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One Waterford 2015-2020

- Vision – *To create a stronger Waterford*
- [Review of One Waterford: Local Economic Community Plan \(2015-2020\)](#)
- 8 responses received to date
- Disconnect between planning & implementation (70% did not play active role in planning; 62% were active in implementation)
- LECP considered to achieved its purpose “*to a moderate extent*” 3/5
- No consensus on outcomes or impact
- Implementation not linked to LCDC; No structured mechanism to review/report

Themes to Shape the Goals

- Sustainable Development (*via 17 UN SDG goals*)
- Health & Wellbeing
- Quality of Life
- Quality of Place/Liveability
- Access, Inclusion and Equality
- Climate Action and Decarbonisation
- Multi-generational (*all ages; all abilities*)
- Agility and Responsiveness
- Innovation
- Prosperity
- Ambition

Overarching Vision

“By 2028, Waterford City and County will have continued to grow and will be evolving to become an even more attractive, prosperous, resilient, inclusive and sustainable place, anchored by Waterford City as the Regional Capital, a University and Learning City, and an economic driver for the region. It will be an excellent place to live, visit and do business”

High-Level Goals (economic)

Low Carbon & Sustainable Economy: Waterford is a flagship demonstrator where research, business and the wider community will co-produce integrated solutions that will be scaled for rollout across Waterford and internationally

Economic Diversity & Sustainable Growth: Waterford's economy is well connected, innovative, creative and able to adapt and will enable people to create their own opportunities.

Sustainable Placemaking & Destination Management: Waterford is a place for talent, investment and visitors

Innovation & Digital Transition: Waterford is a location which embraces the opportunities that digital technologies create, transitioning with resilience and innovation towards a SMART technology future to future proof our economy.

High-Level Goals (community)

Liveability & Quality of Life: The physical, social and cultural dimensions of Waterford's liveability, and quality of place will be enhanced through inclusive, sustainable development.

Health & Wellbeing: The health, wellbeing and the quality of life of individuals and communities will be improved through the promotion of positive life choices, healthy habits and active lifestyles.

Inclusion & Accessibility: Waterford's agencies will provide accessible supports, resources and amenities for all ages and abilities.

Resilience & Sustainability: Waterford's strategies will empower a culture of sustainable, resilient, inclusive and engaged communities.

Liveability

Defined as the essential features that allow residents of all ages and backgrounds to thrive.

Its dimensions include housing; health; physical & natural environment; infrastructure; provision of & access to services; range & quality of employment; amenities & public places; recreation; pollution-free, safety & comfort; accessibility &, connectivity; social capital; social cohesion; integration &, diversity; governance & representation; viable demographics; diverse & resilient economy; affordability; climate; scale, density & critical mass; identity, belonging, nurturing, etc

Best Place to Live in Ireland?



Best Place to Live in Ireland 2021: Why Waterford city won

Socio-economic Context

Population (2022): 127, 085 (+10,909)
Population Increase (2022): +9.4% (vs 8% nationally).
Net migration (2016-2022): 7,564
Age Profile: Aged 18 and Under: 25.3%. Aged 65 and older: 15%
Total Housing Stock (2022): 55,159
Housing Stock Change (2016-2022): 5.1%
Residential Vacancy (2022): 3,916 premises (7.1%) of which 2% were vacant in both 2022 and 2016
Commercial Vacancy (2022): 14.3% (vs 13.9% nationally).
Total Household Disposable Income (2020): €2.70bn
Annual Disposable Income per person (2020): €22,157 (Vs €23,165 nationally)
Live Register (Aug 2022): 5,380
Deprivation Index: <i>Marginally Below Average</i> -2.35 (2016)

Socio-economic Context

National Broadband Plan (2022): 15,447 premises (24%)

General Health Status: Very Good or Good: 87.1%

Disability: 16,675 (14.3%)

Carers: 4,817 (4.1%)

Ability to Speak the Irish Language: 45,321 (40.5%)

Households with Oil-fired Central Heating: 45%

Waste Collection: 38,560 tonnes

Walking and Cycling Trails: Km

Organisations affiliated to the Public Participation Network (PPN) (2022):

562 – Community (441), Social Inclusion (98) and Environment (23)

Access to Everyday Services

Average Distance to Emergency Department Hospital : Waterford: 17km (State: 20.1km)

Average Distance to 24/7 Garda Station: Waterford: 7.2km (State: 8km)

Average Distance to Fire Station: Waterford: 4.1km (State: 5.5km)

Average Distance to Library: Waterford: 3.6km (State: 4.5km)

Average Distance to Primary School: Waterford: 1.5km (State: 1.5km)

Average Distance to Secondary School: Waterford: 4km (State: 3.8km)

Access to Everyday Services

Average Distance to GP: Waterford: 3km (State: 3.1km)

Average Distance to Pharmacy: Waterford: 2.9km (State: 2.8km)

Average Distance to Supermarket: Waterford: 2.2km (State: 2.3km)

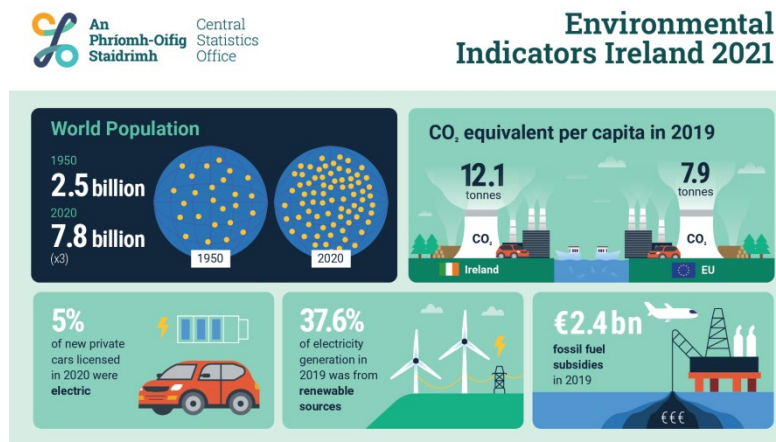
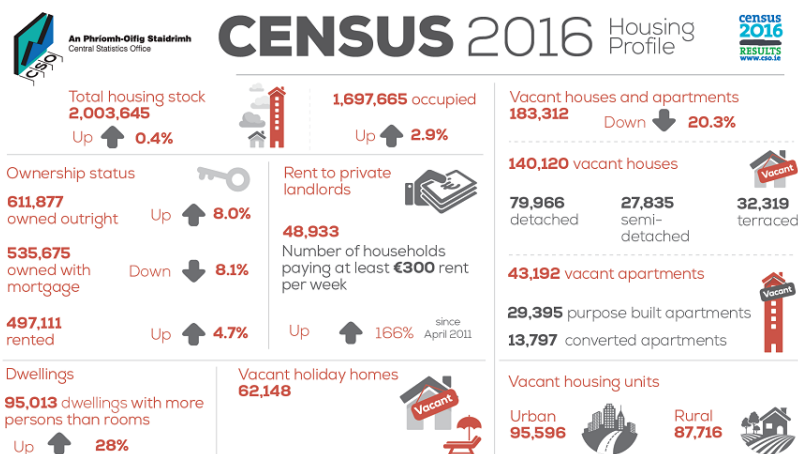
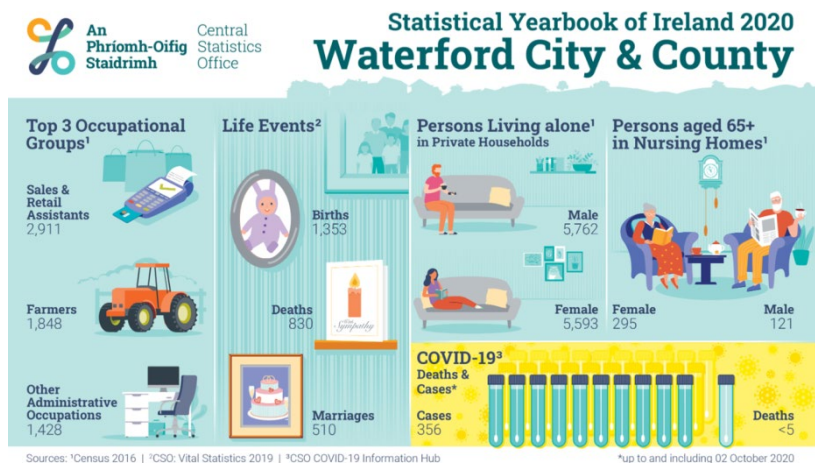
Average Distance to Post Office: Waterford: 2.8km (State: 2.5km)

36% of Waterford's population (State 32%) reside where the nearest public transport stop had low frequency daily services during the working week.

38% of Waterford's population (State 70%) reside within 5k distance to the national primary and secondary road network.

96% of Waterford's population (State 94%) reside within 5km of the nearest outdoor sports facility.

Visualisation



Stages & Process

Stage	Activity	Timeline
1. Preparation	Socio-economic Analysis	Sept – Oct 2022
2. Public Consultation	Development of and refinement of High-Level Goals	Nov 2022– Feb 2023
3. Objectives & Outcomes	Development of specific, measurable sustainable objectives and outline of the desired outcomes	Nov 2022– Feb 2023
4. Finalise Plan	Refinement and approval of LECP	March – April 2023
5. Implementation	Specific time bound actions for each High-Level Goal	2023-2029
6. Monitoring & Evaluation	Assessment of outcomes and impact	2023-2029

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