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Community

**Managing
Complex
Relationships with
Departments &
their Agencies**



It used to be simple!!

- When I joined the Service we largely dealt with ONE Government Department
- There was less regulation, less complexity, far less EU rules & Directives
- We really only had Councillors, other Public Representatives & the media
- Communities and the voluntary sector were far less active – really only Tidy Towns-type activities
- THAT WAS THEN.....



Operating in a Complex Stakeholder Landscape





Many Government Departments



This is **not** an exhaustive list:

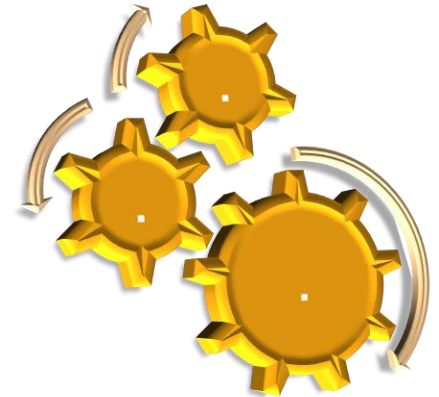
- ✓ Dept. Housing, Planning & Local Government
- ✓ Dept. Transport, Tourism & Sport
- ✓ Dept. Business, Enterprise & Innovation
- ✓ Dept. Communication, Climate Action & Environment
- ✓ Dept. Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht
- ✓ Dept. Rural & Community Development
- ✓ Dept. Agriculture, Food & the Marine
- ✓ Dept. of Education & Skills



Many, Many State Bodies etc. etc.

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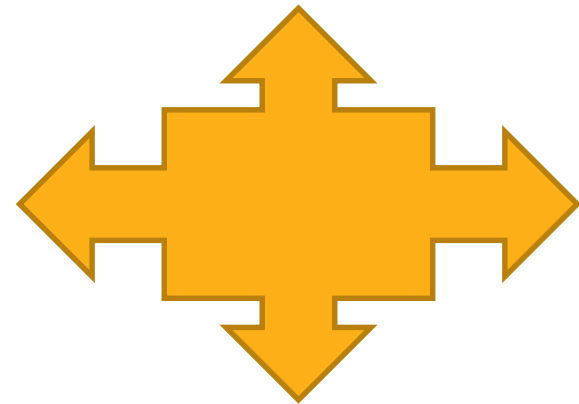
- ❖ Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)
- ❖ Irish Water
- ❖ Health & Safety Executive (HAS)
- ❖ Food Safety Authority (FSAI)
- ❖ Office of Public Works (OPW)
- ❖ The Arts Council
- ❖ The Heritage Council
- ❖ Bord Failte
- ❖ Sustainable Energy Ireland (SEAI)
- ❖ etc





Other Key Relationships

- HSE
- Garda Síochána
- Louth Meath Education & Training Board (LMETB)
- Dundalk IT (DKIT)
- Chambers of Commerce
- IDA
- Enterprise Ireland





How do these relationships work?

Relationship with
DHPLG





Working with Government Departments



Legislation & Policy – requires compliance, Dictates/Influences all our policies and action

Statutory Reporting – very many requirements throughout legislation . Example our Annual Financial Statement (AFS)

Funding & Grants – we are highly dependant on funding from central Government departments & Bodies. Funding always comes with strings and conditions attached

Working Together – but we **DO** play some role in the development of legislation and policy e.g. through the various CCMA Committees



Annual Financial Statement – Process Example





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Louth Economic Forum

An informal Network





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How does it work??

- Informal & Voluntary
- 10 Joint Sectoral Action Plans
- Plans are jointly agreed and ambitious
- Trust built up between parties over time
- Plan Chairs sit on and report back to Forum at each meeting on Implementation and Delivery
- Independent Chair has been a key success factor
- Council – I am just another member

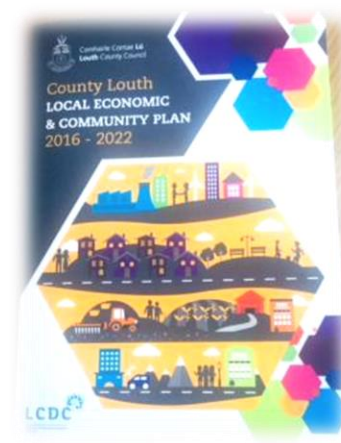


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Louth LCDC





Louth LCDC – a Statutory Committee

- Established by Law in 2014 – Local Government Act 2001 as amended
- Many of the same members as Economic Forum
- But membership – rules around who and how many
- Required to produce a statutory plan – LECPP – in conjunction with Council's Economic Policy Committee (SPC)
- Prepare, adopt, amend, monitor, review
- Actions have Lead Partners
- Use of Traffic Light Monitoring System



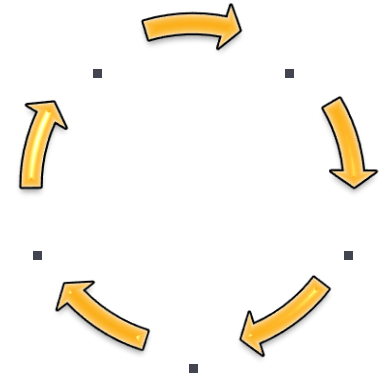
OBJECTIVE 3: PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND THE USE OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SOURCES AND SYSTEMS.

Action	Responsibility	Timeline	Measure / Indicator
3.1 Promote an environmentally sustainable low-carbon economy with climate change reliance incorporated.	Lead SEAI Support LCC EPA, ESB	Q1 2016 Q4 2016	Green Infrastructure Strategy developed for Louth to incorporate climate change adaptation measures. Development and delivery of BEC.
3.2 Promote the future proofing of the county particularly in relation to flooding, drought and other exceptional weather events stemming from global warming.	Lead LCC Support OPW EPA IFA TEAGASC	2016 and ongoing	Flood infrastructure plans initiated. EC Funding secured.
3.3 Continue to harness the opportunity of Sustainable Energy Communities to achieve sustainable, cost-effective energy management across all sectors of the community.	Lead SEAI Support LCC	Q4 2016	Partnership maintained on international CONCERTO sustainable community collaboration. LCC membership of SEC Sustainable development funding opportunities optimized.



All kinds of Governance

- Legislation & Statutory Requirements
- Funding and Grant Conditions
- Audit
- Jointly Agreed Action Plans
- Statutory Plans – many stakeholders e.g. LECP
- Being called to account
- “Moral” pressure
- Long term relationships between:
 - Organisations
 - Individuals





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Thank You

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