

# ROSCOMMON COUNTY CHILDCARE COMMITTEE

Antogher Road, Roscommon

## MAPPING EXERCISE 2006

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The new National Childcare Investment Programme 2006 - 2010 (NCIP) succeeds the EOCP. The NCIP is administered by the office of the Minister for Children under the Department of Health and Children. It aims to provide a proactive response to the development of quality childcare supports and services which will be planned for and developed locally and centred on the needs of the child and the family.

One of the key priorities of RCCC for the first half of 2006 is to conduct a piece of research to assess/map current levels of childcare provision across the county, to identify gaps in the nature of that provision and to draw conclusions from that moving into the new National Childcare Investment Programme. These conclusions will inform the new Strategic Plan (2007 - 2010) which the CCC will be producing later in 2006.

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### Background

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### Brief

- To develop a strategic profile of existing childcare provision in County Roscommon.
- To plot and analyse this information against local demographic data and identify gaps in provision as detailed in bullet points below.
- To create a database suitable for GIS processing.
- To produce visual representations [e.g. maps] of data using GIS applications.
- Prepare report of process based on current discourse & liase with printers for finishing of document & maps.

### *Strategic profiling to include:*

- All childcare provision from birth to 14 years of age: pre-school – sessional, full day, childminding, Montessori, parent and toddler groups, and school aged/out of school childcare;
- Services to be listed under sectoral headings:- community/not for profit, privately run, workplace
- Number of children catered for in each service – places available, number of sessions, children attending per session;
- Age range of children attending;
- Opening hours per day and number of weeks open per year;
- Fees charged;
- Qualifications and pay rates of the childcare workers;
- An analysis of the of the unmet childcare needs in the County by geographical area, service type and age group;
- Identify/map disadvantaged communities and minority groups in county [using CIC as reference organisation];
- Data to be collated and presented on an Electoral Division basis;
- Data to be presented showing the CSO Deprivation Index Score;
- Identify major projected increase or decrease in population on a County and Town basis;
- Liase with Planning Dept of County Council and identify future housing developments and planning for proposed childcare facilities;

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