

Respond ! Jubilee 30 Conference 2012

(20th -21st September)

Regeneration : Issues to be Considered

Limerick Perspective 5 years on

- **John Fitzgerald Report April 2007**
 - 3 main challenges
 - Addressing criminal activity
 - Social Change
 - Physical Regeneration & Infrastructure

“In my experience, based on precedents from this country and abroad, local government on its own cannot deal with the exceptional type of problems described in this report. The statutory and voluntary agencies have not so far been co-ordinated to the extent necessary to deal with these extremes. As noted earlier, the three strands of intensive policing, the economic and infrastructural regeneration of the areas under discussion, and a co-ordinated response to social and educational disadvantage, are all critical to achieving progress both in the short and longer -term.”

- **John Fitzgerald Report June 2012**
 - 3 main challenges
 - **Addressing criminality**

“I am satisfied that through the work of the Garda Siochana, the regeneration agencies and the various other state bodies that this has been achieved and can be maintained.”

- **Social Change**

“Much of the success that has been achieved has been on the basis of partnership working between the different Departments and agencies of the state.”

“It is clear that the level of integrated and strategic focus achieved between the agencies, while better than before, still has fallen short of the integrated dedicated teams to provide case management that I had envisaged in my 2007 report.”

▪ Physical Regeneration & Infrastructure

“So while the physical regeneration has been somewhat slower than planned, it was never going to be realistic, or useful, to have a transformation of the estates within five years, given the complexity of the issues involved. In the coming months and years there will be much more visible signs of progress – rebuilding has already started – but that progress could not be achieved without the preparatory work that has taken place to date.”

• New Regeneration Arrangements post June 2012

“There is a new unitary Local Authority to be established and the first office to be established within the new single authority will be that to deal with regeneration. “

“The new office for regeneration established within the unitary authority will now be on a permanent footing, and will also have authority for planning and implementation but also the potential to take a more strategic view of how the various strands of intervention can be complementary and sustainable. The new manager to be appointed to the single authority will have a crucial role in providing leadership for regeneration in the years ahead.”

Issues to be considered going forward.

- Sustainable Communities – What does it mean??
- Leadership (national/local)
- Clear unambiguous Vision, Strategy & Plans (national/local)
- Arrangements for efficient /effective delivery of Plans
 - Structures, procedures & processes
- Effective Stakeholder Involvement
 - Government (national/local), community, inter-agency (statutory /non-statutory), NGOs
- Social Interventions - Education, health, welfare, justice, economic
 - Effective co-ordinated response

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