



Cork City's Local Economic and Community Plan

LET'S PLAN TOGETHER

AND MAKE OUR CITY THE BEST IT CAN POSSIBLY BE



Draft High-Level Goals and Objectives

The Local Economic and Community Plan Advisory Group drafted a set of High-Level goals and objectives. These draft high-level goals and objectives will be brought out to public consultation and therefore may change as a result. When deciding the goals and objectives, the Advisory Group considered the findings of the socio-economic analysis, the review of the outgoing plan as well as a policy review commissioned by Cork City Council and carried out by Cork University Business School. This comprehensive policy review assessed relevant local, regional, national, and global policies and strategies in order to identify policy gaps and recommend high-level goals to be considered in the new LECP.

Draft High-Level Goals

1. A city valuing **health and wellbeing**.
2. A city built on **partnership, inclusion, and equality**.
3. A city of **learning and culture**.
4. A city driving **economic and enterprise development**.
5. A city of **safe, accessible, and resilient** neighbourhoods and communities.
6. A city leading on **sustainability and climate action**.

LECP 2023-2029 draft high level goals.



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A city built on partnership, inclusion & equality



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A city of safe, accessible and resilient neighbourhoods and communities



A city leading on sustainability & climate action



Draft Objectives

1. A city valuing health and wellbeing.

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- 1.1 To ensure Cork is a healthy city that connects to improve the health and wellbeing of all its people at all ages, reduces health inequalities and recognises the need for a holistic approach to health and wellbeing.
- 1.2 Create a responsive and resilient city by building strong interconnected and sustainable local health systems that can respond to local needs and threats to public health
- 1.3 Promote cross-sectoral working to achieve better health outcomes for the city through integrated health planning which addresses the social determinants of health and promotes health in all policies
- 1.4 Promote community development and participatory approaches to addressing health challenges that generate models of, evidence based, best practice
- 1.5 To support the HSE led enhancement and restructuring of health services in Cork city to ensure access to quality health care for all.
- 1.6 To create spaces and places for health using a community placemaking approach.

2. A city built on partnership, inclusion, and equality.

Objectives

- 2.1 Empower people and communities, increasing their capacity to become vital, creative and active participants and engaged communities.
- 2.2 Continue to strengthen the partnership model of working in collaboration with relevant stakeholders and communities to support sustainable approaches to policy and programme development and implementation.
- 2.3 Prioritising the needs of communities experiencing exclusion.
- 2.4 Demonstrate a commitment to human rights, equality, integration and anti-discrimination, paying particular attention to the responsibilities under the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty.
- 2.5 Strive to develop and implement national policies, strategies and indicators relevant to inclusion, integration and equality at a local level.

3. A city of learning and culture.

Objectives

- 3.1 Sustain the development of Cork as a UNESCO Learning City, using Education and Lifelong Learning approaches to support the delivery of all UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- 3.2 Sustain and grow Learning City partnership structures and networks that involve all stakeholders in lifelong learning: Formal, non formal, and informal.
- 3.3 To empower and enable people of all ages, interests and abilities to participate in and enjoy lifelong learning, the arts and creativity.
- 3.4 To sustain and develop initiatives to remove barriers to participation in lifelong learning and cultural activities for marginalised and underrepresented groups.
- 3.5 To optimise and extend arts and cultural infrastructure in the city.
- 3.6 To animate our city centre, communities and neighbourhoods through art, learning and cultural events, and creative placemaking.
- 3.7 To advance the potential of Cork's arts, culture and creative industries, and Learning and Education Services to contribute to economic growth.

4. A city driving economic and enterprise development.

Objectives

- 4.1 Invest in and develop Cork City's communications, transport, and enterprise infrastructure to support economic growth.
- 4.2 Support Cork City's innovative ecosystem to develop new ideas, concepts, products and processes to contribute to sustainable economic growth.
- 4.3 Continue to work with other key enterprise stakeholders to create an enterprise-friendly ecosystem that supports Cork City's entrepreneurs, SMEs, and social enterprises through all stages of development.
- 4.4 Continue to work with key city stakeholders to attract and retain Foreign Direct Investment in Cork City
- 4.5 Develop and expand Cork City's tourism industry to support jobs and economic opportunities.
- 4.6 Develop the skills base in Cork City to ensure there is an adequate supply of skills available to support economic and enterprise growth.

5. A city of safe, accessible, and resilient neighbourhoods and communities.

Objectives

- 5.1 Develop and support the structures and partnerships which underpin safety and wellbeing in our City.
- 5.2 A Placemaking approach will be taken to programme, policy and planning in Cork City Council.
- 5.3 Promote local actions for built and natural heritage.
- 5.4 Promote partnership approaches to accessibility and services.
- 5.5 Support and champion the resilience of community organisations and structures.

6. A city leading on sustainability and climate action.

Objectives

- 6.1 Ensure our city and infrastructure is resilient and adaptive to a changing climate
- 6.2 Increase energy efficiency and increase the proportion of energy from low carbon sources.
- 6.3 Encourage modal shift to sustainable travel through walking, cycling and public transport
- 6.4 Manage waste sustainably by reducing, reusing, recycling and recovering waste while moving to a circular economy
- 6.5 Establish environmentally friendly systems that encourage biodiversity