

The Councils of the
City and County of Kilkenny



Physical Environment Strategy

Physical Environment
Strategy of Kilkenny City
RAPID AIT / Sub group on
Physical Environment
March, 2009



Executive Summary

- The national RAPID Programme is now clearly focused on seven strategic themes. Physical Environment is one of the themes launched at the National Ploughing Championships in September, 2009. These themes will enable RAPID Kilkenny to undertake our work more effectively by re-focusing and re-utilizing our time and our commitment to the programme. This sub-group will re-evaluate and re-focus work, leading to clearer, focused involvement and delivery at local level. This strategy promotes a high level of local ownership which will lead to effective implementation and achievability of our strategies and our actions.

Mission, Vision and Values Statement

- That each individual and community has a right to live their life in a pleasant, safe environment, have right of access to necessary services, facilities and opportunities and to be supported in the fulfillment of their reasonable aspirations and potential, to adhere to Agenda 21 principles focusing on promoting sustainable development

Underlying Principles of Physical Environment Strategy

- **Better Service delivery** ~ to improve service delivery and filling the gaps identified in existing service provision
- **Community Participation** ~ to involve community in development of all plans and all actions
- **Service integration** ~ to improve the co-ordination of services to service users ~ to identify existing services and how they can best interlink
- **New Investment** ~ to identify new projects and funding for projects based on local need
- **Leadership** ~ Kilkenny Local Authority will take a lead role in implementing the plan through the chairing of this sub-group

Members of Sub Group

- Gary Gordon, Sgt. Community Policing Programme
- Sheila Donnelly, Newpark Close FRC
- Mags Leahy, NPC Community Committee
- Eileen Kelly, Keep Kilkenny Beautiful
- Gladys Bowles, Hebron park Community Committee
- Ray Scanlon, Bishop Birch Place Community Committee
- Sarah Barron, (Respond!) COG
- Martina Comerford, RAPID Co-Ordinator
- Ann Marie Robinson, EM Officer, KCC
- Claire Murphy, Parks Section, KCC
- Sheila Cantwell, Loughboy Area Resource Centre
- Pat McCauley, The Butts area

Physical Environment ~ Kilkenny

- Physical Environment plays an important role in the quality of life for residents and in building sustainable communities. This is outlined clearly in government document “Building Homes Sustaining Communities”. It is widely acknowledged that the physical standard of estates and accommodation in which people live affects the quality of their day to day lives. Access to services, use of public space, quality of dwellings, and the security of their homes are all key issues in how a community sustains itself. RAPID offers a valuable interagency/community model to build sustainable communities in the disadvantaged areas of Kilkenny.

Objectives

1. To collaborate with communities and maximise opportunities for joint-decision making in terms of estate management and estate management approaches.
2. To ensure that all estates have access to good quality recreational and sporting facilities.
3. To implement locally agreed strategies to encourage residents to reduce, re-use and re-cycle, while all the while improving the aesthetic look of local authority estates in RAPID Areas.



Profile of Services

TEMPLATE ONE

STRATEGIC THEME - PROFILE OF SERVICES & FACILITIES

RAPID AREA: Kilkenny		STRATEGIC THEME: Physical Environment		SUB GROUP LEADER: Ann Marie Robinson				
NAME OF SERVICE/ FACILITY	FOCUS OF SERVICE	COVERAGE PROVIDED	TARGET GROUP/ SERVICE USERS	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	GAPS IN PROVISION	ABILITY TO EXPAND Y/N	POSSIBLE FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS	COMMENTS
STATUTORY SERVICES & FACILITIES								
Estate Management Liaison Officer	Support to residents, tenants, community committees	City & County of Kilkenny	Residents and Tenants of Local Authority and RAPID communities	ICR, DOELG Grant Funding, Domant Accounts		yes		
Community Policing Programme	development of community safety strategy	City of Kilkenny including RAPID areas	Residents and Tenants of Kilkenny City and Environs	Department of Justice and Law Reform		yes	Increase d CCTV coverage in City & further RAPID areas	
Environmental Officer	Development & Implementation of Environmental policies & Strategies	City & County of Kilkenny including RAPID areas	Residents and Tenants of Kilkenny City, Environs and County	local authority		yes		

VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Community and Voluntary Forum	community input into local democratic structures	City and County of Kilkenny	Kilkenny Community Groups	local authority		yes	Higher level of local involvement	
Keep Kilkenny Beautiful	improve visual aspect of Kilkenny city & environs	Kilkenny City and Environs	Environmental improvement groups	tidy towns		yes	higher level of participation in keep Kilkenny beautiful programme	
Residents Voluntary Community Committees	Local estate and wider community	specific area	residents / tenants rapid communities	local Authority/ld sip		yes	wider local support for existing communities	
Community Organisation Group (COG)	Network support to Community Committee members	City of Kilkenny including RAPID areas	Community Committee members	rapid/ldsip		yes	increased community representation at cog	



Projects / Actions

COMBINED TEMPLATE 2 & 3

PROJECTS /ACTIONS

RAPID AREA

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Strategic Aims/ Key Elements Of Strategy	Proj No	Actions/ Project	Objectives	Expected Outcomes	Lead Agency	Other Stake Holders	Target Group	Proj. Type	Project Cost (If Relevant)	Funding Source	Expected Start Date & Completion Date
play/ Recreation	peis- kk- 001	Development of Pockocke Green Space	to provide access to recreational facilities to RAPID Communities in Eastern Environs & also to encourage a range of age groups to actively use the facility	Lighted Footpaths, juvenile playing pitch, muga, playground	Local Authority	RAPID Community, local sporting orgs	eastern environs residents all social groups	new investment	phased	rcf surplus /sports capital/ rapid play ground scheme 2010	2009/ 2011

play/ Recreation	peis- kk- 002	development of newpark sports field	to further enhance the opportunities for residents to engage & enjoy the existing sports field. To remove hedging at roadside to improve safety and visual access to MUGA area	to include stand surrounding soccer pitch, muga & eco- planting with seating areas; to increase visual access to area by community & youth	Local Authority	FRC, Sporting Groups, local Community	eastern environs residents all social groups	new invest ment	P h a s e d	rcf surplus/s ports capital/ rapid play ground scheme# 2010	2 0 0 8 / 2 0 1 0
play/ Recreation	peis- kk- 003	installation of muga & assoc works at Bishops Demense	to provide access to play facilities to RAPID Communities in Western Environs & also to support any further development of this site	opening up of 4 acre green space to community, muga	Local Authority	FRC, Sporting Groups, local Community	young people of western environs	new invest ment	P h a s e d	rcf surplus/s ports capital/ rapid play ground scheme 2010	2 0 0 8 / 2 0 1 0
play/ Recreation	peis- kk- 004	developme nt of play/mixed use facility in Loughboy	to incorporate pieces of play equipment for younger children & older persons in an area suited by its demographics	new facility to serve mixed age groups in Loughboy area	Local Authority	CDP, local Community	local communit y	new invest ment	7 0 , 0 0 0	Play ground 2009	2 0 0 9 / 2 0 0 9
play/ Recreation	peis- kk- 005	developme nt of childrens play facility in St Marys Crescent			Local Authority with residents of St. Mary's Avenue/ Crescent	Eastern Environs, local community, industrial park, Hebron Road	local communit y,	new invest ment	2 5 , 0 0 0	Estate Manage ment Budget KCC/PEI S fund DOELG	2 0 0 9 / 0 0 9

play/ Recreation	peis- kk- 006	To investigate the possibility of developing a site for MUGA for Loughboy area	to consult with residents around the locating of MUGA in larchfield/ Loughboy area of the city	Consultation complete, site located (if agreed) & development of MUGA	Local authority with residents of Loughboy	local authority, Leader, RAPID Communities	local community,	new investment	125,000		2009 / 2009
Housing / Estate Management	peis- kk- 007	To facilitate the participation of residents in a series of training sessions with Nurture Development to review community assets	Development of Physical & Community Development Regeneration Strategy for the Newpark Close estate	Training completed & residents supported to organise a community event to participate inclusion of wider residential group	Newpark Close residents with Local Authority	local authority, Leader, RAPID Communities	local community	new investment	8000	Estate Management Budget KCC/ DOELG	
Housing / Estate Management	peis- kk- 008	To support the residents in the development of landscaping strategy and to make available the resources to implement same	Development of Physical and Community Development Regeneration Strategy for the Newpark Close estate	Survey of residents completed, contractor identified & landscapng works completed.	Newpark Close residents with Local Authority	local authority, Leader, RAPID Communities	local community	new investment	Phase d	DOELG Local Authority ICR	2008 / 2013

Housing /Estate Management	peis-kk-009	To highlight volunteer and community development initiatives in RAPID communities and develop a directory of activities	Promotion of a sense of positivity around RAPID communities in Kilkenny	Directory of activities developed by community representatives	Community Reps from RAPID Communities	local authority, Leader, RAPID Communities	local community, commercial enterprises,	better service delivery		PEIS fund/Estate Management Budget (Local Authority Housing)	2009/2013
Housing /Estate Management	peis-kk-010	To encourage a positive attitude and awareness of the issues around allocation of re-lets within local authority housing estates. To inform residents and tenants of the issues around the allocation of re-lets; To develop an ad hoc policy in relation to boarded up houses	to improve the Physical Aspect of Vacant properties	Tenants more informed of issues around re-lets; Physical aspect boarded up houses enhanced	Local Authority	local authority, Leader, RAPID Communities	Social and Local Authority Housing residents and applicants in all RAPID areas of City	better service delivery		PEIS fund/Estate Management Budget (Local Authority Housing)	2009/2013

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Housing/ Estate Management	peis-kk-0011	Installation of recycling Centers in commercial Venue within eastern environs of Kilkenny City	To facilitate the development of an estate management/ based approach towards tenant participation on LA/RAPID Housing estates	Inventory & training completed by representative groups of residents from RAPID communities	Local Authority	Local Authority, Leader	Local Authority & Residents/ Tentants RAPID communities, commercial interests in Eastern Environs	new investment		PESI fund/ Estate management Budget (Local Authority housing)	2008/ On going

Waste/Environmental Management	peis-kk-0012	to identify litter hot spots in RAPID communities; promotion of involvement by RAPID Communities in waste management initiatives	Development, installation and promotion of use of Litter management facilities within Eastern Environs of Kilkenny	recycling centres installed, reduction in littering & increased public awareness around physical & visual impacts of littering	Local Authority	local authority, Leader, RAPID Communities	Local Authority (Environment/Housing/RAPID) & Residents/Tenants RAPID communities	better service delivery	PEIS fund/Estate Management Budget (Local Authority Housing)	2009/2010
Waste/Environmental Management	peis-kk-0013	To encourage participation of estates located in RAPID areas of city in National Spring Clean Week programme; to inform all local authority estates, and in particular, RAPID estates of timing and benefit of participation in Tidy Estates competition;	Development of waste/environmental strategy in RAPID communities in Kilkenny City	Increased awareness of litter management activities; reduction in littering	Local Authority	local authority, Leader, RAPID Communities	Local Authority (Environment/Housing/RAPID) & Residents/Tenants RAPID communities	better service delivery	PEIS fund/Estate Management Budget (Local Authority Housing)	2009/2010

Waste/ Environmental Management	peis- kk- 0014	Develop inventory of positive community development activity in RAPID communities; to encourage participation by residents in Asset Based Community Development Training initiatives	Promotion of the annual Local Authority Tidy Estates Competition and National Spring Clean Week with any environmental waste management initiatives organised by the Environment section.	Increased number of entrants from RAPID areas in Local Authority Tidy Estates Competition; Improved visual aspect of entrant estates, increased involvement by wider residential group in environmental initiatives on RAPID/Local Authority Estates	Local Authority	local authority, Leader, RAPID Communities	Local Authority (Environment /Housing/ RAPID) and Residents/ Tenants RAPID communities	better service delivery		PEIS fund/ Estate Management Budget (Local Authority Housing)	2 0 0 9 / 2 0 1 3
Estate management	peis- kk -0015	To Roll out the depts physical environment scheme & ensure local participation in programme	to improve the aesthetic look of rapid estates aswell as improving community safety	improve the aesthetic look of rapid estates aswell as improving community safety	Local Authority	local authority, Local Authorities	Local Authority (Environment /Housing/ RAPID) and Residents/ Tenants RAPID communities	new investment		PEIS fund/ Estate Management Budget (Local Authority Housing)	rollin g ann ual date s

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