



**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council**

**Determination of the Need for Strategic Environmental Assessment
Of the
Draft Local Economic and Community Plan 2016- 2022 (LECP)**

A 'draft County Donegal Local Economic & Community Plan 2016- 2022 (LECP)' has been prepared the purpose of which is to strengthen the economic and community dimensions of County Donegal over a six year period.

Having assessed the potential for likely significant effects on the environment, of implementing the draft LECP and having consulted the prescribed Environmental Authorities, the Planning Authority has determined that the draft LECP is not likely to have significant effects on the environment and therefore a Strategic Environmental Assessment of it, is not required.

A detailed report entitled, 'Draft Donegal Local Economic & Community Plan 2016- 2022- Final Screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) January, 2016,' resulting in this Determination is available for inspection upon request. In summary, the reasons for the Determination are as follows:

1. A significant portion of activity anticipated is 'soft' in nature and therefore only a limited portion of activity has a tangible physical output as a component of the action, and;
2. The nature of the Plan as a framework for activity but not as the statutory land use plan for the determination of development consents. In this regard, activity flowing from the LECP that involves tangible physical projects that require planning permission including the integration of environmental considerations will be subject to assessment and will be considered within the context of the adopted planning policy framework as the primary statutory land use planning framework within the County.

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15th January 2016