

1.4.10 (Extending the remit and the membership of the Officials Group on Tipperary Town to:) Make proposals and advise the County Development Board in response to the economic situation in Carrick on Suir (Lead stakeholder: Economic Programme Management Group)

Co-ordinating Partner

Economic Programme Management Group

Update September 2005:

CDB Officials Group (Tipperary Town and Carrick on Suir)

Tipperary Town

The Think Tank Group met on March 4 and subsequently agreed the following priority actions for 2005 after consultations with a former county manager, members of the Dublin City Management Team and officials from Shannon Development (re links with the gateway Limerick City). Two new members have joined the group – Finbar McLoughlin of Kilshane House and Philip English of English, Leahy & Co. The Think Tank Group also met on May 6 and September 2 to advance the 13 actions under three priorities..

Priority A: Transforming the Image of Tipperary Town.

- ❑ Action 1 International architectural competition with RIAI to design top quality executive type residential homes in the 19 acre Scalaheen local authority owned site.
- ❑ Action 2 Enter and become competitive in Entente Florale
- ❑ Action 3. Enhance the presentation of approach roads, presentation of town centre, public lighting, tie in of overall landscaping plan with actions of residents groups. Good signage and painting.

Priority B. Economic development – especially securing good linkage between Limerick Junction and Tipperary Town and enhancing performance of both centres

- ❑ Action 4. More strategic inputs and future thinking: Learn from Oxford – Professor Theodore Zeldin.
- ❑ Action 5: Support Iarnroid Eireann management in lobbying for resources for the second platform in Limerick Junction.
- ❑ Action 6. Logistics: Generate market for 6000 square foot plus industrial and logistics units in Tipperary town.
- ❑ Action 7. Lobby for public resources to support road connection between Limerick Junction and proposed by pass.

Priority C. Generate more economic activity

- ❑ Action 8: Research Theme Park concept for Limerick Junction;
- ❑ Action 9: Walking holidays. Support a Ballyhoura proposal to carry out an ‘opportunity analysis’ of the Galtees.

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- ❑ Action 10. Link with Tipperary LEADER re Organics, Farmers markets, Slow food movement and learn from good examples in Atlanta and Cork.
- ❑ Action 11: Transfer the Shannon Development E town model – perhaps linking with action 1 on the Scalaheen site. (Model influenced by the Eden project in Cornwall, building of private housing in courtyard style, with nearby workshops for home based working and good broadband links).
- ❑ Action 12: Integrated tourism product plan linked with a Shannon Development initiative in East Limerick.
- ❑ Action 13: Optimising potential of Shannon Airport and Limerick as a gateway city for Tipperary Town (and also for South Tipperary) (Ryan air decision for Shannon could mean 2.5 million passengers, already 200 k booked and aiming for a million in year 1).

Carrick on Suir

Jim Power (Friends First Chief Economist) is completing his voluntary assignment with Waterford LEADER to prepare an economic action plan for Carrick on Suir.

The Tourism Development Committee launched the Committee's annual programme of events in April. The Carrick on Suir Marina was opened on June 3. The Nagle Family Resource Centre has opened for business and will be officially opened on September 30.

Carrick on Suir Town Council is to set up an Economic Affairs Municipal Policy Committee, which will also oversee the implementation of actions arising from CDB associated initiatives.

Comparisons with other areas in the county indicate that the Live Register numbers in the Carrick on Suir area should be approximately 300 less than what they are. In response to a request from Carrick on Suir Town Council to the Minister of Enterprise Trade and Employment, FAS and the Department of Social and Family Affairs have agreed to deliver a High Support Programme from October to March in the town.

Update February 2005:

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Tipperary Town

It is estimated that €1 billion of projects are at different stages – concept, design, planning application, planning permission, build. The main achievements in the past six months include:

- ❑ Planning completed for the Tipperary Town bypass. The bypass will include a roundabout that will facilitate a road which may be built at a future stage connecting directly with Limerick Junction,

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- ❑ A planning application has been submitted for a multi-storey car park in Limerick Junction.
- ❑ External resources for the hostel and swimming pool projects have been secured.
- ❑ The Think Tank Group have carried out a review of the 20 year time line and prioritised actions to be delivered in 2005.

Carrick on Suir

Waterford LEADER Partnership has secured the services of Jim Power (Chief Executive, Friends First) to lead a process looking at building the town's economy. The retail, industrial and tourism sectors have been reviewed and a plan emerging from the process is being discussed with the relevant public bodies. The main achievements in the past six months have been:

- ❑ Significant work bring three major projects close to completion, new marina, new playground (completed with the Urban renewal scheme) and the community resource centre (to which the Jobs Club has been relocated).
- ❑ FAS is leading a county action targeting unemployment.

Update October 2004:

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Tipperary Town

There has been considerable progress in Tipperary Town, part of which is reflected in the affluence/disadvantage maps produced by ADM from the 2002 Census data. The town is now above the national average in terms of affluence. There has been a considerable upsurge in proposed developments and also in enquiries for the location and relocation of enterprises to both Tipperary Town and Limerick Junction. The Think Tank Group proposes to revisit the 20 year time line next January given that the operating context has changed particularly after the decentralization announcement.

Carrick on Suir

Waterford LEADER Partnership is commencing a process of engagement with key actors in Carrick on Suir, out of which it is hoped that a Think Tank Group similar to that in Tipperary Town will emerge. Work on the expansion of the Marina has commenced.