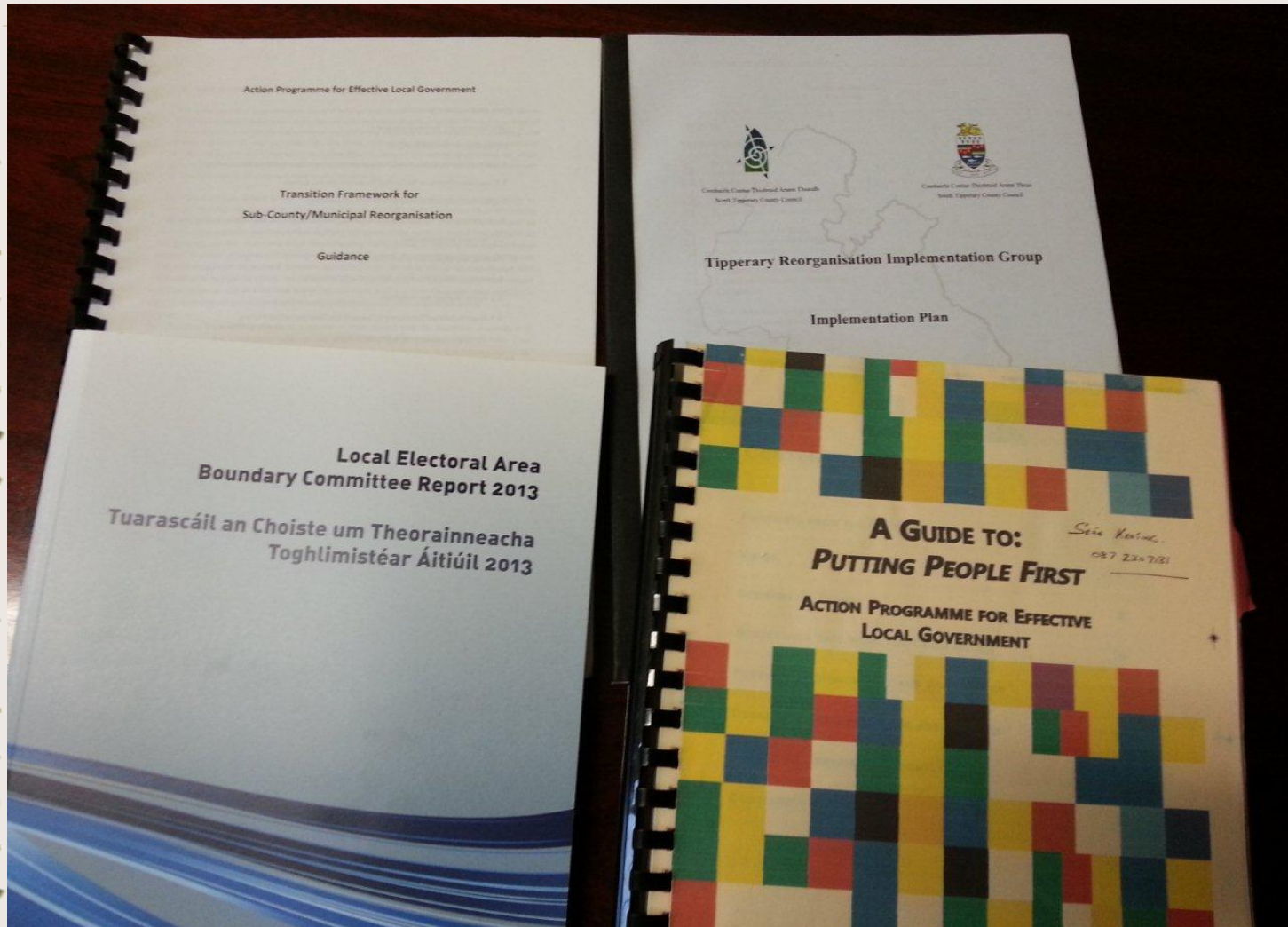


# *Local Community Development – Role of the Elected Member*

## *Community Strand of the Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) and Citizen Engagement*

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- Policy of Government is to place the democratically elected members at the **centre of a process** which will allow them to have a real say on how funds are expended in their county – ensuring appropriate oversight of that spend
- **This is achieved through aligning** functions of local development with local government.
- Over time community spend in a Council area will be framed by this process (HSE community funding; TUSLA community funding; Transport community funding; local authority community funding, ETB community funding etc)

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- First responsibility of the LCDC will be to develop their Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)
- Significant engagement with community (business & other) is intended
- Plan will cover **community**, social and economic areas **BUT**
  - ❑ Economic element will be managed and developed and recommended for adoption by the SPC for Economic Development
  - ❑ Community & Social areas will be “managed, developed and recommended for adoption” by the LCDC structure

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In the context of developing and implementing the **community** elements of the LECP all **elected members** need to bring

- A stronger focus on local and community development
- Take a strategic view of all public-funded services at local level in order to co-ordinate them and deliver them locally.
- Bring all the relevant public-funded agencies bodies together to target their resources in a way that delivers with the priorities set in your LECP.

These resources will include:-



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- ☐ resources directly under the management of the LCDC
- ☐ resources under the direct management and oversight responsibility of LCDC partners, for example those local and community development resources managed directly by local authorities, HSE, Education and Training Boards (ETBs), Department of Social Protection (DSP), Local Development Companies (LDCs) etc.; and
- ☐ resources under the direct management of other public-funded local development agencies and bodies who may not be represented on LCDCs including for example, Children and Young Peoples Services Committees (CYPSCs), Traveller Interagency Groups (TIGs), Drugs Task Forces (DTFs), Family Resource Centres (FRCs), other Community Development Projects and bodies, etc.

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## **Consultation & Citizen Engagement**

- The community elements of the LECP should be developed in a collaborative, consultative and participative way, affording key stakeholders the opportunity to contribute in a meaningful way.

Local communities, organisations, stakeholders and the public in general should have the opportunity to see where their interests, needs and opportunities are reflected in the LECP.

- There will be consultation with the local communities on the preparation of the plan covering the all community elements. The challenge here for the elected members to ensure that the plan is as broad based as possible to encompass all aspects of community life in your local authority area.

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### **Consultation & Citizen Engagement**

- The approach will be largely a matter for local determination.
- Onus is on the elected members to ensure proper consultation from council executive, state agencies and the community.



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## **Conclusion**

- The LCDC is a significant new venture for the Local Authority
- Elected Members will have a far stronger and more meaningful role in local community development and local community development spend
- Critical that it works and works well – members must ensure it operates efficiently – otherwise it will be a poor reflection on local government and the elected member
- Potential to have a very significant positive impact
- Critical that it gets off the ground now

# **Case Study**

## **A Vocational School is Re-Born.**

The West Clare Resource Centre,  
Miltown Malbay,  
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# **Family Resource Centre building (SPRAOI) completed within the complex.**



# Facilities Today: Dental Clinic



# Facilities Today: E Learning Room











Miltown students'  
IT project to be  
accessed worldwide

# Facilities Today: Library







# Facilities Today: Youthreach





# Facilities Today: Kitchen







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*Thank You*

*Questions???*

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