



1. LAG Composition

Kildare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) is the Local Action Group (LAG) for the delivery of the RDP LEADER Programme 2014-2020. County Kildare LEADER Partnership (CKLP) are the Implementing Partner and Kildare County Council will act as the Financial Partner.

Kildare LCDC was established in 2014 for the purpose of developing, co-ordinating and implementing a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development. Kildare LCDC is a 19 member committee composed of statutory and non-statutory sector members, including local authority members and officials, state agencies, private sector, local development and community representatives.

2. LCDC/LAG Membership

Statutory
Cllr. Suzanne Doyle, Kildare County Council Cllr. Mark Wall, Kildare County Council Cllr. Fintan Brett, Kildare County Council
Chief Executive Kildare County Council & LCDC Chair – Peter Carey Head of Local Enterprise Office – Jacqui McNabb
Kildare & Wicklow Education & Training Board - Chief Executive - Sean Ashe
HSE - Chief Officer, Community Healthcare Org 7, Sth Dublin/Kildare/West Wicklow - David Walsh
Tusla Child and Family Agency - Interim Service Director, Dublin Mid Leinster - Patricia Finlay
Department of Social Protection – Principal Officer, Eoghan Ryan
Non-Statutory
County Kildare Leader Partnership – Chairperson, Patricia O'Brien
Kildare Community and Voluntary Forum Chairperson - Anthony Egan Vice-Chairperson - Dermot O'Donnell
Teach Dara - Manager - Sarah Shakespeare
Peter McVerry Trust - CEO - Pat Doyle
An Taisce - David Walsh

Irish Farmers Association

- Mary Waters

North Kildare Chamber of Commerce

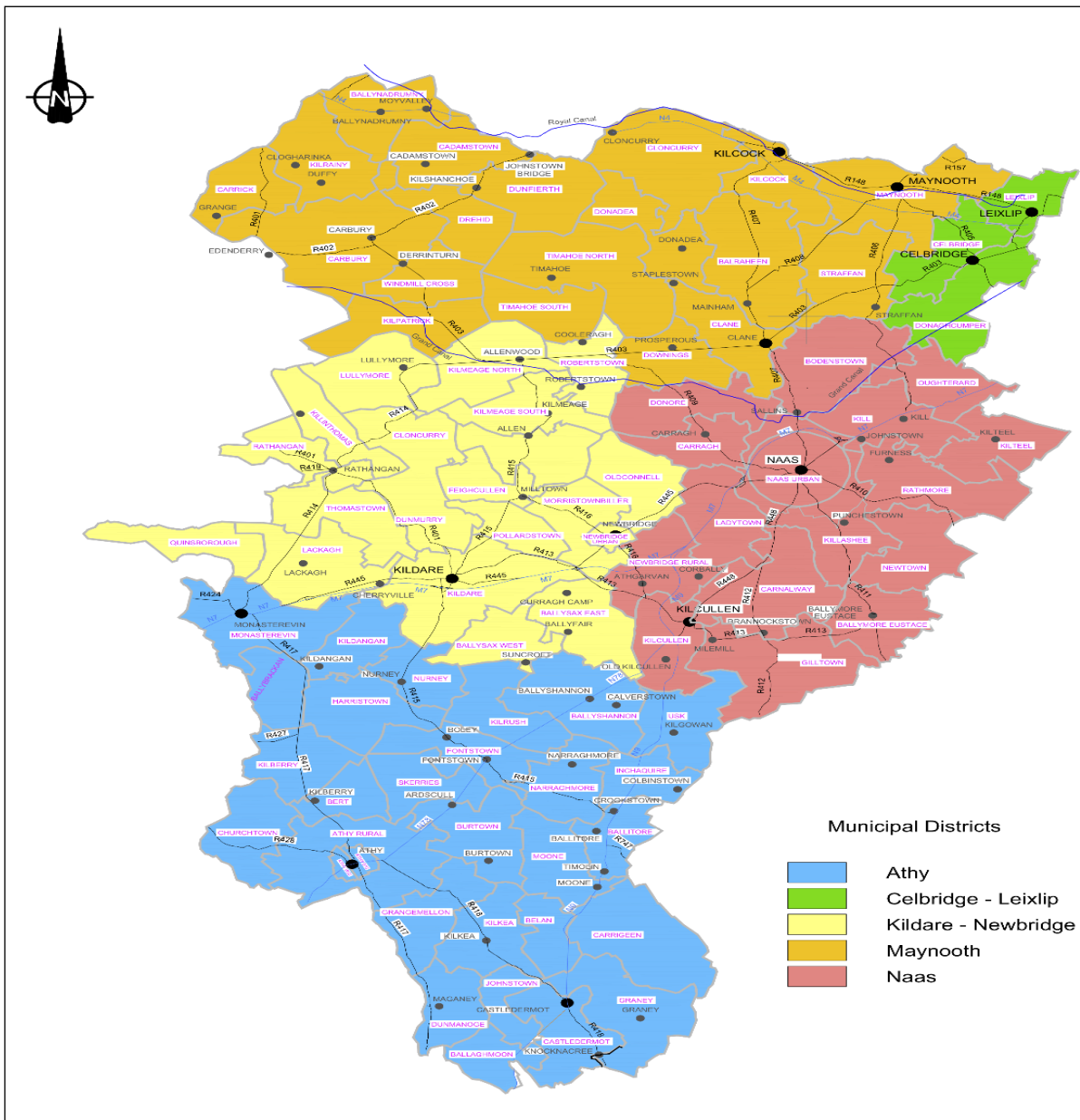
- CEO Allan Shine

South West Regional Drugs & Alcohol Task Force

- Co-ordinator – Lisa Baggott

3. The LAG Area

The Local Development Strategy encompasses the County of Kildare which comprises five Municipal Districts, 89 Electoral Divisions and 731 Small Areas. Kildare county covers an area of 169,426 hectares (1,964km²) and has a population of 210,312 (2011 Census) rendering it the fifth-highest populated county in the state.



4. Total Funding Available

The total LEADER allocation to Kildare is €5,261,600

5. The Key Local Objectives

The key local objectives for Kildare fall under three main themes:

- Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation
- Social Inclusion
- Rural Environment

6. Summary of Strategic Actions and Anticipated Outputs/Targets

Theme	Sub-Theme	Title of Local Objective	Strategic Action
Economic and Enterprise Development and Job Creation	1.1 Rural Tourism	Supporting sustainable tourism development in Kildare	SA 1.1. To support a Digital Marketing Platform for County Kildare
			SA 1.2 To support the growth of Kildare's tourism sector by improving and expanding on the quality and range of products on offer, particularly within Hub/Cluster destination development
			SA 1.3 Build the capacity of Kildare's tourism sector
	1.2 Enterprise Development	Increasing and expanding enterprise development in rural Kildare	SA 2.1 County Flagship – Support Kildare's Creative Network and Craft Design Hubs
			SA 2.2 Research and capacity building for LEADER-type enterprises in Kildare
			SA 2.3 Support and expand LEADER-type micro/SME and Social Enterprise in Kildare
			SA 2.4 Support Kildare's artisan food sector as a mechanism to create local jobs
	1.3 Rural Towns	Developing clear, agreed plans to progress social, economic and infrastructure	SA 3.1 Support four Town Revival Business Plans in specific towns in Kildare
			SA 3.2 Kildare Rural Towns - Capital Support Programme

		of towns in rural Kildare	
	1.4 Broadband	Increasing access to broadband in rural Kildare	SA 4.1 Support for small scale feasibility and equipment for increased broadband access
Theme	Sub-Theme	Title of Local Objective	Strategic Action
Social Inclusion	2.1 Basic Services: Hard-to-Reach Communities	Increasing access to community facilities and amenities in targeted areas	SA 5.1. Support for community Infrastructure and Activities in areas of greatest need
			SA 5.2 Capacity building and technical support for hard-to-reach communities
	2.2 Rural Youth	Developing employment, education and social opportunities targeting vulnerable young people in rural Kildare	SA 6.1 Rural Youth Training for empowerment and employment Initiative
			SA 6.2 Develop and enhance youth facilities and amenities and build the capacity of young people
Rural Environment	3.1 Protection and Sustainable Use of Water Resources	Increasing awareness and supporting sustainable water management	SA 7.1 Sustainable Water Resource Management Programme

	3.2 Protection and Improvement of Local Biodiversity	Increasing awareness and protecting Kildare's unique landscape	SA 8.1 Biodiversity awareness and protection programme
			SA 8.2 Enhance and protect Kildare's unique local biodiversity
			SA 8.3. Integrated landscape plan for the Curragh Plains
	3.3 Development of Renewable Energy	Developing employment opportunities in renewable energy	SA 9.1 Increase employment through renewable energy businesses and build greater awareness and capacities in this area of renewables

7. Contact Details

Contact info@kildarelcdc.ie for further information