



**Action: 15** Pilot a 'Planning for Community Gain' approach to the Development of Local Area Plans' whereby a more structural and interactive process informs the outcome.

**Rationale** Local Area Plans are drafted by technically qualified people without active engagement with local communities, thus missing the opportunity to tap into the levels of understanding and ambition especially so as to ensure the appropriate consideration of social and public infrastructure and sustainable design.

**Roles of Contributing Partners**

	€ Finance	☺ Co-ordinate	⌚ Implement	📄 Integrate into Plans	💬 Comment and Observe
FCC <sup>12</sup>	✓	✓		✓	
RDL	✓			✓	
FCVF					✓
COF				✓	✓

**Key Steps** Agree an appropriate methodology and a variety of pilot sites. Pilot the initiative by actively facilitating all stakeholders throughout the process. Evaluate the levels of participation and county satisfaction as against a non- pilot site.

**Timeframe**

	2006				2007				2008			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Pre-Planning		✓	✓									
Implementation				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Evaluation				✓				✓				✓

Indicators	Process	Administrative	Global
	Participation of Planning Authorities and Community Stakeholders and new methods of consultation.	Selection of 4 pilot areas where LAPS develop new consultation.	Higher levels of Community Satisfaction with Planning process.

**Commitment to Costs** RDL (LEADER Fund) and FCC (Programme Group 4, Development, Incentives and Control and Programme Group 6, Recreation and Amenity).

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