

County Leitrim Heritage Plan 2003-2008

**A cross-agency Heritage Plan for Co. Leitrim prepared by
Leitrim County Heritage Forum**

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Plean Oidhreachta Chontae Liatroma

The aim of the Leitrim Heritage Plan is to implement a cross-agency approach to promote awareness, education, best management practise and access to heritage in recognition of the benefits that heritage delivers; identifying a sense of place for Leitrim, learning lessons from the past and added value for development and the environs of the county.

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Foreword

Message from the Cathaoirleach *Réamhra an Chathaoirligh*

As Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council I am delighted and proud to see a Heritage Plan for Co. Leitrim. At a time of advancing economic change and increased pace of life it is a welcome development to give recognition to another of our county's assets – our heritage.

There are tremendous resources in the heritage of Leitrim and it is the aim of this plan to identify the means by which this resource can meet its maximum potential in terms of promoting the uniqueness of Leitrim and for added value to its economic development. Leitrim has so much to offer with regard to unspoilt landscapes, navigable waterways and an extensive network of walkways and cycleways. Providing more information, improved access and encouraging best practise with regard to maintaining the architectural character of our towns and villages will enhance the visitor's experience of being in Leitrim along with promoting local pride of place.

I welcome this plan and commend the management team in Leitrim County Council, the Leitrim Co. Heritage Forum and our Heritage Officer, Bernadette Guest for their support and commitment in formulating this plan.

Tá síuil agam go gcuirfí an plean seo i bhfeidhm le cabhair ó gach éinne go bhfuil baint acú leis an bhFóram Oidhreachta. Tá dóchas agam go gcabhróidh an plean le caighdeán saoil agus timpealachta mhuintir Liatroma a choineáil ar leibheál ard. Go néireoidh leis.

Cllr. James J. Shortt, Cathaoirleach, Leitrim County Council

Message from the Co. Manager

The adoption of the Leitrim Heritage Plan 2003-2008 is a welcome development both in response to the requirements of the National Heritage Plan and the National Strategy for Sustainable Development and also as a strategic framework within which to direct the management of one of Leitrim's most valuable resources.

The importance of heritage is recognised as integral to the planning and development process in the Co. Development Plan 2003-2009. Protection and enhancement of heritage is also an aim of A Shared Vision, the Social, Economic and Cultural Strategy for Co. Leitrim 2002-20012.

Similar to the inclusive approach that underpins delivery of the Co. Strategy the Co. Heritage Plan has involved a partnership between all the relevant players including representatives from Local Government, Government Departments & Agencies, Community & Heritage Groups, Local Development Agencies, NGOs and the Farming Sector. This is the first time that all these different interests have come together in this way to develop a plan of action for heritage in the county.

The Leitrim Heritage Plan provides us the basis to strengthen our knowledge base, promote best practise, seek funding for and improve access and understanding of the multi-faceted heritage stock in the county. It will benefit all those with an interest, responsibility and involvement in our heritage.

On behalf of Leitrim County Council, I wish to acknowledge and thank the Co. Leitrim Heritage Forum and all those who contributed to preparation of the plan. In particular I wish to acknowledge the role of our Heritage Officer, Ms. Bernadette Guest in facilitating the forum, consultation process and drafting the plan. I wish the plan every success in its implementation and look forward to the delivery of key heritage projects over the next five years.

Danny McLoughlin, Co. Manager

Introduction

Shannon-Erne Waterway, Glencar Waterfall, Parke's Castle, Sheemore and Sheebeg, Sweathouses, Creevelea Ironworks, Black Pig's Dyke, Doon at Drumsna, Lough Rynn Estate, Sliabh an Iarainn, Glenade Lough, Kingfisher Trail, Pattern Days and Mumming Festivals. Landscapes, Architecture, Archaeology, Nature, Wildlife and Cultural festivals all combine to make up a unique sense of Leitrim. This county has a rich and diverse Heritage and brings benefits to all that live in the county and those who visit. Along with forming our identity, heritage teaches us lessons from the past and also brings economic benefits to the county by providing scenic landscapes, vernacular architecture and historic monuments for the tourist. Retaining a wide diversity and quality of heritage resource may also be seen as a measure of success and competitiveness.

Caring for our heritage helps fulfil the need for sustainable development by maintaining the quality of our landscapes, historic and cultural resources and the heritage of the man-made environment. There are many people who are interested in and have responsibility for our heritage. In order to recognise the diverse resource of heritage in Co. Leitrim, the need to promote best practice for heritage management and involve all the key interests of those responsible for it, it is timely that a County Heritage Plan be drawn up for Leitrim.

The National Heritage Plan published in April 2002 sets out a vision for the management of the national heritage over the next 5 years and beyond. It has four main themes relevant to heritage management and protection at the local level. Objectives and actions are described under each of these themes which are

- Placing the protection and enjoyment of heritage at the heart of public life
- Promoting measures required for protection of heritage
- Encouraging accumulation of knowledge
- Promoting awareness and enjoyment of our heritage

It is in this context that a County Heritage Plan has been produced for Leitrim. The plan has come about through a cross-agency Heritage Forum that involves many of the key stakeholders involved in the promotion and conservation of Leitrim's heritage. The plan also involved focused working groups and an extensive public consultation process so as to achieve consensus on the future of the county's heritage. As a result of this process the following are the objectives of the Leitrim Heritage Plan.

The objectives

1. To continue to promote and raise the profile of Heritage in Co. Leitrim in recognition of its cultural and economic benefits for the people of Leitrim.
2. To raise awareness of the importance of Leitrim's waterways, wetland habitats and species.
3. To promote sustainable planning for Leitrim's Waterways.
4. To maintain and create access to Leitrim's natural, built and cultural heritage.
5. To maintain and enhance the network of Leitrim's walkways.
6. To promote best practise for forestry and hedgerow management.
7. To recognise and support the heritage value of agriculture and horticulture in Leitrim.
8. To collect data, raise awareness and promote sustainable planning for natural heritage (flora, fauna, geology, landscapes) in Co. Leitrim.
9. To increase our knowledge of and promote the appropriate care and conservation of our historic sites and monuments.
10. To increase our knowledge of and promote the appropriate care and conservation of our architectural and industrial heritage.
11. To promote the use of the Irish language in Leitrim.
12. To raise awareness on Leitrim's cultural heritage.
13. To raise awareness on and promote the needs of the archives and museum sector of heritage in Leitrim.

These objectives will be realised by the formulation and implementation of realistic and costed annual work programmes over a five year period until 2008. The work programme will be continually monitored and reviewed by the Co. Heritage Forum. We all have a part to play in conservation and management of our heritage. Your continued involvement and support of this process is welcomed.

Context

National Heritage Plan

It is an objective of Government to ensure the protection of our heritage and to promote its enjoyment by all. The National Heritage Plan sets out a coherent strategy and framework for the protection of our heritage over the next five years. It is an action of this plan to produce local heritage plans.

National Biodiversity Plan

The National Biodiversity Plan sets out a series of actions that are intended to promote and assist in the conservation of Ireland's biological diversity at a national and local level. The plan was published in response to Ireland's commitment of the Convention on Biological Diversity. It is an action of this plan to produce local biodiversity plans.

National Strategy for Sustainable Development

The Government is committed to ensuring that the economy and society can develop to their full potential within a protected environment without compromising the quality of that environment and with responsibility towards present and future generations and the wider international community.

Leitrim Co. Development Plan 2003-2009

The Co. Development Plan sets out the policies and objectives that will guide the actions of the Council in its role as provider of physical infrastructure, protector of the environment and facilitator of social, cultural and economic development. The guiding strategic aim of the Co. Development plan includes protection and enhancement of the archaeological, built and cultural heritage.

A Shared Vision, Social, Economic and Cultural Strategy for Co. Leitrim 2002-2012

This ten year County Strategy envisions that Leitrim's culture and heritage will be protected, treasured and promoted for the benefit of all of its citizens, both current and future.


National Inventory of Architectural Heritage


A National Inventory of Architectural Heritage is being compiled for all counties by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government. This is an extensive evaluated record of the architectural heritage concentrating on the post-medieval period. The inventory will provide a source of information on the structures around Leitrim and will act as the basis for additions to the Record of Protected Structures.


Landscape Character Assessment


A Landscape Character Assessment has been completed for Co. Leitrim bringing together a comprehensive volume of data on landform and landcover in the county. The assessment will assist in policy for windfarms and forestry and may be used to enhance the development of our landscapes. The assessment was commissioned in response to the DoE guidelines on landscape classification in recognition of the importance of "landscape planning" as provided for under the European Landscape Convention 2000.

Objective		Action	Timeframe	Proposed Partners
1.To continue to promote and raise the profile of Heritage in Co. Leitrim in recognition of its cultural and economic benefits for the people of Leitrim.	1.1	Appoint full time Heritage Officer for Co. Leitrim.	Medium Term	Leitrim County Council Heritage Council
	1.2	Compile database of heritage features in the County.	Medium Term	LCC HF DoEHLG
	1.3	Seek funding to publish Heritage Inventory for the county.	Medium Term	HF LEADER
	1.4	Organise Heritage Seminar by Heritage Forum /Heritage Working group members on implementation of the Heritage Plan.	Short Term	HF LCC
	1.5	Continue to update and enhance the Leitrim County Council Heritage Web page www.leitrimcoco.ie and review heritage sections of other related websites.	Short Term	LCC HF
	1.6	Review signage of heritage sites around the county. Seek to maintain uniformity in design of new signage and retention of authentic Irish placenames. Protect old green signs and black and white	Short Term	LCC HF

	1.7	signposts. Research and publish sources of information and funding for the conservation, enhancement and management of heritage. Information to be made available on hardcopy and website.	Medium Term	LCC HF
<p>2. To raise awareness of the importance of Leitrim's waterways, wetland habitats and species.</p> 	2.1	Organise an Information Seminar on the Water Framework Directive and Ramsar Convention for Local Authority Staff and Elected Members.	Short Term	LCC NPW RFB Waterways Ireland
	2.2	Co-ordinate baseline data on water quality in Co. Leitrim.	Medium Term	LCC RFB
	2.3	Encourage local authority and public involvement in preparation of River Basin Management Plans.	Short Term	LCC, RFB
	2.4	Undertake school education programme including practical field trips on the importance of waterways and riparian species.	Medium Term	LCC, RFB
	2.5	Promote youth involvement in angling competitions.	Short Term	Angling & Tourism
	2.6	Encourage clean-up schemes of waterways.	Short Term	LCC Community
	2.7	Support Environmental Hotline to report incidents of damage to waterways and fish spawning	Short Term	LCC

<p>3. To promote sustainable planning for Leitrim's Waterways.</p> 	3.1	<p>grounds. Undertake Waterway Corridor Studies for the River Shannon and associated lakes in conjunction with The Heritage Council, Waterways Ireland and other local authorities.</p>	Medium Term	LCC Heritage Council Waterways Ireland
	3.2	Encourage the Blue Flag Scheme for Leitrim.	Short Term	LCC
<p>4. To maintain and create access to Leitrim's natural, built and cultural heritage.</p>	4.1	Stimulate an information and consultation process on existing legislation on access in the countryside and public liability insurance and publish proceedings of seminar.	Short Term	HF LCC IFA
	4.2	Record existing public rights of way within the county.	Long Term	LCC
	4.3	Support North Leitrim Uplands Forum.	Short Term	HF IFA
	4.4	Reconvene Walkways Committee to oversee maintenance of existing routes.	Short Term	LCC Community
	4.5	Protect and enhance views and prospects over landscapes of merit through appropriate	Short Term	LCC

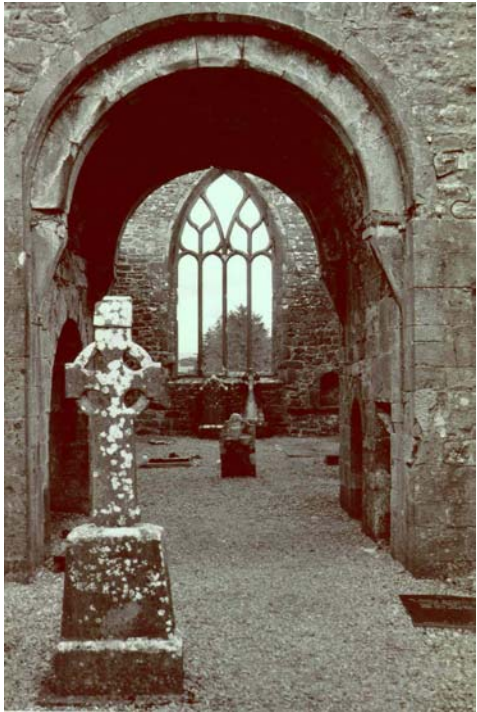
<p>5. To maintain and enhance the network of Leitrim's walkways.</p>	5.1	<p>maintenance of roadside boundaries. Support development of North West Linear Park.</p>	Short Term	LCC HF
	5.2	<p>Seek funding for maintenance and upkeep and implement best management practise for maintenance of walkways.</p>	Short Term	LCC
	5.3	<p>Seek funding to publish Shannon-Erne Walkways series.</p>	Short Term	LCC Waterways Ireland
	5.4	<p>Identify and develop new routes for walkways in the county that incorporate features of heritage interest.</p>	Medium Term	LCC Community LEADER
<p>6. To promote best practise for forestry and hedgerow management</p> 	6.1	<p>Prepare Indicative Forest Strategy for Leitrim.</p>	Short Term	LCC FS COFORD
	6.2	<p>Encourage community co-operative forestry. Promote Neighbourhood Scheme and Native Woodland Scheme.</p>	Short Term	LCC FS COFORD
	6.3	<p>Seek review of legislation to bring forestry developments within the ambit of the planning process.</p>	Short Term	HF
	6.4	<p>Encourage the establishment of a native seed nursery in Leitrim.</p>	Short Term	Teagasc FS N for N
	6.5	<p>Encourage the use of native species of local provenance in Co. Council Tree plantings.</p>	Short Term	LCC

	6.6	provenance in Co. Council Tree plantings. Engage all stakeholders in the development and implementation of a Hedgerow Conservation Policy for the county.	Short Term	N for N LCC NN
	6.7	Carry out hedgerow survey of Co. Leitrim.	Short Term	NN LEADER LCC
	6.8	Establish demonstration sites of best practise for hedgerow management along road schemes.	Short Term	LCC Crann
	6.9	Provide training to local authority staff on hedgerow management.	Short Term	LCC Crann
	6.10	Identify and establish protection mechanisms for hedges of significant ecological and historical value.	Short Term	LCC NN
	6.11	Continue to support annual Golden Mile competition.	Short Term	LCC Crann LEADER
	6.12	Support trans-national hedgerow conservation project.	Short Term	LCC Crann LEADER
7. To recognise and support the heritage value of agriculture and horticulture in Leitrim.	7.1	Record and map information on orchards and fruit varieties in the county.	Medium Term	Organic Centre LEADER
	7.2	Identify, record and retain fruit trees within sites proposed for forestry activities.	Medium Term	HF

	7.3	Encourage Teagasc to promote organic farming and REPS research centre in Ballinamore and retain advice centre and staff resources at Manorhamilton.	Short Term	HF
	7.4	Increase wildlife interest and awareness amongst REPS planners through information seminars.	Short Term	HF
	7.5	Encourage farmers and Dept. of Agr. to maintain nesting habitats in farm buildings and promote evaluation of existing slatted sheds for modifications to incorporate nesting boxes.	Short Term	HF NPW IFA
	7.6	Encourage Dept. of Agriculture and Teagasc to incorporate wildlife considerations into design of slatted sheds such as nesting boxes for Martins and Swifts.	Short Term	HF NPW IFA
	7.7	Encourage initiative of recycling and accounting system for farm plastic in REPS review.	Short Term	IFA
8. To collect data, raise awareness and promote sustainable planning for natural heritage (flora, fauna, geology, landscapes) in Co. Leitrim	8.1	Prepare a Local Biodiversity Plan.	Long Term	LCC HF
	8.2	Publish information on protected species of flora and fauna in the county.	Medium Term	HF NPW
	8.3	Publish information on invasive species of flora and fauna in the county.	Medium Term	HF NPW
	8.4	Commission a Rare Plant Survey of Co. Leitrim.	Medium	NPW

	8.5	Collect records of species / sites for contribution to a national records centre.	Medium Term	NPW HF
	8.6	Commission inventory of sources of ecological data for county.	Medium Term	LCC SLIGO IT
	8.7	Seek funding for bursaries to encourage students to research habitats/ species in Leitrim.	Medium Term	LCC SLIGO IT
	8.8	Incorporate habitat mapping into planning process.	Long Term	LCC H. Council
	8.9	Incorporate wildlife issues into planning considerations.	Short Term	LCC NPW
	8.10	Publish guidelines for prescriptions for habitats in non-designated sites.	Medium Term	LCC NPW
	8.11	Organise information seminar for local authority staff on designated sites, planning and legislative implications.	Short Term	LCC NPW
	8.12	Support collection of information on geological sites.	Short Term	HF GSI
	8.13	List sites of geological importance and incorporate as a variation to Co. Development Plan.	Medium Term	LCC

	8.14	Support Red Grouse project on Sliabh an Iarrain.	Short Term	HF NPW NARGC LEADER
	8.15	Support and encourage ongoing bird surveys such as the Countryside Bird Survey.	Short Term	HF BWI
	8.16	Raise Awareness of bird species in area through public talks.	Short Term	NPW
	8.17	Publish leaflet on bird species of Leitrim.	Medium Term	HF
	8.18	Explore options for local authority land for LINNET project.	Short Term	LCC NPW
	8.19	Raise awareness on lighting and impacts on wildlife populations.	Short Term	LCC NPW
	8.20	Raise awareness of wild flower meadows/banks amongst community groups entering Tidy Towns / Entente Florale competitions.	Short Term	LCC HF

Objective		Action	Timeframe	Proposed Partners
<p data-bbox="188 323 685 459">9. To increase our knowledge of and promote the appropriate care and conservation of our historic sites and monuments.</p> 	9.1	Co-ordinate all sources of archaeological survey and information for Co. Leitrim	Medium Term	LCC DoEHLG
	9.2	Raise awareness amongst landowners on value and need for protection of monuments.	Short Term	LCC DoEHLG
	9.3	Seek funding for Pilot Monument Watch.	Short Term	HF
	9.4	Update and maintain inventory of graveyards in the county and ownership details.	Short Term	LCC
	9.5	Promote management guidance for burials in National Monument sites.	Short Term	HF DoEHLG
	9.6	Organise Seminar on Graveyard Management .	Short Term	HF DoEHLG
	9.7	Explore access to lake islands in Leitrim and raise awareness of monuments present.	Short Term	HF LEADER
	9.8	Explore options for Village Enhancement Schemes incorporating maintenance and enhancement of archaeological features.	Short Term	LCC DoEHLG

10. To increase our knowledge of and promote the appropriate care and conservation of our architectural and industrial heritage.	10.1	Survey the extent and condition of Leitrim's vernacular architecture.	Short Term	LCC DoEHLG
	10.2	Seek preferential funding for the retention and restoration of vernacular architecture.	Medium Term	HF
	10.3	Promote good conservation advice on appropriate restoration of old cottages.	Short Term	LCC
	10.4	Seek funding to appoint Conservation Officer in Co. Council.	Short Term	LCC
	10.5	Commission inventory of pill boxes in Leitrim.	Medium Term	HF
	10.6	Commission inventory of old postboxes and post offices.	Medium Term	HF
	10.7	Commission inventory of sweathouses in Leitrim.	Medium Term	HF
	10.8	Commission inventory of limekilns in Leitrim.	Medium Term	HF
	10.9	Commission inventory of milestones in Leitrim.	Medium Term	HF
	10.10	Commission inventory of gatehouses along rail-lines.	Medium Term	HF
	10.11	Commission inventory of gate lodges of historic estates in Leitrim.	Medium Term	HF
	10.12	Commission inventory of industrial heritage	Medium	HF

	10.13	Support Urban Framework Plans for Leitrim's Towns.	Short Term	HF
	10.14	Organise public exhibition on Leitrim's Architecture and potential re-use of older buildings.	Medium Term	HF LCC
	10.15	Promote leaflets on protected structures.	Short Term	LCC, DoEHLG HF
	10.16	Update and publish Town Trail booklets.	Medium Term	LCC
	10.17	Maintain signage for town trails.	Short Term	LCC
	10.18	Educate public on important buildings with regular features on Leitrim's architecture in media.	Medium Term	LCC
	10.19	Produce leaflet on funding sources for restoration, conservation of structures and thatched houses.	Short Term	HF
	10.20	Commission conservation reports on features of industrial heritage.	Medium Term	HF LEADER
	10.21	Support the restoration of the Dromod-Mohill railway line.	Short Term	HF LCC
	10.22	Identify control / ownership of old Coach roads.	Long Term	HF LCC

11. To promote the use of the Irish language in Leitrim.	11.1	Expand and adapt the Leitrim County Council Policy document for the Irish language as a County Document.	Short Term	HF
	11.2	Promote a “Tionól na Gaeilige” in the county with those who have a working knowledge of Irish with a view to discussing possible action “chun an Ghaeilige a chur chun chinn”.	Short Term	HF
	11.3	Promote the establishment of Naoinrai and Gaelscoileanna in the county.	Short Term	HF Co. Childcare Committee
	11.4	Promote use of Irish amongst local authority staff through staff lecture series and intranet facility.	Short Term	LCC
	11.5	Leitrim Heritage Plan will be available in English and Irish.	Short Term	HF
	11.6	Promote bilingual signage in all new developments.	Short Term	LCC
12. To raise awareness on Leitrim’s cultural heritage.	12.1	Seek funding for publication of Leitrim placenames.	Short Term	HF
	12.2	Put existing record of Irish placenames on Co. Council webiste www.leitrimcoco.ie	Short Term	LCC

	12.3	Incorporate Irish names into new housing developments.	Short Term	LCC
	12.4	Collect information on field names in Co. Leitrim.	Medium Term	HF
	12.5	Promote folklore in schools and revisit 1938 primary school survey – encourage school children to carry out research on their localities .	Medium Term	HF
	12.6	Employ folklorist to undertake A/V collection of oral heritage – folklore, superstitions, customs, stories, musicians.	Medium Term	HF, Arts Office
	12.7	Research and document farming beliefs and customs re -wildlife and weather signs.	Medium Term	HF
	12.8	Document the cures and curers of Co. Leitrim.	Short Term	HF
	12.9	Document the Leitrim style of traditional music and instrument makers in the county.	Medium Term	HF
	12.10	Promote course in instrument making.	Medium Term	VEC
	12.11	Seek funding to promote traditional music in the county and cover teaching costs, promote instrument bank.	Short Term	VEC
	12.12	Carry out audit of musicians and teachers in the county.	Short Term	HF

13. To raise awareness on and promote the needs of the archives and museum sector of heritage in Leitrim.	12.13	Provide support for local traditional music festivals	Short Term	LCC
	12.14	Promote teaching of Irish Dance - traditional dance and local set dancing in schools.	Short Term	CCE VEC
	12.15	Encourage the development of Scór competitions.	Short Term	GAA
	12.16	Encourage the promotion of traditional National Games	Short Term	GAA
	12.17	Seek to rejuvenate “Pattern Days” and “Mumming festivals”.	Short Term	Community Tourism Office
	13.1	Commission feasibility study for establishing a Co. Museum in Leitrim.	Short Term	LCC HF
	13.2	Retain heritage / archaeological objects in the county.	Long Term	HF
	13.3	Compile inventory of artefacts that are housed in National Museum from Co. Leitrim	Short Term	LCC
	13.4	Seek to have heritage objects repatriated from the National Museum to Leitrim.	Medium Term	LCC HF
	13.5	Create a virtual museum for Leitrim with photos and details of artefacts on website.	Medium Term	LCC HF

	13.6	Establish archives office in Co. Library.	Medium Term	LCC HF
	13.7	Seek funding to establish Co. Archivist post.	Medium Term	LCC HF
	13.8	Seek funding to microfilm school rollbooks and church records of county.	Short Term	LCC HF
	13.9	Seek funding to support and enhance existing Genealogy Centre in Ballinamore and develop links with Co. Council Website.	Short Term	LCC HF

Statement of Strategy

The Co. Leitrim Heritage Plan embraces the wide range of heritage issues pertinent to the county and involves the commitment and support of all the stakeholders represented on the Heritage Forum. Implementation of heritage policies and delivery of heritage projects will be effected through the actions of all the partners. Leitrim County Council is a key partner and the Heritage Officer or other assigned member of the local authority will act as facilitator in many cases supported by the Co. Leitrim Heritage Forum.

Timeframe

The five year Heritage Plan will be delivered by means of an annual work programme pending available budgets, and prioritisation of actions ranging from those that can be achieved in the short term with no or low level funding to those that are long term actions requiring other structures to be in place before being realised. Each annual work plan will outline the proposed projects for that year, the partners involved in delivery, timescale and costs. Work programmes will be submitted to the Heritage Council following agreement of schedule by Heritage Forum.

Finance

A budget of €400,000 is estimated for the delivery of the actions over the five year period of the Plan.

The National Heritage Plan indicates a budget of €12.7 million will be made available over a 5 year period for the implementation of Local Heritage plans. No indication of funding to support Heritage Plans in 2003 has to date been made by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

The Heritage Council has agreed in principle to consider Local Heritage Plans as a five year strategic funding application. Leitrim County Council will be required to contribute a funding allocation in order to secure Heritage Council funding support for the implementation of the plan.

The financial support of other key partners will be dependent on annual funding allocations and normal funding criteria.

Partners

The partners listed are proposed partners. As the annual work programme is agreed, commitments will be obtained from relevant partners. The lead partner will be highlighted in each project when the priorities are agreed.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The Leitrim Heritage Plan lays out a series of actions for the 5-year period. The annual work programme will detail the projects to be undertaken by the partners for each year. The Heritage Forum will monitor the Heritage Plan and the annual work programme and progress will be evaluated and reported on at regular intervals.

Preparation of Heritage Plan

The process of preparing the Leitrim County Heritage Plan 2003-2008 was informed by the guidance set out in “A Methodology for Local Authority Heritage Officers for the preparation of County Heritage Plans” as produced by the Heritage Council 2001.

- 13/11/02** Presentation to Planning SPC on preparation of Co. Leitrim Heritage Forum.
Agreement on process and membership of Heritage Forum.
- 2/12/02** Approval of Heritage Plan process by elected members.
- 12/02/03** First meeting of Leitrim Heritage Forum. Workshops on the value of heritage in Leitrim. Agreement on aim of Heritage Plan, subjects and membership of heritage working groups and public consultation process.
- 19/02- 12/03/03** Advertisement and invitation of submissions. Public consultation sessions were held in Kinlough, Ballinamore, Carrigallen, Carrick on Shannon and Mohill. Collation of submissions and drafting of Issues Papers for working groups.
- 18/03/03** Meeting of Natural Heritage Working Group.
Discussion of issues for Natural Heritage in Leitrim.
- 19/03/03** Meeting of Built Heritage Working Group.
Discussion of issues for Built Heritage in Leitrim.
Actions for Built Heritage in Leitrim.
- 20/03/03** Meeting of Cultural Heritage Working Group.
Discussion of issues for Cultural Heritage in Leitrim.
Actions for Cultural Heritage in Leitrim.

- 25/03/03** Second meeting of Natural Heritage Working Group.
Actions for Natural Heritage in Leitrim.
- 13/05/03** Second meeting of Leitrim Heritage Forum. Preparation of draft Heritage Plan.
- 9/06/03** Approval of draft Heritage Plan by elected members.
- 10/06/03 –27/06/03** Public Consultation
- 1/07/03** Third meeting of Leitrim Heritage Forum.
- 7/07/03** Approval of final Heritage Plan by Elected Members.

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Glossary

BWI	Bird Watch Ireland
CCE	Comhaltas Ceoltori Eireann
COFORD	Council for Forest Research and Development
DoEHLG	Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government
FS	Forest Service
GAA	Gaelic Athletic Association
GSI	Geological Survey Ireland
HF	Heritage Forum
IFA	Irish Farmers Association
LCC	Leitrim Co. Council
LINNET	Land Invested in Nature National Ecotillage
NARGC-	National Association of Regional Games Councils
NN	Networks for Nature
NPW	National Parks and Wildlife
RFB	Regional Fisheries Board
Sligo IT	Sligo Institute of Technology
VEC	Vocational Educational Committee

List of Relevant National and EU Heritage Legislation

Heritage and Planning Legislation

Local Government (Planning and Development Acts, 1963-1999)

Planning and Development Act, 2002

Heritage Act, 1995.

European Planning Legislation

EC Directive 85/337/EEC – re. Environmental Impact Assessment

Archaeology and archaeological objects

National Monuments Act 1930 and subsequent amendments of 1954, 1987 and 1994.

National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997.

Built Heritage

Local Government (Planning and Development Acts, 1963-1999).

Planning and Development Act 2000.

National Inventory of Architectural Heritage Act (NIAH), 1999.

Natural Heritage

Wildlife Act, 1976.

Wildlife Amendment Act, 2000.

EU Birds Directive (Council Directive 79/409/EEC), 1979 (ratified 1985).

EU Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC), 1992 (ratified 1997).

Heritage Objects / Museums and Archives

National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997.

Landscapes and Heritage Gardens and Parks.

Local Government (Planning and Development Acts, 1963-1999).

Planning and Development Act 2000.

International Conventions

UNESCO Convention for the protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (ratified 1992).

Archaeology

European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (Valletta Convention), 1997.

Architecture

European Convention on the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe (Granada Convention), 1997.

Burra Charter

Natural Heritage

Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Berne Convention), 1979 (ratified, 1982)

Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn Convention), 1979 (ratified, 1983)

Agreement on Conservation of Bats in Europe (Bonn Convention), 1993 (ratified, 1995)

Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention), 1971 (ratified, 1984)

Convention on Biological Diversity, 1992 (ratified, 1996)

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), 1974.

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Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy, (endorsed 1995).

European Landscape Convention, 2000, (ratified, 2002)

