

## LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

LECP briefing and discussion document

### **1. 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.

### **2. Cross Cutting priorities**

Need to establish methodologies to be able to proof activity over the lifetime of the plan against these priorities

- Sustainability (including climate change)
- Equality (including gender equality)
- Poverty
- Rurality (Not as relevant for Galway City)
- Age
- Disability

### **3. Current High level Objectives of Galway City LECP**

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#### 4. Indicative delivery programmes harnessed in LECP 2016-2021

	Scheme/Funding Programme	Schemes projects Timeframe	In place for next LECP
<b>A WORLD-CLASS, CREATIVE CITY REGION</b>			
	Creative Ireland Programme	2018-2022	Yes
	Cruinniú na nÓg funding	2018-2022	Yes
	UNESCO City of Film / Galway Film Centre	2015-2022	Yes
	National Play Day		
	West Regional Audio-visual Production Fund (WDC Investment Fund)	2015- 2022	Yes
	Screen Ireland		
	ECOC funding (EU, National & LA)	2016-2021	Yes
	Arts Council Funding		Yes
	Cultural Capital Scheme 2019-2022	2019-2022	
	Irish Language Plan Funding (Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht)	2021	Yes
<b>AN INNOVATIVE CITY</b>			
	LEO Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Competitive Start Fund</li> <li>➤ High Potential Start Up investment</li> <li>➤ Company Expansions</li> <li>➤ Innovation Vouchers</li> </ul>	2015-2022	Yes
	Regional Enterprise Development Fund	2016-2021	Yes
	WiFi 4 EU	2020-2021	
	Connected Hubs Fund 2021 - Department of Rural and Community Development	2021	
	HUBs Outreach Scheme (AEC & WDC)	2020	
	WDC Investment Funds		Yes
	Social Innovation Fund Ireland Social Enterprise Development Fund DAF Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme 2021	2021	Yes
	Science Foundation Ireland	2021	Yes
	Science on Screen with CÚRAM	2018-2020	
	DSP Back to Education Allowance DSP Training Support Grant scheme DSP Jobseekers Support Programme	2016-2022	Yes
<b>AN EQUAL AND INCLUSIVE CITY</b>			
	SICAP 2015 – 2017 SICAP 2018 – 2023	2015 – 2017 2018 – 2023	Yes
	Galway Age Friendly Programme	2016 - 2021	Yes
	RAPID Fund	2017	No
	Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission	2018 – 2019	
	Disability Participation and Awareness Fund	2021 - 2022	Yes

	Africa Day – Irish Aid	2016 - 2021	Yes
	Community Volunteers Programme	2021 – 2022	
	Childcare programmes from Dept. of Children & Youth Affairs - Quality & Capacity Building (QCBI) INITIATIVE - Access & Inclusion Model (AIM)		
	Dormant Accounts Funding for LGBTI organisations	2019 - 2021	
	Children and Young People’s Services Committee		Yes
	Communities Integration Fund	2020	
	Galway Roscommon Education and Training Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Education Fund</li> <li>• BTEI</li> <li>• Youthreach</li> <li>• VTOS</li> <li>• PLC</li> <li>• National Youth Strategy Funding</li> <li>• Galway Adult Basic Education Service</li> </ul>	2016-2022	Yes
	NUIG Access Programme	2016-2022	Yes
	GMIT Access Programme	2016-2022	Yes
	Department of Justice & Equality, 3 years funding of the BRIDGE Project	2019-2021	
	LECP Implementation Plan 2020-21 Traveller Interagency Group Funding Bridge Funding	2021	
	Galway City Community Network / PPN for Galway City	2016 – 2022	Yes
<b>A SUSTAINABLE, RESILIENT URBAN ENVIRONMENT THAT IS THE REGIONAL CAPITAL OF THE WEST</b>			
	Urban Regional Development Fund Phase 1	2018	Yes
	Urban Regional Development Fund Round 2	2021	Yes
	<b>Failte Ireland Programmes</b> - Destination Towns Funding - Regional Festivals Grants Schemes - Capital Infrastructure Funding Scheme - Urban Animation Capital Investment Scheme - Re-imagining our Outdoor Spaces Fund 2021 - Platforms for Growth fund	2016-2021	
	HAP Scheme		
	Housing First		
	Regional Homeless Action Plan		
	Active Travel		
	Bus Connects		Yes
	SEAI funding Programmes	2016-2021	Yes
	Sports Capital Programme	2019	Yes
<b>A CITY THAT PROMOTES THE</b>			

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF ALL ITS PEOPLE			
	Healthy Galway City	2017 -2022	Yes
	Safefood Community Food Initiative	2019-2022	
	Sports Partnership Programme	2016-2022	Yes
	Community Enhancement Fund	2018 – 2021	Yes
	Community Enhancement Programme 2020 for Community Centres and Community Buildings	2020	
	Community Activities Fund	2022	
	Men’s and Womens Shed Fund	2018 – 2019	
	Community Facilities Fund	2017	
	National Community Weekend	2019	
	Comhairle na nÓg Development Fund	2016 – 2022	Yes
	Galway City Council core funding programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Community Festivals Fund</li> <li>• Economic supports</li> <li>• Community Supports revenue funding</li> <li>• Arts Funding</li> <li>• Social Inclusion funding</li> <li>• Galway Volunteer Centre Core Funding</li> <li>• Marketing Promotion Fund</li> <li>• Direct Councillor Grants to Projects</li> <li>• Galway Convention Bureau</li> <li>• Galway Cultural Strategy</li> </ul>	2016 – 2022  2019-2021  2019-2021	Yes

## 5. Outcomes and Indicators

Examples of Outcomes achieved during LECP 2016-2021. This is not an exhaustive list of outcomes but gives a sample of specified outcomes that have been achieved and reported on through the monitoring of the LECP over the past 5 years to facilitate and stimulate discussion in the workshop.

- Growth in employment to 34,951 people living in City in 2016
- Tourist Visitor numbers increased to 2.7 million in 2018
- Western Regional Audio-visual Production Fund established
- Crime rates lower than equivalent national averages
- Net increase in Housing Stock owned by Galway City Council 2017 to 2020 was 6%
- 2016 Census question on General Health in Galway City 86% of population rated it ‘Very Good’ or ‘Good’ (National figure is 87%)
- Percentage of City Population able to speak Irish 39%
- Galway City Museum - Accredited Museum Standards Programme
- Designation as Gaeltacht Service Town 2019
- Designation as European Region of Gastronomy 2018
- Designation as European Capital of Culture 2020
- Designation as European Green Leaf
- Increased Education attainment levels of Post leaving Cert or higher to 44% (State 36%)

- River water quality in Galway City improved slightly in the period between 2015 and 2018 according to the EPA. In 2018, 67% of Galway City river waters are at “good” status and 33% at “moderate” status in quality.
- In 2021 bathing waters sites in Galway were all rate “Sufficient” quality and 2 of these are rated “Excellent” and are Blue Flag beaches.

In appendix 1 to this paper a broader list of designations and awards are listed. At this point in the preparation of the next LECP we need to establish what are the outcomes that we need monitor and attain to achieve the High level Objectives.

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High level Objective	Desired outcomes	Indicators
A world, class creative city region	<i>Access to quality employment</i>	

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An Innovative City	<i>Maintain desirability of Galway as a location for FDI</i>	

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An equal and inclusive city	<i>High Educational Attainment rates</i>	

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A sustainable, resilient urban environment that is the regional capital of the West	<i>Quality accessible Housing</i>	

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A city that promotes the health and well-being of all its people	<i>Increased life expectancy</i>	

## APPENDIX 1

### Existing High level goals within the previous LECP and Designations and Awards

#### 1. A world-class, creative city region

- BBC Good Food Magazine lists Galway as Number 1 Food Destination for 2020
- European Capital of Culture 2020
- European Lonely Planet – 4th best city to visit Capital of Culture 2020
- Star Awards, Shanghai – Ireland top Literary and Artistic Destination
- Time Out – 8th most exciting things to do in 2020 - <https://connachttribune.ie/galway-features-in-global-list-of-most-exciting-places-to-visit-in-2020/>
- Rough Guide – Top places to visit in 2020
- United Airlines – Number 1 place to visit - <https://www.hemispheresmag.com/travel-in-2020/>
- World Travel Magazine - “Southeast Asia’s luxury travel and lifestyle magazine” – One of the destinations to Watch in 2020 –

#### 2. An innovative city

- European Regional of Gastronomy 2018
- 1st Place - “Best Micro City for fDi Strategy” 2020/2021(fDi Intelligence, a data division of the Financial Times)
- Unesco City of Film, Galway was awarded the renewal of the prestigious title of UNESCO City of Film
- 5th PLACE out of all European cities, Top European Headquarters Locations 2020/2021(fDi Intelligence, a data division of the Financial Times)
- 10th for “Best Micro City for Economic Potential” 2020/2021(fDi Intelligence, a data division of the Financial Times)

#### 3. An equal and inclusive city

- Yellow Flag Award 2017 Merlin Woods Primary School
- Yellow Flag Award 2017 Merlin College Secondary
- Show Racism the Red Card Initiative
- All Ireland Business Foundation Social Enterprise of the Year 2022 – SCCUL Enterprises
- IPB Ireland Pride of Place Winners
- Bilingual City

#### 4. A sustainable, resilient urban environment that is the regional capital of the West

- Blue Flag Beaches (Salhill/ Silver Strand) 2021
- BuzzFeed.com – 4th in top ten places to visit in 2020
- In Top 25 destinations in the Global Destination Sustainability Index
- CNN Travel – Top places to visit in 2020

- Conde Nast Traveller – Top 15 places to visit 2020
- European Green Leaf 2017
- Fodor Guides – Top places to visit 2020
- Green Flag 2019 & 2020
- Purple Flag Award 2020
- Spectator Life – Number 8 in top places to visit 2020
- 2020 prestigious Irish Planning Institute Award for Public Realm Strategy

**5. A city that promotes the health and well-being of all its people**

- WHO Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities
- Healthy Galway City is part of the World Health Organization Healthy Cities Programme.
- 2020 Volunteer Ireland Award, Claddagh Watch Patrol, Galway
- COPE Galway Investing in Volunteers - Volunteer Ireland's quality standard mark for best practice in volunteer management
- University of Sanctuary Initiative at NUI Galway
- Planet Youth won the Local Drug Demand Reduction Initiative Award 2019