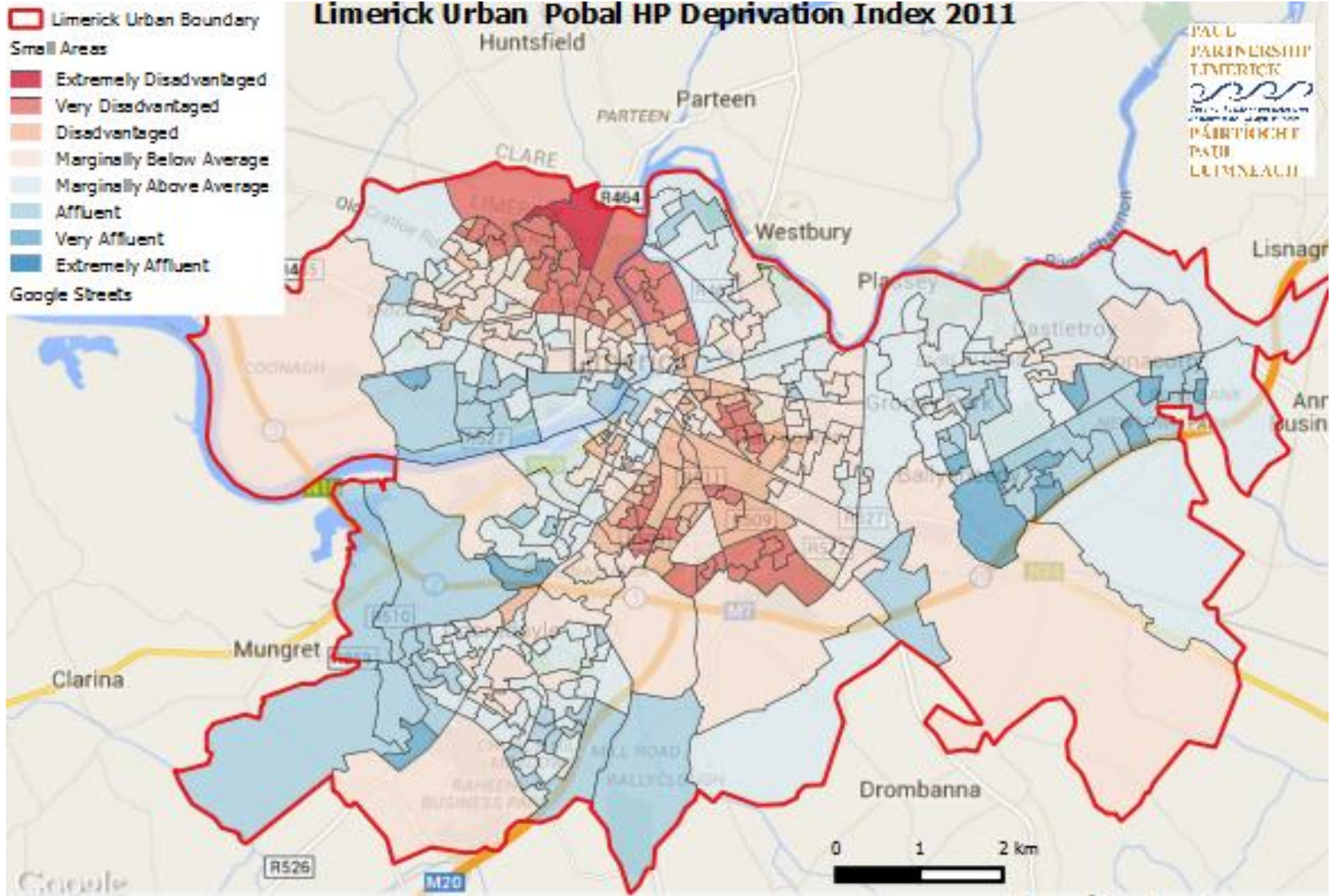




Community-Led Local Development in Limerick City



Limerick Urban Area



About PAUL Partnership

- Established in 1989
- Response to high unemployment in the city
- Local Authority was a founding member

- Broader social inclusion remit now
- Multi-sectoral Partnership

PAUL Partnership Areas of Work

What?

- Employment Support
- Enterprise Support
- Lifelong Learning
- Community Development
- Early Years Education

How?

- Delivery of Services
- Capacity-building
- Brokerage
- Policy
- Strategic Collaborations
- Linkages with Local Authority

PAUL Partnership: SICAP, Managed Programmes, Hosted Strategic Initiatives 2016



Traditional Role of Local Government

- Different to many other European & international models of government
- Traditional, Primary Functions – governed by statute:
 - Physical planning
 - Housing
 - Road transportation
 - Water supply and sewerage
 - Development incentives and controls
 - Environmental protection and control
 - Recreation and amenities



Local Government in Limerick

**New Local Authority for Limerick City
and County established in June 2014**

New Role of Local Government

Putting People First: Action Programme for Effective Local Government 2012

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Local Government Reform Act 2014

- Enhanced role of local government in delivery of public services at local level
- Placed greater focus on community and citizen engagement at local level
- Provided stronger role for local government in community and local development
- Formalised 'alignment' – bringing local government and local development sectors closer together re: planning and delivering local and community development programmes

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

- Multi-sectoral:
 - Local Authority
 - Statutory Agencies
 - Environment
 - Community and Voluntary
- Responsibility for developing and implementing Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)
- Executive support provided by local authority

Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

- 6 year plan
- Promote and support economic and community development of the area
- Improve coordination
- Integration of service delivery
- Collaboration

Public Participation Networks (PPNs)

- New structure for public engagement and participation in the local government system
 - community & voluntary, social inclusion and environmental groupings
- To encourage and enable public participation in local decision making and planning of services
- To facilitate the election of participants from the environmental, social inclusion and community/voluntary sectors onto city/county decision making bodies
- To develop the C&V sector to have a strong collective voice

Range of Working Relationships

Type	Examples
Grant Aid	Local Authority Regeneration Social Intervention Fund
Tendering	Delivery of SICAP
Partnership	Delivery of Leader
Co-Delivery	Civic Engagement Programme

Challenges

- **History**
 - **Autonomy**
 - **Flexibility**
 - **Capacity**
 - **Financial**
 - **Skills/Knowledge**
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