



## Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann Tipperary County Council

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New Town Team for Newport

A new Town Team has been established in Newport in order to support the delivery of a new Town Centre First Plan for the town.

The new Town Team had their first meeting in March and is made up of business people, community representatives and other key stakeholders who represent diverse sectors and backgrounds. The Town Team are akin to the local experts who have come together to make their area a better place to live, work, visit and invest, make a positive impact and deliver positive outcomes. They will work in collaboration with Tipperary County Council and Local Representatives to support the delivery of the Newport Town Centre First Plan once it is finalised.

The plan will guide the regeneration of the town and provide the basis for future funding applications by the Local Authority. For the plan to best fit the needs of the town and those who live and work in it, the Draft Plan is currently open for submissions on the Council's website.

The Town Centre First policy was launched by the government in 2022 and it aims to create town centres that function as viable, vibrant and attractive locations for people to live, work and visit, while also functioning as the service, social, cultural and recreational hub for the local community. As a result, Tipperary County Council is working with Town Teams around the county to create Town Centre First Plans for towns and villages.

A team of consultants led by Nic De Jong was commissioned by Tipperary County Council to undertake a Town Centre First Plan for Newport. As the consultants reach the final stages in mapping out the vision and objectives for the regeneration of the town, Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator with Nenagh Municipal District is reminding residents of the opportunity to make a submission on the Plan for Newport and commented that

*“Local communities and local businesses can be central to re-imagining their own towns and planning their own futures. The town centre first policy is focused on supporting the town team of the local community in taking action to develop and regenerate the town”.*

The consultants have already taken on board the feedback received in public surveys undertaken as part of the consultation process in preparing what was initially the Newport Enhancement Plan that has now evolved in to a Newport Town Centre First Plan.

For more information on the plan or to make a submission visit <https://consultations.tipperarycoco.ie/consultation/draft-town-centre-first-plan-newport-town> .