

Lissycasey

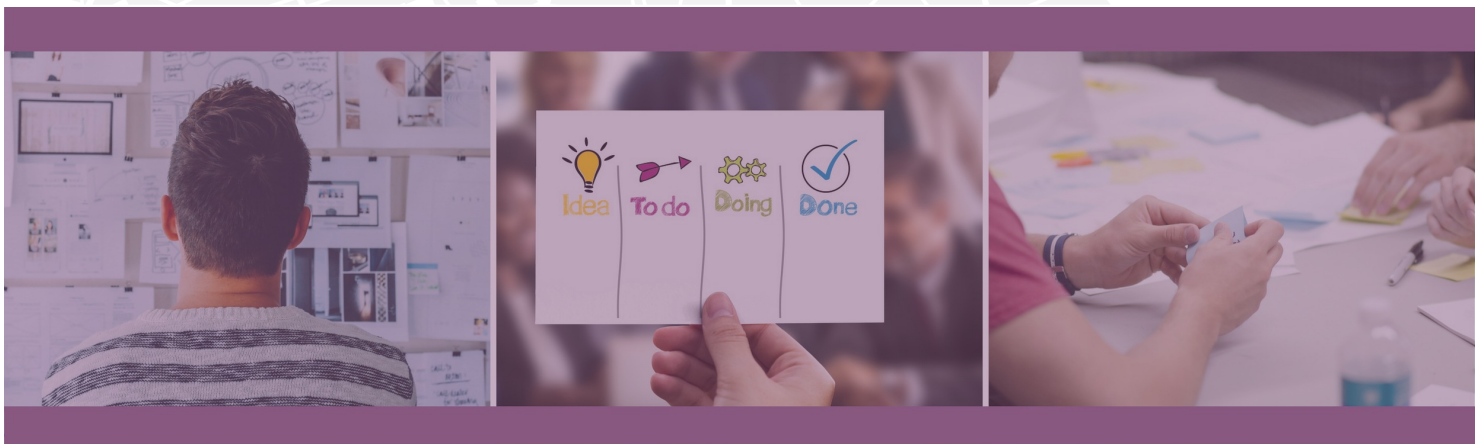
Smart Community Plan.

Part 4 of 4

Community Management & Planning



A Plan by the Community for the Community



1. Introduction

Welcome to the **Lisseycasey Smart Local Management Plan** June 2019. This plan has been compiled by the **Lisseycasey** community for the **Lisseycasey** community. The plan comes at the end of a twelve month process of working to strengthen the community management capabilities in **Lisseycasey**.

Benefits of a Local Plan

- ✓ Better local collaboration
- ✓ Encourages greater volunteerism
- ✓ Provides direction to local development
- ✓ Creates a unified voice and action team
- ✓ Helps identify & understand problems
- ✓ Improves access to outside supports



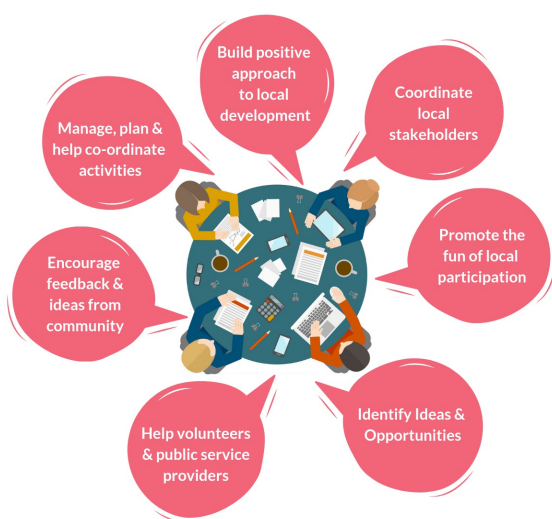
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The Wider Project: The project has been funded by Clare Local Development Company and facilitated by a company called eTownz. The project is part of a wider project in Clare where forty communities across the county have been undertaking similar exercises. As many nearby communities are undertaking similar projects and developing local action teams, it creates collaboration opportunities for neighboring communities.

The Four-Part Plan: This document is one of four parts of a community plan for **Lisseycasey**. These represent four top tiers of community planning: Economy, Wellbeing, Environment and Management.

Lisseycasey may wish to develop more detailed plans for specific areas within one of the four parts, such as a specific Tourism plan under the Economy heading, or a specific Energy plan under the Environment heading.

Town Teams: The importance to local development of collaboration between local people, clubs, businesses and service providers cannot be understated. eTownz suggests **Lisseycasey** creates teams for each of the four top tiers: **Economy, Wellbeing, Environment and Management**.



> How Did We Get Here?

The Lisseycasey Smart Local Management Plan has been compiled over 12 months from community feedback. eTownz liaised with a small group of dedicated local volunteers to organise and gather the information in this report.



> Plan Structure

This is a 'smart' community plan. It draws on information from different sources and can be updated at any time through the eTownz online dashboard- [Click Here](#) . This allows different sections of the community to engage with an ongoing planning process

The plan was compiled by creating a 'model' of **Lissycasey**. The information is logged to a database as 'Record Logs'.

Each record log is assigned both a "Log Type" and a "Log Theme". This provides the framework for the community plan. This modular plan is compiled using the eTownz Dashboard, allowing the plan to be easily updated by the **Lissycasey** team in the future, adding new project ideas and challenges.

Your Community Idea Card

1) Type: (circle as appropriate)

a) Asset
b) Project (Past / Present / Idea)
c) Stakeholder (Clubs / Groups etc.)
d) Goal

2) Community Development Theme: (circle as appropriate)

a) Health, Recreation & Quality of Life
b) Environment & Sustainability
c) Business & Employment
d) Community Management & Planning

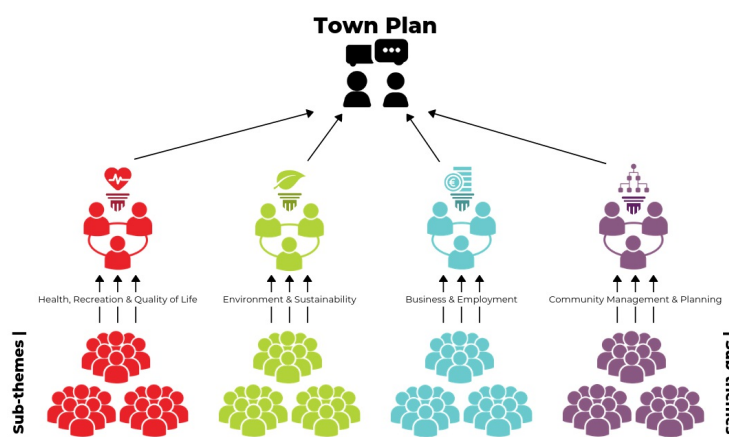
3) Title: Local GAA Club

4) Summary:

The local club is...

> What Next?

The plan hopes to assist **Lissycasey** locals with creating a series of community development teams. Each team will cover one of the four top tiers; **Economy, Wellbeing, Environment or Management**. Teams should be composed of representatives from local clubs, businesses and service providers, as well as interested people from **Lissycasey** . Teams will set their own agendas for how often they would like to meet, what projects to undertake and so on.



> So What Can You Do?

If you have an interest in local issues in Lissycasey , there are a number of ways you can get involved:

- **Share:** Read and share this report with others
- **Survey:** Complete the surveys or register your club/organisation
- **Contribute:** Contribute your ideas on any record by clicking on the log record title or visiting the eTownz dashboard
- **Join a team:** Register for a team online or attend a meeting to get involved in the **Lissycasey** plan.



2. Executive Summary

The local community is very unhappy with the services and the infrastructure in the area. The Garda station has been closed. There is a lack of car parking facilities in the area and there are very few shops and local businesses in the village. Local roads are busy and there is a need for traffic calming measures and also better footpaths. A cycle lane is also badly needed. Signage in the area is very bad. Then there is the issue of broadband and this means that the villages businesses are not able to compete. There is also a need to improve sporting facilities in the area such as an all-weather pitch and this could lead to the town becoming a centre for training in the locality. Lissycasey has a great environment and a very popular Crannoig which is popular with tourists.

Management, Planning & Coordination Town Team

The first step in developing management initiatives in the community is to create & support a team of relevant people and organisations that can help coordinate activities and facilitate change. The team can be small or large and decide its own format. The team may take on its own projects or simply meet occasionally to help coordinate groups with common interests. Members of the team could be comprised of local residents, businesses, club or public service representatives. Team structure can be simple to start with and decide how often they should meet as they see fit. The team can seek to gain a greater understanding of local barriers and opportunities to formulate a plan for future activities. There are also a wide variety of supports available and a well prepared team can help the community can take advantage of these. Building a local environment team helps coordinate cross-community initiatives, helps liaising with service providers, and helps the community understand & address local management challenges.

Local Communication Plan

Communications is key to effective local development. The town management team may want to work towards communication plans to ensure there are effective channels to communicate messages on local issues & opportunities, such as the work of the town teams. Such a plan might start with identifying local people who would be interested in preparing and implementing a local communications plan. The plan might consider both online and offline channels. Consideration may be given to both promoting the community and its offering to visitors but also keeping locals up to date on local events & activities.

Youth Council & Youth Plan

One challenge in identifying & supporting the needs of local youth is getting them involved in local development. The management team may want to work towards the foundation of a youth council to encourage young people to get involved in community development and to develop a plan for the youth in the area. Local schools and youth-oriented clubs & activities could be involved in the foundation of a youth council or help in a survey of the needs of young people in the area.

Community Centre & Facilities Plan

The community have identified shortcomings in the current community hall facilities. A number of issues that were raised included poor heating facilities, leakages, inadequate changing and showering facilities among other things. The community might consider forming a team dedicated to address this issue. The team could:

- Identify and detail possible solutions that identify finance opportunities and models.
- Visit other recently built facilities for fact-finding.
- Put together a strategic plan in place to develop the new facilities.

3. Summary of Community Stats

In this section we provide a summary of key statistics related to the community based primarily on 2016 Census data. In the appendices we provide further detail via charts and below this table are direct links to the data visualisations.

Lissycasey:	
The following information is based on 2016 Census data for Lissycasey electoral district.	
Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23% of females and 34% of males over 15 are classified as "At work" compared to the national average of 24% and 28% respectively. The number of females in particular in work is of particular note. 7% of females and 8% of males are classified as retired which is above the national average of 8% which illustrates that the community needs to focus on providing services to the elderly
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regarding occupations, 23% of males are classified as "Skilled trades" compared to a national average of just 12%. While 6% of females worked in "Caring, leisure and other service occupations" compared to a national average of 6%.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The local social welfare office for the area is in Kilrush, live register figure for this office show relatively medium levels of seasonality with live register figures highest in Dec - Feb and lowest in Sept/Oct
Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10% of females and 8% of males ceased education at the age of 21 compared to a national average of 13.1% and 11.4% respectively, while a higher number of males finished education aged 18 of 8% compared to a national average of 5.5%.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 35 people were classified as carers, 18 of which are female and 17 of which are male.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When asked about their health, 34% of females and 32% of males described their health as "Very good" which is slightly above the national average of 30% but 11% of females and 13% of males described their health as "Good" compared to the national average of 14%.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interestingly, 6% of people lived in a one person home compared to a national average of 8.5% and county average of 9.5% which may point towards issues of isolation in the community.
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The community have a relatively old housing stock with 10% being built pre 1919 and 8% built between 19-'45 compared to national average of 8% and 6.5% respectively. This would indicate poorer levels of home insulation in the community
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lissycasey rely on less climate change friendly forms of fuel (Oil 70% and Peat 21% compared to the national average of these fuel types 40% & 5%)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The water and wastewater infrastructure in Lissycasey is extremely below the national and county averages with 7% of people on public wastewater scheme (compared to 66% nationally) and 2% of the homes are on public water mains (compared to 77% nationally)
Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The community have a lower % of people who travel to work/education etc between 6:30 and 8:30 while a higher percentage of people travel to work 8:30 - 9 compared to national average and this also is reflected in journey times to work which are considerably lower than the national average which means people spend less time travelling to and from work each day.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A higher percentage of people travel by car 45% to school or work (above the age of 5), compared to the national average of 38%.

4. Stakeholders

Good local plans should strive to help all stakeholders within a community, especially the most vulnerable.

Sometimes, plans tend to focus on the most obvious stakeholders, such as local hotels, but forget about the small business owner working from home; they acknowledge the local football team, but ignore the local bridge club.

By building a register of the various local stakeholders, we aim for the Lissycasey Smart Community Plan to be inclusive and relevant to the needs of people and organisations throughout Lissycasey. The image across provides a breakdown of relevant stakeholders types.

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
Credit Union - 5485	A credit union is a group of people who save together and lend to each other at a fair and reasonable rate of interest. Credit unions offer members the chance to have control over their own finances by making their own savings work for them. It is very important in the village as there is no bank in the area.	Business	0	0
Lissycasey Community Company Ltd. - 5810	To establish and operate a non-profit organisation to improve the area of Lissycasey, Co Clare and to carry on all activities in relation to same.	Group/Club	0	0
Publicly elected representatives - 7796	"Elected representatives can assist communities in the development process. There are 3 main groupings of elected representatives relevant to the community. Our representatives include: Councillors: Bill Chambers // Christy Curtin // Michael Hillery // Gabriel Keating // P.J. Kelly // Ian Lynch // Richard Nagle // Bil Slattery Councillors are the people you should contact if you have questions or concerns about local issues. Examples would include problems with local infrastructure like refuse collection or damaged facilities. TDs: Timmy Dooley // Michael Harty // Pat Breen // Joe Carey TDs are the people you should contact if you have questions or concerns about national issues. Examples would be the Budget, taxation, Health policy or other nationwide initiatives. MEPs: Deirdre Clune // Brian Crowley // Seán Kelly // Liadh Ní Riada MEPs are the people you should contact if you have questions or concerns about european issues. Examples would be EU treaties and Union wide agreements such as the Common Agricultural Policy or Fisheries Policy. "	Public Service	0	0
Clare Accessible Transport - 8081	To endeavour, to provide a flexible and accessible rural transport service available to the whole community in Clare and South Galway but with priority given to those people who are socially excluded either by (perception of) disability, low income, social status, gender, age, or otherwise as decided by the directors from time to time. To work with existing transport providers and relevant agencies to develop a comprehensive local transport network, thereby enabling people who are socially isolated at present and entitled to free travel passes to use them. https://search.benefacts.ie/org/038af326-c097-4436-b947-07d21ef128aa/Clare-accessible-transport	Public Service	0	0

5. Assets

Identifying, understanding and appreciating the assets within a community is an important part of any community plan. This plan takes elements from a popular approach to community planning called Asset Based Community Development (ABCD). ABCD works on the premise that positive and effective community plans are built by leveraging existing assets within a community. Therefore, it is important to properly log all relevant assets in this category.

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
Our Lady of the Wayside Church - 5479	Catholic Church. it is the parish church and very important in the social life of the community. There are daily masses. T2: Culture & Heritage	Have	0	0
Graveyard - 5480	Cemeteries have a deep historical connection to the local community. They bring residents closer to an understanding of the past and help to provide insights into the lineages of people within the area. By looking at the headstones and reading details about those that have passed, we can gain information on the importance of individuals to the community Cemeteries can also hold deep significance for families with loved ones buried in the area. Local cemeteries can help offer a space that brings comfort to families as they struggle with their grief while remembering loved ones. " T2: Physical & Mental Wellbeing	Have	0	0
Water Pump - 5484	Provides a regular and dependable water supply to the locality. T2: Infrastructure & Transport	Have	0	0
Walkway - 5488	There are trails and walkways around the area. There is the well-known trail in Lissycasey Ecology Park. This train takes a walker through stunning natural scenery. T2: Habitats & Environment	Have	0	0
Community Hall - 5491	Lissycasey Community Hall is a space where community events take place and where groups such as the elderly and the young can attend social events. It is also a public space for the community where it can come together to raise local issues. T2: Physical & Mental Wellbeing	Have	0	0
Name Stone plaque - 5478	Name stone in each townland displaying the name to each area. (Boulder with the areas name carved in)	Need	0	0

6. Objectives

Defining local goals and challenges can often be the most difficult component of a community plan, but it is vital nonetheless.

Of course, different stakeholders within the community may wish to prioritise different goals. As such, defining clear goals is a necessary step in selecting projects and preparing a tailored action plan.

The table below provides a themed breakdown of local objectives, which are divided Goals & Challenges.

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
Walks Maintenance - 5474	Cascades Maintenance used to be done by FÁS but this is not happening now.	Challenge	0	0
Lissycasey Wastewater - 5782	Given the current situation in Lissycasey with an absence of a wastewater treatment system it is highly likely that the existing situation is having an effect on the receiving environment with the Owenslieve River currently at poor status under the WFD. Lissycasey has also been identified as being within a high risk zone and a sensitive area from the EPA Domestic wastewater Risk.	Challenge	0	0
Road Safety - 5465	Increased road safety could be achieved in a number of ways: Traffic calming by schools & creche, Speed bumps, Street Lighting, bigger car park	Goal	0	0
Improved Surfaces - 5469	Better footpaths, this is very important for visitors and also for the elderly.	Goal	0	0
Community Revival - 5497	The community needs to be revived and a hub /one stop shop for the community is essential. There needs to be a space where the community can come together. This would also be an important social outlet.	Goal	0	0
Signage - 5498	The area needs to be better signed and this is very important for visitors.	Goal	0	0
Information Centre - 5499	There needs to be a tourist information center to help and support visitors to the locality.	Goal	0	0
Hostel - 5500	A hostel would encourage more people to visit and to stay in the village.	Goal	0	0
Better Broadband - 5501	Broadband in the whole area is very bad. This needs to be improved broadband both for residents and visitors.	Goal	0	0
Community Hall - 5512	A maintained community center which everyone has access to and which can be used for a variety of different things would be a valuable commodity. Perhaps a two story building to replace the existing building. A large hall area for big events and all-weather indoor sports and smaller rooms off it to facilitate groups. Study area with WiFi. Gym with paid membership to go towards maintenance. Rent out rooms to different people / groups. Therapists / instructors. Hotdesk. Men's Shed. Day Care Centre. Doctor's Surgery. Pharmacy. ICA, Youth. Could host children's parties, Coffee Mornings. Drop Centre. Day Centre	Goal	0	0

7. Projects

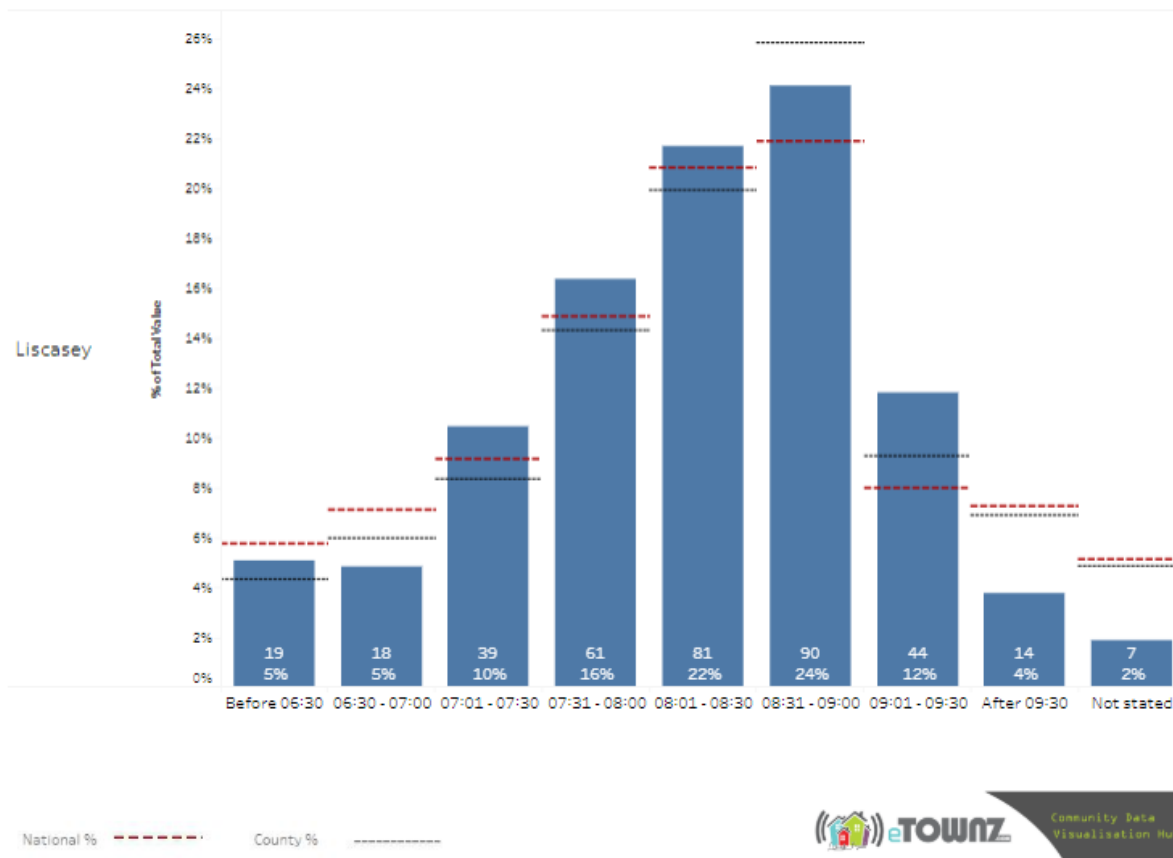
Projects are the actions that stakeholders take to improve their community. Local projects can range from things like coaching a youth team to building a hall or organising a clean-up. While sometimes overlooked, it's important to appreciate the projects that have recently been undertaken or that are currently underway in the area, as this helps place the capabilities for future projects in context.

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
Footpaths - 5466	The village needs to be provided with more footpaths so that the area is safe for pedestrians. This would persuade more people to shop locally and use local services. There needs to be footpaths to connect the school, business, and housing estates.	Idea	0	0
Car Park - 5471	The car park is not safe. it needs to be redesigned so that people can safely drop off their children and return safely to their vehicle.	Idea	0	0
Energy Efficiency Upgrades - 5475	Elderly People's homes could be upgraded by SEAI grants deep retrofit grants. Try to get money from the wind farm develops	Idea	0	0
Community Hall Renovation - 5506	The current Community Hall served the community well in the earlier years and is badly in need of renovation. The hall is owned by the Diocese of Killaloe – Fr Hourigan (Parish Priest) said the diocese will give the hall to the community. It was felt that it would be too costly to renovate this hall which has other issues like inadequate parking	Idea	0	0
Brand new Community Hall - 5507	Demolish the old community hall and build and do a full build of a new community hall on a greenfield site (near the GAA field on the 11 acres owned by the community). Those present felt that the community needed to have a vision and a realistic plan for the future. The new center will be used for set dancing, karate, youth club and other activities in addition to use by the primary school. T2: Sports & Recreation, Participation & Volunteering T3: Hobby Groups, Growing local volunteer base, Volunteer Management, Sport & Physical Activities	Idea	0	0
Renovate Old Community Hall - 5508	Renovate the old Community Hall – however, this may not be feasible. A new center needs to be built according to most people in the community. The community needs to have a vision and a realistic view for the future. The new center will be used for set dancing, karate, youth club, and other activities, in addition, could be used by the primary school.	Idea	0	0
Develop/expand current community centre - 5509	Develop/expand the current Community Centre which is near hurling pitch. The community feels that the 'smart community plan' needs to be implemented and a new community center could be part of this plan.	Idea	0	0
Road maintenance - 8402	A need to revive the old scheme for maintaining the roads. The employment community scheme workers need to be deployed to maintaining the roads. This should include cleaning the sides of the road. T2: Infrastructure & Transport T3: Transport & Logistics	Idea	0	0
Recruit more volunteers - 8403	There is a need to recruit more volunteers for the area. T2: Participation & Volunteering T3: Growing local volunteer base	Idea	0	0

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
Community Development Committee - 8407	A dedicated steering group to coordinate the various local groups so that they can collaborate together in the development of the locality. T2: Planning & Management T3: Planning, Management & Governance	Idea	0	0
School Green flag Initiatives - 5503	Promoting long-term, whole-school action for the environment Green-Schools is a student-led programme with involvement from the wider community. The programme is operated and coordinated by the Environmental Education Unit of An Taisce (FEE member for Ireland). Green-Schools is operated in partnership with Local Authorities and is supported by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government; Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment; Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport; The Department of Arts, Heritage Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs; Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Irish Aid, National Transport Authority; National Parks and Wildlife Service, Irish Water and the Wrigley Company Limited.	Past / Present	0	0

8. Appendices

Population by time leaving home to travel to Work, School or College



About: Population aged 5+ by time leaving home to travel to Work, School or College

Trendline Key:

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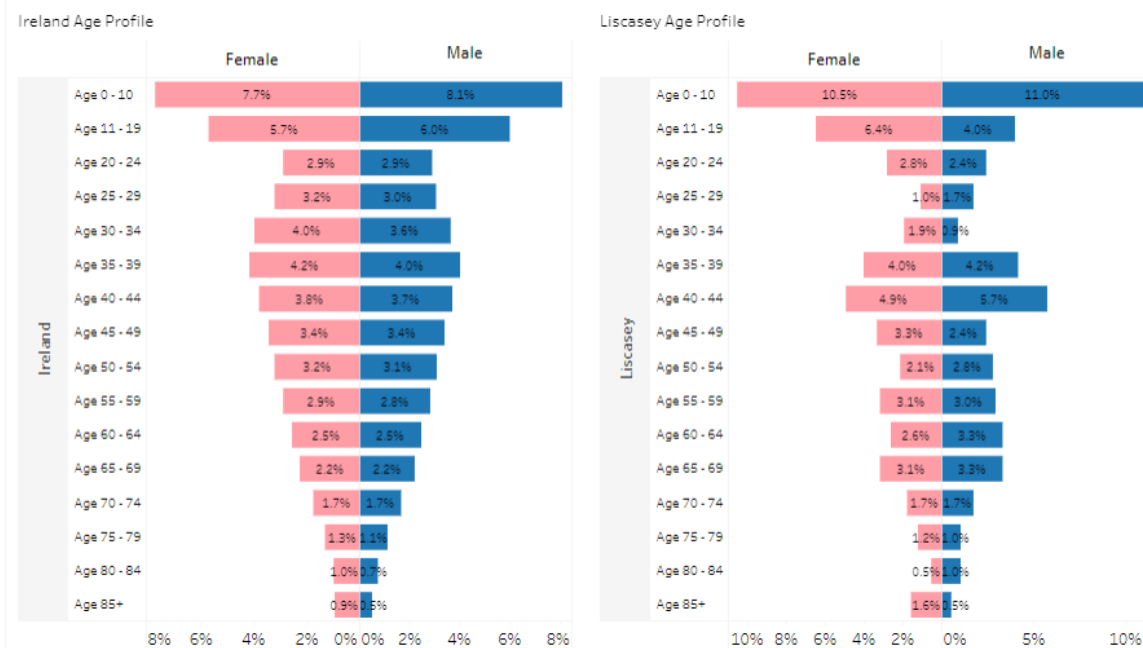
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Local Population Profile - Census '16

Ireland Population by Age Group - Census 2016

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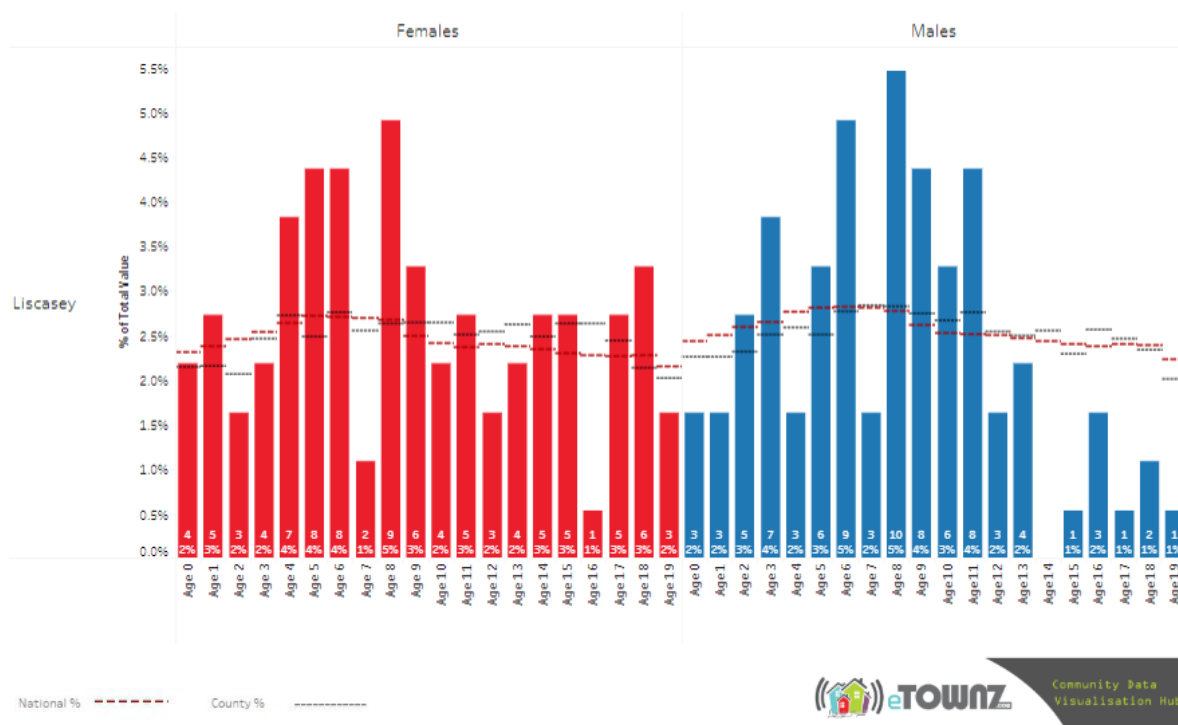


Here is a visualisation which compares the national population profile versus the profile for Liscasey electoral division

Ireland Population by Age Group - Census 2016

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Age Profile of Locals (0-19yrs)



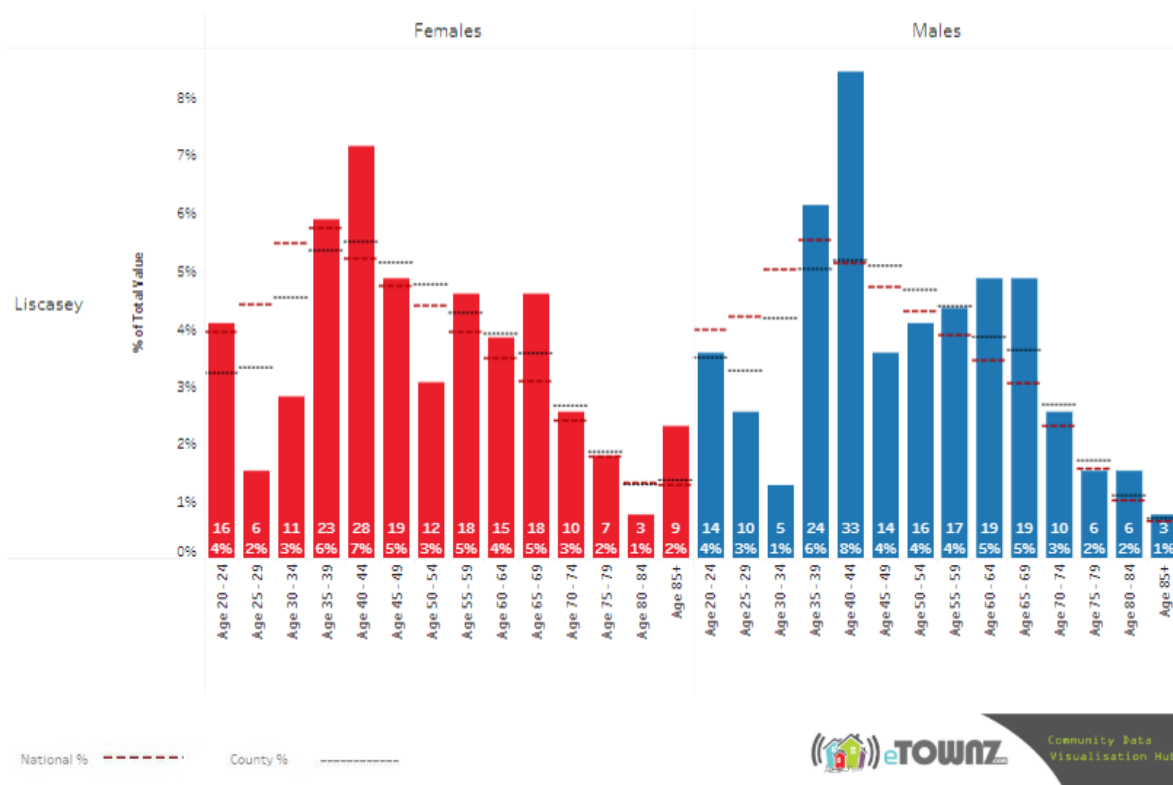
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Age Profile(20+)



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