toss Hayes, Tipperary (South Riding) County Enterprise Board

Jimmy Taaffe, Waterford LEADER Partnership

Jack Terry, Department of Education

### Summary of recommendations

There was consensus on the need for a shared information base to include existing social inclusion programmes. Ideally this information would be presented on a website so that it could be regularly updated. The website could be linked with the websites of group member organisations. **Decision:** A protocol was agreed whereby each working group member will liaise with the Community and Enterprise Section to provide the information on existing programmes for the CDB website.

There was consensus on the need for consultation with all relevant interests before a new social inclusion programme is introduced to the county. A matrix is to be developed which will highlight the target groups of interest to each member organisation. **Decision:** A protocol was agreed whereby each working group member will proactively consult with other members indicated for the specific target group (in the matrix) prior to introducing a new social inclusion programme (for that specific target group).

### 1. Terms of Reference

The Task Force on Local Government and Local Development Systems has produced a matrix highlighting the complexity of the social inclusion agenda. The matrix includes 38 target groups, 40 social inclusion measures in the remit of nine government departments with a multiplicity of bodies at national, regional, county and community levels implementing the measures. The Task Force requested each County Development Board to endorse the co-ordination process at local level by establishing a Social Inclusion Measures Working Group.

Tipperary (South Riding) County Development Board agreed to endorse the co-ordination process at local level at its September 2000 meeting. The Director of Community and Enterprise was directed to activate the process by inviting the relevant agencies onto a Social Inclusion Measures Working Group.

The terms of reference for the Social Inclusion Measures Working Group are:

- To agree a set of protocols for local delivery of social inclusion programmes
- To conduct a local audit of social inclusion programmes in South Tipperary
- To identify arrangements for consultation prior to the launch of new programmes.

## **2. Presentations on current/planned social inclusion programmes in South Tipperary.**

Each member present gave a summary of social inclusion programmes currently operating in South Tipperary (summaries were also received from FAS, the Garda Síochána and Tipperary (South Riding) County Enterprise Board). For ease of reference, the information provided by members is given in Appendix I according to the 40 measures identified in the Task Force Report.

Additional issues flagged in the presentation included:

The county is fully covered for LEADER programme purposes but not so for a combination of specific social inclusion programmes such as the Local Development Programme, Community Development Projects, Family Resource Centres, Community Resource Centres, etc. The south west of the county (Ballyporeen, Clogheen and Ardfinnan) was specifically identified as a target area for future initiatives.

There are fewer applications for social inclusion resources from South Tipperary communities in contrast to other counties in the South East.

There is a need to clarify specific roles where different agencies (including community groups) have personnel employed with the same job title - eg. Community Development Worker. The same issue arises in relation to resource centres, which can have a distinct meaning depending on which agency is funding them.

## **3. Review of presentations and decisions**

There was consensus on the need for a shared information base to include existing social inclusion programmes (map of location/service area, budget, contact person). Ideally this information would be presented on a website so that it could be regularly updated. The website could be linked with the websites of group member organisations.

**Decision:** A protocol was agreed whereby each working group member will liaise with Breda O'Connor (Community and Enterprise Section) to provide the information on existing programmes according to the format specified by the Director of Community and Enterprise.

**Action items:**

- ❑ John Quinn to review all formal presentations and to decide on a specification for the common presentation of information
- ❑ Breda O'Connor to manipulate the specific information shared by each working group member into the format of the specification and to circulate drafts to members
- ❑ Each working group member to review the draft presentation and to correct copy
- ❑ Each working group member to seek permission for links between a Tipperary (South Riding) County Development website and their own website
- ❑ Community and Enterprise section to establish a website which would include information on the audit of social inclusion measures in South Tipperary with links as appropriate to member agency websites.
- ❑ Each working group member to provide updates to Breda O'Connor as new programmes come on stream or where there are significant changes (eg closure) on existing social inclusion programmes in the county.

There was consensus on the need for consultation with all relevant interests before a new social inclusion programme is introduced to the county. A matrix is to be developed (draft - Appendix II) which will highlight the target groups for each member organisation.

**Decision:** A protocol was agreed whereby each working group member will proactively consult with other members indicated for the specific target group in the matrix prior to introducing a new social inclusion programme (for that specific target group).

**Action items:**

- ❑ John Quinn to design the matrix and circulate a draft matrix to each group member
- ❑ Each working group member to review the draft matrix and to correct copy
- ❑ Each working group member to forward contact name, address, telephone, fax and e mail for representative (to be contacted when other members are implementing the protocol to proactively consult before the introduction of a new social inclusion programme).
- ❑ Community and Enterprise section to circulate the revised matrix and contact references to each group member (and to the referees if different).
- ❑ As the Director of Community and Enterprise will be consulted on all new programmes, John Quinn to provide quarterly reports on the implementation of the protocol to all working group members, (to the referees if different). Annual reports to be provided to the County Development Board and to the Task Force.

#### **4. Future Meetings**

It was agreed that the Social Inclusion Measures Working Group did not need to meet on a regular basis unless additional needs arose in the implementation of the two protocols (information sharing on a CDB website and early consultation on new initiatives).

