

# Meeting of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

10<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

- ▶ Quorum:
- ▶ Apologies: Eamon Hannan, John Bergin, Enda Cannon and Rachel Clancy
- ▶ Minutes of previous meeting dated 22.04.26  
Proposed by:  
Seconded by:

# Matters arising

Cllr. Laurance Fallon

- Any matters arising

# Correspondence

## Fiona Ní Chuinn

- ▶ Correspondence: Sent
- ▶ Correspondence: received

# LCDC Membership

update by Fiona Ní Chuinn

## ► GRET B Representation:

- Thank you to Donal Walsh for acting as interim replacement for Lynne Keery as GRET B representative
- Rachel Clancy ratified as GRET B representative on 25 05 2026.

SICAP Coordinator

# ANTHONY DOCKERY



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Social Inclusion &  
Community Activation  
Programme



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Roscommon LEADER Partnership Company is delivering the SICAP programme on behalf of Roscommon Local Community Development Committee, which is a committee of Roscommon County Council.

The Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is co-funded by the Irish Government, through the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the European Social Fund Plus under the Employment, Inclusion, Skills and Training (EIST) Programme 2021-2027.

# SIMPLE SUMMARY OF SICAP

SICAP supports people who are disadvantaged and less likely to access mainstream services.



SICAP provides direct support to connect people with the services, supports and opportunities they need.

# WHO DO I WORK WITH?

Individuals

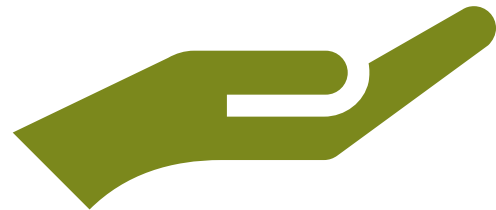
Groups

Communities

Support Organisations

Public Sector Agencies





# MY WORK

**ONE-TO-ONE** – (Advice/Guidance/Signpost)

**SMALLHOLDER SUPPORTS** - Agfood/Herdwatch, Farm Safety Statements, Bord Bia Audit Preparation, Quad Bike, Trailer License, Pesticide

**RURAL MEN'S GROUPS** - Coordination - Recruitment - Funding - Activities

**SUPPORT MEN'S SHEDS** - Funding - Activities - Training

**MEN'S HEALTH EVENTS** - National Men's Health Week - International Men's Health Day

**TY STUDENTS** - Youth Farm Enterprise Programme

**TALENT AUDIT** - RSS - TUS – RMG

**WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY - STUDENT RESEARCH PROGRAMME**

**CARRICK SHOWGROUNDS - SOCIAL ENTERPRISE**  
Steering Committee/Funding/Social Employment

**FUNDING APPLICATIONS** - LEADER, Age & Opportunity,  
Men's Social Connection, HFME & DAFM

**LINE MANAGE STAFF** - Enterprise Officer & RMG Support Workers

# WHAT I VALUE?



Working directly with individuals and groups



Diverse and varied day-to-day work



Flexibility in approach and delivery



Opportunity to make a meaningful difference

# CHALLENGES

Diverse needs

Aging population

Recruitment & Engagement

Time - slow pace of progression

Paperwork load

**Any Questions**

# Roscommon LCDC Annual Report 2025

Fiona Ní Chuinn, Chief Officer

10<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

# Introduction & Governance

- ▶ Legal basis: Local Government Act 2001 (as amended)
- ▶ Purpose: Review of LCDC functions and progress for 2025
- ▶ Key statutory responsibilities of LCDC

# Membership & Meetings

- ▶ Overview of LCDC structure (statutory & non-statutory members)
- ▶ Membership changes post during 2025
- ▶ Attendance: 6 meetings, average 84 % attendance (5%inc.on 2024)

# Programme Oversight Summary

- ▶ Programmes overseen: SICAP, LEADER, LEP, LECP
- ▶ Key highlights: Programme launches, funding, community engagement
- ▶ Role as Local Action Group (LAG) for LEADER

# SICAP 2024-2028 Performance

- ▶ Total Budget: €897,248 (10.6% increase on 2024)
- ▶ Implementing Partner: Roscommon LEADER Partnership
- ▶ KPIs: 158% (communities), 120% (individuals)
- ▶ 41.11% of individuals from disadvantaged areas

# LEADER & Local Enhancement Programme (LEP)

- ▶ LEADER programme provides supports to rural communities to actively engage and direct the local development of their area.
- ▶ 30 projects were approved in 2025 in the sum of €2,165,413m
- ▶ 8 projects were processed and paid-value €414,363
- ▶ LEP 2025: €153,830K allocated, 127 projects approved & completed

# Community Health & Wellbeing

- ▶ Healthy Ireland R4 Programme of work for 2025 continued to target our 2 agreed outcomes
- ▶ Healthy Ireland: €75K investment
- ▶ Projects: Fit Farmers, Active Age Programmes, soccer diversity programme
- ▶ Launch of Healthy Roscommon Community Wellbeing Strategy

# Youth, Age Friendly & Inclusion

- ▶ Public Participation Network-primary mechanism of engagement with communities (500 member groups) PPN Strategy launched in 2025
- ▶ Comhairle na nÓg: Focusing on bullying and Mental Health
- ▶ Age Friendly: OPC events, Memory Café, Walkability Audits, Age Friendly hospital, train station and GAA grounds
- ▶ Integration and supports to new communities, LAIT team and Refugee Week.
- ▶ Empowering Communities Programme: €420,000 over 3 years
- ▶ Migrant Integration Strategy: under review for alignment with national updates

# Conclusion

- ▶ Strong interagency cooperation & programme delivery
- ▶ Continued implementation of LECP, SICAP, LEADER
- ▶ LCDC consideration for approval of report on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026

# Local Economic and Community Plan Implementation Plan (2023-2029)

LCDC Meeting 10 June 2026

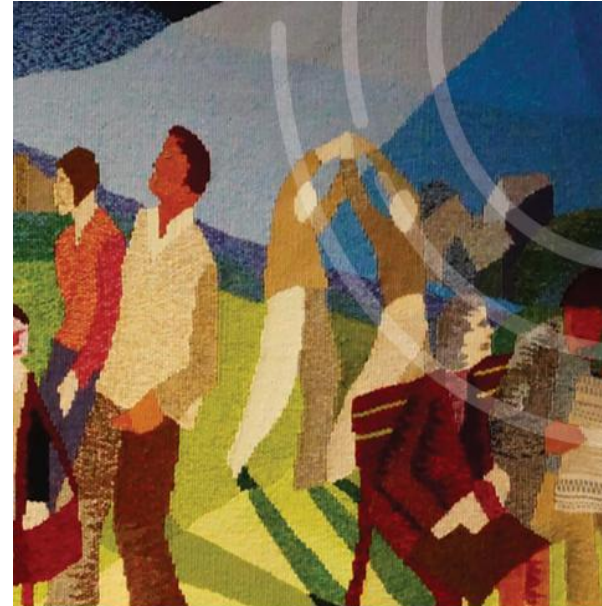


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# Local Economic and Community Plan

- The Roscommon Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP), sets out, for a six-year period, the objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic development and the local and community development of County Roscommon.
- The Roscommon LECP is a multi-agency plan, which means that actions will be delivered by a wide range of service providers.



Roscommon County  
**Local Economic &  
Community Plan**  
2023-2029



# Structure of the LECP

2 separate but related components

- Framework LECP includes an evidence base that is translated into high level goals and objectives the will guide the LECP for its duration
- The Implementation Plan: details the actions to be implemented over the course of the first 2 years of the Plan.
- This structure aims to ensure that the LECP Framework will provide strong sustainable strategic direction while allowing the Implementation Plan to be flexible to new and emerging needs
- LECP plans for both economic and community development in the County
- Each high level goal has several sustainable community objectives (sco) and sustainable economic development objectives (sedo)



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# High Level Goals

- **Goal 1:** A welcoming, supportive County that celebrates its communities and unique sense of place
- **Goal 2:** A County that attracts, retains and A County that attracts, retains and promotes ongoing employment and promotes ongoing employment and economic growth
- **Goal 3:** A vibrant County that values its culture, arts and heritage
- **Goal 4:** A collaborative County where people are encouraged to work together towards common aims
- **Goal 5:** A County where people's health and wellbeing are supported
- **Goal 6:** An environmentally-conscious and resilient County that prioritises sustainability



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# Outputs and KPIs

- Actions are the specific products or initiatives identified to fulfil the objectives and contribute to accomplishing the high level goals.
- In total, there are 55 actions across six high level goals.
- Achievements have been recorded in 50/55 actions (see summary sheet).
- Level of achievement varies. For instance, it is still too early to measure progress on some outputs and may be considered in future reviews.



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# Consultation

- Delivery of LECP actions is the responsibility of the relevant bodies, agencies and other stakeholders taking a partnership approach
- The LECP review has undergone consultation with the following groups:
- All Action Leads and Action Partners named in the LECP (feedback circulated to LCDC)
- Advisory Steering Group
- Senior Coordinator Group of RCC (comments to be considered)
- LCDC Members



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# Goal 1: Overview



**Goal 1:** A welcoming, supportive County that celebrates its communities and unique sense of place

- The objectives of goal 1 are:
  - Ensure County Roscommon is a county that supports and celebrates active inclusion for all (SCO 1.1) (3 actions)
  - Increased access and connectivity across the county (SCO 1.2) (3 actions)
  - Support increased access and connectivity across the County (SEDO 1.3) (2 actions)
  - Support the sustainable development of County Roscommon towns and village (SEDO 1.4) (3 actions)



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# Goal 1: Achievements (Examples)

- €691,908 secured for renovation of 18 community centres for County Roscommon.
- Community Recognition Fund (CRF) funding of €1,067,761 in 2024 and €270,000 in 2025
- In 2024, 90 events were delivered by SICAP across the county with a combined attendance of approximately 13,000. (2025 figures pending)
- 69 LEADER project applications received with 39 progressing to project approval
- €130,430 paid in LEP funding in 2024 and €144,417 in LEP 2025
- €919,317 and €897,248 budgeted for SICAP IN 2024 and 2025 respectively



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# Goal 1: Achievements (Examples)

- County response Storm group established in 2025 to coordinated the humanitarian response to Storm Eowyn.
- Bike Week organised from Saturday, May 10th, to Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 2025. 12 events held across the county with a significant increase in engagement on previous years.
- Tidy Town amenity grants of €120,000 in 2024 and 2025
- Town and Village Schemes completed in Arigna, Cootehall and Monksland in 2025. Construction works underway in under Town and Village Schemes in Ballaghaderreen and Castleplunkett.



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# Goal 2: Overview



**Goal 2:** A County that attracts, retains and promotes ongoing employment and economic growth

- The objectives of goal 2 are:
  - Promote increased access to and engagement with education, training and upskilling opportunities (SCO 2.1) (1 action)
  - Provide development support for micro-enterprises and SMEs (SEDO 2.2)(3actions)
  - Support increased digital access, skills and infrastructure (SCO 2.3)(2 actions)
  - Work collaboratively to encourage Foreign Direct Investment (SEDO 2.4)(1 action)
  - Continue to develop identified growth sectors (SEDO 2.5) (3 actions)



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# Goal 2: Achievements (Examples)

- In 2024, SICAP supported 357 individuals to participate in courses, including non-accredited, industry-certified, and accredited programmes.
- 1773 participants in LEO Training in 2024-2025.
- €2,600,000 earmarked for “Social, Community and Cooperative Enterprises” under current Roscommon LEADER 2023-2027 funding programme
- In 2024, support was provided to 13 social enterprises through networking initiatives, peer-to-peer engagement, and small capital grants. This level of support expanded to 22 enterprises in 2025.



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# Goal 2: Achievements (Examples)

- increase of +34% (6,759) premises from National Broadband Plan for Roscommon made broadband ready in 2024-25.
- 64 Businesses supported with Digital for Business/ Grow Digital/ Trading Online Voucher through LEO
- Since 2024, GRTEB has run 144 Vocational/occupational accredited programmes full time and part time QQI Level 4-6, 222 Community, Literacy and ESOL Programmes Non Accredited - QQI Level 3 and 14 Youthreach Programmes. QQI Level 3 and 4.



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# Goal 3: Overview



**Goal 3:** A vibrant County that values its culture, arts and heritage

- The objectives of goal 3 are:
  - Continue to create and promote increased awareness and appreciation of the natural, built and cultural heritage (SCO 3.1)(3 actions)
  - Ensure the arts, creative sector and libraries continue to play a major role in supporting the heritage, cultural and community development of the County (SCO 3.2)(6 actions)
  - Continue to promote collaborative opportunities and linkages across the culture, arts, tourism, craft and food sectors (SEDO 3.3)(2 actions)
  - Develop and support tourism initiatives, assets and secondary supporting industries (SEDO 3.4)(6 actions)



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# Goal 3: Achievements (Examples)

- Roscommon Heritage Strategy 2025-2029 adopted in July 2025
- Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) supported 19 x architectural conservation projects worth €104k
- Completion of refurbishment works to Dillon House, including energy upgrade to upper floors through installation of heat pump and stripping walls to install appropriate insulation to building. Library reopened in July 2025
- 848 Library events in 2024, up from 223 in 2023. 890 events in 2025, attracting 4,750 attendees.



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# Goal 3: Achievements (Examples)

- Visitor Revenue at paid tourist attractions across County Roscommon has resulted an estimated total spend of €34,951,378 in the local economy in 2024 compared to €31,135,565 in 2023.
- Visitor numbers at paid tourist attractions across County Roscommon has grown to 226,957 in 2024 from 202,179 in 2023.
- The Upper Shannon, Shannon Erne and Border Counties Destination and Experience Development Plan was launched in 2024 by Failte Ireland in collaboration with North Roscommon, Leitrim and Cavan.



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# Goal 4: Overview



**Goal 4:** A collaborative County where people are encouraged to work together towards common aims

- The objectives of goal 4 are:
  - Encourage and support the development of stronger communication networks between statutory bodies, agencies, community groups and service providers.(SCO 4.1)(1 action)
  - Support the development and strengthening of local business networks (SEDO 4.2)(1 action)



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# Goal 4: Achievements (Examples)

- PPN Registered groups in Roscommon has grown from 325 in January 2024 to 465 by end of 2025.
- Inclusive working groups continue to network through cross collaboration (Community integration Forum, CYPSC, Local Community Safety Partnerships)
- LEO partnered with Network Ireland Roscommon, Roscommon Chamber, Athlone Chamber on a series of events. LEO also runs Student Enterprise Programme annually with an average participation of 500 students per annum.



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# Goal 5: Overview



**Goal 5:** A County where people's health and wellbeing are supported

- The objectives of goal 5 are:
  - Support a positive approach to health and well-being for everyone living, working and visiting County Roscommon. (SCO 5.1) (6 actions)
  - Continue to support and promote community safety (SCO 5.2)(1 action)



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# Goal 5: Achievements (Examples)

- Healthy Roscommon Community Wellbeing Strategy 2025 – 2029 approved at the May 2025 LCDC meeting.
- Engagements in Healthy Ireland funded physical activity programmes increased from 412 in 2024 to 868 sustained physical activity programmes across all age groups.
- 1331 disadvantaged people across Roscommon benefited from mental health, wellbeing checks and health education programmes delivered in their own communities in 2024 & 2025.
- Delivery of new Primary Care Centre in Stokestown, increased in integrated care delivered in Primary Care in Roscommon Primary Care & Monkstown Primary Care centres including integrated cardiac care clinics serving Roscommon & East Galway, integrated care Eye Clinics and integrated Continence Clinics now available.



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# Goal 5: Achievements (Examples)

- Additionally €47,000 was provided directly to community groups, FRC's and voluntary organisations for the delivery of locally identified need based programmes to improve wellbeing in 2024 & 2025 for example establishment of sensory room, delivery of Play Therapy, Seeking Safety Programme, Addiction Recovery Self Care Programme.
- Roscommon LCSP fully formed from November 2025 with 27 members representing statutory agencies, local government, and community stakeholders. To date, three LCSP meetings have been held, with a Chair and Vice Chair successfully elected. Public engagement sessions, focus groups, and a county-wide survey have been completed, all of which will shape the development of the first three-year Community Safety Plan for County Roscommon.



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# Goal 6: Overview



**Goal 6:** An environmentally-conscious and resilient County that prioritises sustainability

- The objectives of goal 6 are:
  - Promote and ensure environmental protection and enhancement of the natural and built environment. (SCO 6.1)(2 actions)
  - Encourage and facilitate community and business participation in the reduction of County Roscommon's carbon footprint (SCO 6.2)(3 actions)
  - Support sustainable practices across all sectors and industries in County Roscommon (SEDO 6.3)(1 action)
  - Support the transition to sustainable agricultural practices (SEDO 6.4)(2 actions)



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# Goal 6: Achievements (Examples)

- Local Biodiversity Action Fund (LBAF) supported 6 projects of €66k
- Housing have completed their social housing retrofit programme for 2025 with 43 retrofits completed, 35 for 2024. 75-80 units identified for 2026 programme.
- LEO have had 16 grant applications received and approved for each of Green for business and Green for micro grants (commercial retrofits)
- €200,000 earmarked for “The Green Economy” under current Roscommon LEADER 2023-2027 funding programme.



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# Gaps Identified

- 3 Action descriptions have no assigned KPI.
  - 3.2.3, establish a centre for Roscommon Local History
  - 4.1.1. facilitate and support inclusive working groups, networks and forums.
  - 4.2.1. enhance local business networks through collaborative initiatives
- The LECP needs to be updated to incorporate initiatives which were not in place when LECP was created. In particular, the **Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP)** should be further incorporated into the LECP.
- **Clear project leads** are needed where outputs remain unrecorded. In many cases, RCC is not in a position to lead out on objective or it may be that a third party is in a stronger position. Time frame may also need to be reestablished
- 5 actions identified where there was an unrecorded response



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# Gaps identified (discussed in detail with ASG)

- 1.3.1: Support an integrated transport network that maximises services within the county and to other key locations in the region, including rural transport, in accordance with national, regional, and local transport plans-**Lead RCC , remain as is**
- 2.4.1: Develop a Roscommon Economic Development Forum, increase engagement with key agencies (IDA, and Enterprise Ireland) to encourage Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) through clustering and intra-company collaboration in Roscommon **Lead SPC, reassign to LEO and amend action to Roscommon Economic Development Role**
- SEDO 3.3 Continue to promote collaborative opportunities and linkages across the culture, Arts, Tourism, craft and food sectors
  - 3.3.1: Support enhancement collaboration with a specific focus on the development of the rural creative economy **Lead RCC actions reaches over a number of areas and need to be more targeted with a more defined action lead**



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# Gaps identified (discussed in detail with ASG)

- 3.3.2: Facilitate public awareness of and participation in these sectors through a variety of ways including farmers markets, pop-up shops, and other events; grant schemes in the creative and food industries to get young people involved; and supporting start-up businesses that are linking in with these sectors as part of agricultural diversification **Lead RCC, examination of future opportunities including tourism conferences, food festivals. Recommend to monitor and examine the practicability of action and review at year end**
- 6.4.1: Support the transition to sustainable agricultural practices through encouraging the adoption of measures that reduce GHG emissions, without compromising capacity for food-production. This may include the provision of semi-natural and managed ecosystems on farm holdings to provide for active carbon sequestration, rainwater harvesting etc. **Lead RLP , KPI number of sustainable agricultural training and supports events held, will be delivered in the next iteration of implementation**



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# Senior Coordinator Review Input

| Department  | Relevant Goal                                                                        | Suggested Amendments                                                                                                                                                                      | Recommended amendments | Approved by ASG                                                                          |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Environment | 6) An environmentally conscious and resilient County that prioritises sustainability | adding 'Water Quality' to the 'Key Themes' box on page 89 and adding 'Promote sustainable agricultural practices and nutrient management' in the 'Intended Outcomes' box on the same page | As suggested           | Although is not a comment in relation to actions of the LECP, change can be incorporated |
|             |                                                                                      | adding 'nutrient management' to the Action Description Box for Objective 6.4.1 (... to provide for active carbon sequestration, rainwater harvesting, nutrient management, etc.).         | As suggested           | Although is not a comment in relation to actions of the LECP, change can be incorporated |



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# Senior Coordinator Review Input

| Department                               | Relevant Goal | Suggested Amendments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Recommended amendments | Approved by ASG |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Community Department<br>(Heathy Ireland) | 5 and 6       | The recently launched Healthy Roscommon Community Wellbeing Strategy 2025 -2029 has been designed to align with and support the delivery of the outcomes within the LECP Action Plan. As such there is no update required from the Health and Wellbeing perspective.                          | Noted                  | No change       |
|                                          |               | During the development of the Strategy the appropriateness of the inclusion of SCO 5.1.6 was raised, however this may still remain a key target for the HSE however with the decongregation of service and strong focus on community living it may be worthy of review with the HSE directly. | Noted                  | no change       |
|                                          |               | Within Healthy Roscommon we have focused strongly on the development of resilient communities which is reflective of Goal 1, SCO 1.1.1 but could also be reflected within Goal 5 SCO 5.1.3.                                                                                                   | Noted                  | No change       |



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| Department                        | Relevant Goal | Suggested Amendments                                                                                                                                                                    | Recommended amendments | Approved by ASG |
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| Culture and Arts                  | 3             | <p>the current objectives and actions are still relevant in relation to Arts, Culture, Creativity.</p> <p>no new or emerging needs have been identified under this High Level Goal?</p> | Noted                  | no change       |
| Information Technology Department | All           | I.T. assist other sections in many cases to support their objectives but aren't the primary leaders. IS Dept have not identified any new or emerging needs from the attached material.  | Noted                  | No change       |



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| Department                         | Relevant Goal | Suggested Amendments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Recommended amendments | Approved by ASG  |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Local Authority Integration Team   | All           | LECP Goals and actions outlined cover integration in a broad sense with no need for further expansion. The work of the LAIT is very specific to a certain cohort and any actions directly focused on them may seem like segregation rather than integration – internal workplans are better placed to address such actions.                                                                             | Noted                  | No change        |
| Local Community Safety Partnership | 5.2 (new)     | <p>Improve community safety in County Roscommon through the Roscommon Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) by listening to local communities, identifying priority safety issues, and coordinating practical actions with statutory, voluntary and community partners.</p> <p>Lead : LCSP</p> <p>KPI: Number of LCSP meetings held and Number of public/community engagement actions completed</p> | As suggest             | Amendment agreed |



# Conclusion and Recommendations

- **Incorporate all amendments** as identified by the Senior Coordination Group and formally endorsed by the Advisory Steering Group, ensuring that all revisions are accurately reflected in the final LECP documentation.
- **Assign KPI to actions** those that were identified without any
- **Undertake a comprehensive review of Lead Partner assignments** to confirm that responsibilities are clearly defined and appropriately aligned with each goal and associated actions, ensuring accountability and effective delivery.
- **Progress targeted follow-up with relevant lead stakeholders** in respect of the five outstanding actions not addressed during the review process, with a view to confirming ownership, identifying data sources, and establishing clear pathways for implementation and monitoring.



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Thank You for your attention



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# Funding Updates

by Fiona Ní Chuinn

## LEP 2026

- ▶ Budget for LEP 2026 is **€161,097.60**.
- ▶ 140 applications received (114 in 2025). All funding requests amount to total of **€460,308.12**.
- ▶ 85/140 projects selected for funding.
- ▶ Selected projects sent to Department on 21 April.
- ▶ Awaiting Department Approval.

## Tidy Towns and Amenity Grants

- ▶ Tidy Towns and Amenity Grants application process closed on 15 May.
- ▶ 58 applications received. All deemed eligible.
- ▶ All applications approved at 25 May Council Meeting.

## Community Recognition Fund 2024

- ▶ Drawdowns continue to happen.
- ▶ Roscommon Community Recognition Fund Anticipated Spend 2026

# Any Other Business

- ▶ **Pride of Place 2026 - (*Fiona Ní Chuinn*)**
  - ▶ **Successful applications:** Frenchpark Tidy Towns - Population 0-300  
The Melting Pot, Roscommon - Inclusive Communities
  - ▶ **Judging Period:** 1<sup>st</sup> September
  - ▶ **Awards Ceremony:** Saturday 24th October in the Convention Centre, Dublin