**Community & Estate Management**

**SPC 3-December 2014**

**Introduction**

A key focus of the community liaison work has been liaising with both well established and newly established communities/ resident associations in both the city and county. Other activities include reviewing existing structures, assisting in the development of committees and projects in estates, promotion of services, and engaging with other relevant services.

**Action Plan**

A review of all existing housing estates is presently underway and this information will be used to guide the development of an estate management action plan. This plan will also be informed by the new national policies and will assist in the strategic planning, co-ordination and implementation of activities and resources in Kilkenny County Council Estates.

**Development of a 5 year Estate Enhancement Plan 2015-2020**

**Objectives**

* to contribute to develop sustainable communities.
* to promote estate management in Kilkenny County Council estates and improve the quality of information being disseminated to communities through various mediums
* to provide funding and supports to residents to enable an appropriate level of estate management e.g. Estate Management Grants.
* to prioritise estates that have not received funding or amenities in both urban and rural parts of Kilkenny City and County
* to liaise with RAPID areas in the City.
* to continue to establish and develop a positive relationship through service integration and between the members of Resident Associations, Kilkenny County Council, and other relevant local and national agencies..
* subject to funding; to assist in the development of larger scale estate enhancement projects in identified County Council estates (i.e. todevelop four key projects per annum from each municipal area)

The new community development and social inclusion structures to engage in the development, implementation and targeting of programmes that will work towards building more sustainable communities in Kilkenny County Council housing estates.

**Estate Management Grants Scheme**

Objective;

Implementation of the annual estate enhancement grant and expand the number of groups receiving funding in both the City and County in 2014:

* 43 Groups were funded in both the City and County in 2014, this is an increase of 30% from 2013; it is envisaged that this number will increase further in 2015.
* four larger scale estate/community enhancement projects were identified for development in 2014, they include (Seville Grove (Magaretsfield), Castleview (Thomastown), St Marys Halting site (Green Area) and Church Avenue (Castlecomer).

**Kilkenny Local Authorities Tidy Estate Competition 2014**

 The aim of this competition is to encourage residents to take an active role in improving the physical appearance of their estate. The initiative is actively supported by Kilkenny Local Authorities.

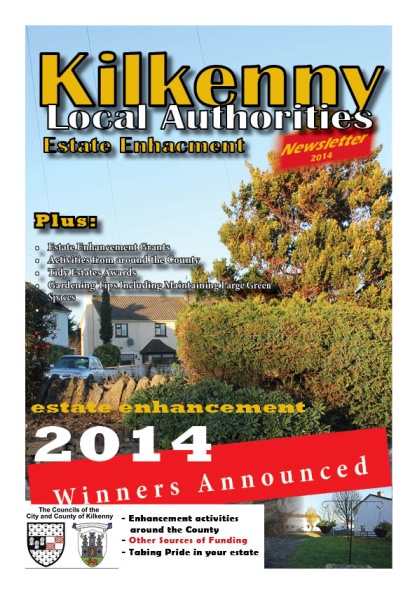
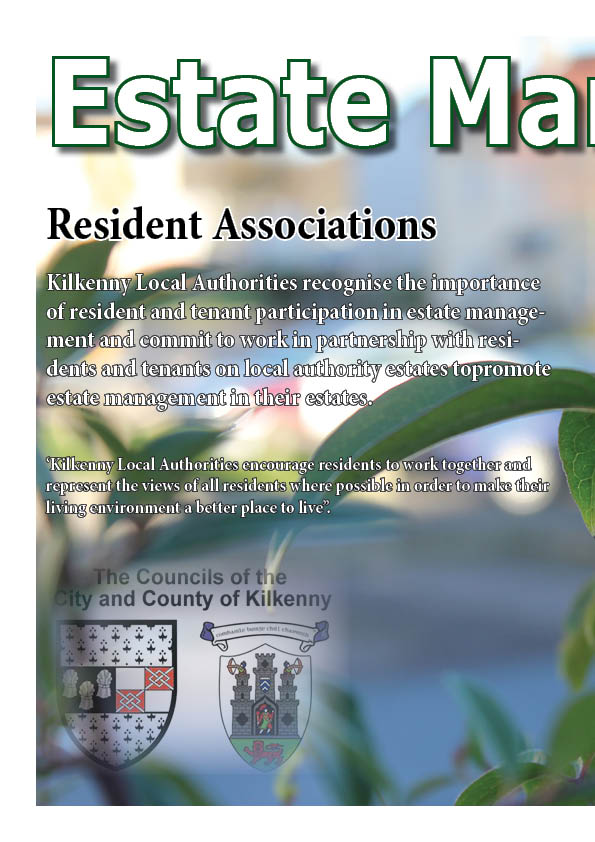
**2015- Development of a revised Estate Management Policy Document**

In 2015 a new Estate Management Policy document will be presented for approval.

**Engaging Communities/PR/ Supporting Materials**

A key Focus in 2015 will be to engage new groups in both the city and the County

Development of the Kilkenny Local Authority Housing web pages through the posting of on line estate enhancement guides and promotional material for tenants and resident association i.e.. In conjunction with relevant internal and external departments e.g. Parks Department

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