

LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES (LCDC)

In 2012, the policy document “Putting People First “ was published and this sets out reforms to improve the delivery of services for the citizen, deliver greater efficiency and effectiveness and give local government a more central role in local and community development

The Local Government Act 2014 provides for the establishment of Local Community Development Committees in each Local Authority Administrative area. Carlow Local Community Development Committee was established by Carlow County Council on 30th July 2014. The LCDC comprises of seventeen members both statutory and non statutory including four elected members. The LCDC is a committee of the Council but independent in the performance of its functions.

Purpose of the Local Community Development Committee is to:

Develop, coordinate and implement a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development in County Carlow. It will do this by bringing together local authority members and officials, state agencies and people actively working with local development, community development, and economic, cultural and environmental organisations to implement a joined-up, cross-sectoral approach to local and community development programming. LCDCs will, therefore, draw on the expertise and experience of public and private actors within the Council area to provide effective and efficient services to citizens and communities of County Carlow, in particular those most in need of those services.

Functions of the Local Community Development Committee:

- To prepare, adopt ,implement , monitor and review the community elements of a 6 -year Local Economic and Community Plan
- To consider and adopt a statement of the economic elements of the Local Economic and Community Plan
- To improve the co-ordination of publicly funded programmes including the Local Community Development Programme, Rural Development Programme and Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme and reduce duplication
- To prepare an annual report on the performance of its functions.