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26 County Councils

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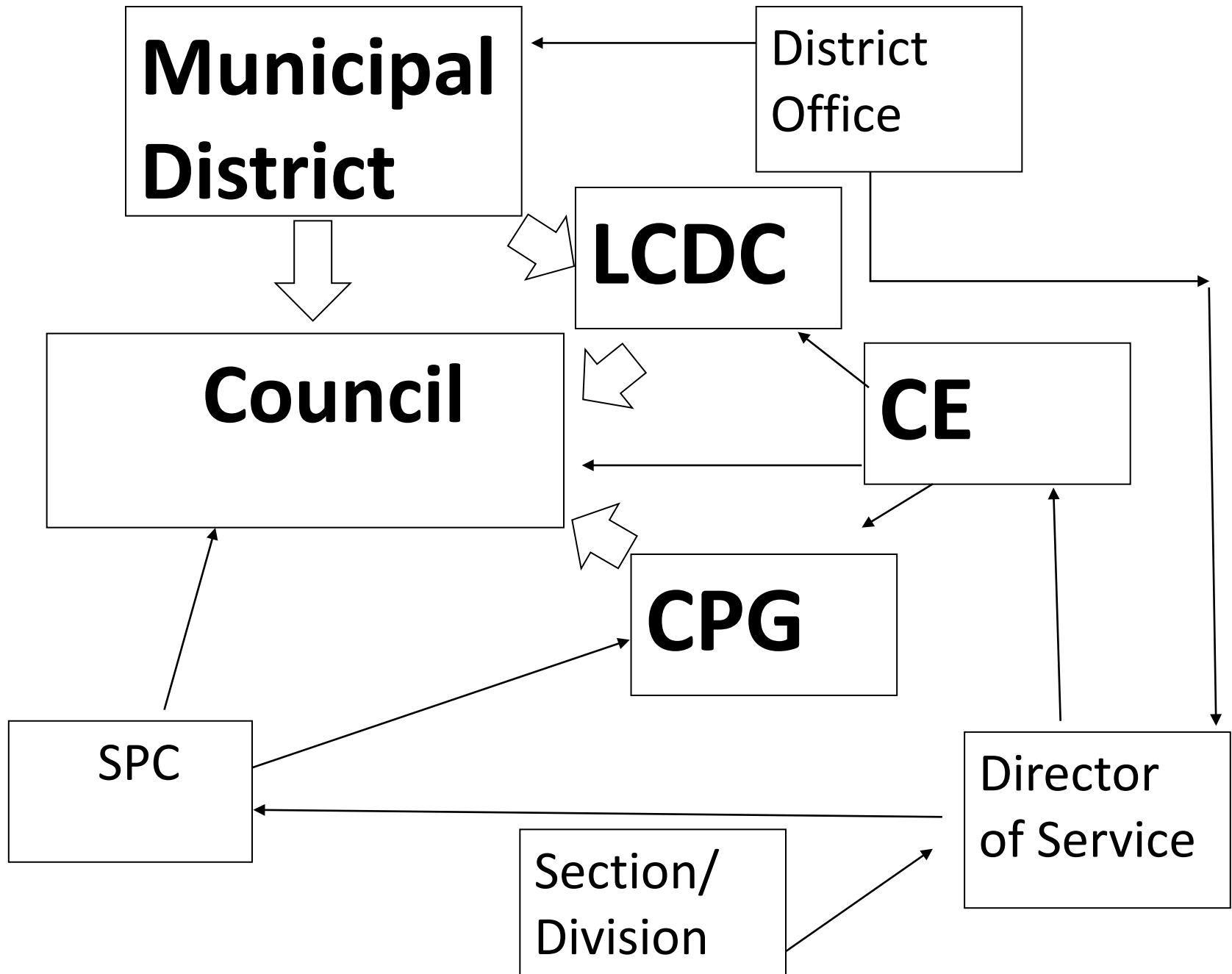
Corporate Policy Group/SPCs

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What does Local Government Do? (1)

- Local democratic framework
- Local representational role and underpins local identity
- Direct public services to residents, visitors and investors within a local context
- Delivers on an agency basis for the State, national services more appropriately delivered at a local level
- Facilitates public and private investment

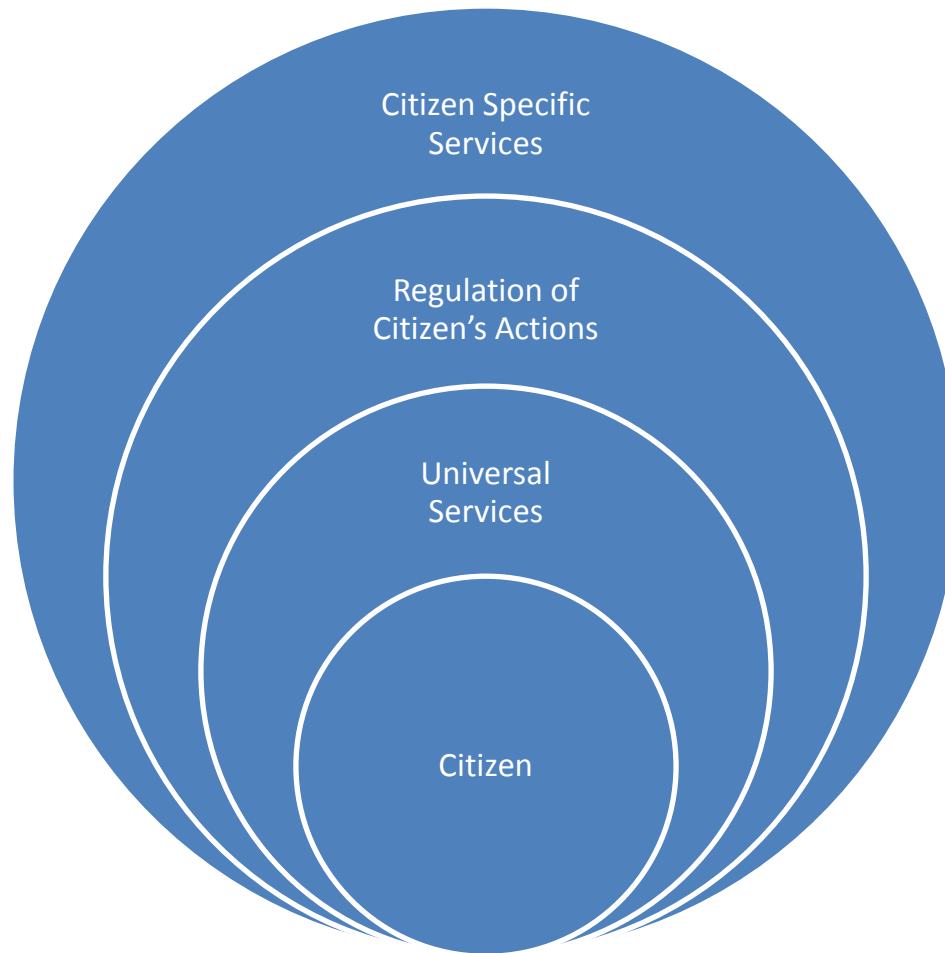


What does Local Government Do? (2)

- Provides the spatial planning context
- Provides the local platform through which social and cultural diversity is facilitated and nurtured
- Regulates in instances economic and environmental issues as well as providing local consumer protection
- Facilitates, on behalf of the State, the co-ordination of local, rural and community development



What local government does...key principles of reform



Local Government Reform Act, 2014



- Basic Law for local government in Ireland
- Refers throughout to “the Principal Act” otherwise known as the Local Government Act 2001
- Replaces/substitutes/Amends the provisions of the Local Government Acts 1925-2013
- Provides for
 - Local Government Areas
 - Municipal Districts
 - LCDC
 - Economic SPC
 - Regional Assemblies
 - Area Committees
 - National Oversight and Audit Commission
 - Chief Executive Officer
 - National Regulatory Framework



New Governance Code



- Being Developed
- 6 Core Principles and supporting principles
 - Focusing on the purpose of the authority and on outcomes for the community and creating and implementing a vision for the local area
 - Members and officers working together to achieve a common purpose with clearly defined functions and roles
 - Promoting values for the authority and demonstrating the values of good governance through upholding high standards of conduct and behaviour
 - Taking informed and transparent decisions which are subject to effective scrutiny and managing risk
 - Developing the capacity and capability of members and officers to be effective
 - Engaging with local people and other stakeholders to ensure robust public accountability

Services structured on the basis of 8 Divisions

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Housing



**Road Transportation and
Safety**



**Water Supply and
Sewerage (Water Services)**



Planning and Development



Environmental Protection



Recreation and Amenity



**Agriculture, Education,
Health & Welfare**



Miscellaneous

Housing Services

- Social housing maintenance repair and improvement
- Housing Estate Management
- Provision of Rental Accommodation
- Supports for the housing of Older People
- Supports for the housing of Persons with a disability
- Supports for the housing of Travellers
- Supports for Homeless People
- Agency Services – Health Services Executive
- Provision of emergency accommodation
- Support services for refugees and others



Roads, Transportation & Safety Services

- National Primary Roads planning and provision
- National Secondary Roads planning and provision
- Major Urban Roads planning and provision
- Minor Urban Roads planning and provision
- Public Lighting – Maintenance
- Major Urban/Regional Roads planning and provision
- Management of Transport Facilities
- SMART Travel Initiatives
- Greenways/Cycleways
- Regional Airport planning, provision and operation
- Regional Harbour planning, provision and operation
- Operation/Maintenance of Traffic Safety Education and School Wardens
- Motor Taxation
- Facilitation of Urban and Rural public transport



Water Services



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Public water supply & sewerage schemes

Implementing the EU Water framework directive

Private water and sewerage facilities

Water pollution prevention and control

Massive reform of water services sector



Irish Water



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New water utility company formed and effective from 1/1/2014 – Irish Water

SLA's with local authorities for 12 years from 1/1/2014

LA assets and liabilities transferred to Irish Water



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Irish Water

Planning and Development Services (1)

- Planning Control
- Forward Planning
- Statutory Development Plans including preparation of a Housing Strategy
- Promotion of interest of local community
- Tourism Promotion and Marketing
- Conservation of Architectural Heritage
- Provision and Management of Industrial Estates
- Provision and Management of Retail Facilities



Planning Services and development (2)

- Management of urban/rural regeneration initiatives
- General Promotional Work incl twinning
- Regional Development - Regional Assemblies,
- Management of Local Enterprise Offices
- Contributions to Local and Community Development and other bodies
- Other Miscellaneous Contributions incl enterprise funding
- Management of a Social inclusion Unit
- Provision of Broadband
- Coastal Zone Management
- Prevention of coastal erosion



Environment Protection Services (1)

- Waste Disposal Provision and Improvement of Waste facilities
- Refuse Collection and street cleaning
- Recycling
- Trade & Other Waste Management
- Litter Prevention Service
- Environmental rehabilitation
- Burial Grounds - Upkeep
- Civil Defence
- Regulation and Management of Dangerous Buildings
- Buildings Standard Regulation



Environment Protection Services (2)

- Water Safety
- Fire Fighting and Fire Protection
- Provision of Buildings Fire protection
- Provision of Equipment Monitoring and Enforcement
- Pollution Abatement
- Emergency Planning and Management
- Environmental Promotion & Competitions
- Energy conservation and management
- Provision of district heating




Recreation & Amenity Services (1)

- Maintenance/Operation of Archives
- Operation and Maintenance of swimming pools
- Operation and Maintenance of libraries
- Purchase of Books
- Operation of Parks/Open Spaces
- Operation of Recreation Centres
- Maintenance/Operation of play grounds
- Maintenance/Operation of Art Galleries
- Maintenance/Operation of Museums
- Maintenance/Operation of Theatres
- Maintenance/Operation of Golf Courses



Recreation & Amenity Services (2)

- Provision of Sports facilities/Playgrounds/Skate parks
 - Support for Sports Organisations and facilities
 - Provision of Cinemas and mobile cinemas
 - Provision of Marinas
 - Provision and management of Angling facilities
 - Contributions to Other Bodies - Arts Act
 - Regulation of Public Events
 - Other Recreation & Amenity including Arts Promotion
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- A poster for BOC Summer Camp. It features a purple background with a yellow and orange explosion graphic. The text 'BOC Summer' is written in a stylized, bubbly font. Below it, a yellow banner contains the text: 'A camp that gives boys a chance to be creative and try something new'. At the bottom, it says 'Hullinger Arts Centre' and 'Summer camp'.



Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare Services

Residual Role but...

- Crèche Provision and Child care
- Provision of School Meals
- Contribution to Vocational Education
- Support for Education Campus Provision
- Support for Provision of Residential Homes and Special Schools



Miscellaneous Services

- Coroners and Inquests
- Management of Property
- Management Register of Electors
- Management of Weights and Measures
- Monitoring of Slaughterhouses and Meat and Milk/Dairies
- Provision of Weighbridges
- Provision of Pounds for Wandering Animals and Dog Control
- Provision and Regulation of Casual Trading including Farmer Markets



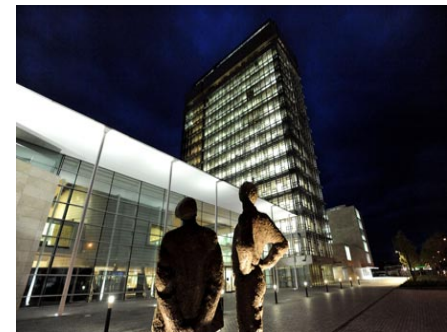
New economic responsibilities

- Local Enterprise Offices
- SPC on Economic Development
- Integration of spatial planning and economic development
- Co-ordination with State development agencies
- Regional Economic Overview
- Systemisation of local government policies/services
- Local platform for all local economic development actions by the State
- Crucially
- Continuation of support for micro-enterprise development
- Local vehicle for implementation of the Jobs Action Programme



Municipal Districts Parts 3 – 5 2014 Act

- Outside Dublin Local Authorities divided into Municipal Districts (MD)
- MD is not a separate LA but a statutory (S22 A and S22 B) decision-making body that is a local manifestation of the Local Authority
- A platform for localised decision-making
- Schedule 3, Part 1 Sets out specific reserved functions and responsibilities for MDs
- Part 2 of Schedule 3 sets out reserved functions to be undertaken by either an MD or the Local Authority
- Part 3 Reserved functions of the Local Authority



Municipal Districts Sample Reserved Functions

- Adoption of statements on economic development, community development for the Local Economic and Community Plan
- Consideration of draft budgetary plan
- Consideration of /adoption of the annual schedule of proposed works
- Adoption of scheme for community initiative annual contribution
- Making local by-laws



Future Developments

- Migration of responsibilities for economic development/local, rural and community development
- Development of community participation models
- Criteria for migration of other regional and national services clearly set down
- Need to develop training and education services for councillors
- Build councillors role as local democratic leaders
- Build policy role of AILG
- Development of relationship with CCMA and others to establish local government voice at national policy table



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