



# Limerick

## Local Development Strategy

### Rural Development Programme 2014–2020



Economic

Development



Social Inclusion



Rural Environment



## Organisation and Contact Details

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## LAG Composition & Decision Making

The LCDC has a membership of nineteen. The LAG membership is as follows:

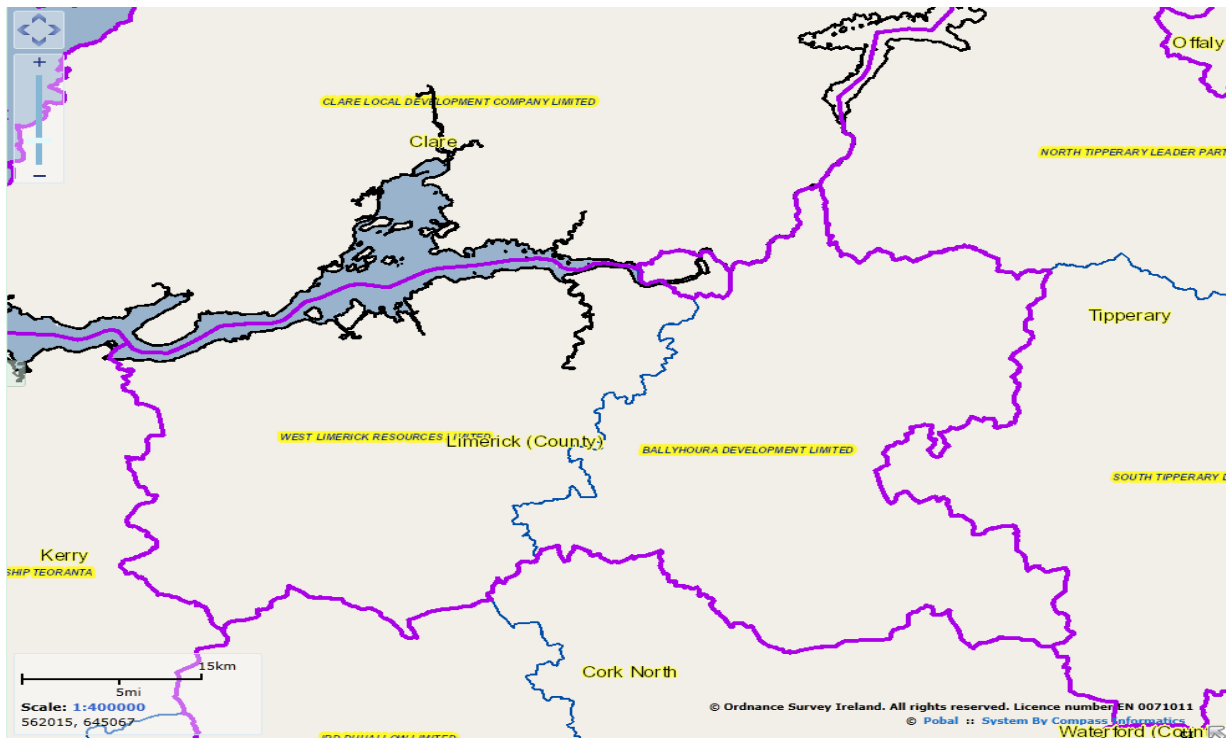
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## Funding

Total available funding is €9.276M

## Area Selection

The Local Development Strategy (LDS) area covers a geographic area of approximately 2,700sq km. It is bounded to the north by County Clare and Limerick City, to the east by County Tipperary, to the south by County Cork and to the west by County Kerry. Census 2011 records that the LDS area had a population of 134,703.



**Map 1: Geographic Location of LDS area**

The LDS area formed part of the former Mid-West Region and currently forms part of the newly established Southern and Eastern Region.

For the purposes of LEADER the LDS area is divided into two areas – East Limerick and West Limerick, each with its own Programme Implementer

## LDS Action Plan

### Priority Objective Statements

**Local Objective 1 - Rural Tourism:** To support and build community and business capacity to invest in and optimise outcomes from recreation, environment, food, heritage and cultural development to generate jobs for residents, revenues for businesses and income through increased visitor numbers to the LDS area across 2015-2020.

**Title of Strategic Action 1:** Tourism Product Development

**Title of Strategic Action 2:** Marketing

**Local Objective 2 - Enterprise Development:** To support community and individual entrepreneurial capacity to strengthen innovation, production, distribution knowledge, infrastructure and networks to sustain and grow employment in the LDS area across 2015-2020.

**Title of Strategic Action 1:** Indigenous and Social Enterprise

**Local Objective 3 - Rural Towns:** To animate and develop the distinctive human, social, environment, built character and commercial activity of rural towns and villages across the LDS area between 2015 and 2020, as centres of the wider economic and social hinterlands, to create attractive centres for living, leisure, services, business and employment.

**Strategic Action 1 Title:** Community Socio Economic Action Planning  
**Strategic Action 2 Title:** Village and Town Regeneration

**Local Objective 4 - Broadband:** To build community, business and individual knowledge and capacity through improved access to and understanding of the opportunities and innovations presented by faster broadband and increase uptake and usage to optimise the social, economic and employment benefits from broadband investment in to the LDS area across 2015-2020.

**Strategic Action 1 Title:** Broadband Access and IT Skills Capacity

**Local Objective 5 - Basic Services Targeted at Hard to Reach Communities:** To build the capacity of individuals and communities living in the LDS area, to sustain and improve their quality of life, through supporting them to provide increased and improved services (social, recreational, retail and financial) and educational, cultural and artistic activities across 2015-2020.

**Strategic Action 1 Title:** Community Animation, Capacity Building and Training  
**Strategic Action 2 Title:** Community Services and Infrastructure.

**Local Objective 6 - Rural Youth:** To strengthen the capacity of young people, youth and community organisations across the LDS area between 2015-2020, through innovative programming, engagement, participation and partnership across local community, social, environment and economic development activities.

**Title of Strategic Action 1:** Youth Infrastructure – Facilities & Services

**Local Objective 7 - Protection and Sustainable use of Water Resources:** To build the capacity of local individuals, communities and businesses to innovate and enable effective, efficient, financially viable and socially acceptable ways to manage water resources in the LDS area between 2015-2020, including participating in public, private and community collaborative structures.

**Title of Strategic Action 1:** Protection and Sustainable Use of Water

**Local Objective 8 - Protection and Improvement of Local Biodiversity:** To improve the knowledge base for, awareness of and community innovation and activity in conservation, restoration, protection and sustainable use and management of biodiversity and ecosystem services across the LDS area between 2015-2020.

**Title of Strategic Action 1:** Conserve and Enhance Biodiversity

**Local Objective 9 - Development of Renewable Energy:** To build community and business capacity to invest in research, development, testing and deployment of renewable energy and conservation technologies to minimise the impact of climate change, reduce emissions, reduce carbon footprint and reduce fuel poverty in the LDS area between 2015-2020, without negatively impacting upon the environment.

**Strategic Action 1 Title:** Renewable Energy Use  
**Strategic Action 2 Title:** Renewable Energy Supply