

# PROGRESS REPORT TO CDB ON EPMG ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2007

PMG CATEGORY: Economic

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CDB Strategy Ref No.	Objective/ Key Action	Sub-Actions	Key Performance Indicators	Progress to Date	Resources Allocated	Critical issues	Lead Agency
Result Area 1	Increase the Competitiveness of South Tipperary for investment and for income generation	Broadband	Funding secured and tenders process in place for the Carrick-on Suir, Tipperary Town/Limerick Junction, Cashel and Cahir broadband infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tenders issued in early January.</li> <li>• Tenders due in on 21 Feb 2007</li> <li>• Work to start in mid April.</li> <li>• Completion by end 2007.</li> <li>• Backhaul for all except Cashel through EsatBT along railway.</li> <li>• Another public tender will be held for the management of the MANS.</li>   <li>• New action will begin in February to promote MANS broadband to large agencies and</li> </ul>	€7.6m	CDB agencies are requested to participate in and support the	SERA, County Council

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			Rural Broadband penetration expanded	<p>companies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New council policy and procedure in place for the location of wireless aerials on council property</li> <li>• Two new wireless companies entering the South Tipperary Market. Ronan O'Connor and Ice broadband.</li> </ul>		<p>marketing campaign.</p> <p>Larger agencies requested to take up the MANS broadband.</p> <p>Delay in next call for rural broadband roll out.</p>	<p>County Council, SERA, Private enterprise</p>
<b>Result Area 1</b>		Business Parks	Marketing initiative to promote Ballingarrane agreed.	Marketing plan commissioned through Colin Buchanan and Partners.		Request agencies to assist the consultants through the provision of data and information if requested.	County Council

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		Implement the County <b>Childcare</b> Strategy	Annual prioritisation of projects prepared Annual report on project progress, critical issues and strategic direction made annually to the CDB.	Annual Plan 2007 and strategic plan 2008-2010 under preparation.  Childcare spatial mapping and strategy under development.		Replacement staff being recruited currently.	County Childcare Committee
<b>Result Area 1</b>		Hotels	Hotel developments proceeding in Cashel, Clonmel, Carrick on Suir	Ongoing monitoring of progress			Ned O'Connor
<b>Result Area 1</b>		Rail	Plans to upgrade Limerick Junction Rail Station being implemented	Ongoing monitoring of progress			Ned O'Connor
<b>Result Area 1</b>		Roads	Inclusion of the Tipperary Town and Carrick on Suir by-passes in the NRA programme pre 2013	Ongoing monitoring of progress			Ned O'Connor (liaison with NRA)
<b>Result Area 1</b>		Support the implement the <b>Slieve Ardagh</b> Business Plan	Annual prioritisation of projects prepared Annual report on project progress, critical issues and strategic direction made annually to the CDB.	Building has been refurbished. Library furnishings are in place. Next meeting is set for 24 January.  Annual report to the CDB at the autumn meeting.		Agencies involved asked to keep up participation.	Tommy Cooke Slieve Ardagh Officials Group (CDB)

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<p><b>Result Area 2</b></p>	<p><b>Provide a Skilled Work Force for Current &amp; Future Jobs</b></p>	<p><b>Job Linkage Programme</b></p>	<p>Agreed communication channels put in place to put this programme into action Linkage between Planning (Co. Co.) and FÁS leading to timely meetings between FÁS and developers.</p> <p>Profile of skills required and timescale drawn up for each development. Relevant upskilling courses developed to meet skills requirements</p> <p>More local people who are job ready and interview ready.</p>	<p>Communication channels being agreed and personnel contact points being identified.</p>			<p>County Council, FÁS DSFA TI</p>
<p><b>Result Area 2</b></p>		<p>Set up a <b>database of skill needs and supply</b></p>	<p>Set up database of current skill needs and supply. Workable updating mechanism</p>	<p>TOR being drawn up. Estimated 6 months work for 2 post graduate students</p>		<p>Possible funding requirements to cover any shortfall.</p>	<p>TI, FÁS</p>
<p><b>Result Area 2</b></p>		<p>Assess the demand for a Workshop for advisors and providers of training &amp; education</p>	<p>Identify agency support for workshop: if it is there then Arrange workshop – May or June 2007 Evaluate and consider the potential value of a similar workshop annually.</p>	<p>Scoping document prepared. Relevant agencies considering benefit of workshop. Decision whether to progress this year will be made in February.</p>		<p>Agency commitment to enable frontline staff to participate. Agency commitment to ‘take a table’.</p>	<p>TI, VEC, FÁS, TEAGASC, CDB</p>

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		Identify an <b>Indicator</b> that depicts the level of upskilling taking place within the county.	Indicator that uses existing data and encapsulates skills If one cannot be developed agree to continue using Live Register and Jobs Profile as indicators.	TI investigating.			TI, VEC, FÁS, TEAGASC, CDB
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<b>Result Area 3</b>	<b>Increase the economic performance of targeted sectors and to grow entrepreneurship</b>	In the development of a cohesion plan(s) for the county ensure that the economic component will have a strong emphasis on developing a strategic plan and accessing resources for rural development in Tourism and Food	A South Tipperary tourism structure in place.  A County Tourism Strategy drawn up with: Actions prioritised for resources in the new cohesion plan(s) Actions and resources identified for regional and North/South Tipperary tourism marketing actions. Continued production of top quality marketing material.  A County food strategy.	Meeting with cohesion partners on tourism on 24 January 2007 agreed to set up an interim CDB steering committee in order to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare for a consultation to draw up a county tourism strategy</li> <li>• Set up a county tourism structure.</li> <li>• Meet with members of the dissolved County Tourism Committee</li> </ul>		Cohesion not yet agreed.  No county tourism structure in place since the changes to national tourism structures.	New Cohesion Company(s)  STCC CEB TEAGASC Fáilte Ireland SE
<b>Result Area 3</b>		Produce a quality influencing document based on an analysis of the <b>equine industry</b> value/	An action plan based on recommendations arising from the analysis of the influencing document.	TI prepared study outline. Meeting on 26 January agreed 2 phases needed. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identification and location of available</li> </ol>		Inter-Agency commitment to funding needed.	TEAGASC, TI

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		linkage in the county		data. 2. Followed by agreement of priority sectors requiring primary data gathering.			
<b>Result Area 3</b>		Create an environment within the county that nurtures and celebrates entrepreneurial activity	Evaluate the South Tipperary Entrepreneurial Awards 2006  Identify an appropriate 2007 action	Awards held November 7, 2006. Evaluation meeting agreed to hold awards again in 2 years time  Meeting of 23 January considered an entrepreneur/primary school class action. Being followed up.	Over €20,000		South Tipperary Enterprise Forum
<b>Result Area 3</b>		Create and develop an entrepreneurial region. Participate in actions identified through the Regional 'Spirit of Enterprise' Forum to promote entrepreneurship and enterprise.	Metrics to measure the set targets will be agreed and established by forum members.	Michael Dee will give an update from recent meeting.			SERA, WIT