

LEITRIM CO DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022-2028.  
**STRATEGIC ISSUES PAPER**  
OBSERVATIONS.

2. **Leitrim's Vision.** Very good.

**1. Delivering for our people.** "Continuing investment for our young people." Carrick urgently needs a new National School with proper facilities and play area. Also a new Sports Arena. Site purchased. Has an application been submitted for funding from the Department of Tourism and sport?

**"We will support and provide opportunities for all our people to engage and shape local decision making .We will ensure we do it all with dignity, equality and respect"**

2. **Delivering for our places .** Very good.

**3. Delivering for our Economy.** "We will seek out and attract inward investment potential by creating and marketing the county as an attractive and viable location." Two good books were produced by L.C.C in 2018 \2019 with this in mind. No mention of results anywhere. Interested citizens do like to know.

**3.2** Congratulations on receiving a sizeable amount of funding through the Regional and Urban Development Funds for our towns.

**4. The core strategy.** We have **too much retail in Carrick.** L.CC should be concentrating on the 30 vacant properties in town 17%. Some public services should be on the Main St. This has been mentioned in some studies.

**4.2** The population change is so small. Hopefully the 2021 census will show an improvement taking into consideration all the improvements that have been made to make our country more attractive.

**4.3** "Good progress made in completing houses within incomplete residential schemes." The public have not however been made aware of the numbers of vacant houses and buildings in the county.

**5.1** Economic strategy 2015-2021 Hopefully figures will improve here. Total employed in 2016 (8082) We hear good news for Avantcard with a possible 200 new jobs?

**5.3 Tourism** Great advances here. Well done L.C.C. and Waterways Ireland. At last there is enough to explore, experience, enjoy. Blueways ,Waterways ,Shannon ,boating and canoeing, and Rowing. We are not making enough use of our existing Heritage sites.

**6.** The cedra report has very good guidelines.

**7.2** We so need a strategy for the development of a transport solution for Carrick, otherwise traffic will continue to by pass our county town despite major urban renewal.

Very good road from Carrick to Manorhamilton better than Castlebar to Mulranny .

**7.3 7.4 7.5** Keep the public up to speed on these matters.

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**9. Heritage** It is great to have a Heritage officer at last . She has done very good work by putting a plan in place after consultation with people all over the county. She should keep in touch with those people who showed interest. Some lovely local history stories were written mostly by people in North Leitrim telling stories of time gone by. I note the 8 no. Architectural Conservation areas etc. We have excellent Heritage and Historical committees in Carrick who have done great work. Beside the great work done by the Tidy Towns committee, they play a major role in promoting Biodiversity, see their facebook page.

**10. Regeneration and Placemaking.** All very good. 'Village centres need to be dynamic and be able to accommodate new uses. **There should be more engagement with communities rather than less.**

**12.4** Yes we need a more socially inclusive society. L.CC has done good work for the travelling people but they should be making a better effort to keep their areas tidy themselves. We have about 26 different nationalities in Scoil Mhuire They are receiving a good education and good opportunities. There could be more opportunities for them to display some of their own Heritage/Music /skills. Is there anyone doing this? I know Bernie Donoghue does great work but more could be done. Perhaps there may be volunteers in our communities, retired active people who might like to offer their services?

**12.6 Libraries** We have good services around the county. **The main Library is in Ballinamore and a lovely building it is.** Is Carrick not deserving of a better equipped Library on the Main St where there are plenty of vacant premises?

The arts craft and the creative sectors are of huge benefit to our county There should be more displays and promotions. The boxty event last year was very successful.

Carrick has at last become a very pleasant **STAYCATION town**, because of its cleanliness and great facilities.