

1.4.4 Support the implement the Tipperary Town Development Strategy.

***Action Update September 2003:***

Tipperary Town RAPID Programme has developed strong links with Tipperary Integrated Resource Development/Chamber of Commerce (TIRD/CC) during 2003. TIRD/CC recruited a Manager early in 2003 to advance the Tipperary Town Development Strategy. As part of this process TIRD have been proactive in supporting the local RAPID Programme on social and community initiatives, while the RAPID Programme has sought to complement the work of TIRD on the Town Development Strategy. During 2003, actions were progressed in:

- Developing a RAPID Strategic Plan that incorporates recommendations of the Tipperary Town Development Strategy;
- Launching a May-September Enhancement Campaign involving a partnership of residents groups, business sector, development agencies, local authorities;
- Entering into the national Tidy Towns competition for the first time in a number of years;
- Developing linkages through TIRD/CC representation on Tipperary Town RAPID Task-Groups, and in return, RAPID representation on TIRD/CC Steering-group ensures good integration and practical support for local development;
- Providing support to the Tipperary Decentralisation Committee work of launching the Tipperary Town Industrialisation Promotion brochure in June 2003

***Action Update January 2003:***

The Tipperary Town RAPID Programme has acknowledged this Strategy as a template for physical and environmental improvements. Using the environmental and local improvements audit and recommendations of the strategy, the RAPID Programme have identified a schedule of works for immediate implementation on specific projects i.e. Housing Estates to the east of the Town, Tipp Hills and Bandstand to the West of the Town, Urban and Village Renewal Programme in the Town Centre, and all approach roads. An additional schedule of work involves developing allotments on derelict sites adjoining Housing Estates. The supporting agencies are FAS, Tipperary Town Council, South Tipperary County Council and Knockanrawley Resource Centre. TIRD are currently in transition under a newly installed committee and is linking with the local RAPID Community Workshops to foster a sustainable Social & Community Forum in the long-term that can develop and implement social actions that complement the existing Economic/Business and Physical/Environmental actions. South Tipperary Community & Voluntary Group Platform have been supportive to RAPID in this respect and added a county networking dimension, resulting in increased Tipperary Town involvement and activity in this County Platform.

***Co-ordinating Partner:*** Tipperary Integrated Resource Development (TIRD)/Chamber of Commerce

***Action Update:*** January 2003

*Measure 1.4 Matching Locations with Opportunities*

***Background:***

TIRD/Chamber of Commerce prepared a socio-economic study of Tipperary Town the town and is now in the process of prioritising recommended actions with a view to implementing them. Currently working groups are being formed to address the actions.

***Update:***

***Partners offering support if required:***

County Enterprise Board  
South Tipperary Co. Co.  
Tipperary Leader  
Tipperary Town Council  
Voluntary & Community Group – Platform  
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