

Community Citizen & Wellbeing (Actions updaters Feb : 2005)

To improve the health and Wellbeing of all people living in County Kilkenny by providing co-ordinated and integrated responses to their needs. To enable people to reach their full potential.

Actions:	Lead Agency:	Support Agencies	Where in Strategy Document	Status / Progress to December 2004
<p>To provide a community nucleus for service delivery, allowing access to resources/facilities from a number of single units across the County.</p> <p>To encourage collaborative working arrangements between service providers to develop service delivery within these community units to meet needs identified locally</p> <p>To improve access to key public services by marginalised groups (e.g. Travellers, refugees, elderly individuals isolated at a community level) in order to promote equality of access within these community units</p>	<p>Lead Agency Kilkenny Local Authorities</p>	<p>Supported By: BNS CDCD CEB County Childcare Committee Department of Social, Community & Family Affairs FÁS KCAN Local Authority Local Development – Community Partnerships (note: these agencies do not have a County remit) South Eastern Health Board VEC</p> <p>This is now a SIM action</p>	<p>Community Citizen & Wellbeing</p>	<p><i><u>This is ongoing the Kilkenny County Council Area offices have greatly improved. There is a strong commitment from relevant agencies. Good examples would include Callan, Newrath, and Thomastown</u></i></p> <p><i><u>(SIM Action)</u></i></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage in an exercise to identify opportunities for joint development of community based units for service delivery. Pilot Callan as one location for community based services with a view to roll out in other areas. 			Page 53	There is some evidence of progress e.g. the Callan Workhouse, Though this action is still at an early stage of development
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Objective 2
 To identify practical ways of improving the living environment for all residents of Kilkenny. To utilise the existing village/parish mechanism to secure cross-agency agreement on the development and implementation of village plans.

<p>Action</p> <p>To agree protocols for the orderly development of public and private housing schemes and other public amenities that will provide for the social and recreational needs of the inhabitants including adequate provision of green space.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To secure this through local agreements with consultation between all agencies and the community. The Interagency Forum to agree on 1-2 appropriate models to be developed within the County, with a view to 	<p>Lead Agency Local Authorities</p>	<p>Supported By: Community & Voluntary Sector Department of Social, Community & Family Affairs Gardaí Local Development Agencies South Eastern Health Board Teagasc CEB</p>	Page 55	<p><u><i>Within the County Development Plan Village Action Plans are identified .The following action plans have been carried out. These are Ballyragget, Inistoge, Urlingford, and Knocktopher Ballyhale, Slieverue and Paulstown and Sineyford and Mullinavay (These action plans are ongoing)</i></u></p>
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<p>influencing national policy. To use the village planning structure within Kilkenny County Council as a mechanism for the development of integrated plans at village</p>				<p><i><u>The requirement for 18.7% of zoned land for social and affordable housing will apply to all residential developments in these areas. This will ensure a better social mix instead of potential ghettoised social housing.</u></i></p> <p>The Western Environs development “pilot” approach</p>
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Objective 3
Improve transport services within rural and urban communities to improve general access to services

<p>Action 1 Extensive research has already been compiled in relation to this issue. The Board would aim to support existing initiatives that will in turn, feed into the National Plan. The transport initiative will assist in the development of transport services that are flexible in routings and integrate with the existing transport provision to meet identified needs and demands.</p> <p>The establishment of a central co-ordination office will increase the flexibility</p>	<p><i>Lead Agency</i> <i>The Carlow, Kilkenny and South Tipperary Rural Transport Company Ltd. supported by BNS Leader</i></p>	<p>Supported By: CDCD CIE County Council Department of Social, Community & Family Affairs FÁS Iarnrod Eireann KCAN Private Transport Proprietors South Eastern Health Board VEC</p>	<p>Page 56</p>	<p><i><u>Presently there are three demand responsive services running in Kilkenny.</u></i></p> <p><i><u>Due to financial constraints, the southwest Kilkenny service which previously ran on Mondays and Thursdays now only runs on Thursdays and is running well.. However, this may change in, depending on additional funding available.</u></i></p> <p><i><u>The North East service now runs on Saturdays (private taxi operator and the South Kilkenny Waterford</u></i></p>
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<p>of this system. This unit will offer both potential clients and transport suppliers the means to match the transport need to the supply. To maximise the potential for the system, it is proposed that a significant investment is made in the field of information and communication technology, or 'telematics'. Such an investment will allow the system to grow significantly beyond the proposed pilot initiatives.</p>			<p><i>service continues to run on Wednesdays. (running very well)</i></p> <p><i><u>All Kilkenny services were previously run using contracted operators. Since Jan 2004, Ring a Link runs the Northeast (private) and Southwest Kilkenny (Ring a Link Sevice)SERVICE)(services, using the Ring a Link bus and a bus driver funded under the FAS Social Economy Scheme AND THE rti Rural Transport initiative . In April 2004, Ring a Link will also run the South Kilkenny - Waterford service using its own bus. (€10,000 KCC estimates 2005)</u></i></p> <p>Note a new manager has been appointed Jackie Mealy</p> <p><i>New initiative : Sept 2004 new service Kilmanny Ballyline - Kilkenny Tuesdays. Still in Development</i></p> <p><i>In 2004 18,00 passsengers with avg (5000 coming from Kilkenny)</i></p> <p><i>Future developments include, Ballyfoyle - Kilkenny Johnswell- Kilkenny (pending on funding)</i></p>

<p>Action 2 To highlight the inadequacy of urban City transport and seek appropriate actions.</p>	<p>Lead Agency Kilkenny Corporation</p>	<p>Supported By: Kilkenny Chamber of Commerce Plan has been completed</p>	<p>Page 57</p>	<p><u><i>A Traffic management plan has been developed for Castlecomer road, Wolfe Tone Street, Johns Green, Barrack Street, and Ballybought Street. (This system has been completed</i></u></p> <p><u><i>The Inner relief road was adopted into the County Development Plan in 2004</i></u></p> <p><u><i>The Kilkenny Ring rd extension in will commence in Spring 2005</i></u></p> <p><u><i>The Waterford rd traffic mgt plan has also been completed</i></u></p>
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Objective 4:
To work in partnership to make Kilkenny City & County a safe and secure place to live for all residents.

<p>Action To examine issues of safety and security and to investigate collaboration on a variety of measures such as CCT solutions.</p>	<p>LEAD Agency: Gardaí</p>	<p>Supported by: Chamber of Commerce, Community & Voluntary Sector DSCFA South Eastern Health Board Local Authority</p>	<p>Page 57</p>	<p><u><i>Almost all of the County is covered by Community or Rural Policing. This system makes the best use of available resources.</i></u></p> <p><u><i>The Gardaí in County Kilkenny are endeavouring to keep one Gardaí living in the local area, and this is working in Bennetsbridge, Stoneyford, Mullinavat, Borris, Graiguenamanagh and Kilmoganny.</i></u></p>
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			<p><u>Community alert is still the best system in place allowing the community to assist the Gardai. Some community alerts are better than others.</u></p> <p><u>CCTV is ongoing in Kilkenny. Cutbacks are having an effect. Kilkenny is presently shortlisted' on the national list 6 areas have gone to contract 4 areas are at tender stage. The Minister has given a commitment for a further 7 areas to be covered which include Kilkenny.</u></p> <p><u>Drugs and alcohol is still a major issue. There is a proactive drugs unit in Kilkenny. There is no Drugs unit in Thomastown</u></p> <p><u>Last years over 39 dealers and 246 users were convicted</u></p> <p><u>There is a large emphasis on Traffic, there is a programme called traffic watch, where the public / Motorists call a freephone number in Thomastown</u></p> <p><u>Their were 10 fatal accidents in the County in 2002 and 5 in 2003</u></p> <p><u>A large decrease in 2004</u></p> <p><u>The collision prevention programme is on-going where the Gardai are working in partnership with the Kilkenny County Council</u></p>
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Objective 1 To encourage people to adopt healthy lifestyle choices and to engage in a wide variety of community based leisure activities, through the development of age related and appropriate early education / interventions for all people. Initiatives will recognise the importance of physical education within the curriculum.				
Actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To secure a Local Sports Partnership for County Kilkenny. LEAD agency: VEC 	LEAD agency: VEC	Supported by Community & Voluntary Forum, Comhairle, Department of Social, Community & Family Affairs, FÁS, Gardai, Local Authority - County Council & Corporation, Local Development Agencies, Schools, South Eastern Health Board, Sports Forum, Youth Organisations.	Page 58	<p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Action complete</p> <p style="color: red;"><u>Compilation of a Sports Database - currently there are 181 clubs listed</u></p> <p style="color: red;"><u>Development of a Sports Forum i.e. Sports Clubs & Organisations</u> <u>A news letter was developed for circulation to all sports clubs and organisations</u></p> <p style="color: red;"><u>Development of FÁS Social Economy Business Plan. Funding was secured from FÁS to develop a business plan outlining how issues identified through the sport consultation process could be addressed. These issues related to lack / under-utilisation of facilities in local communities for sports & recreation and lack of / low participation by certain age groups. 6 communities were identified (5 rural & the RAPID communities in the city) in which to carry out preliminary research. The business</u></p>

			<p><u>plan has been developed and is currently with FAS awaiting a decision.</u></p> <p><u>Walking Routes Strategy. BNS under the auspices of the Sports Partnership undertook a detailed Walking Route Development Plan. This plan outlines the issues, processes and resources to be considered in advance of the development of a walking route network in 5 communities within the county.</u></p> <p><u>Pilot Programmes to promote participation e.g. Ossory Youth & Schools Completion Programme Recreation Schemes - this programme was developed with a view to engaging young people that have not been engaging with structured programmes. It was run over 4 weeks and consisted of 21 sessions including canoeing, orienteering & rock climbing.</u></p> <p><u>Youth Swimming Programme - a pilot initiative developed between the Borough Council, Kilkenny Swimming Club, two local primary</u></p> <p><u>In addition to the above Kilkenny</u></p>
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			<p><u>County Council undertook a comprehensive study 'Kilkenny Open Space, Sports & Recreational & Study' in 2003. This study represents a comprehensive and strategic approach to the development of open space, sports and amenity areas.</u></p> <p><u>An application was prepared and submitted to the Irish Sports Council in October 2003 and funding was approved for the development of a Local Sports Partnership in Kilkenny in December 2003.</u></p> <p><u>The working group is now in the process of formalising the company. As a starting point the different agencies / groups currently sitting on the working group are being invited to nominate a member as director of Kilkenny Recreation & Sports Partnership (KRSP). Moves will then be made to form a limited company. Once this is in place funding can be drawn down from the Irish Sports Council. The Co-ordinator is in place and has commenced supporting the initial board with the further development & expansion of the KRSP board to include all relevant players as outlined in the submission to the ISC.</u></p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote the preparation of an integrated strategy / development plan for Sports / Leisure / Recreational Development Identify Initiatives available in consultation with the Health Promotion Unit of the South Eastern Health Board, the Health & Safety (Environment) Road Safety of Kilkenny County Council and other partners. <p>Identify local responses to maximise these initiatives in conjunction with the Local Sports Partnership and other relevant partners. This links with the action under Vision 1, Objective 2 page 34.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To strengthen the voice of Sport/Recreation in the County through the further development of the Sports Cluster/Forum 	<p>LEAD agency:The Local Sports Partnership, supported by the VEC.</p> <p>LEAD Agency: Health Promotion Unit of the South Eastern Health Board</p> <p>LEAD Agency: Health Promotion Unit of the South Eastern Health Board</p> <p>LEAD agency: Sports Partnership</p>	<p>Supported By: Local Authority, South Eastern Health Board, Citizens Information Centre</p> <p>Supported by: The Local Sports Partnership</p> <p>Supported by: Community & Enterprise Section, Kilkenny County Council</p>	<p>Page 58</p> <p>Page 59</p>	<p>Sports partnership ongoing This is a key action for new board for 2005</p> <p><i><u>The establishment of a regional accident prevention Committee, and the organization of training programmes for older people to assist in the reduction of accidents. Community leaders are trained to deliver the programmes.</u></i></p> <p><i><u>The carers project for home health was rolled out in Kilkenny in 2004 and this will continue in 2005.</u></i></p> <p><i><u>An Action plan has been developed for physical activity, also the appointment of a regional health promotion officer and an physical activity officer</u></i></p> <p>Sports partnership ongoing</p>
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<p><i>Objective 2</i></p> <p>To develop appropriate age related initiatives to help reduce the level of injuries and resultant deaths and lifelong disabilities.</p>				
<p><i>Actions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the 5 greatest hazards. Develop educational & pro-active programmes to address these hazards, through greater inter-sectoral working. 		<p><i>LEAD Agency:</i> Health Promotion Unit of the South Eastern Health Board Supported By: County Council Local community/parish groups Schools South Eastern Health Board VEC Local Industry An Gardai Siochana</p>	<p>Page 59</p>	<p><u><i>A 5 year health promotion action plan has been developed and has been ratified by management</i></u></p> <p><u>Ongoing</u></p>

Objective 1-Supporting the Development of the Community and Voluntary Forum

To support & further develop the Community and Voluntary Forum to develop a collective voice. To share ideas / experiences and best practice models and to prepare submissions at County, regional and national level on policy issues.

Actions

Review the current structure and work of the community forum, identify issues facing the forum and identify best practice models.

Develop an Action Plan for the development of the forum based on the findings of the review. This action plan will identify mechanisms whereby the community and voluntary sector will be enabled to:-

- Share experiences and best practice in relation to developments within the community and voluntary sector itself.
- Encourage greater participation of existing members of the forum and to use is a voice to represent issues within

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Community
Liaison
Committee**

**Part of the action
plan**

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Review completed

An action plan is prepared annually

Items 1 and 2 have been completed. Items 3, 4, 5 and 6 have commenced and are ongoing. Item 5 (regional networking) takes place every three months through the South Eastern Regional Network of Fora. The Kilkenny Community Forum also networks at National level, and is actively participating in the development of national level structures.

<p>To support the animation and capacity building of groups at different stages of development, from areas where there is little or no community development activity to areas where there is strong activity. Through this support, it will build their confidence and capacity to enable them to engage in the community forum.</p> <p>To support the engagement of the weaker, more marginalised groups in community development activity, to build their confidence to enable engagement in the community forum.</p> <p>To develop an information and awareness campaign to promote the Community and Voluntary Forum.</p>				<p>This work has not taken place</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
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Objective 3 -

Supporting the Community and Voluntary Sector to develop its representational role

To have structures in place to allow a two-way flow of information from the community sector to the different committees and boards on which they have representation.

Actions

To support the Community Forum (through the Community Liaison Committee) in establishing appropriate feedback mechanisms between the wider community forum and the committees and boards they are represented on.

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To explore the possibility of networking of representatives from across the region so that the challenges and issues associated with this responsibility is addressed and explored on a collective basis.

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[This occurs at Community Forum area meetings. Also the recent editions of Wavelength / CDB website has also been used.](#)

[Their are links at a national level through national meetings](#)

Objective 4 – Facilitating engagement between the Community Forum and the Public Sector

That all public sector bodies have policies and procedures in place to allow the community and voluntary sector engage with them in relation to relevant policy and practical issues. To have clear parameters set by the public sector, (in consultation with the community and voluntary sector) around how the Community and Voluntary Forum engage with the public sector in terms of inputting their voice / views/ opinions / position.

Action

To support the forum to explore mechanisms of consultation with the public sector and to agree appropriate policies and procedures with the public sector on this matter. This approach is to be addressed initially in conjunction with the Local Authority, with a view to replicating it with other public service agents.

LEAD Agency:
Regional Anti-Poverty Group in consultation with the CLC

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Research was carried out between Community Voluntary Forums and Local Authorities's in the South East looking at effective models. This research was completed in 2004. This research needs to be revisited.

<p>Waste Management Objective</p> <p>To promote and encourage the prevention, minimisation, re-use/recycling and safe disposal of waste in County Kilkenny.</p> <p>Actions: - (in line with the County Kilkenny Waste Management Plan).</p> <p>Waste Prevention / Waste Minimisation: (on going)</p> <p>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development and implementation of education programmes that increase awareness of the need to effectively reduce and manage solid waste. • Promote An Taisce's 'Green Schools Project' in both primary and post primary schools. 			<p>Page 65</p>	<p><i><u>Kilkenny County Council continues to employ one full-time environmental education officer whose role includes the development of such programmes for all sectors of society.</u></i></p> <p><i><u>The Green Schools Programme continues to actively be promoted by the County Council 48% of schools in Kilkenny have agreed to participate in the Green schools programme. In 2004 3 Green Flags were awarded to Kilkenny schools bringing the total number of Green Flags in the county to 9</u></i></p>
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<p>Encourage waste minimisation through the promotion of recyclable and reusable products and an information campaign to all householders on the need for waste reduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Information programme for environmental issues in general and waste management in particular. • Use of 'the polluter pays' principle for the disposal of waste in such a manner as to encourage and promote waste minimisation and waste recovery. • Promotion of home composting 			<p>Page 65</p>	<p><u><i>In 2004 a Booklet promoting waste prevention minimization was sent to all householders in county Kilkenny.</i></u> <u><i>Throughout 2004 Waste minimisation and recycling is actively promoted by the Council through all its awareness-raising programmes. Additional leaflets sent re: to promoting Litter and the Law</i></u></p> <p><u><i>Kilkenny County Council's charge per tonne at its landfill site at Dunmore reflects the full cost of managing the site and complies with the Polluter Pays Principle</i></u></p> <p><u><i>Composting information workshops are conducted regularly in conjunction with schools and community organizations.</i></u></p> <p><u><i>Since 2004 the purchase of compost bins has been made easier for the public and they are now available for sale from six</i></u></p>
<p>Encourage good waste management practices within the commercial sector and ensure adherence to statutory obligations.</p>			<p>Page 65</p>	<p><u><i>Kilkenny County Council's environment section actively enforces the provisions of the Waste Management Act 1996 and the Litter Pollution Act 1997.</i></u> <u><i>An new enforcement team has been established within the Kilkenny County Council.,a litter</i></u></p>

				<p><i>enforcement officer has been specifically employed to deal with the provisions of the Waste Management (Packaging) Regulations 2003 and the Waste Management (Plastic Bag Levy) Regulations 2001. (new act protection of the environment act 2003)</i></p> <p>In 2004</p>
<p>Re-cycling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to provide 'bring centres' in the County at the ratio of one per 1000 population. • To expand the range of materials that can be facilitated at 'bring centres'. 	<p>LEAD agencies: Local Authority - Kilkenny County Council and Kilkenny Borough Council</p>		<p>Page 67</p>	<p><i>At present the Council has nearly 45 sites for glass and cans and a</i></p> <p><i>Kerbside recycling has been introduced since Nov 2003 and this now serves 17,000 homes in the County The Borough Council introduced Kerbside recycling in the Borough area in March 2004, and this serves an additional 20,000 people.</i></p> <p><i>The civic amenity site in Dunmore is now up and running</i></p> <p><i>The operation of a household hazardous waste collection is now underway 4 time per anum</i></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote and facilitate the provision of kerbside collections for dry recyclables. To carry out regular free collection of hazardous household waste. <p>Promote the effective implementation of 'producer responsibility' in Kilkenny in relation to packaging waste, end of life of vehicles and waste electronic and electrical equipment - in line with the Waste Management (Packaging) Regulations 1997.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To support and help develop 			<p><u><i>Kerbside recycling was introduced throughout most of county Kilkenny</i></u></p> <p><u><i>Kilkenny County Council will play an active role in supporting and promoting new kerbside schemes.</i></u></p> <p><u><i>Since 2001 4 collections a year have taken place around county Kilkenny.</i></u></p> <p><u><i>From October 2003 household hazardous waste is accepted at the Council's civic amenity site at Dunmore. (there are 4 mobile chemcar collections carried out throughout the County at no cost.</i></u></p> <p><u><i>In 2004 a leaflet was delivered to all retailers advising on 'producer responsibility' in Kilkenny in relation to packaging waste, end of life of vehicles and waste electronic and electrical equipment - in line with the Waste Management (Packaging) Regulations 1997 in conjunction with the Race against Waste campaign. A booklet for "Small Change" was made available</i></u></p>
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<p>innovation, ideas and projects such as community re-cycling initiatives, community composting schemes and other practical initiatives that will positively contribute to waste resource management within both urban and rural communities.</p> <p>Energy Recovery</p> <p>The Council will co-operate with other counties in the South East in working towards the provision of an Integrated Waste Management Facility as part of the proposed Joint Waste Management Plan for the South East. The term 'Integrated Waste Management Facility' is a system based on a certain percentage of recycling, coupled with thermal treatment and continued landfill.</p>	<p>LEAD agencies: Local Authority - Kilkenny County Council and Kilkenny Borough Council</p>	<p>Supported by: Community & voluntary sector Schools Environmental Groups Local Development Agencies - BNS, CDCD, CEB, KCAN</p>	<p>Page 67</p>	<p>to all business throughout the County. <u>ounty Council works in conjunction with community organizations, tidy towns groups and other voluntary bodies to promote better waste management and community participation in recycling and composting initiatives. Such projects are underway at a number of locations presently – Castlecomer (anti-litter awareness project) Freshford and Piltown (community composting initiative)</u></p>
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<p>Renewable Energy</p> <p>Objective</p> <p>To promote Energy Conservation and the development of Renewable Energy throughout County Kilkenny.</p> <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the Carlow Kilkenny Energy Agency in the development of an Action Plan to promote and energy efficiency and energy awareness in the County • Research the potential and support the development of renewable energy projects within the County 	<p>LEAD Agency: Carlow Kilkenny Energy Agency Supported by: BNS LEADER</p>	<p>Supported by: BNS ,LEADER, Kilkenny County Council. The Community and Voluntary sector and Environmental groups</p>		<p><i><u>Environmental promotional campaign to schools on-going</u></i></p> <p><i><u>An Energy Education Programme to expand to primary schools in September 2003</u></i></p> <p><i><u>A secondary School campaign to be piloted in October/November 2003</u></i></p> <p><i><u>A Quaterly Energy Focus Newsletter on-going</u></i></p>

<p>Local Agenda 21 is the process of building partnerships between local authorities and other sectors to develop and implement local policies for sustainable development. It is envisaged that the forum will provide a framework for discussion and promotion on sustainable development in the county. LA 21 is designed to implement the principles of sustainable development at a local level by addressing & involving local people directly.</p> <p>Committee need to pick 2 actions</p>	<p>Kilkenny County Council</p>			<p><u>An Agenda 21 Committee has been established and have commenced promoting Agenda 21 through various mediums .It is establishing an Agenda 21 forum in County Kilkenny</u></p>