

Local Economic and Community Plan

Context and introduction to guidelines

Purpose of LECP

The purpose of the LECP, as provided in the Local Government Reform Act 2014, is to set out for a six-year period, the objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic development and the local and community development of the relevant Local Authority area, both by itself directly and in partnership with other economic and community development stakeholders.

New approach for LECP – A Two Part Process

Development of an overall LECP Framework

- 6-year duration , strategic part of LECP development process
- High-Level Goals and Sustainable Community & Economic Objectives

Development of Implementation Plans

- Detail inputs, actions and resources required for implementation plan period

Will facilitate a more agile and flexible approach to the delivery of initiatives outlined in the LECP framework and will allow newly emerging programmes and policies to be taken into account in an ongoing way.

Cross Cutting Priorities

- Sustainability (including climate change)
- Equality (including gender equality)
- Poverty
- Rurality
- Age
- Disability

Examples of Relevant Strategies/policies – Community

- Roadmap for Social Inclusion 2020-2025
- Healthy Ireland Framework 2019- 2025
- National Strategy for Women and Girls 2017 - 2020
- Youth Justice Strategy 2021-2027
- National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy 2017 – 2021

Economic Government Policies & Strategies

- National Recovery and Resilience Plan
- National Economic Plan (NEP)
- Housing for All
- Our Rural Future – Rural Development Policy 2021-2025.
- Project Ireland 2040
- Pathways to Work Strategy 2021-2025
- Town Centre First Policy

High Level Objectives of Galway City LECP 2016 to 2021

1. A world-class, creative city region
2. An innovative city
3. An equal and inclusive city
4. A sustainable, resilient urban environment that is the regional capital of the West
5. A city that promotes the health and well-being of all its people

Operational Tools for implementation of LECP

- Details on the schemes/funding programmes influenced under previous LECP
- Work Programmes Galway City Council 2022
- Galway City Council 3 Year Capital programme
- Galway City Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024
- Existing Strategies in place i.e. Arts Strategy, Tourism Strategy, Regional Enterprise Plan, SICAP, Transport Strategy, Healthy Galway City etc