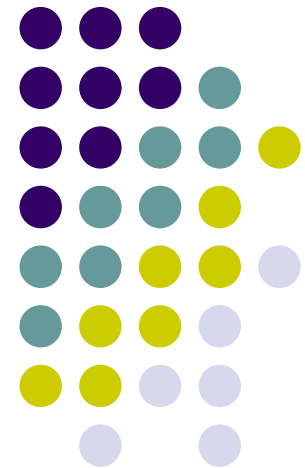


LOCAL GOVERNMENT OVERVIEW – CURRENT ISSUES

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Key Tasks



- Identify key local priorities/policy development, consensus and implementation
- Find new paths/ideas/coalitions to advance-progress local/regional development / community well-being
- Mix of measures – Kilkenny City – quality urbanism, tourism and services , Port of Belview/Sth KKy – port, pharma, bio, energy, Rural KKY – Towns dev, rural dev, food-agri-bio
- Ride tides of economic change, administrative, political, legal realities, manage assets/deficits and find possibilities of good change – continuing creativity
- Deliver services – water/waste water, roads, econ development, housing, environment, planning, social and community, arts etc

FINANCES AND PERSONNEL



- REVENUE EXPENDITURE LEVELS 2010–
OUTLOOK
- CAPITAL EXPENDITURE – ROADS,
HOUSING, WATER AND WASTE WATER,
RECREATION AND AMENITY
- STAFF NUMBERS



PLANNING

- PLANNING ACTIVITY - NUMBER OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS REDUCED
- DEVELOPMENT PLANS & LOCAL AREA PLANS - RPGs
- DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS REDUCED – OUTLOOK
- LEGISLATIVE CHANGE IMMINENT



ENVIRONMENT

- CLIMATE CHANGE
 - EMISSIONS MANAGEMENT
 - ADAPTATION STRATEGY - RECURRENCE
- ENERGY POLICY
 - RENEWABLES AND CONSERVATION – MAJOR FOCUS ON WIND
- WASTE MANAGEMENT
 - LANDFILL TARGETS
 - WASTE TO ENERGY- INCINERATION
 - M.B.T.
 - RECYCLING

WATER AND WASTE WATER



- WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE
 - CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT
 - LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK
- SECURITY OF SOURCES
 - OFFENCES AND ENFORCEMENT
 - CRYPTOSPORIDIUM
- URBAN WASTEWATER
 - LICENSING AND STANDARDS
- ECJ AND EPA
- FUNDING & SPEED
- NEW SOURCES OF FUNDING NEEDED – DOMESTIC CHARGING INITIATIVE ANNOUNCED

ROADS



- MAJOR INTER – URBANS 2010
- REGIONAL LINKAGES POST 2010
- PAST RECORD LEVELS OF EXPENDITURE
- MOBILITY MANAGEMENT – URBAN AREAS
- TRANSPORT 21
- FLOOD AND ICE DAMAGE
- FLEXIBILITY in ALLOCATIONS

HOUSING



- PAST RECORD LEVELS OF EXPENDITURE
- REDUCTIONS IN CURRENT YEAR – 3 YEAR PROGRAMMES
- REGENERATION
- ASSETS
- MAJOR CHANGE FROM PROVISION TO LEASING

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES



- FIRE AND EMERGENCY DIRECTORATE
- MAJOR EMERGENCY FRAMEWORK
- H1N1 PANDEMIC, FLOODS, ICE AND SNOW, FOOT AND MOUTH, EXTREME WEATHER RECURRENCE?, MAJOR ACCIDENTS



CONCLUSION

- REVENUE AND CAPITAL REDUCTIONS
- ECONOMIC DOWNTURN, STABILISATION AND GROWTH
- CLIMATE CHANGE, EMISSIONS MGT, DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLES, INFRASTRUCTURE ADAPTATION
- PLANNING IS OVERARCHING VIEW – HOLISTIC, INTEGRATED, CREATIVE , MACRO AND MICRO APPROPRIATE