Meath County Council is developing a Digital Strategy to set out ambitions to meet the needs and aspirations of the people of County Meath enabling them to benefit from digital technologies and infrastructure throughout the county.

Digital is the nearly instant, free and flawless ability to connect people, devices, physical objects and information anywhere. It involves not just Broadband telecommunications being delivered under the National Broadband Plan, but considers mobile & wireless networks, the introduction of new technological tools & equipment, online services and supporting the development of the skills for citizens to use the technologies and systems available.

The Meath Digital Strategy is about delivering better informed people, better business, better jobs and opportunities, better education, better business services and public services, and a better experience for visitors and investors.

To support the development of this strategy and to better understand citizen’s needs Meath County Council are engaging in a public consultation to understand the priorities for the County. We are seeking your input in the development of this strategy.

1. Please give your name and organisation if applicable (your personal details will only be used for verification purposes)
2. What are the most important areas the Strategy should focus on? (please pick a maximum of three)

☐Supporting the development of Digital Infrastructure

☐Improving Local Government Services

☐Promoting and supporting Inclusion and Wellbeing for the elderly and marginalised groups

☐Sharing Public Data

☐Supporting Innovation and Growth in Co. Meath businesses

☐Labour Market Changes

☐Supporting both general and digital education and skills development

Other (please specify)

1. Do you have access to broadband services? If so how has it changed your life? If not, how do you think it will change your life?
2. What do you see as the main benefits to using online Local Government services? E.g. motor tax, housing, environment, community, transport, planning.

☐Improved engagement with Council

☐Easier to contribute to Council Strategies and Plans

☐Better understanding of Council Strategies, Plans and Activities

☐Easier to understand how your Rates and Local Property Taxes are spent

☐ Easier to apply for Council supports (housing, business, Community Grants)

☐Other

1. What do you think are the main opportunities and challenges of digital transformation for Co. Meath?
2. Is there any barriers stopping you from using more digital technology in any aspect of your life?

☐Lack of Broadband

☐Lack of skills to use digital technologies

☐Lack of knowledge of available digital technologies

☐Digital technologies are of no benefit to me

☐ Cost of buying, accessing or using digital technologies

☐Other

1. What supports do communities groups and businesses need to benefit from the use of digital technologies?

1. If you have any additional thoughts or comments, please include them here.