

Kerry Local Community Development Committee together with Kerry County Council have recently drafted the Local Economic & Community Plan 2015 – 2021 for the county.

The Local Economic & Community Plan is an integrated plan to guide the development of County Kerry from an Economic, Community, Cultural, Sporting and Recreation perspective from 2015 to 2021. This plan will be used to focus the role of Local Government, Agencies and other bodies that are involved in the development of County Kerry.

Further to the drafting of the plan the LECP has been screened in order to determine if the plan is likely to have a significant effect on the environment and require a Strategic Environmental Assessment. The plan is also screened for significant effects on a Natura 2000 site under Article 6 of the Habitats Directive.

These reports are available for inspection at the Community Services and Engagement Department, Kerry County Council, County Buildings, Rathass, Tralee. They are also available online at <http://lecp.kerrycoco.ie/>

The SEA screening concluded that significant effects on the environment are not considered likely and a SEA was not required. The Habitat Directive Assessment concluded that significant effects on Natura 2000 sites were not considered likely from the implementation of the plan. A Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment was not required.

Prior to a final decision being made for both assessments, the reports are available for consultation from Friday 14th August until 5pm, Friday the 11th of September, 2015. Comments/submissions/observations should be made to:

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