

Appendix 1
Full Objective Progress List

Chapter 2 Climate Action

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress achieved
CA01	To ensure that the spatial planning of County Wexford provides for a county that is resilient to climate change, encourages development along existing transport corridors, enables the decarbonisation of the county's economy and reduces the county's carbon footprint in support of national targets for climate mitigation and adaptation objectives as well as targets for greenhouse gas emissions reductions.	Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.</p> <p>Consultants have been appointed to carry out SEA, SFRA, RMP and GBI Strategies as part of the preparation of the Wexford Town LAP. Consultants have been appointed to prepare an LTP for Wexford Town and this will inform the preparation of the LAP. The LAP is also being prepared having regard to the 10 Minute Town Concept and ensuring the integration of key land uses.</p> <p>Consultants have been appointed to carry out SEA as part of the preparation of the Enniscorthy Town LAP. Consultants have also been appointed to prepare an LTP for Enniscorthy Town which will inform the preparation of the LAP.</p>
CA02	To implement the National Adaptation Framework through the strategies and objectives of the County Development Plan and in future local area plans.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the implementation of relevant CDP objectives and preparation of local area plans.
CA03	To implement the County Wexford Climate Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024 and any Wexford County Council Local Climate Action Plan in future local area plans and the assessment of planning applications.	Ongoing	<p>The Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) was adopted in February 2024 and supersedes the County Wexford Climate Adaptation Strategy. Future Local Area Plans and Settlement Plans will be consistent with the LACAP.</p> <p>Ongoing during the assessment of planning applications.</p>
CA04	To implement the Energy Strategy contained in Volume 10 of the Wexford County Development Plan to facilitate the transition to a low carbon county.	Ongoing	Ongoing during the assessment of relevant planning applications.

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			<p>As at Q1 2024 there was 182.7 MW of wind energy and 125.9MW of solar energy connected to the grid with a further 348.4MW solar farms planned, according to SEAI's LACAP Dashboard.¹</p> <p>As at end June 2024 there were a total of 45 permissions granted for ground mounted solar farms in County Wexford with an estimated output of 693MW and covering an area of 1,328.41 hectares.</p> <p>One solar farm was successful at the most recent RESS 4 auction (105MW).</p>
CA05	To continue to work with the Eastern and Midland Climate Action Regional Office and the 3 Counties Energy Agency to achieve the implementation of national climate policies and targets at the local level.	Ongoing	A further service level agreement was recently signed with the Eastern and Midlands CARO for the next 5-year period, ending 30th June 2029. The Wexford Climate Action Team continues to work with South East Energy Agency (formerly 3 Counties Energy Agency) on all energy related issues within the Council.
CA06	To continue to reduce energy related CO ₂ emissions of Wexford County Council, to improve energy efficiencies and to achieve the commitment under the European Climate Alliance to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 10% every five years.	Ongoing	<p>In April 2024, WCC's carbon emissions were 4.90ktCO₂; it is a 31.1% carbon emission reduction on 2016-2018 (LACAP baseline year) and a 10.6% reduction compared to 2022 (first two years of CDP).</p> <p>In April 2024, the energy efficiency improvement on 2009 (baseline year) was 42.1%; it is a 4.4% improvement on 2022 (first two years of CDP).</p> <p>An example of energy efficiencies improvements is Wexford library which underwent an energy upgrade of LED lighting and ventilation.</p>

¹ <https://www.seai.ie/data-and-insights/seai-statistics/la-cap-dashboard/> [accessed 9/9/24]

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			<p>Funding has also been approved from DRCD for a new generation mobile library.</p> <p>In addition, 11 Energy audits and 13 Display Energy Certificates (DECs) of Council owned buildings were completed since 2022.</p> <p>An Energy Officer was appointed to WCC in Sept 2024 and will be working further in this area.</p>
CA07	To review the County Development Plan following the publication of the new Section 28 Development Plan - Guidelines for Planning Authorities to ensure that the approach to climate action is consistent with the guidelines and to vary the Plan, if necessary.	Complete	The CDP is consistent with the development plan guidelines with respect to climate change and does not require variation.
CA08	To support and maximise the opportunities offered by the presence of the United Nations Centre of Excellence on Nearly Zero Energy Buildings in Enniscorthy Town and to support the designation of this centre as the National Centre for Ireland.	Ongoing	<p>WWETB run several NZEB training courses at their training centre in Enniscorthy. These courses are targeted at people working in the construction sector to provide them with the skills necessary to develop low carbon buildings. In partnership with WWETB, Expressions of Interest have been sought to construct a purpose-built Sustainable Construction Education Campus alongside the High Performance Building Alliance (HPBA) and Green Hub at Enniscorthy Technology Park.</p> <p>The HPBA has been established with funding provided by WCC, Enterprise Ireland and the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) to further Ireland's obligations under the EU Directive on the energy performance of buildings. It is an Irish Government and UN approved Centre of Excellence dedicated to reducing the effects of climate change by improving the built environment.</p>

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			In Q1 2025 WCC will open a new (Enterprise Ireland supported) Green Hub at the HPBA to support SMEs in the South East Region and beyond. The HPBA Green Hub fitout is underway and follows the circular economy principle of design for disassembly with each element procured with net zero in mind. The Green Hub is a showcase / demonstrator for innovative products and services within the Sustainable Built Environment and will provide an opportunity for biobased materials, digital innovation and circular design to be showcased. This is the first initiative of its kind in Ireland and internationally.
CA09	To utilise the Climate Action Fund established under the National Development Plan to facilitate public and private climate mitigation and adaptation projects in line with criteria set out by the Fund at that time.	In Progress	The Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) is funded by the Climate Action Fund established under the National Development Plan. WCC have received €669,000 which has been allocated to 16 community groups in the five municipal districts to deliver local climate action projects.
CA10	To implement, through the County Development Plan and future local areas plans, sustainable settlement and transportation strategies in urban and rural areas including measures to reduce energy demand in response to the likelihood of increases in energy and other costs due to long-term decline in non-renewable resources, reduce anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions, and address the necessity of adaptation to climate change in particular, having regard to the location, layout and design of new development.	Ongoing	<p>The Wexford Town LAP is being prepared having regard to the 10 Minute Town Concept and ensuring the integration of key land uses. Consultants have been appointed to prepare LTPs for Wexford Town and Enniscorthy Town which will inform the preparation of LAPs.</p> <p>Ongoing through the implementation of other CDP objectives and the development management process.</p>

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CA11	To support measures to build resilience to climate change including adaptive capacity, awareness and providing for nature-based solutions and emergency planning and to raise awareness of the role of spatial planning in climate change mitigation and adaptation through the forward planning and development management functions of the Planning Authority.	Ongoing	<p>The Climate Action webpage has been setup and is regularly updated - https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/environment-and-climate-change/climate-action</p> <p>WCC held a Climate Action Awareness Event in June 2023 and a whole week of Climate Events in May 2024. Staff induction includes Climate Action Awareness and HR have run Climate Action Awareness courses.</p> <p>Staff throughout the organisation have attended NBS training courses and a nature-based SUDs was constructed on Grogan's Road in Wexford Town. The Climate Action Plan has an action (BET21) specifically related to the promotion of awareness of NBS with all staff. The Climate Action Team are engaging with LAWPRO on suggested demonstrator NBS projects.</p> <p>The Forward Planning Team are currently preparing a Rainwater Management Plan (RMP) incorporating NBS as part of the Wexford Town LAP. It will be among the first RMP of scale in the Country.</p> <p>Ongoing through the forward planning and development management process.</p>
CA12	To ensure future local area plans adopt sustainable spatial planning frameworks which successfully integrate land use and transportation and facilitate mixed use developments as a means of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and decarbonising the county.	In Progress	See CA10.
CA13	To require new developments to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change by ensuring they are	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	appropriately located, sited and designed to accommodate predicted future climate change impacts.		
CA14	To carry out climate adaptation measures such as developing NZEB social housing and retrofitting local authority housing, ensuring new public buildings are NZEB and retrofitting exiting public buildings, promoting jobs and innovation in the green economy through the Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Section, transitioning the Council's own fleet to electric vehicles, facilitating electric vehicle infrastructure in public car parks, ensuring flood risk management in conjunction with the Office of Public Works, promoting water conservation in conjunction with Irish Water, incorporating biodiversity and green infrastructure planning into local authority own developments including residential schemes, public parks, open spaces, walking trails and greenways and seeking opportunities to implement nature friendly carbon sequestration options on Council owned or controlled public lands e.g. community orchards and rewilding schemes.	Partially Achieved, In Progress & Ongoing	<p>The HPBA and Green Hub will support SMEs in the South East Region (see objective CA08).</p> <p>The Housing Section has been meeting its target under the EERP – Energy Retrofitting Programme on Social Housing stock. 146 houses were upgraded last year and 150/160 are proposed for next year.</p> <p>Southend Family Resource Centre has also been financially supported by WCC Climate Action Team, in promoting and aiding homeowners in the area to complete energy upgrade funding applications to SEAI. Wexford Town Sustainable Energy Community will be progressing this scheme to other areas.</p> <p>See CA06 for energy efficiency improvements to public buildings.</p> <p>There are 13 electric vehicles and 2 electric forklifts in the Council fleet to date. Where appropriate e-vehicles will continue to replace petrol/diesel models. An increased number of e-chargers are also being installed in public carparks during renovation works and in new developments.</p> <p>See Chapter 9 for flood risk management.</p> <p>Biodiversity areas and features are being designed and constructed in new and refurbished road projects and in other local authority developments where appropriate e.g. along the 6km greenway from Rosbercon-Glenmore, at Emigrant and High Hill Parks in New Ross and as part of the Trinity Wharf project which has SUDs and</p>

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			green roofs incorporated into the design. The WCC Climate Action Team was expanded to include a Biodiversity Officer in June 2024 to further progress biodiversity projects.
CA15	To support the decarbonisation of the energy sector by supporting the implementation of the National Energy Efficiency Action Plan and investment in initiatives to improve energy efficiency and future proof the county's residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural and public building stock, including retrofitting in urban and rural areas and reduction in fuel poverty. The Council will encourage developments to achieve certification under systems such as the Home Performance Index and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.	Ongoing	<p>See CA14 with regard to achievement of EERP targets.</p> <p>The Climate Action Team held several events during Climate Action Week (May 2024) to support decarbonisation and energy efficiency. An Energy Clinic was held in Enniscorthy, Rosslare & The Faythe and a demo day was held in an NZEB social housing unit.</p>
CA16	To support change across business, public and residential sectors to achieve reduced greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with current and future national targets, improve energy efficiency and increase the use of renewable energy sources across the key sectors of electricity supply, heating, transport and agriculture.	Ongoing	<p>The Planning Authority supports incorporation of renewable energy sources into new and existing development, subject to assessment through the development management process. Planning legislation has expanded the exempted development regulations regarding the provision of some renewable energy sources in particular instances.</p> <p>WCC are taking part in the establishment of a South East Energy Unit with other LA's in the South East and part of this process is the identification of Significant Energy Users (SEU's) within our organisation and costing of renewable energy solutions for these SEU's.</p>
CA17	To support decarbonisation in the transport sector by facilitating initiatives that promote the use of clean generated electricity biogas, hydrogen and other non-fossil fuels for private and public transportation and	In progress & Ongoing	The Climate Action Team have worked with the Roads department and the Fleet Manager in assessing the viability and costs required to move from fossil fuels to Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil (HVO) for the HGV's within the Council's fleet. Plans are in place to introduce

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	provide clean energy and lower carbon fuelling and electric vehicle charging stations and infrastructure at appropriate locations including consideration of electric, hydrogen, compressed natural gas (CNG)/biogas.		the use of HVO in the Council fleet with the installation of new fuel storage tanks in the Machinery Yard. See also CA14.
CA18	To require the provision of Electric Vehicle charging point infrastructure and solar panels (the latter where possible and practicable) within residential, commercial and mixed use developments, and to support investment in the sustainable development of Electric Vehicle charging facilities aligned with the transportation networks in the county and the region and CNG refuelling stations aligned with the TEN-T corridors as a renewable technology for servicing public service vehicles and commercial fleets.	In progress & Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. WCC have agreed to be a member of the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy for the South East. Tipperary County Council is the lead authority for procuring Technical Engineering Consultancy. A transport mobility hub will be included in the design and consent application for the N11/N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour Project and WCC supports this objective on the TEN-T route.
CA19	To support the decarbonisation of the agricultural sector by facilitating initiatives that advance an approach to achieve carbon neutrality for agriculture and land use that does not compromise sustainable food production through programmes such as the Green Low-Carbon Agri-environment Scheme (GLAS) and other relevant mitigation and adaptation programmes and initiatives of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications.	Ongoing	WCC will continue to support such initiatives. As part of WCC Climate Action Week 2024, a number of WCC staff attended an open farm event under the Farm Signpost Programme to see what measures can be taken on farms for climate, water quality and biodiversity.
CA20	To prepare a Climate Proofing Matrix to be submitted with planning applications to allow the proposed development to demonstrate how it incorporates climate mitigation and adaptation, where relevant.	Not achieved	N/A

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CA21	To ensure that spatial planning is fully embedded in and contributes to achieving the targets set for the Decarbonisation Zone in the county by facilitating sustainable transport, energy efficient buildings, appropriate renewable energy developments, waste management developments that promote the circular economy, measures to improve air quality, and restoration and enhancement of biodiversity and green infrastructure in the Decarbonising Zone.	Ongoing	The LACAP was adopted in February 2024 and includes 38 actions for the Enniscorthy Decarbonisation Zone. This DZ requires an annual average reduction of 7% in carbon emissions to be achieved up to 2030, as is required for the rest of the county. The DZ will be the focus for a range of climate mitigation, adaptation, and biodiversity measures and there will be a focus on testing new technologies and working with communities within the DZ. This will also inform the preparation of the Enniscorthy LAP.

Chapter 3 Core Strategy

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CS01	To implement the Core Strategy Guiding Principles and Development Approach and to ensure that required infrastructure and services are provided by infrastructure providers, either in advance or in tandem with development, to achieve this implementation.	Ongoing	WCC continue to liaise with Uisce Éireann, TII, Dept of Education and other stakeholders to ensure the provision of services. An Infrastructural Assessment Report is being prepared as part of the Wexford Town LAP and will inform the land use zoning to ensure that serviced lands are prioritised.
CS02	To ensure that new residential development in all settlements complies with the population and housing allocation targets and the principles set out in the Core Strategy and Settlement Development Strategy, in so far as practicable.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. Refer to Core Strategy Monitoring Report for Year 2 which shows the progress towards achieving the housing allocation targets during the first two years of the Plan.
CS03	To ensure that sufficient zoned lands are available to satisfy the planned population and housing growth in those settlements over the lifetime of the Plan.	Ongoing	Zoned land is currently available in Gorey, Courtown and Riverchapel, Bunclody and Rosslare Harbour and Kilrane and is currently being considered as part of the preparation of the Wexford Town LAP.
CS04	To achieve more compact growth by promoting the development of infill and brownfield/ regeneration sites and the redevelopment of underutilised land within the existing built up footprint of existing settlements in preference to greenfield lands and to identify infill, brownfield and regeneration sites when preparing Local Area Plans, Settlement Plans and settlement boundaries.	Ongoing	<p>Refer to Core Strategy Monitoring Report for Year 2 which outlines the progress in achieving a minimum of 30% of new homes in the existing built-up area of settlements.</p> <p>See Chapter 5 regarding the work of the Regeneration Unit, Town Centre First Plans and Town Teams, Heritage-led Regeneration Plans, vacant property grants and WCC key regeneration projects.</p> <p>Housing Capital are progressing a number of projects on brownfield sites in town centres. See objective SH08 in Chapter 4 Sustainable Housing for further information.</p>

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CS05	To ensure that at least 30% of all new homes that are targeted in settlements are delivered within the existing built-up footprint of the settlement.	Ongoing	Refer to Core Strategy Monitoring Report for Year 2 which outlines the progress in achieving a minimum of 30% of new homes in the existing built-up area of settlements.
CS06	To promote and facilitate the economic development of the Eastern Economic Corridor as an inter-urban regional economic driver, in particular, in Gorey Town, Enniscorthy Town, Wexford Town and Rosslare Harbour and Kilrane and the Europort.	Ongoing	See Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy re Eastern Economic Corridor.
CS07	To support 'steady state' investment in existing rail infrastructure in the county and seek investment for improved infrastructure and services including increased line speeds to ensure its continued renewal and maintenance to a high level in order to provide quality levels of safety, service, accessibility and connectivity including improved frequency and journey times.	Ongoing	WCC Roads Section has undertaken upgrades at the car park at Enniscorthy Train Station to promote the ease and attractive use of public transport. See also Chapter 8 Transportation Strategy re public transport including WCC submission on the All Island Strategic Rail Review.
CS08	To prepare Local Transport Plans for the Key Towns and Large Towns which focus on the development of town bus networks, rail services, the development of inter-modal transport hubs, improvements to cycling and walking infrastructure and rural transport services into towns and seek investment for the sustainable transport measures set out in these plans.	In Progress	Consultants are currently preparing LTPs for Wexford and Enniscorthy which will inform the preparation of the LAPs for those towns.
CS09	To give consideration, where appropriate and relevant, to factors such as economic development, employment and access to community facilities and their related objectives in the County Development Plan and local area plan/or settlement plan when considering planning applications to ensure that future developments contribute, where possible, to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	the physical, social and economic regeneration and revitalisation of towns, villages and rural areas.		
CS10	To adopt a presumption in favour of development that can generate more jobs and activities within existing towns and villages in order to reduce the distances that people have to commute from home to work such as remote working hubs and subject to development complying with appropriate planning standards and achieving targeted growth.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See also Chapter 6 Economic Development re digital hubs.
CS11	To leverage funding from all available sources including the Urban and Rural Development and Regeneration Funds to help secure the delivery of key projects that will contribute to securing the objectives of the Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy.	Achieved, In Progress & Ongoing	See Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages for WCC key regeneration projects.
CS12	To support the concept of rural settlement networks and support the sustainable development of infrastructure to assist collaborative projects and sharing of assets and strengths to drive sustainable population and enterprise growth in sub-regional areas.	Ongoing	WCC continues to support rural settlement networks and supporting infrastructure to drive enterprise growth. Examples of rural networks/collaborative projects since the making of the plan, such as Women in Business, Celtic Routes and Ancient Connections, are outlined in Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy and Chapter 7 Tourism Development.
CS13	To recognise the shared critical mass of population, strategic assets and economic potential of inter-urban networks working in collaborative partnerships as regionally significant drivers of growth and support investment in infrastructure and initiatives to sustainably deliver improved multi-modal transport connectivity and high speed, high quality digital connectivity between them.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the work of various departments and the Southern Regional Assembly. See Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy re Eastern Economic Corridor.

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CS14	To strengthen the social and economic structure of rural towns and villages by supporting the reuse of existing buildings and the regeneration of underutilised buildings and lands.	Ongoing	See Objective CS04 re infill, brownfield and regeneration sites.
CS15	To prepare new local area plans for Wexford Town, Enniscorthy Town and New Ross Town and to ensure all future local area plans are prepared in accordance with the relevant aspects of the Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2007), the Local Area Plan Guidelines for the Planning Authorities (2012) and all other relevant Section 28 Guidelines or any updated version of these guidelines.	In Progress	Wexford Town LAP is currently being prepared having regard to relevant Section 28 Guidelines. It is intended to progress work on a plan for Enniscorthy Town in 2025.
CS16	To strengthen the viability of our rural towns and villages and to support the retention of essential rural services such as post offices, shops and medical facilities.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the various functions of the Council.
CS17	To seek investment and initiatives that deliver smart technologies, revitalisation of mixed-use town and village centre streets and pilot initiatives for good practice in renewal and re-use of buildings.	Achieved, In Progress & Ongoing	<p>See Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy re Digital hubs at Craanford, Boolavogue, Ramsgrange, Blackwater and Rosslare Harbour.</p> <p>See Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages for key regeneration projects which include re-purposing old buildings including Market House in Gorey and the Norman Visitor Centre and John Street Grainstore in New Ross. The Former Credit Union building on McDermott Street in Gorey has been repurposed as Family Resource & Community Centre.</p> <p>Smart technologies are being considered in the design for the pedestrianisation of Quay Street New Ross, while other reuse initiatives include the Norman Visitor Centre and John Street Grainstore developments.</p>

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			As part of the Town Centre First Plan process for New Ross, Enniscorthy and now Courtown/Riverchapel, a Digital Town blueprint has been carried out assessing the Digital readiness of each Town and exploring ways that Digital improvements can enhance opportunities in these Towns.
CS18	To protect and promote the quality, character and distinctiveness of the county's rural towns, villages and open countryside while supporting the proportionate growth and appropriately designed development that contributes to their revitalisation and renewal and the development of sustainable communities.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CS19	To ensure the Key Towns of Wexford Town and Gorey Town continue to be drivers of economic growth and prosperity for the region, the county and their Municipal Districts by maximising their strategic location advantages to attract employment and population growth, developing their services and functions and protecting and enhancing their town centres, public realm and heritage and environmental quality making the towns high quality sustainable places to work, live and visit.	Ongoing	See Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy re optimising the strategic location advantages of these key towns on the Eastern Economic Corridor together with planned property solutions, including the Hatch Lab in Gorey and Trinity Wharf in Wexford Town. See Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages for WCC key regeneration projects including Esmonde Street Public Realm Scheme, Market House Regeneration & Redevelopment and Gorey Town Park in Gorey and Monck Street and Crescent Quay public realm projects in Wexford Town. See Objective CS04 above re TCF and Heritage-led regeneration plans.
CS20	To ensure the Large Towns of Enniscorthy and New Ross are drivers of growth and prosperity for the county and their respective Municipal Districts by maximising their potential for attracting economic development, employment and population	Ongoing	See Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy re property solutions including Enniscorthy Technology Park and John Street Enterprise Hub in New Ross. See Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages for WCC key regeneration

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	growth, developing their service and retail functions while protecting and enhancing their distinctive town centres whilst protecting their local heritage and environmental quality and making the towns high quality sustainable places to live, work and visit.		projects including the Town Centre Project and former Murphy Floods site in Enniscorthy and New Ross Tourism Project, High Hill Park, Emigrant Park, South East Greenway, Brennan's Lane and Shambles in New Ross. See Objective CS04 above re TCF Plans and Town Teams established for Enniscorthy and New Ross and the Heritage-led regeneration plan prepared for Enniscorthy.
CS21	To ensure growth and development in the Service Settlements, Strategic Settlements, Large Villages and Small villages across the county is proportionate to the scale, size and character of the settlement and well designed so as to contribute to the regeneration of these settlements. To implement, as resources allow, interventions in the public realm, the provision of amenities, the acquisition of sites and the provision of services and ensure good quality of life and well-being for the local communities.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CS22	To vary the County Development Plan to include Settlement Plans for Level 3a settlements and prepare boundaries and objectives for Level 3b settlements and prepare settlement boundaries for Level 4 and 5 settlements. Potential sites for infill, regeneration and appropriate locations for housing will be identified for all Level 3a, 3b, 4 and 5 settlements.	Not achieved	The work required to achieve this objective is currently beyond the resource capacity available to the Planning Department at this time.
CS23	To work with public infrastructure providers such as Irish Water and local communities to provide serviced sites with appropriate infrastructure to attract people to build their own homes and live in the designated Large Villages and Small Villages in the county subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria and the proper planning and sustainable development of the county.	In Progress	See Chapter 9 Infrastructure Strategy regarding the Small Towns and Villages Growth Programme (STVGP) and Chapter 4 Sustainable Housing regarding the "Ready to build scheme."

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CS24	To ensure that Rural Nodes throughout the county maintain their existing character and provide only very small scale growth appropriate to their character.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CS25	To ensure that the open countryside continues to be a living and lived in landscape focusing on the requirements of rural economies and rural communities while at the same protecting the open countryside from inappropriate development, urban generated housing and protecting its landscape and environmental quality.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CS26	To promote the protection, restoration and enhancement of biodiversity and green infrastructure in all settlements and in the open countryside.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See Chapter 11 Landscape and Green Infrastructure and Chapter 13 Heritage and Conservation for further details on green infrastructure and biodiversity.
ET01	To strengthen the role of Enniscorthy Town as a Large Town with a large economic hinterland and leverage its strategic location and accessibility to Rosslare Europort and the Eastern Economic Corridor (port, rail and road) and build on its inherent strengths including digital connectivity, innovation and enterprise, tourism and culture, to facilitate economic and employment growth in the town, and, in particular, promote Enniscorthy Business and Technology Park, the UN Centre of Excellence and the NZEB Training Centre as key economic drivers for the town and to support the development and improvement of the business/industrial centre located on the R772 and the Old Dublin Road into a modern Business Park capable of attracting international companies as a key economic driver for the County.	In Progress & Ongoing	See Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy re Eastern Economic Corridor, Enniscorthy Technology Park, High Performance Building Alliance and Green Hub, NZEB Centre of Excellence and Enniscorthy North Industrial Area (Old Dublin Road).

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ET02	To develop and facilitate new tourism related developments, both direct and indirect, that will expand the tourism offering and potential of the town and its surrounding area, and to work with key stakeholders to develop Enniscorthy as a vibrant visitor hub and tourism destination town in the county.	In Progress & Ongoing	See Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages for WCC key regeneration projects including Enniscorthy Town Centre and Tourism Project. See also Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy and Chapter 7 Tourism Development.
ET03	To pursue Smart Town status for the town, to facilitate enhanced broadband capabilities and digital connectivity in all areas of the town as a key enabler, and to maximise the opportunities offered by that status for all aspects of life in the town.	Not achieved	While Smart Town status has not been achieved, a digital blueprint has been prepared as part of the Town Centre First Plan which assesses the Digital readiness of the Town and explores ways that Digital improvements can enhance opportunities in the Town. The Town Centre First Team will focus on objectives to improve the digital readiness of the town and to deliver Digital Town Initiatives.
ET04	To support the development of learning, education and training initiatives, economic regeneration and enterprise initiatives to address legacies of unemployment and deprivation in the town.	Ongoing	See Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy.
ET05	To promote the development of a Blueway along the River Slaney in the town subject to feasibility assessments, compliance with the Habitats Directive and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Not Achieved	This continues to be an objective of WCC and will be explored further during the preparation of the Enniscorthy LAP.
ET06	To improve the public realm and attractiveness of the town centre as a place to live, work and visit through key urban regeneration projects/environmental improvement schemes such the proposed Templeshannon Regeneration project, brownfield sites along the Quays and other town centre enhancement works.	In Progress & Ongoing	See Chapter 5 regarding the work of the Regeneration Unit, Town Centre First Plans and Town Teams, Heritage-led Regeneration Plans, vacant property grants and WCC key regeneration projects.

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ET07	To support the delivery of infrastructure requirements to allow Enniscorthy keep pace with the planned population growth including the delivery of natural gas, improvements to road links such as the N30 and the N80 and the proposed N11/N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Scheme, improvements to digital connectivity to support the achievement of Smart Town status, upgrading and development of the water supply and amenity facilities including the development of a public space with playground facilities in St Senan's parish. Any such proposals will be subject to Appropriate Assessment in accordance with the requirements of the EU Habitats Directive to ensure the protection of all designated SACs and SPAs.	Ongoing	See Chapter 8 Transportation Strategy re road improvements. See ET03 re Digital Town Initiatives. Uisce Éireann have commenced work on the Enniscorthy Water Supply Upgrade to improve water supply in Enniscorthy town. See Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages re WCC projects including Bellefield GAA Public Realm and playground, Enniscorthy Wellbeing and Activity Garden (St. John's) and Enniscorthy Sports Hub. A Part 8 application is also currently being prepared for a nature-based playground in Springvalley.
ET08	To support the delivery of infrastructural requirements to allow Enniscorthy to keep pace with planned population growth to include the provision of at least one additional post-primary school and additional educational facilities to address existing and future demand and additional social, cultural and amenity facilities.	In Progress & Ongoing	WCC continue to liaise with the Department of Education in relation to the provision of schools. WCC are supporting CBS Enniscorthy with the use of the 1798 Car Park to erect portacabins for additional classrooms.
GT01	To strengthen the role of Gorey Town as an economic driver leveraging its strategic location and accessibility to Rosslare Europort and the Eastern Economic Corridor (port, rail and road), build upon its inherent strengths including digital connectivity, skills, innovation and enterprise, tourism, culture and retail services.	In progress & Ongoing	See Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy re Eastern Economic Corridor and Property Solutions including the Hatch Lab. See Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages for WCC key regeneration projects including Esmonde Street Public Realm Scheme, Market House Regeneration & Redevelopment and Gorey Town Park.
GT02	To facilitate strategic employment development in the town to allow it become more self-sufficient in terms of employment including development of opportunity sites and property solutions.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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GT03	To seek an economic funding package for the further development, in partnership with private investors, of the M11 Business Park as a Strategic Employment Location for the town.	Ongoing	A new Service Level Agreement was signed with the Model County Enterprise Group CLG for the management and marketing of the Hatch Lab, to strategically market and attract new businesses with growth /export potential leading to new job creation opportunities for the county.
GT04	To ensure the Local Transport Plan for the town provides the framework to seek investment to develop a public transport inter modal hub in the town, develop an orbital route and new road bridges at Ballytegan and Ramstown/Knockmullen and improved pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.	Not achieved	A LTP has not been prepared for Gorey Town to date.
GT05	To improve the public realm and attractiveness of the town centre as a place to live, work and visit. This will include key urban regeneration projects/environmental improvement schemes such as the redevelopment of the Market House for cultural uses and the planned public realm improvements to Esmonde Street.	In Progress & Ongoing	See Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages for WCC key regeneration projects including Esmonde Street Public Realm Scheme, Market House Regeneration & Redevelopment and Gorey Town Park.
GT06	To support the delivery of infrastructural requirements to allow Gorey keep pace with the planned population growth. These requirements include education and the prioritisation of additional post primary school places in order to address existing and future demand and the provision of additional social, cultural and amenity facilities including the redevelopment of Gorey Town and District Park.	In Progress & Ongoing	See Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages for WCC key regeneration projects. The design and delivery of the St Waleran's service avenue and link road, including the provision of active travel facilities and a bridge to Ballyloughan Cross is being progressed. A Part 8 application was also approved in September 2024 for large-scale sporting and community facilities at St. Waleran's Demesne and LSSIF funding has been sought to deliver same.
GT07	To support key infrastructure projects for the town including the delivery of natural gas and improvements to the N11 Gorey	Ongoing	See Chapter 8 Transportation Strategy and Chapter 9 Infrastructure Strategy.

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	to Enniscorthy such as the improvements to the N30 and the N11/N25 Oilgate to Rosslare scheme.		
NT01	To maximise the economic development potential of the town, optimising the potential offered by the N25 New Ross By-pass, the presence of New Ross Port and its proximity to the Waterford MASP and Wexford Town.	Ongoing	Continuous engagement between New Ross Municipal District and New Ross Chamber of Commerce and Failte Ireland on this objective.
NT02	To focus on tourism development as a key economic driver for the town and the county, prioritising the implementation of the New Ross Tourism Transformation Project, securing Fáilte Ireland designation as a Tourism Destination Town and the development of the New Ross to Waterford Greenway.	Achieved, Ongoing & In Progress	See Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages for WCC key projects including New Ross Tourism Project, South East Greenway, Emigrant Park, High Hill Park, Brennan's Lane/Shambles. See also Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy and Chapter 7 Tourism Development.
NT03	To examine, as part of the two-year review of the County Development Plan, the progress in achieving the Core Strategy growth allocation and strategic objectives for New Ross Town. This examination will consider the most up to date population and macro-economic figures available at that time and the appropriateness/necessity to adjust to bring New Ross in line with the growth projections of the other MDs/Towns by 2030.	Ongoing	See Core Strategy Monitoring Report for Year 2. The Core Strategy allocates 289 dwellings units to New Ross Town for the plan period. During the first two years of the plan 34 new houses were completed (11.8% of housing allocation) and 124 dwellings were granted planning permission (42.9% of housing allocation) within the expired development plan boundary. Having regard to the pace of new house completions/planning permissions the allocation is considered reasonable but will be kept under review, in particular following revised population allocations associated with the NPF review.
NT04	To prepare, as part of the local area plan for the town, an Economic and Spatial Strategy which will identify and develop opportunities for economic synergies and specialisms to compliment the role of Waterford MASP. This strategy will be informed by a report commissioned by the Council which will consider the strengths, opportunities, impacts and	Not achieved	The LAP preparation process has not commenced. Any future LAP will include an Economic and Spatial Strategy. A Town Centre First Plan has been prepared for the town and includes a number of actions under the theme of 'Economy.' Appendix B includes Demographics, Business and Tourism Data from 2023 which informed the Plan.

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	consequences of the Waterford MASP on South Wexford and New Ross.		
NT05	To prepare a local transport plan that will inform zoning decisions and identify opportunities to facilitate and implement sustainable transport connections to the Waterford MASP, Wexford Town and the towns of the region. The plan will also provide for the development of the town bus network, improvements to cycling and walking infrastructure and rural transport services into the town.	Not achieved	A LTP has not been prepared for New Ross Town to date.
NT06	To facilitate the development of the proposed Business Hub on John Street.	In Progress	WCC acquired the old grain store in the town centre and a Part 8 application was approved for alterations and extensions to the structure to bring it into use as an Enterprise Centre. An application for RRDF funding in February 2024 was unsuccessful and it is intended to reapply under the next RRDF call.
NT07	To focus on the development of brownfield and infill sites along the Quays and streets in the town centre for population, economic, enterprise, commercial and retail developments.	Achieved, In Progress & Ongoing	See Objective CS04 above re TCF Plans and Town Team. See Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages for WCC key regeneration projects including New Ross Tourism Project, High Hill Park, Emigrant Park, South East Greenway, Brennan's Lane/Shambles and the Old Courthouse. A Part 8 application is also being prepared for the Old Railway Yard in Rosbercon.
NT08	To improve the public realm and attractiveness of the town centre as a place to live, work and visit through key urban regeneration projects/environmental improvement schemes such as the High Hill Street Park and the removal of the old oil tanks and the construction of a new public space in their place on the Quays.	Achieved, In Progress & Ongoing	See Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages for WCC key regeneration projects including High Hill Park, Emigrant Park (the removal of oil tanks and their replacement with new public realm area) and pedestrianisation of Quay Street.

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NT09	To support the development of learning, education and training initiatives, economic regeneration and enterprise initiatives to address legacies of unemployment and deprivation in the town.	Ongoing	New Ross MD works closely with local stakeholders including WLD, LEADER & New Ross Chamber of Commerce. See also Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy.
NT10	To work with Kilkenny County Council towards the preparation a joint Local Area Plan for the New Ross Town and Rosbercon areas.	Not achieved	LAP preparation process has not commenced.
NT11	To support key infrastructure projects for the town including the delivery of natural gas.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WT01	To strengthen the role of Wexford Town as a self-sustaining regional economic driver located on the Eastern Economic Corridor by leveraging this strategic location and accessibility to Rosslare Europort and building upon its inherent strengths including digital connectivity, skills, innovation and enterprise, tourism, culture and retail services.	Ongoing	WCC continues to support Wexford Town as a key regional economic driver, including a number of key infrastructural projects such as Trinity Wharf, ongoing support for the Oilgate-Rosslare Bypass Scheme to strengthen regional connectivity and boost opportunities for Rosslare Europort.
WT02	To support the development of the Wexford Campus as part of the Multi-Campus South East Technological University, and facilitate all associated services including student accommodation and recreational facilities.	Ongoing	WCC are currently developing a master plan for the Ballynagee areas as part of the Wexford LAP. WCC has acquired 55 acres and CPO has been confirmed for a further 50 acres. The Council is liaising with a number of stakeholders with a view to developing the Ballynagee site to accommodate a number of uses including a SETU campus, sporting and recreational facilities, primary and post primary schools and residential units for social, affordable and private housing. The Special Projects team are assessing tenders to appoint consultants for design of a link road from Loreto/Min Ryan Park to Whiterock Hill. The design and phased delivery of the Wexford Inner Relief Road, including active travel facilities, is being progressed, to promote the development of

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			<p>amenities, schools and housing and promote permeability and encourage active travel in Wexford Town.</p> <p>Part VIII is in place to convert the old Adoration Convent into accommodation for students of Georgia Southern University Wexford campus. An Architect has been appointed and preliminary design and associated survey works are underway. It is intended to tender out these works in Q4 2024 with works hoped to commence in Q1 2025.</p>
WT03	To ensure that the local transport plan prepared provides the framework to integrate land use, accessibility requirements and transportation, prioritise sustainable transport modes including walking, cycling and public transport and identifies the necessary infrastructure required to facilitate implementation.	In Progress	Consultants are currently preparing a LTP for Wexford Town which will inform the preparation of the LAP.
WT04	To promote and support the development of the Trinity Wharf lands as a Strategic Employment Location and the redevelopment of the Commercial Quay redevelopment area as a Strategic Tourism Employment Location.	In Progress	Trinity Wharf is a significant mixed used urban regeneration project (see Chapter 5 for further details). Enabling works are completed and consultants have been appointed for the next phase of the project to include design services for site development and public infrastructure works, which are anticipated to commence Q3 2025. A marketing campaign is also underway to attract business. A Consultant has been appointed to provide financial advisory and project management services to the project and development of Business Case appraisals are anticipated to commence Q3 2024.
WT05	To develop industrial, commercial, infrastructure and residential development in Wexford Town to support the port function at Rosslare Europort.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. Trinity Wharf – see Objective WT04 above.

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			The Core Strategy Monitoring Report for Year 2 of the Plan shows industrial, commercial and residential development granted in the county during the first two years of the Plan. The Report (appendix Table A.3) shows that permission was granted for an additional 8,589sq.m. of commercial floorspace in the Wexford Town and Environs area comprising of 2,160sq.m. warehousing, 2,160sq.m. industrial, 1419sq.m. office, 996sq.m. retail and 1916sq.m. hospitality.
WT06	To support the development of additional capacity at Rosslare Europort and the provision of rail freight services and facilities to support sustainable increases in port operations.	Ongoing	See Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy re Rosslare Europort current works, proposed ORE Hub, Rosslare Europort Access Road and WCC submission on the All-Island Strategic Rail Review.
WT07	To support the development of tourism projects in the town including those associated with the town's new Maritime brand such as the planned marina at Trinity Wharf, the Commercial Quay Redevelopment Area and the potential Wexford to Rosslare Greenway, subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive and the proper planning and sustainable development of the town.	In Progress & Ongoing	See Chapter 7 Tourism Development for key tourism projects including the new Viking village at Irish National Heritage Park, Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) and Food in Tourism Plan being prepared by Fáilte Ireland, the Wexford Town Maritime Brand and festivals including Fleadh Ceoil na hÉireann.
WT08	To support the delivery of the infrastructural requirements which would benefit the key town role including improved road infrastructure such the M11/M25 Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour Scheme and upgrading of the N30 and N80, enhanced rail infrastructure and services, improved digital connectivity, upgrading and development of water supply and additional investment in wastewater infrastructure to support the economic development and anticipated growth of the town.	Ongoing; In progress	See Chapter 8 Transportation Strategy and Chapter 9 Infrastructure Strategy.

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WT09	To support the delivery of infrastructural requirements to allow Wexford Town keep pace with the planned population and economic growth. These requirements include education and the prioritisation of additional primary and post primary school places in order to address existing and future demand and the provision of additional social, cultural and amenity facilities including the new Min Ryan Park and the redevelopment of Wexford Arts Centre.	Achieved, In Progress & Ongoing	WCC continue to liaise with the Department of Education and other stakeholders in relation to the provision of schools including the delivery of two schools and a campus for SETU and amenities and facilities at Ballynagee. See Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking re WCC key regeneration projects including Trinity Wharf, Monck Street and Crescent Quay/Oyster Lane public realm enhancement projects, Min Ryan Park and Wexford Arts Centre Extension.
WT10	To improve the public realm and attractiveness of the town through the regeneration and revitalisation of key locations such as the Trinity Wharf lands, the Crescent Quay Public Realm Enhancement project and public realm works on Monck Street and the Commercial Quay Redevelopment Area.		See objective WT09 above. A TCF strategy is being prepared as part of the Wexford LAP which will focus on both regeneration sites and on the improvement and treatment of the public realm of the town.

Chapter 4 Sustainable Housing

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
SH01	To ensure that new residential developments contribute to and represent sustainable neighbourhoods which are inclusive and responsive to the physical or cultural needs of those who use them, are well-located relative to the social, community, commercial and administrative services and are integrated with the community within which they will be located.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SH02	To ensure that all new residential developments provide a high quality living environment with attractive and efficient buildings which are located in a high quality public realm, are serviced and linked with pedestrian and cycle lanes to well-designed and located open spaces and nature and to the town or village centre and existing and planned services.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SH03	To seek to facilitate all households to access good quality housing appropriate to the household circumstances and in their particular community of choice. The Council's priority will be on meeting the most acute needs- those unable to provide for their accommodation from their own resources or are otherwise in need of housing or housing supports.	Ongoing	WCC Housing Section are in continuous engagement with Developers and AHB's in terms of the type and location of houses, to ensure current housing need is matched by their proposals. An AHB Forum has been established to improve communication around aligning their proposals with WCC needs. Choice Based Letting was introduced in 2023 which is new way of allocating houses that gives the applicant more choice in the type and location they will be offered a house.
SH04	To ensure that new residential development minimises the use of natural resources and impacts on natural assets. The locations selected for residential developments should maximise the potential to use sustainable modes of transport such as walking, cycling and public transport to reduce dependence on fossil fuels. The design of residential units and associated services	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	should maximise the use of renewable energy and minimise the use of water.		
SH05	To prepare Urban Design Frameworks as part of local area plans which implement the 10 Minute Town Concept and ensure the integration of key land uses such as housing, community, education, amenity and employment.	In Progress	Consultants have been appointed to prepare an Urban Design Strategy as part of the preparation of the draft Wexford Town Local Area Plan. The preparation of the plan will have regard to the 10-minute town concept and appropriate integration of land uses. Future local area plans will follow this approach also.
SH06	To prioritise the provision of new housing in existing settlements and at an appropriate scale and density relative to the location in accordance with the National Planning Framework, the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region and the Core Strategy and the Settlement Strategy in the Plan.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See Core Strategy Monitoring Reports for Year 1 and Year 2 for details on new dwelling completions and dwellings permitted during the first two years of the Plan.
SH07	To consider the provision of serviced sites for residential development in the county's villages subject to sustainable and appropriate water services solutions being put in place in collaboration with relevant stakeholders and subject to compliance with all other relevant planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	WCC Water Services have made a submission on the Small Towns and Villages Growth Programme (STVGP) to prioritise infrastructure improvements in line with growth in the County Development Plan. Funding has been granted under Measure A8 (unsewered villages) to progress wastewater infrastructure in Ramsgrange Village. The Regeneration Unit have been looking at potential suitable sites for the "Ready to build scheme" in County Wexford and hope to identify a site in 2024.
SH08	To ensure that at least 30% of all new homes targeted to settlements are delivered within the existing built-up footprint of those settlements.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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			<p>See Core Strategy Monitoring Reports for Year 1 and Year 2 which details the progress in securing a minimum of 30% of new homes in built up areas.</p> <p>Housing Capital are progressing with social housing provision on brownfield and underutilised sites to consolidate existing built-up settlements. Current projects and proposals include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Francis Street, Wexford – 2 no. units, contractor to be appointed • Grogan's Road, Wexford – 4 no. units, funding application being prepared • Adamstown Village – 3 no. units, funding application being prepared • The Bullawn, New Ross – 3 no. units, progressing to tender • Wexford Street, Gorey – 30 no. units under construction, due to complete in 2025 • Bride Street, Wexford – Part 8 application being prepared for 3no. units
SH09	To support Government policy and targets under “Rebuilding Ireland: Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness” and local authority actions that contribute to progress under the key pillars of addressing homelessness, accelerating social housing, building more homes, improving the rental sector and utilising the existing building stock in the county.	In Progress & Ongoing	<p>WCC Housing Section have (in conjunction with Capital Construction) delivered over 50% of the Housing for All Targets at this point. The proposals approved for the remainder of the plan period, subject to all being delivered, will result in WCC surpassing their target of 1,155 no. units.</p> <p><u>Housing Capital Projects – Summary of Housing for All 2022-2026 Programme:</u></p> <p>Dwellings Complete 2022 - 48</p> <p>Dwellings Complete 2023 – 23</p> <p>Dwellings Complete 2024 - 12</p>

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			Dwellings to Complete in 2024 - 42 Dwellings to Complete in 2025 - 70 Dwellings Funded to complete 2026 - 132 Dwellings to be funded in HFA - 12 Affordable Units – 67 Other preliminary figures: 368 See SH08 above for current Housing Capital projects and proposals.
SH10	To require the application of Universal Design and Lifetime Housing in accordance with best practice and the policies and principles contained in Buildings for Everyone: A Universal Design Approach (National Disability Authority, 2012) and Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas: Guidelines for Planning Authorities and its companion document Urban Design Manual (DEHLG, 2009).	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SH11	To ensure that the zoning of lands for residential use is in accordance with the Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy and is carried out in accordance with the methodology for a Tiered Approach to Land Zoning as set out in the National Planning Framework and in accordance with relevant criteria in the Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2007) and the Local Area Plan-Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2012) and any updated version of these guidelines during the lifetime of the Plan.	In Progress	An Infrastructural Assessment Report is currently being prepared as part of the draft Wexford Town LAP and will inform the tiered approach to land use zoning in accordance with the Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy and relevant guidelines. All future zoning of lands within the functional area of the Council will apply the tiered approach methodology.
SH12	To ensure the development of land is carried out on a phased basis and to identify the priority of land for development in the relevant local area plan and in accordance with the methodology	In Progress	Currently being considered as part of the preparation of the Wexford Town LAP.

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	for the Prioritisation of Development Lands in the National Planning Framework and in accordance with the relevant criteria in the Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2007) and the Local Area Plan-Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2012) and any updated version of these documents during the lifetime of the Plan.		
SH13	To work with the Land Development Agency to co-ordinate appropriate State-owned land and the strategic assembly of public and private land to facilitate regeneration, housing and other developments.	In Progress & Ongoing	WCC Housing Section are liaising with the Housing Agency on the progress of housing proposals on LAG ² lands at Taghmon, Hewittsland, New Ross and Castlemoyle, New Ross.
SH14	To undertake Active Land Management (including the use of CPO powers) to manage the supply of land for residential development and ensure suitable zoning is in place to achieve compact, smart, sustainable growth targets within existing urban footprints.	In Progress & Ongoing	<p>Land use zoning is being considered as part of the preparation of the draft Wexford Town LAP and will be considered for additional areas in due course.</p> <p>Under the WCC CPO Programme, 169 no. sites have been approved in the four main towns with funding provided under Call 3 of URDF, primarily to address dereliction. It is envisaged that some of these properties will be retained for local authority housing stock. WCC Housing Section, to date, have not pursued any of these types of sites referred to, as in most cases they require a large amount of repair or full construction. While if some were suitable, they would be useful to increase social housing stock, the resources to review such properties are not currently in place, nor is an exact funding stream identified for same.</p>

² LAG land is land that was taken back by the government under the Land Aggregation Scheme which was introduced in 2010 to alleviate the financial burden on Local authorities who were finding it difficult to repay the Housing Finance Agency for the purchase of land. This land has now been offered back to the LA to see if there is any opportunity to use it again.

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SH15	To ensure the density of residential development is appropriate to the location of the proposed development having regard to the benefits of ensuring that land is efficiently used and in accordance with the Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas and the accompanying Urban Design Manual-A Best Practice Guide (DEHLG, 2009) and subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria and the development management standards in Volume 2.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SH16	To require new apartment developments to comply with the Specific Planning Policy Requirements and standards set out in out in the Apartment Guidelines for Planning Authorities (Department of Housing, Environment and Local Government,2020), where relevant. Proposals for apartment block developments in excess of 50 units will also be assessed having regard to the nature of existing developments in the area, existing and planned social facilities and the need to ensure that apartment developments contribute to the development of sustainable communities into the future. Generally, where the site permits it, each apartment should have its own door access to the external street/external communal access area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SH17	To require new residential schemes to comply with the Urban Development and Building Height Guidelines for Planning Authorities (Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government) 2018 and the Specific Planning Policy Requirements set out therein where relevant and the considerations set out in Chapter 5 Design and Place-making in Towns and Villages.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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SH18	To implement and monitor the objectives in the County Wexford Housing Strategy 2021-2027 and the Housing Need Demand Assessment in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and any relevant guidelines published.	Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the development management process.</p> <p>WCC Housing Section are cognisant of the Housing Strategy in all plans including the Housing For All delivery plan and the Traveller Accommodation Plan. Affordable Housing proposals are also being progressed to meet the needs of people outside the parameters for Social Housing eligibility.</p>
SH19	To apply a 10% (or a greater percentage if provided for in future legislation) social housing requirement pursuant to Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) to land zoned for residential use, or for a mixture of residential or other uses, except where the development would be exempted from this requirement. The application of the 10% requirement to particular lands, will be determined both by the provisions of the Act and the requirements of the Housing Strategy.	Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the development management process.</p> <p>WCC Housing Section attend all Pre-planning meetings for large-scale housing developments that attract a Part V obligation, which in some cases now attracts a 20% provision under new Part V legislation. The Housing Section is ensuring that Part V agreements meet the housing needs in the particular area of the proposed development and are looking to review future Part V for potential delivery of some suitable affordable units.</p>
SH20	To promote and support the implementation of plans and projects to bring back to use vacant homes.	In Progress & Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the development management process.</p> <p>The Regeneration Unit held a series of Roadshows in April 2024 to raise awareness about various grants and programmes tailored to address vacant and derelict properties, ultimately contributing to the reduction of Vacancy Levels in Co Wexford.</p> <p>As at 31st August 2024, the Council has received 313 applications under the Croi Conaithe Fund and 189 of these have been approved.</p>

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			See also SH14 above.
SH21	To require new build house and apartment schemes and building refurbishment schemes to provide a mix of unit types in accordance with Section 4.7.5 House Types to ensure that there is a range of house types available to suit the needs of the various households in the county.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See Core Strategy Monitoring Reports for Year 1 and Year 2 of the CDP for number of 1,2,3,4+ bedroom units permitted.
SH22	To ensure that required physical and/or social infrastructure is provided either prior to or in tandem with new residential developments in the interests of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SH23	To ensure that new housing developments contribute to the social or recreation infrastructure of the community in which they will be located, either through the provision of amenities or through financial contribution.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SH24	To ensure the selection of lands or housing units to purchase or lease by the Council, including Part V, counteracts undue segregation by persons of different social backgrounds.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. All WCC housing delivery proposals are brought through an Internal Housing Committee and Interdepartmental Committee for approval. As part of this process a brief on the proposals is completed and includes the mix of housing types in the area to ensure there is a good mix in line with Department Guidelines.
SH25	To ensure the development of vacant residential and regeneration sites by applying the requirements of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Supply Act 2015 (as amended) on lands zoned in development plans, local area plans and		As of September 2024, there are 3 no. sites included on the Vacant Sites Register (all located within Wexford Town area).

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	settlements plan as set in Table 5-3 of Chapter 5 Design and Place-making in Towns and Villages.		RZLT mapping has been completed, with lands identified in Gorey, Bunclody, Rosslare Harbour & Kilrane, Courtown & Riverchapel.
SH26	To promote best practice and innovation in the on-going management and maintenance of all of the Council's housing stock and the associated public realm.		WCC Housing Section have re-introduced a Planned maintenance Programme since 2023 and subject to budget being available going forward will continue to carry out work on stock under same. A stock condition survey is being introduced by the Department in the short term and the results of this survey will feed into any future planned maintenance programmes. All targets have been met this far under the EERP - Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme.
SH27	To support initiatives to refurbish and retrofit both occupied and vacant residential buildings including smart technologies, energy efficiency and micro renewable systems.	Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the development management process.</p> <p>The Housing Section has been meeting its target under the EERP – Energy Retrofitting Programme on our Social Housing stock.</p> <p>Southend Family Resource Centre has been financially supported by WCC Climate Action Team, in promoting and aiding homeowners in the area to complete energy upgrade funding applications to SEAI. Wexford Town Sustainable Energy Community will be progressing this scheme to other areas.</p> <p>The Regeneration Unit held a series of Roadshows in April 2024 to raise awareness about various grants and programmes tailored to address vacant and derelict properties, ultimately contributing to the reduction of Vacancy Levels in Co Wexford.</p>

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SH28	To apply the Planning and Development Act 2000 (Exempted Development) (No.2) Regulations 2019 and any other future legislation, circulars or guidelines in this regard issued by the relevant Minister when considering planning applications for the change of use of residential properties for short term letting.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SH29	To have regard to 'Managing and Resolving Unfinished Housing Developments-Guidance Manual' (Department of Environment, Community and Local Government, 2011) when preparing local area plans and assessing planning applications dealing with unfinished housing developments.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
SH30	To adopt a flexible approach to planning applications which seek to resolve issues relating to unfinished housing developments and where this would result in substantial environmental or community gain. Such flexibility may include reconfiguration of a development in relation to open space, roads and circulation requirements.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SH31	To ensure that groups with specific housing needs such as older people, people with disabilities, the homeless and members of the Travelling Community are accommodated in a manner that is suitable to their specific needs. The Council will provide access for these groups to an appropriate range of housing and related support services, delivered in an integrated, sustainable manner	In Progress & Ongoing	Culturally Appropriate Housing Ltd (CENA) have been engaged to consult with families around the design of a Group Housing Scheme that is in progress. This ensures that the families' specific needs are addressed in the design where possible. The new TAP 2025-2029 has been approved by LTACC and Full council to proceed to public consultation. A committee has been established within WCC Housing to ensure that

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	which promotes equality of opportunities, individual choice and independent living where possible.		applicants with very specific housing needs are being designed into any schemes or other delivery streams available to the Council. Therefore, at an early stage of design specially adapted houses can be planned for.
SH32	To prioritise the delivery of accommodation solutions for people who are homeless or who find themselves in need of emergency accommodation.	Ongoing	WCC has a Homeless Services Supports Unit in place since 2019 which includes other agency staff i.e. Focus, HSE, and others. Our own team has also been increased with 3 Social Care Workers allocated to Homeless Services. In line with the recent government circular on allocating a portion of new houses to Homeless applicants, we are doing this in all new schemes (10%).
SH33	To provide for Traveller accommodation in accordance with the Wexford County Council Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024 and any subsequently adopted programme.	In Progress	WCC carried out a review of the TAP 2019-2024 and increased the target from 100no. units to 126no. units to take into account an updated assessment of need. By the end of 2024 at least 92% will be delivered. Work is continuing on the design of a Group Housing Scheme in consultation with the families. The new TAP 2025-2029 has been approved by LTACC and Full council to proceed to public consultation.
SH34	To have regard to the National Strategy for People with a Disability 2011-2016 (extended to 2020) and, in so far as possible and having regard to budgetary constraints, implement the strategic aims of this strategy and any future update of the strategy.	Ongoing	WCC Housing Section have a target of offering at least 20% of allocations to persons with a Disability. This target is being met consistently and as noted previously, a committee is now in place (including capital delivery staff and allocations staff) to ensure that plans for specifically adapted houses are included in the early stage of designs or proposals.
SH35	To facilitate access for people with disabilities and older people to an appropriate range of housing and related support services	Ongoing	WCC Housing Section provides support through social housing and grants. Social Workers also offer support and assistance in cases where housing needs are not straightforward. There are

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	delivered in an integrated and sustainable manner that promotes equality of opportunity, individual choice and independent living.		two Age Friendly Healthy Homes workers located in Housing Section who work with older people in the county in terms of ensuring they have all the supports they need to stay living at home and they co-work with Housing Section staff on some cases.
SH36	To support independent living for people with disabilities and older people and to facilitate the provision of specific purpose-built accommodation and the provision of nursing homes, retirement villages, residential care facilities at appropriate locations in towns and villages in the county. These facilities must be well served by infrastructure and amenities including accessible footpaths, local shops and public transport in order to allow the resident to be socially included and to allow better care in the community, independence and access.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SH37	The development of new nursing homes, retirement villages and residential care facilities outside of an existing settlement will be considered where the site is located in close proximity to a settlement, would not comprise an isolated development, the design and scale of the facility is suitable for the location and there are existing or planned accessible pedestrian linkages to the settlements and its services. The Council will consider reasonable extensions to existing authorised facilities outside of existing settlements subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SH38	To facilitate the development of suitably located and well-designed student accommodation which will enable and encourage students to attend third level institutions in the county. These facilities should be located along public	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	transport routes, where possible, and in close proximity to the third level facility.		
SH39	To consider individual rural housing in the open countryside in accordance with the categories and associated criteria set out in Table 4-6 and subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria and the relevant development management standards.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SH40	To strictly control individual rural housing in the open countryside in areas that are reaching their carrying capacity in terms of effluent treatment capacity, visual amenity and/or roads carrying capacity in accordance with the requirements set out in Table 4.6 and the associated definitions and notes and subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria and the relevant development management standards.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SH41	All planning permissions granted for individual rural dwellings in the open countryside will be subject to a condition which will require the applicant to enter an occupancy agreement for a period of 10 years from the date of first occupation of the dwelling house.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SH42	All planning permissions granted for individual rural dwellings in the open countryside will be subject to a condition that the dwelling house be used as a permanent residence only.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SH43	To adopt a presumption against ribbon development in the open countryside and on the approach roads to towns and villages in the interests of the proper planning and sustainable	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	development of the area save for the exceptions outlined in Section 4.9.3 of this chapter.		
SH44	To consider an application for retention and completion of a single house in the countryside by a different applicant to the original applicant only where the new applicant complies with the rural housing policy pertaining to that particular rural area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SH45	To require the design of new single houses to be of high quality and in keeping with the rural character of the site and the area, protect the visual amenities of the area and that of the landscape character unit in which it is located.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SH46	To review the rural housing policy contained in the County Development Plan following the publication of the new Section 28 Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Rural Housing, and to vary the Plan if necessary.	Not achieved	Awaiting review of guidelines.
SH47	To consider the restoration of existing vernacular dwellings in accordance with Table 4.7, normal planning and environmental criteria and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SH48	To consider the replacement or refurbishment of existing non-vernacular dwellings subject to compliance with the relevant criteria outlined in Table No. 4-7, compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SH49	To consider the refurbishment and conversion of a non-residential structure to residential use subject to compliance	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	with the relevant criteria set out in Table 4-8, compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.		
SH50	To consider the development of a self-contained residential unit attached to the main dwelling house only where it is satisfactorily demonstrated that the proposed occupant is an immediate family member who is dependent on the existing occupant(s) of the main dwelling house or needs to live in close proximity to the existing occupant(s) of the main dwelling for health or support reasons. The development must comply with the relevant development management standards set out in Volume 2 and comply with normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SH51	To consider the use of modular units and prefabricated timber homes for use a permanent residence where it complies with the requirements of Section 4.9.6 of this chapter and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SH52	To not permit the use of individual mobile homes as permanent residences. The Council may, in the following exceptional circumstances, allow the use of a mobile home to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Provide temporary emergency accommodation where no other suitable options are available and as confirmed by the Council, or (b) A temporary planning permission of no more than 2 years for the placement and occupation of a mobile home on a site where a permitted dwelling house is under construction for occupation by the same applicant. 	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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SH53	To restrict single holiday home development to appropriate sites in Level 1- Level 5 settlements in accordance with the Core Strategy in Chapter 3 and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 4 Sustainable Housing, Chapter 7 Tourism Development and Chapter 12 Coastal Zone Management and Marine Spatial Planning in the interests of the sustainable development and proper planning of the area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Chapter 5 Design and Place Making in Towns and Villages

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
TV01	To ensure, through our planning processes and investment decisions, that we create liveable, vital, diverse, inclusive, resilient towns and villages.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the various functions of the Council including the development management process, the preparation of the draft Wexford Town Local Area Plan (LAP), implementation of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) and the WCC Climate Action Plan (CAP), and through the delivery of other key WCC projects (See objective TV18 for key projects).
TV02	To promote a healthy County by improving physical and social environments to create vibrant, accessible, healthy and sustainable places to live, work and relax.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process and the delivery of WCC key projects
TV03	To carry out, as part of the preparation of future local area plans and settlement plans, a comprehensive health check of the settlement. This health check, which will incorporate the Heritage Council's 'Town Centre Health Check' approach, a community health check and audit of social and community facilities and recreation and open spaces, will inform the development of targeted local authority strategies and the spatial planning framework and objectives in the local area plan/settlement plan.	In Progress	<p>A health check was carried out as part of the preparation of the Wexford and Enniscorthy (draft) Heritage-led Regeneration Plans.</p> <p>A Social Infrastructure Audit is being carried out as part of the preparation of the Wexford Town LAP and will inform the objectives for social infrastructure delivery in the Plan.</p> <p>A GBI Strategy is also being prepared as part of the draft Wexford LAP and includes an audit of recreation and open spaces. This will inform the open space strategy for the LAP.</p>
TV04	To promote compact urban form, which is appropriate to context, in the interests of the efficient use of resources and optimising the opportunities to walk and cycle and the feasibility of public transport.	Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.</p> <p>The LTPs currently being prepared for Wexford Town and Enniscorthy are identifying opportunities for walking, cycling and public transport and will inform the preparation of the LAPs for those towns.</p>

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TV05	To ensure that towns and villages are accessible to all, adaptable and safe.	Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the development management process and local authority own development.</p> <p>An Age Friendly walkability audit has been carried out in Enniscorthy, with actions devised to feed into the Enniscorthy LTP process. Wexford Town walkability audit is due to commence year-end 2024.</p> <p>A number of Safe Routes to School schemes have been rolled out around the county with further projects underway (see Transport Chapter for further information).</p>
TV06	To require high quality design in the public realm, architecture and in building functionality.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TV07	To prepare Urban Design Frameworks which implement the '10 Minute Town' concept, identifies opportunities for infill and regeneration and set out the key components and design principles for new areas in all future Local Area Plans.	In Progress	Consultants have been appointed to prepare an Urban Design Strategy for Wexford Town as part of the preparation of the draft Wexford Town LAP which includes the Ballynagee Master Plan, the Town Centre Regeneration Strategy and the overall urban design strategy for the wider plan area. The preparation of the LAP will have also regard to the 10 minute town concept and appropriate integration of land uses.
TV08	To ensure, through the development management process and in local authority own development that new development adds to the sense of place, quality, distinctiveness and character of our towns and villages.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process and local authority own development.
TV09	To regenerate and revitalise our towns and villages, diversify and seek new roles and uses to stimulate economic and	In Progress & Ongoing	A Regeneration Unit has been set up and Town Centre First (TCF) Plans have been published and Town Teams established for Enniscorthy and New Ross. The Town Teams meet monthly

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	cultural development and provide necessary physical and social infrastructure.		<p>to share ideas and how best to progress the plans. Town teams are to be established for additional areas across the County in the coming months.</p> <p>Courtown/Riverchapel has also been selected as a Phase 2 TCF Town and €30,000 has been allocated to complete a TCF Plan. WCC have allocated an additional €30,000 from WCC-own resources to complete a TCF Plan for Courtown.</p> <p>€10,000 x3 (€30,000) was awarded by DRCD to establish TCF Teams in Bunclody, Castlebridge and Taghmon which have now been established.</p> <p>A Town Team has been established for Wexford Town to feed into the TCF strategy being prepared as part of the draft LAP (see objective TV07).</p> <p>A Heritage-led Regeneration Plan has been published for Wexford Town and a draft plan prepared for Enniscorthy Town. These plans also include a number of actions for regeneration of the town centres.</p> <p>See Objective TV18 below for key regeneration projects.</p>
TV10	To prepare Urban Regeneration Framework plans for the four main towns which provide a clear vision, context, rationale and goals for urban renewal and regeneration in each town. These frameworks, which will informed by consultations with the public, private and community sectors, will address the interrelationships between environmental, physical, economic and social dimensions and will be used to inform	Partially Achieved	See objective TV07 & TV09 re TCF and Heritage-led Regeneration Plans.

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	spatial planning policy and future regeneration programmes and projects in those towns, subject to compliance with the Habitats and all other relevant EU Directives.		
TV11	To require that all development complies with the design advice contained in the narrative and the objectives of this chapter and the design principles set out in the guidance documents in Section 5.3 of this chapter.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TV12	To ensure our towns are healthy places with quality recreational and sporting amenities and which are planned to optimise opportunities for active travel.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.
TV13	To encourage a culture of creativity and quality in architecture.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TV14	To require that new buildings are of exceptional architectural quality, and are fit for their intended use or function, are flexible in the face of unknown future demands, durable in terms of design and construction, respectful of setting and the environment and to require that the overall development is of high quality, with a well-considered public realm.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TV15	To ensure that the appearance of buildings, in terms of details and materials (texture, colour, patterns and durability), is of a high standard with enduring quality and has a positive impact on the visual quality of the area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TV16	To require a Design Statement to accompany all development over 2ha, commercial or mixed use schemes in central areas, residential schemes above 50 houses in towns and on a case	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	by case basis in villages where the sensitivity to change is higher due to considerations of scale and context. Details of what shall be addressed in a Design Statement are included in Section 2.3 of the Development Management Manual.		
TV17	To require all significant residential applications of 50 or more dwellings to include a public realm plan and statement. These shall address quality at every level and shall contain a fully detailed and specified plan for the public realm of the scheme. The public realm plan shall include details of the street hierarchy, pavement treatment, permeability, open spaces and meeting places, landscaping and tree planting, boundary treatments, surfacing and street furniture, lighting and signage.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TV18	To implement environmental and public realm improvements in town and village centres to a high standard and finish in order to improve safety, image, identity and environmental quality. The Council will work with developers, stakeholders and local community groups to secure improvements to the public realm and pursue all avenues of funding to secure resources for the enhancement, renewal and regeneration of our settlements.	Achieved, In Progress and Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the various functions of the Council. Key WCC projects include:</p> <p>Wexford Town:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trinity Wharf – Significant mixed used urban regeneration project. Status: Enabling works are completed. Consultants have been appointed for the next phase of the project to include design services for site development and public infrastructure works. Approx. €21 million received in URDF funding. • University Campus for SETU and Education Ecosystem (Ballynagee Lands) - WCC are currently liaising with a number of stakeholders with a view to developing this site to accommodate a number of uses including a SETU campus, sporting and recreational facilities, primary and

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			<p>post primary schools and residential units for social, affordable and private housing. WCC has acquired 55 acres and CPO has been confirmed for a further 50 acres. Consultants have been appointed to develop a Masterplan for the site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Georgia Southern University Accommodation Campus (Adoration Convent) - Part VIII is in place for this project to convert the old convent into accommodation for students of Georgia Southern University Wexford campus. Detailed design and associated survey works are now largely complete. It is intended to tender out these works in Q4 2024 with works planned to commence in Q1 2025. • Crescent Quay/Oyster Lane Site – Demolition of the Old Tesco site and development of a public realm area. Works have been completed to clear the site and provide surfacing for temporary public realm and event space. • Monck Street Public Realm Enhancement Project – Completed in 2024 with Failte Ireland funding. • Min Ryan Park – completed 2022. • Wexford Arts Centre Extension – completed 2022. <p>Gorey Town:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market House - Gorey Market House Regeneration applied for funding under THRIVE and was successfully

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			<p>awarded €7 million to progress the scheme. This funding has been accompanied by a commitment of c. €1.6 million funding from WCC own-resources to deliver this transformational project.</p> <p>Status: The next step will be the procurement of an architect led design team for detailed design, procurement and construction supervision services. It is anticipated this tender will be published in Q4 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gorey District Park – Gorey Town Park including café and changing places is completed and fully open to the public. • Esmonde Street Public Realm Scheme – scheme is currently out for tender (August 2024) with works expected to start in January 2025. <p>Enniscorthy Town:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enniscorthy Town Centre and Tourism Project The Enniscorthy TCF Plan was adopted by Enniscorthy Municipal District in December 2022. The Plan identifies a number of actions and plans for public realm improvements and regeneration works to the Market Square, Enniscorthy Castle Quarter and Templeshannon. <p>The Part 8 process for the Market Square and Town Centre street enhancement was approved by Council on 8th September 2024 and this will form part of the application for the next call for URDF.</p>

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			<p>Preliminary design work on the Enniscorthy Castle project has also commenced and it is intended to submit a Part 8 application in Q4 2024.</p> <p>Consultants have been appointed to undertake concept masterplanning design services for the Templeshannon Regeneration Project which is expected to be completed in time for the next call for URDF funding applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murphy Floods Site – WCC has purchased this important town centre site and has carried out demolition works to prepare the site for development. Expressions of interest will be sought on the future development of the site. • Enniscorthy Sports Hub - A tender competition to procure a works contractor for the Sports Hub was advertised on eTenders on 18th June 2024. Tenders have been received and assessment is ongoing. • Enniscorthy North Industrial Area (Old Dublin Road) Active travel and public realm improvements - Phase 1 works (enhancement of footpaths, gateways and pedestrian safety) were completed in 2022. No further funding was available for 2023/2024 but WCC will continue to pursue funding to carry out Phase 2. • Bellefield GAA and Public Realm Improvements – Public realm space including playground completed in 2024 and now fully open to the public.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enniscorthy Wellbeing and Activity Garden (St. John's) €234,000 was allocated under TVS and works commenced on site in September 2024. • Enniscorthy Streetscape Enhancement Measure - €100,000 was allocated and works completed in 2023. <p>New Ross:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Ross Tourism Project - Involves a series of projects in the centre of New Ross, including the interpretive fit-out of the Dunbrody Visitor Centre and the regeneration of the old Michael Murphy and Bank Buildings on the Quay to form a Norman Heritage Visitor Centre. Status: Fitout of interpretive facilities in the Dunbrody Visitor Centre is now complete. Funding has been obtained through RRDF in 2024 for an extension to the Dunbrody Visitor Centre to provide additional space and a Changing Places facility. Tenders for the Interpretive and exhibition design of the Norman Visitor Centre (Old Michael Murphy building on Quay) have been assessed and a consultant has been appointed for interpretive and architectural design services. RRDF funding of approx. €4 million received. • Emigrant Park – Removal of oil tanks and the development of public realm works on the Quay completed in 2023. RRDF funding of €814,393 received. • High Hill Norman Park – completed with RRDF funding of €1.5 million received.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrianisation of Quay Street – RRDF funding secured and initial design works to begin shortly and expected to be completed in 2025. • Brennan’s Lane and Shambles - €500,000 allocated under TVS to renovate Brennan’s Lane and the Shambles as a vibrant multi-functional space. • John Street Grainstore - A Part 8 process for the Grainstore and building extension elements was approved on 8th April 2024. An application for Category 1 funding, under the RRDF, was submitted on 8th February. A further development consent application will be made to An Bord Pleanála in the coming months for the public realm area to the rear of the property. • South East Greenway (SEG)- Fully funded by TII. Phase 1 6km from New Ross to Glenmore was officially opened in July 2023. Phase 2 commenced on a 5.5 km section from Ferrybank to Curraghmore in November 2023 and is expected to be completed end 2024. Design consultants have been appointed to complete the greenway. Fáilte Ireland appointed Company to create an Interpretation and wayfinding plan for SEG.
TV19	To require that new developments, streets, public spaces and other areas of public realm including parks are designed to reflect the design principles of Connectivity, Enclosure, Active	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	Edge and Pedestrian Facilities/Activity and enhance the biodiversity of the town/village in which they are situated.		
TV20	To support proposals from local communities and community organisations to prepare a Village Design Statement for a particular village through a process involving community participation, the Heritage Council and the Council's Planning Department subject to availability of resources.	Not achieved	No proposals received to date.
TV21	To ensure that all new development is designed to respect, enhance and respond to its natural, built, cultural and social context and add to character and sense of place.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TV22	To ensure that new development has regard to the scale of the settlement and the ability of the settlement to absorb further development. In deciding whether any given development exceeds the absorption capacity of the settlement, as well as the absolute quantum of development, the Planning Authority will also have regard to scale, bulk and massing of the individual buildings and groups of buildings.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TV23	To ensure that new development responds to the natural features of the site and wider settlement. To ensure that features are identified in planning applications and preserved. The Design Statement required for the site (or site layout where a Design Statement is not required) should identify the features to be retained and design measures to enhance the biodiversity of the settlement such as linking green or blue features within and outside the site.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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TV24	To encourage and participate in heritage led regeneration, including consideration of the potential to participate in the Heritage Council's Historic Towns Initiative, and to adopt a <i>Town first</i> approach to the revitalisation of historic urban centres which focuses on the repair and upgrade of existing historic buildings and their adaptation to new uses with regard to their architectural character and significance.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See objective TV07 & TV09 re TCF and Heritage-led Regeneration Plans.
TV25	All applications for new developments shall demonstrate (and graphically illustrate in the design brief where appropriate) how permeability considerations have been integrated into the development. In the first instance the needs of pedestrians must be considered and the scheme and its various routes should be designed to ensure walkability.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TV26	All new development must be laid out in connected streets. While network design does not have to result in complete permeability for all modes of transport, open networks are generally considered as the most permeable but it is also desirable to encourage filtered permeability to provide routes specifically for pedestrians or for pedestrians and cyclists and/or public transport but not the private car. All development must make provision and graphically show pedestrian and vehicular connections to adjoining lands notwithstanding whether that land is already developed but particularly adjoining greenfield and under-utilised land.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TV27	The design of streets on all 'route types' must have regard to their 'place context' and a higher quality of design will be required in locations with a higher place value. New developments and their associated streets and spaces shall	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	put primary emphasis on creating attractive places, facilitating social interaction and provide for connectivity, enclosure, active edge and pedestrian facilities.		
TV28	New development will be required to present an 'active edge' to streets and spaces to create a sense of place and variety and provide adequate surveillance in the interests of safety.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TV29	To ensure all new buildings and developments provide adequate 'enclosure' for the spaces they adjoin. Existing building continuity must be maintained and opportunities to infill to create enclosure must be taken.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TV30	To encourage, and in some cases require, the making of retrospective links to existing developments, where such links will improve accessibility, increase opportunities for walking and cycling, represents an improvement in the amenity and accessibility of existing developments. Such links are best made in conjunction with the provision of additional amenity space to make the links open and attractive.	Ongoing & In Progress	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes. The LTPs currently being prepared for Wexford Town and Enniscorthy are identifying opportunities for walking and cycling, including linking existing developments, and this will inform the preparation of the LAPs for those towns.
TV31	Pedestrian activities must be well considered in the design of streets and schemes. On new streets which are likely to have a high level of usage the design shall clearly indicate the three divisions of the pedestrian zone of the street - made up of the strip, footway and verge. These areas should be viewed and designed as three areas of activity.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TV32	To require a design approach which seeks to create self-enforcing low speed environments which incorporate elements that instinctively alter behaviour, thus reducing the	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	need for more conventional measures. DMURS sets out a matrix ³ of appropriate design speeds which reflect the route type and context and user priority.		
TV33	To pursue a compact growth policy in our existing settlements and maximise their potential.	In Progress & Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.</p> <p>Refer to Core Strategy Monitoring Reports for Years 1 and 2 of the Plan which outline the progress in securing a minimum of 30% of new homes in the existing built-up area of settlements.</p> <p>The draft Wexford Town LAP, currently in preparation, will promote the TCF and 10-minute Town concepts to further support compact growth. Any future local area plans prepared by the Council will also apply these concepts.</p>
TV34	To require that all new development represents an efficient use of land and supports national policy objectives to achieve compact growth in towns and villages. The location of new development should be based on the sequential approach focussing on the development of lands within and closest to the town and village centre and should avoid 'leap-frogging' where development of new areas is removed from the existing contiguous village. Development of lands with no links to the town or village centre will be refused.	Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the development management process.</p> <p>Refer to Core Strategy Monitoring Reports for Years 1 and 2 of the Plan which outline the progress in achieving a minimum of 30% of new homes in the existing built-up area of settlements.</p> <p>WCC applies a tiered approach to the zoning of lands for residential development which is informed by Infrastructural Assessment Reports and Social Capacity Assessments carried out in accordance with the Development Plan Guidelines.</p>
TV35	To promote the redevelopment and renewal of areas identified having regard to the Core Strategy, that are in need	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.

³ DMURS, Table 4.1, Page 64

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	<p>of regeneration, in order to prevent – (i) adverse effects on existing amenities in such areas, in particular as a result of the ruinous or neglected condition of any land, (ii) urban blight and decay, (iii) anti-social behaviour, or (iv) a shortage of habitable houses or of land suitable for residential use or a mixture of residential and other uses.</p>		<p>See objective TV18 for Key Regeneration Projects.</p> <p>See objectives TV07 & TV09 for TCF and Heritage-led Regeneration Plans.</p> <p>WCC Property Section has engaged with a number of property owners towards acquisition of properties required under the TCF Plan for Enniscorthy and continue to use CPO powers under The Derelict Sites and Housing legislation as required to support specific urban regeneration and strategically important capital projects e.g. SETU Wexford Campus.</p> <p>Under the WCC CPO Programme, 173 no. sites have been approved in the four main towns with €6.5 million funding provided under Call 3 of URDF, primarily to address dereliction. URDF Call 3 asks Local Authorities to acquire and dispose of derelict and vacant property by negotiated sale or CPO. The purpose of the programme is to return such property from passive to active use. A total of 56 properties are actively being managed through this programme.</p> <p>The Regeneration Unit also held a series of Roadshows in April 2024 to raise awareness about various grants and programmes tailored to address vacant and derelict properties, ultimately contributing to the reduction of Vacancy Levels in Co Wexford. As at 31st August 2024, the Council has received 313 applications under the Croi Conaithe Fund and 189 of these have been approved.</p>

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TV36	<p>To pursue a variety of methods to increase the number of people living and working in our towns and villages in terms of investment decisions, local authority own projects and in the assessment of planning applications. Such activities and methods will include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The creation of street networks, streets, buildings and blocks and places which is both an appropriate form of development in terms of permeability and also an effective means of achieving compact growth. • Utilising opportunities to develop infill, backland and brownfield development. • Active land management including site assembly and the use of CPOs. • Appropriate zoning of new land and matters such as density and building heights in local area plans. • Applying a more flexible approach to development management standards such as separation distances, open space provision and parking subject to performance criteria and design quality being achieved. • Reusing or redeveloping existing sites including building more intensively • Developing institutional lands. 	Achieved, In Progress & Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the development management process.</p> <p>Refer to Core Strategy Monitoring Reports for Years 1 and 2 of the Plan which outline the progress in achieving a minimum of 30% of new homes in the existing built-up area of settlements.</p> <p>Consultants have been appointed to prepare an Urban Design Strategy as part of the preparation of the draft Wexford Town LAP. Appropriate sites will be identified for increased densities and building heights in the LAP as well as the appropriate integration of land uses.</p> <p>See objectives TV07 & TV09 re TCF and Heritage-led Regeneration Plans.</p> <p>See objective TV18 re WCC Key Projects.</p> <p>See objective TV35 re WCC CPO Programme.</p> <p>Housing Capital Section are also progressing a number of projects on brownfield sites in town and village centres including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bride Street, Wexford, 3 units – Single stage funding approved. Town centre site, 2 existing derelict dwellings have been demolished. Progressing to Part 8 submission. • Grogan’s Road, Wexford, 4 units – Part 8 approval received, currently progressing funding application. Brownfield site.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adamstown Village, 3 units – Part 8 approval received, currently progressing funding application. Village centre site, existing derelict house has been demolished. The Bullawn, New Ross - Part 8 approved for proposed demolition of an existing derelict dwelling and the proposed construction of a 2-storey duplex containing 2 no. 1 bed units and a bungalow style 3 bed special needs house with associated site works – at pre-construction stage. Wexford Street, Gorey – 30 units under construction in town centre on the site of the former St. Joseph’s School, with a planned completion date of 2025. Francis Street, Wexford – Demolition of existing derelict property and subsequent construction of 2 no. social housing units comprising 2 no. 1 bedroom duplex type apartment units with associated and ancillary siteworks - tender is complete and process of appointing contractor is underway.
TV37	To establish a Wexford County Council inter-departmental rural regeneration team to co-ordinate active land management and assist with the implementation of projects and proposals that encourage, stimulate and support the regeneration and renewal of the county’s rural towns and villages.	In Progress	<p>A Regeneration Unit has been set up and Town Centre First Plans have been published and Town Teams established for Enniscorthy and New Ross. The Town Teams meet monthly to share ideas and how best to progress the plans. Town teams are to be established for additional areas across the County in the coming months.</p> <p>Courtown/Riverchapel has also been selected as a Phase 2 TCF Town and €30,000 has been allocated to complete a TCF Plan. WCC have allocated an additional €30,000 from WCC-own resources to complete a TCF Plan for Courtown.</p>

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			€10,000 x3 (€30,000) was awarded by DRCD to establish Town Centre First Teams in Bunclody, Castlebridge and Taghmon which have now been established, as well as a Town Team for Wexford Town (as part of LAP preparations to feed into town-centre strategy).
TV38	To prioritise projects and proposals which will result in both social and economic rejuvenation and regeneration and the provision of amenities and services where these are deficient and in areas where legacy issues arise. The Council will leverage the variety of funds available including LIHAF, Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Funds, Climate Activation Fund and Disruptive Technologies Fund to achieve compact growth in pursuance of this objective.	In Progress & Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes and through the work of the Economic Development Unit, Regeneration Unit, Special Projects Unit and the Municipal Districts.</p> <p>See objective TV37 re Regeneration Unit and TCF Plans.</p> <p>See objective TV18 re WCC Key Projects.</p> <p>URDF – funding received for Trinity Wharf and derelict sites (see objectives TV18 and TV35).</p> <p>RRDF – funding received for New Ross Tourism Project, High Hill and Emigrant Park (see objective TV18).</p> <p>THRIVE – major funding scheme (comprised of ERDF and Government of Ireland funds) – Gorey Market House Regeneration applied for funding and was successfully awarded €7 million to progress the scheme. This funding has been accompanied by a commitment of c. €1.6 million funding from WCC own resources to deliver this transformational project.</p> <p>Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVS) - A number of vacant and/or derelict buildings have been acquired by WCC under the Building Acquisition Measures Scheme including the Old</p>

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			<p>Courthouse in New Ross, the Old Credit Union building in Gorey, the Old Bank building in Rosslare Harbour and the Old Post Office building in Ballyhogue. It is intended that new community uses will be accommodated in these buildings in the future utilising funds from the TVS.</p> <p>Numerous enhancements were also funded under the Town and Village Renewal Schemes in 2022 and 2023 including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duncannon – €0.5 million allocated to restore and develop the historic Duncannon Fort which will increase footfall in the village and surrounding area. • Enniscorthy Wellbeing and Activity Garden (St. John's) - €234,000 allocated • Rosslare - €250,000 to develop a Community and Enterprise Resource Centre/Hub • Enniscorthy - €100,000 under the Streetscape Enhancement Measure • Taghmon - €50,000 allocated to prepare plans to bring castle into use as a heritage tourism asset • New Ross - €500,000 allocated to renovate Brennan's Lane which is the main link from the town centre to the Library Park, and renovating the Shambles as a vibrant multi-functional space <p>The Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) is funded by the Climate Action Fund established under the National Development Plan. WCC have received €669,000 which has been allocated to 16 community groups in the five municipal districts to deliver local climate action projects.</p>

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			See Economic Chapter for further economic rejuvenation and regeneration projects.
TV39	To engage in active land management to facilitate the development of sites which would achieve the aims of compact growth and regeneration where such sites have not come to the market or where they have complex patterns of ownership or consent regimes.	Ongoing	WCC Property Section has engaged with a number of property owners towards acquisition of properties required under the TCF Plan for Enniscorthy and continue to use CPO powers under The Derelict Sites and Housing legislation as required to support specific urban regeneration and strategically important capital projects e.g. SETU Wexford Campus. See objective TV35 re WCC CPO Programme.
TV40	In pursuit of RPO 34 the Council will implement an Active Land Management Strategy including the measures outlined in Tables 5.1 and 5.2 and subject to available resources and appropriate funding sources.		See objective TV18 for WCC Key Projects. See objective TV35 for WCC CPO Programme.
TV41	To identify infill and brownfield sites and provide details of the expected density, height and housing yield when preparing future local area plans and settlement plans.	In Progress	Sites are currently being identified as part of the preparation of the draft Wexford Town LAP.
TV42	To identify obsolete and potential renewal areas within town and village centres and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of these areas and derelict lands and buildings when preparing future local area plans and settlement plans.	In Progress	Sites are currently being identified as part of the preparation of the draft Wexford Town LAP.
TV43	To adopt a presumption in favour of the development of infill and brownfield sites and to apply flexibility in the application of development management standards allowing for the achievement of performance standards for issues such as the	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	protection of adjoining residential amenities, privacy, light and amenity.		
TV44	To ensure the scale of infill development reflects the location of the site and the characteristics of the settlement. The Council will consider the scale of infill development having regard to the need to make efficient use of centrally located sites and the prevailing scale in the area. The Council will encourage development which intensifies the use of the land to at minimum the intensity of adjoining uses but optimally, subject to the appropriate protection of amenities of adjoining residences to a higher intensity.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TV45	To support and facilitate the reuse of older/vacant buildings in our towns and villages for residential use in accordance with Bringing Back Homes – Manual for Reuse of Existing Buildings (Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, 2018).	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See objective TV35 re Regeneration Unit and Croi Conaithe Fund.
TV46	To promote and encourage residential uses on upper floors of appropriate buildings located in town and village centres and to require that independent street access to the upper floors of shops / commercial units is retained to ensure use of the upper floors of buildings for residential accommodation or commercial development.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TV47	To use specific powers, such as the Vacant Sites Register as provided for under the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015, to address issues of vacancy and under-utilisation of lands in town and village centres in the county. For the purposes of the Urban and Regeneration and Housing Act the	In Progress & Ongoing	As of September 2024, there are 3 no. sites included on the Vacant Sites Register (all located within Wexford Town area). The Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) will replace the Vacant Sites Levy in 2025. RZLT mapping has been completed, with

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	land use zonings identified in Table 5-3 are designated. The Council will examine and identify sites on these lands in order to facilitate regeneration and to increase the supply of housing.		lands identified in Gorey, Bunclody, Rosslare Harbour & Kilrane, Courtown & Riverchapel.
TV48	<p>To implement the provisions of the Derelict Sites Act and encourage and facilitate the redevelopment of derelict sites to bring them back into productive use and address environmental and visual amenity concerns. The Council will prioritise the following types of sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • main routes and thoroughfares, • adjacent to heritage buildings or protected natural heritage sites, • on tourism and amenity routes and trails, • adjacent to schools and other sensitive receptors, • where they interfere with economic development or employment uses, and • other sites where public health or safety concerns arise. 		<p>On-going use of CPO powers under The Derelict Sites and Housing legislation as required to support specific urban regeneration and strategically important capital projects e.g. SETU Wexford Campus.</p> <p>WCC Property Unit are also engaging with owners towards acquisition of properties required under the TCF Plan for Enniscorthy.</p> <p>See objective TV38 for buildings acquired under the Building Acquisition Measures Scheme.</p> <p>At the end of September 2024, there were 107 sites on the Derelict Sites Register. 50 of these were identified as a result of the URDF call 3 approved programme.</p> <p>See objective TV35 for further details on WCC CPO Programme.</p>
TV49	<p>In pursuit of Objectives TV47 and TV48 it is the objective of the Council, subject to available resources, to pursue a minimum of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five sites per Municipal District per annum under Derelict Sites legislation; and • Three sites per annum under the Urban Regeneration and Housing Acts. 	In Progress & Ongoing	<p>See objectives TV47 & TV48.</p> <p>Since the adoption of the Plan, and with the award of €6.5million under the URDF Call 3 Programme, the focus now is on the four main towns of Wexford, New Ross, Enniscorthy and Gorey.</p>

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			<p>Of the 50 sites entered on the Derelict Sites which were identified under the URDF Call 3 approved programme the breakdown is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wexford - 17 • Gorey Kilmuckridge - 6 • Enniscorthy - 10 • New Ross - 17 <p>The owners of 7 additional properties in rural areas which are outside the URDF Call 3 programme are actively being dealt with under Derelict Sites legislation.</p>
TV50	To identify appropriate locations where increased building heights will be actively pursued when preparing future local area plans.	In Progress	Sites are currently being identified as part of the preparation of the draft Wexford Town LAP.
TV51	<p>To give favourable consideration to buildings higher than the prevailing building heights in the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Centres. • Arterial Routes and in particular routes with public transport and places with high 'place' value along these such as urban villages and major junctions. • Routes served by local intra-town public transport. • Bounding medium and large amenity areas where tall buildings will increase the sense of enclosure and provide surveillance. • Other appropriate 'edge' sites such as quaysides. • Local Community Spaces (Gorey LAP and other LAPs as appropriate) • Corner sites and landmark sites which assist in way finding. 	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	Subject to considerations of scale, heritage, amenity and design quality and in accordance with the requirements of Objectives TV52, TV53 and TV54.		
TV52	To facilitate development incorporating higher buildings (i.e. buildings that exceed the contextual prevailing height) where it has been adequately demonstrated that the development complies with the assessment criteria set out in Section 3.2 of the Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DHPLG 2018).	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TV53	To ensure that building height within future development makes a positive contribution to the built form of the area, is not obtrusive and does not adversely impact on the streetscape, local amenity or views.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TV54	To require all development proposals where the building height will be above prevailing heights, including infill development, to include an analysis of the impact of building height and positioning of buildings on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The immediate and surrounding environment e.g. streetscape, historic character; • Adjoining structures; • Open spaces and public realm; and • Views and vistas. 	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TV55	To support development which will add to the vitality and vibrancy of our towns and villages including development which will increase population, result in additional services and extend opening hours, subject to normal planning criteria including residential amenity.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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TV56	To ensure our towns and villages are inclusive and welcoming to all people.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the various functions of the Council. See Sustainable Communities and Social Infrastructure Strategy Chapter for further details.
TV57	To prioritise investment in towns and villages where it will achieve most benefit in terms of addressing disadvantage and legacy issues.		See Objective TV18 for WCC Key Projects including Enniscorthy Town Centre and Tourism Project and New Ross Tourism Project.
TV58	To ensure that new development in our towns and villages does not exceed the social or physical carrying capacity of the settlement.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. An Infrastructural Assessment Report and Social Infrastructure Audit are being carried out to inform the land use zoning objectives for the draft Wexford Town LAP.

Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
ED01	To facilitate sustainable economic development, increase and improve job opportunities and ensure that County Wexford provides an outstanding business environment.	In Progress & Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes and the work of the Economic Development Unit (EDU) and Local Enterprise Office (LEO).</p> <p>LEO - In 2022 LEO Wexford supported over 234 small businesses employing 1773, creating 330 jobs with a net job increase of 177. In 2023 LEO Wexford financially supported 235 small businesses in their portfolio across the county, these companies in turn employ 1,940 people – total jobs created 328 in 2023 and net job increase of 171.</p> <p>Invest Wexford Brand – Initiative to attract FDI and potential employers into the County, including providing property solutions. In 2024 it is planned to develop new marketing assets for the County including a revamp of the InvestWexford website.</p> <p>Property Solutions - Development such as the Hatch Lab in Gorey and Enniscorthy Technology Park provide high-quality property solutions for investment by companies with potential for job creation.</p> <p>The Hatch Lab in Gorey M11 Business Campus has been expanded to provide shared office space. WCC have taken a lease on 500sqm to operate an innovation and technology hub for start-ups, companies relocating to the area and a hot-desk/co-working alternative space for commuters with additional mentoring and business support services for start-ups also available at the location.</p>

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			<p>Enniscorthy Technological Park – WCC acquired the lands and worked in collaboration to stimulate private investment. Planning permission was secured for two commercial office property solutions on the site. The first building is now complete and currently has 70% occupancy. WCC has sites available for inward investment and has also signed an MOU with the IDA in Q1 2024 to collaboratively develop a property solution for an advanced factory at Enniscorthy Technology Park. The next phase will see a tender for design of the advanced building solution in Q1 2025 and it is expected that a planning application will be submitted in Q3 2025. In Q1 2025 WCC will open a new (Enterprise Ireland supported) Green Hub at the HPBA to support SME's in the South East Region and beyond. (see ED85 for further details).</p> <p>New Ross Advance Factory – WCC invited 'Expressions of Interest' from interested parties for the design and construction of commercial/industrial property solutions on council owned lands at Butlersland, New Ross. Discussions are ongoing with interested parties.</p> <p>Trinity Wharf – A marketing campaign has been set up to attract business. Following an e-tender process amongst providers on OGP Framework, Deloitte LLP have been appointed to provide financial advisory and project management services to the Trinity Wharf project.</p> <p>Key Regeneration Projects - See objectives TV18 and TV38 in Chapter 5 Design and Place Making in Towns and Villages for other WCC key regeneration projects including New Ross Tourism Project and Enniscorthy Town Centre and Tourism Project which will generate economic development and improve job opportunities.</p>

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ED02	To develop a strong economy in the county supported by enterprise, innovation and skill by building competitive regional economic drivers, supporting opportunities to diversify and strengthen the rural economy, supporting entrepreneurialism, sustaining and developing skills and talent and the development of high quality infrastructure, including digital connectivity.	In Progress & Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the work of the EDU and LEO.</p> <p>WCC is supporting opportunities to diversify in the rural economy, particularly in the Sustainable Construction and Offshore Renewable Energy Sectors. See objective ED01 re the UN CoE for HPBA and Green Hub to support SME's in the Region.</p> <p>In terms of ORE WCC made two submissions to DECC in support of the South Coast-Designated Maritime Area Plan. The adoption of this first plan for ORE in the South-East offers great opportunities for the development of Rosslare Europort and Kilmore Quay and for associated development and services elsewhere in the County.</p> <p>WCC made a submission to Irish Rail in June 2024 in support of its proposals to develop an Offshore Renewable Energy Hub at Rosslare Europort.</p> <p>WCC are also looking at opportunities to develop a Marine Innovation Centre at Kilmore Quay and intend to submit an application for funding under the Smart Regions Scheme in Q1 2025. It is anticipated that the Marine Innovation Centre would provide commercial office space, innovative enterprise labs, research and development for the marine and ORE sectors enabling key infrastructure to establish a centre of excellence connecting the ecological, economic and societal dimensions of ORE implementation and building an ecosystem to support the transformative effort.</p> <p>WCC are also building strategic partnerships with Enterprise Ireland, SETU, Georgia Southern University, Tradebridge and the South East Offshore Wind Partnership to position the County and the region as</p>

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			<p>leaders in energy security, coastal sustainability and supporting job creation opportunities.</p> <p>Digital hubs have been established at Ramsgrange, Craanford, Boolavogue, Blackwater and a hub is planned for Rossalre Harbour (See objective ED44).</p> <p>Digital Blueprints were prepared for Enniscorthy and New Ross as part of the TCF Plans as a mechanism to measure digital readiness of towns for business.</p>
ED03	To sustainably develop, deepen and enhance the county's regional economic resilience by widening economic sectors and boosting innovation, export diversification, and productivity and increasing access to new markets.	In Progress & Ongoing	See Objective ED01 and ED02.
ED04	To facilitate and participate in the implementation of the Regional Enterprise Plan for the South East to 2020 and any future update of that plan, and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region.	In Progress & Ongoing	<p>This plan has been superseded by the Regional Enterprise Plan for the South East to 2024. The Plan includes a number of actions specific to County Wexford including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (2.1) Position the South-East as an Offshore and Onshore Wind Energy Hub • (2.4) Support the growth of a National Centre of Excellence for High Performance Buildings in Wexford • (4.10) Complete the development of the WWETB Wexford FET College • (3.7) Local Enterprise Offices to develop four Regional micro-clusters in Pharma/ Lean Manufacturing/ Green/ Digital Marketing • (5.1) Implement the Ireland's Ancient East South-East Tourism Action Plan...

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			<p>The EDU, through the HPBA, have developed a Green Cluster for the SE Region focused on the construction industry (see Objective ED01). The EDU and LEO continue to promote green awareness with businesses throughout the county promoting sustainability.</p> <p>See objectives ED01-ED02 re ORE and HPBA. See objective ED14 re Wexford FET. See objective ED95 and TM09 re Ireland's Ancient East.</p>
ED05	To develop the extended Eastern Economic Corridor and the towns and settlements on the corridor as a significant driver of economic growth in the Southern Region, linking Rosslare Europort and the Southern Region with Dublin and Belfast. The Council will consult relevant stakeholders including other local authorities, the Southern Regional Assembly and the Eastern and Midlands Regional Authority in order to plan and optimise economic development.	In Progress & Ongoing	<p>The Rosslare Port Access Road has been granted by An Bord Pleanála. The project is at design stage and WCC anticipates going to tender in Q4 2024 for construction. This will enhance connectivity to the Europort from the Eastern Economic Corridor and also the Southern Region linking into the Atlantic Economic Corridor. The N11/N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour National Road Scheme, which is currently at design stage will also enhance connectivity.</p> <p>The Economic Strategy for WCC is aligning itself with connection of the motorway and has planned property solutions to link it to Rosslare Europort (e.g. Gorey M11 Business Campus and Enniscorthy Technology Park) providing opportunities for clustering and the development of specialisms along the corridor. The location of Wexford Town and Rosslare Harbour on the corridor, together with opportunities arising post-Brexit, has resulted in the development and expansion of a number of logistics companies in those areas. Rosslare Harbour is also targeted as an Economic Zone and the proposed ORE Hub, if permitted, will create further economic opportunities on the EEC.</p> <p>The Rosslare Harbour and Kilrane Settlement Plan and the</p>

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			<p>Gorey Local Area Plan identify locations for employment and include land use zoning objectives. The draft Wexford Town Local Area Plan, currently being prepared, will also focus on identifying a sufficient quantum of industrial and commercial land to support the Key Town designation, the development of Rosslare Europort and the location of Wexford Town on the EEC.</p> <p>The Southern Regional Assembly is also currently looking at opportunities for the EEC.</p>
ED06	To work with infrastructure providers to ensure that economic development land and employment related uses are effectively serviced by all infrastructures and that new and existing uses are accessible by sustainable transport modes.	Ongoing	WCC continue to liaise with Uisce Éireann, TII, Dept of Education and other stakeholders to ensure the adequate provision of services. An Infrastructural Assessment Report is being prepared as part of the Wexford Town LAP and will inform land use zoning.
ED07	To develop our towns to a sufficient scale and quality to be drivers of regional economic growth, investment and prosperity.	Ongoing	See Core Strategy Monitoring Reports for Years 1 and 2 of the plan in relation to the growth of settlements. See objectives ED01-ED02 also in relation to key economic developments and regeneration projects.
ED08	To develop our urban and rural communities as engines of economic growth, establishing Wexford as a great place to set up a new business.	Ongoing	See objectives ED01- ED02.
ED09	To support a positive presumption in favour of locating appropriate employment where it would address unemployment blackspots, support sectoral and location-based strengths and synergies with existing employers and take advantage of 'ready to go' property solutions.	Ongoing	See objectives ED01-ED05 and ED22.

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ED10	To implement and facilitate implementation of the objectives and actions of the Wexford Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021, where appropriate and in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.	Ongoing	A new LECP was adopted in April 2024 and includes priority actions to be implemented in the next two years.
ED11	To protect the natural resources, amenities and heritage of our county and ensure that economic development does not significantly impact on this heritage, the environmental capacity or on the amenity of the residents of the county.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED12	To support the delivery of the National Broadband Plan as a means of developing further opportunities for enterprise, employment, education, innovation and skills development in the county, and in particular for those who live and work in rural areas.	Ongoing	Progress continues on the NBP and WCC continues to work with all operators to expedite delivery.
ED13	To engage and invest in capacity building, including bidding capacity, at County and regional level to ensure economic resilience and responsiveness to emerging challenges and potential future economic shocks.	Ongoing	The LEO Strategy places a strong focus on efficiencies within businesses through various consultancy programmes e.g. LEAN and digitilisation programmes to protect against economic shock.
ED14	To support the development a Learning Region as envisaged in the RSES and further strengthen our higher and further education and training sector, research, development and innovation capacity.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCC is supporting SETU and WWETB in identifying industry and training needs. • University Campus for SETU and Education Ecosystem (Ballynagee Lands) – see ED15. • Georgia Southern University Accommodation Campus (Adoration Convent) – see ED15.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN Centre of Excellence for High Performance Buildings Alliance (HPBA) and UN Centre of Excellence for NZEB – see ED01-ED02, ED17, ED85-ED86. • Wexford College of Further Education and Training (FET) opened in Clonard, Wexford town in September 2023.
ED15	To support the establishment of the South-East Technological University and facilitate the development of the Wexford Campus in Wexford Town.	In Progress	<p>University Campus for SETU and Education Ecosystem (Ballynagee Lands) - WCC are currently liaising with a number of stakeholders with a view to developing this site to accommodate a number of uses including a SETU campus, sporting and recreational facilities, primary and post primary schools and residential units for social, affordable and private housing. WCC has acquired 55 acres and CPO has been confirmed for a further 50 acres. Consultants have been appointed to develop a Masterplan for the site.</p> <p>Georgia Southern University Accommodation Campus (Adoration Convent) - Part VIII is in place for this project to convert the old convent into accommodation for students of Georgia Southern University Wexford campus. Detailed design and associated survey works are now largely complete. It is intended to tender out these works in Q4 2024 with works planned to commence in Q1 2025.</p>
ED16	To support and facilitate the development and expansion of Carlow IT, Wexford Campus.	In Progress	See Objective ED15.
ED17	To support and facilitate the development of the Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Construction in Enniscorthy Town.	In Progress	NZEB Training courses are being delivered in WWETB's Training Centres in Enniscorthy and Waterford. In partnership with WWETB, Expressions of Interest have been sought to construct a purpose-built Sustainable Construction Education Campus alongside the HPBA and Green Hub at Enniscorthy Technology Park.

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ED18	To continue to identify specific opportunities for education development which serve the needs of existing employers, attract new employers and provide up-skilling including apprenticeship and third level facilities and development opportunities for the existing workforce and ensure that synergies between the two are facilitated through the land use planning process.	Ongoing	WCC is supporting SETU and WWETB in identifying industry and training needs. See also objective ED14 re third level facilities. Suitable lands are being identified, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, in the preparation of the draft Wexford LAP.
ED19	To foster links between industry and education establishments and research and development uses by adopting adaptable land use zonings at appropriate locations.	Ongoing	Suitable lands are being identified, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, in the preparation of the draft Wexford LAP.
ED20	To seek to address the skills shortages challenges through improvements in lifelong learning rates in the county and explore the attraction and absorption of incoming talent, with emphasis on accommodation, education and integration. The Council will support the initiatives of the Regional Skills Forums to match the diverse skills of our people with existing and potential employment opportunities in the region.	Ongoing	See objectives ED14-ED18.
ED21	To support and facilitate the development of adult education in the County, including the Education and Training Boards, and to work with providers to facilitate development which will serve the needs of existing employers, attract new employers and provide up-skilling opportunities for the existing workforce.	Ongoing	See objectives ED14-ED18.
ED22	To support, through the Local Economic Office and the Council's Economic Development Unit, mentoring,	Ongoing	The EDU are working collaboratively with Wexford Local Development (WLD) and LEO Wexford offers training programmes

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	learning, education and training initiatives, economic regeneration initiatives and enterprise to address unemployment and deprivation legacies in the county.		specifically to increase capabilities e.g., Start Your Own Business, as well as one to one mentoring to address individual business needs. See also objectives ED01-ED02 and ED14-ED18.
ED23	To continue to deliver, through the Local Economic Office and the Council's Economic Development Unit, mentoring and supports for start-ups and small businesses.	Ongoing	See objective ED01.
ED24	To foster entrepreneurship by supporting new start-up companies and supporting the identification of suitable sites to enable these businesses to be established.	Ongoing	See objective ED01.
ED25	To facilitate, through the support offered by the Local Economic Office and the Council's Economic Development Unit, new business formation, growth and industrial re-organisation by removing business start-up obstacles.	Ongoing	Training and upskilling – see objectives ED14-ED18. Property solutions – see objectives ED01-ED05.
ED26	To raise the profile of the county as a competitive, forward thinking and flexible place to do business and an attractive place to start and grow businesses.	In progress & Ongoing	Invest Wexford Brand – Initiative to attract FDI and potential employers into the County, including providing property solutions. In 2024 it is planned to develop new marketing assets for the County including a revamp of the InvestWexford website. Trinity Wharf – Marketing campaign to attract business. Following an e-tender process amongst providers on OGP Framework, Deloitte LLP have been appointed to provide financial advisory and project management services to the Trinity Wharf project.
ED27	To raise the profile of the County as an attractive location for financial services, ICT, sustainable construction and green and blue growth and life-sciences.	In Progress & Ongoing	See objectives ED01-ED02 re Sustainable Construction and Green Sector and ORE/Marine Sector.

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ED28	To highlight in the economic marketing of the County, the wide variety of qualities that make Wexford a great place to live compared to more congested locations in order to attract employers and employees seeking a better quality of life.	In Progress & Ongoing	The revamp of the InvestWexford website and marketing campaign will highlight the attractions and lifestyle options available through the county.
ED29	To encourage multinational corporations and indigenous industry connections, e.g. the Global Sourcing Initiative, trade missions to Ireland and peer networks for lean initiatives.	In Progress & Ongoing	See objectives ED26-ED28.
ED30	To map, monitor and evaluate our economic ecosystem of entrepreneurship and innovation and monitor and benchmark the county against other relevant jurisdictions nationally and overseas.	Ongoing	LEO supports clients on an annual basis which is benchmarked against other counties. Wexford is in the top five LEOs nationally in terms of net new jobs. See objective ED01 re LEO stats for 2022 & 2023.
ED31	To maintain and leverage existing enterprise ecosystems to support enterprise development.	Ongoing	WCC's EDU is supporting the SE Engineering Cluster in the Technology area to support fledgling networks e.g. Tech Meetup.
ED32	To work with key stakeholders including local communities, national enterprise bodies, higher education institutes and private enterprises to identify the competitive advantages of the area with the view to developing Smart Specialisms and measures to improve the attractiveness of the County as a location for national and foreign investment.	Ongoing	See objectives ED01-ED02 re Sustainable Construction and Green Sector and ORE/Marine Sector. WCC is supporting SETU and WWETB in identifying industry and training needs. The revamp of the InvestWexford website and marketing campaign will highlight the attractions and lifestyle options available through the county.
ED33	To identify Smart Specialisms through the Entrepreneurial Discovery Process to evaluate how best to utilise opportunities to raise the profile of the County and region and develop the identified specialisms.	Ongoing	See objectives ED31-ED32. The EDU is working with SETU in the creation of an innovation programme to assist companies to explore innovate product ideas, particularly in the engineering sector.

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ED34	To facilitate the development of enterprises related to the identified pillars for growth at appropriate locations and facilitate the provision of facilities and infrastructure which will enable clustering and specialisation in the county as set out in Section 6.7 (locations for economic development).	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED35	To identify and pursue opportunities for enterprise growth, innovation and diversity within our county's sectors of strength, including the potential of enterprise ecosystems in sectors identified in the Regional Enterprise Plans (REPs) and their successors.		See Objectives ED01- ED04. The development and launch of the Green Hub in Q1 2025 will act as a driver of new entrepreneurial innovation in the green space.
ED36	To identify and invest in property solutions that will directly facilitate the creation of new jobs, improve the character of areas and reduce dereliction, regenerate areas and ensure the efficient use of well-located and serviced land.	In Progress	See Objectives ED01-ED05 re property solutions. The LAPs for Gorey and Courtown and Riverchapel, and the Settlement Plans for Rosslare Harbour and Kilrane and Bunclody identify serviced locations for employment. The draft Wexford Town Local Area Plan, currently being prepared, will also identify suitable employment lands which will be informed by an Infrastructural Assessment Report.
ED37	To continue to audit and monitor the quantum and quality of zoned and serviced land and, to resolve any identified deficit through the variation of this Plan or local area plan(s) and during the preparation of new local area plans.	In Progress & Ongoing	Currently zoned land is identified in the LAPs for Gorey and Courtown and Riverchapel, and the Settlement Plans for Rosslare Harbour and Kilrane and Bunclody. Suitable lands are currently being identified in Wexford Town as part of the preparation of the Wexford LAP. WCC will continue to monitor the quantum of zoned land to ensure that sufficient and suitable lands are available for economic development.

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ED38	To ensure that the economic development and employment related land use zonings contained in this Plan and future Local Area Plans, reflect the variety of modern use types, the skills of the labour force and the variety of plot size to suit the variety of land use types and intensities.	In Progress & Ongoing	See objective ED37.
ED39	To protect land zoned for economic development, industry and employment related uses from inappropriate development that would undermine future economic activity or the sustainable development of such areas.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED40	To continue to audit and monitor the availability of the different types of property required to facilitate appropriate economic development and, where deficits are identified, make appropriate interventions. Priority will be given to high employment generating interventions, those which utilise brownfield sites and improve the public realm and those which provide solutions for start-ups and in areas where disadvantage militates against opportunities for entrepreneurship.	Ongoing	<p>The EDU continues to monitor property solutions and sites within the county to be in a position to advise start-up companies and to attract inward investment.</p> <p>See also ED01-ED05 re property solutions and Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Town and Villages for key regeneration projects and public realm enhancement works which will yield economic benefits.</p>
ED41	To provide and support the provision and improvement of infrastructure required to facilitate economic development including water, waste, transport (including rail lines and Rosslare Europort) and communications infrastructure to serve land and property.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. WCC continue to liaise with Uisce Éireann, TII, Dept of Education and other stakeholders to ensure the adequate provision of services.
ED42	To facilitate and participate in works to regenerate and revitalise existing business parks and industrial estates within towns and promote the regeneration of obsolete	In Progress & Ongoing	Enniscorthy North Industrial Area (Old Dublin Road) – Active travel and public realm improvements to 5km of urban streets/roads. Phase 1 works (enhancement of footpaths, gateways and

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	and/or under-utilised buildings and lands that could yield economic benefits, with appropriate uses subject to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.		<p>pedestrian safety) were completed in September 2022. WCC will continue to pursue funding for Phase 2.</p> <p>WCC Key Regeneration Projects include:</p> <p>Trinity Wharf, Wexford – Significant mixed used urban regeneration project. Enabling works are completed and consultants have been appointed for the next phase of the project to include design services for site development and public infrastructure works as well as a marketing campaign to attract FDI (see objective ED26).</p> <p>Market House, Gorey – Gorey Market House Regeneration applied for funding under THRIVE and was successfully awarded €7 million to progress the scheme. This funding has been accompanied by a commitment of c. €1.6 million funding from WCC own-resources to deliver this transformational project. The next step will be the procurement of an architect led design team for detailed design, procurement and construction supervision services. It is anticipated this tender will be published in Q4 2024.</p> <p>Enniscorthy Town Centre and Tourism Project - The Enniscorthy TCF Plan was adopted by Enniscorthy Municipal District in December 2022. The Plan identifies a number of actions and plans for public realm improvements and regeneration works to the Market Square, Enniscorthy Castle Quarter and Templeshannon. The Part 8 process for the Market Square and Town Centre street enhancement was approved by Council on 8th September 2024 and this will form part of the application for the next call for URDF. Preliminary design work on the Enniscorthy Castle project has also commenced and it is intended to submit a Part 8 application in Q4</p>

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			<p>2024. Consultants have been appointed to undertake concept masterplanning design services for the Templeshannon Regeneration Project which is expected to be completed in time for the next call for URDF funding applications.</p> <p>New Ross Tourism Project - Involves a series of projects in the centre of New Ross, including the interpretive fit-out of the Dunbrody Visitor Centre and the regeneration of the old Michael Murphy and Bank Buildings on the Quay to form a Norman Heritage Visitor Centre. Status: Fitout of interpretive facilities in the Dunbrody Visitor Centre is now complete. Funding has been obtained through RRDF in 2024 for an extension to the Dunbrody Visitor Centre to provide additional space and a Changing Places facility. Tenders for the Interpretive and exhibition design of the Norman Visitor Centre (Old Michael Murphy building on Quay) have been assessed and a consultant has been appointed for interpretive and architectural design services.</p> <p>See Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Town and Villages for other key regeneration projects and public realm enhancement works which will yield economic benefits.</p> <p>New Digital Hubs were also completed at Ramsgrange, Craanford, Boolavogue and Blackwater and a tender is progressing for renovation/re-purposing of the Old Bank in Rosslare Harbour to a Digital Hub.</p>
ED43	To support investments in energy efficiency of existing commercial and public building stock with a target of all public buildings and at least one-third of total commercial	Ongoing	See chapter 2 Climate Action for progress on energy efficiency in public buildings.

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	premises upgraded to BER Rating 'B'. Local authorities shall report annually on energy usage in all public buildings and will achieve a target of 33% improvement in energy efficiency in all buildings in accordance with the National Energy Efficiency Action Plan (NEEAP).		
ED44	To support the development of remote working hubs in settlements.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See objective ED42 re digital hubs. WCC secured funding through the TVS 2022 for a comprehensive marketing campaign promoting remote working hubs in County Wexford. This initiative aligns with the National Remote Work Strategy, aiming to attract professionals and businesses to utilize local hubs. Promotional efforts spanned digital media, radio campaigns, print media, and outdoor advertising.
ED45	To direct commercial development to the settlements identified in the Settlement Hierarchy. Economic development proposals will be permitted within settlements on suitably zoned land or within towns and villages defined within the Core Strategy / Settlement Hierarchy, subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED46	The scale of a commercial development shall be commensurate with the scale of the settlement. In general large scale employers ⁴ , that is, those employing more than 50 employees should be located on serviced zoned land in the county's four main towns - Wexford	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

⁴ Which are not covered by the other sections of this Plan such as the Chapter 7 Tourism Development, Volume 8 Retail Strategy etc.

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	Town, Enniscorthy Town, Gorey Town and New Ross Town.		
ED47	To ensure employment locations follow the hierarchy set out in Chapter 3 Core Strategy, and ensure they are built fit-for-purpose. This includes the provision of access to utilities, connectivity, and other enterprise development factors; to identify future locations for strategic employment development having regard to accessibility by sustainable transport modes and environmental constraints, and support a positive presumption in favour of locating appropriate employment where it would address unemployment blackspots, support sectoral and location-based strengths and synergies with existing employers, take advantage of 'ready-to-go' property solutions and local ambition.	In Progress	Suitable sites are being identified as part of the preparation of the draft Wexford LAP.
ED48	To ensure that commercial development is located in the optimal location depending on whether it is 'people intensive' (customer and employee), 'land or space' intensive or is tied to a particular resource or dependent on a particular type of infrastructure (that is connection to the grid network which cannot be accommodated in the Settlement Hierarchy) and where such uses are compliant with the other location specific objectives of this Plan and land use zoning of the Local Area Plans.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.
ED49	To ensure that commercial development in rural areas is related to agriculture, horticulture or other rural related resource or activity. Exceptions to this objective are detailed in	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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ED50	To ensure retail development is located in accordance with the objectives contained in the Retail Strategy contained in Volume 8.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED51	To ensure that, where economic development uses bound sensitive uses such as residences, natural and built heritage assets or community and education uses, that an appropriate buffer is maintained to protect the sensitive use.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED52	To ensure that all planning applications for new development achieve a high standard of design in terms of contribution to the streetscape, layout, architectural design, building format, materials, finishes, conservation of features of architectural and historical merit and high quality public realm. All future development should make a positive contribution to the distinct identity of its settlement and succeed in enhancing a sense of place.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED53	To promote the re-use and regeneration of vacant buildings and the regeneration of obsolete and/or under-utilised buildings and lands that could yield economic benefits with appropriate uses, subject to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED54	To facilitate remote working and consider the development of home office units for use by the occupiers of the dwelling	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED55	To strengthen economic development opportunities and transport along the Eastern Economic Corridor from	Ongoing	See objective ED05.

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	Belfast to Rosslare Europort and in particular in the settlements along the corridor.		
ED56	To encourage clustering and the development of specialisations along the Eastern Economic Corridor both within the County and with other towns/cities on the Corridor outside the County.		See objective ED05 and ED31.
ED57	To finalise and implement an Economic Development Strategy for each of the four main towns which provides detailed proposals for the strategic economic development of each town and outlines the objectives, actions and initiatives to achieve optimal development.	In Progress	An Economic Development Strategy is being prepared as part of the draft Wexford LAP.
ED58	<p>To include an economic development spatial strategy in the Local Area Plans for each town to ensure that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The town fulfils its strategic economic role in accordance with the Regional Economic and Spatial Strategy for the Southern Region. Economic development is located in the optimal location depending on whether it is people intensive (customer and employee), land or space intensive or tied to a particular resource. People intensive activities, particularly those with large customer numbers, should be located in the most accessible locations where public transport is available. The sequential approach is utilised in selecting land for economic development purposes to ensure that urban consolidation and 	In Progress	An Economic Development Strategy is being prepared as part of the draft Wexford LAP.

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	<p>brownfield regeneration is encouraged over greenfield development.</p> <p>The preparation of the spatial strategy shall have regard to the principles of Health Place Audits and the guiding principles for the location of employment development as set out in the RSES.</p>		
ED59	<p>To prioritise the provision of waste, water, ICT and transport infrastructure for the four towns and ensure that the areas identified for economic development in each town are adequately and appropriately served.</p>	In Progress	<p>WCC continue to liaise with infrastructure providers for the provision of appropriate infrastructure to serve existing and planned population and economic growth. An Economic Development Strategy is being prepared as part of the draft Wexford LAP. The LAP and land use zoning objectives will be informed by an Infrastructural Assessment Report.</p> <p>WCC Roads Section continue to liaise with developers in the provision of active travel facilities, public transport options and connectivity.</p>
ED60	<p>Wexford Town</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop the Trinity Wharf lands as a Strategic Employment Location for the town and the county, and to maximise the economic development opportunities that this development will bring forward for the town, both directly and indirectly. • Maximise the economic development opportunities offered by the strategic location of the town on the Eastern Economic Corridor. • Further develop and expand the presence of the Financial Services, Life Science and ICT industries in the town. 		<p>See objectives TV18 and TV38 in Chapter 5 Design and Place Making in Towns and Villages for WCC key regeneration projects including Trinity Wharf, University Campus for SETU and Education Ecosystem (Ballynagee Lands), Georgia Southern University Accommodation Campus (Adoration Convent), Crescent Quay/Oyster Lane and Monck Street Public Realm Enhancement Projects, Min Ryan Park and Wexford Arts Centre Extension.</p> <p>See objective ED01 re Trinity Wharf Project, ED05 re Eastern Economic Corridor and ED15 re SETU.</p> <p>Tourism continues to be promoted through the VisitWexford platform. The Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann was extremely successful in 2024 and had an estimated attendance of over 600,000. During this</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further develop manufacturing industries in the town. • Maximise the tourism potential of the town through the development of the Wexford Town 'Maritime Town' brand, the planned greenways and the vibrant arts and cultural scene in the town. • Focus on the regeneration of key sites in the town including the regeneration of the Commercial Quay and Monck Street area. 		<p>7-day event the Wexford Food Producers network showcased the artisan food offering of the county and highlighted Wexford as a unique and maritime town. The Fleadh has been secured in Wexford for 2025 and similar numbers are expected to attend (Objective TM11 in Chapter 7 Tourism Strategy also refers).</p> <p>Wexford Town to Rosslare Greenway - Consultants have been appointed to carry out a feasibility study, route selection, preliminary design and environmental assessments for the development of this project. It is expected to confirm a preferred route in Q1 2025. Consultants have also been appointed to review the route options for the proposed Rosslare Harbour to Rosslare Strand greenway. Public consultation on route options for this greenway is taking place in parallel with the Wexford to Rosslare Strand route. It is planned to confirm a preferred route in Q1 2025.</p>
ED61	<p>Gorey Town</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximise the economic development opportunities offered by the strategic location of the town on the Eastern Economic Corridor. • Support the expansion of existing industries in the town. • Support the expansion of ICT related employment in the town. • Facilitate the future development of the M11 Business Park. • Promote the Hatch Lab and support the provision of similar property solutions as a means of providing office space for start-ups and providing commuters with office space near to their homes. 		<p>See objectives TV18 and TV38 in Chapter 5 Design and Place Making in Towns and Villages for WCC key regeneration projects including Gorey Market House, Esmonde Street Public Realm Project and Gorey Town Park.</p> <p>The M11 Business Campus was expanded to include Hatch Lab 2 (shared office space). WCC have taken a lease on 500sqm to operate an innovation and technology hub for start-ups, companies relocating to the area and a hot-desk/co-working alternative space for commuters with additional mentoring and business support services for start-ups also available at the location.</p> <p>See objective ED05 re Eastern Economic Corridor.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further develop the spin off potential offered to the town by its proximity to the popular tourism destinations in north Wexford. • Support the further development of the town as destination for retail including niche boutiques. 		A “Love Gorey” marketing platform was introduced to "sell" the retail, business and community aspects of Gorey and currently has 21k followers on social media.
ED62	<p>Enniscorthy Town</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximise the economic development opportunities offered by the strategic location of the town on the Eastern Economic Corridor. • Support the development of the National Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Construction at Killagoley and develop synergies and research and development opportunities around the theme of sustainable construction and NZEB. • Maximise the opportunities offered by the Business and Technology Park and utilise it as a platform to attract new small and medium enterprises to the town. • Support the designation of Enniscorthy as a Smart Town and utilise this designation to develop economic opportunities. • Maximise the economic opportunities offered by developing the tourism potential of the town, both direct and indirect. • Facilitate the expansion of existing industries in the town and support the development of new industries and employment opportunities. 		<p>See objectives TV18 and TV38 in Chapter 5 Design and Place Making in Towns and Villages for WCC key regeneration projects including Enniscorthy Town Centre and Tourism Project and the Murphy Floods Site.</p> <p>Enniscorthy Technology Park – WCC acquired the lands and worked in collaboration to stimulate private investment. Planning permission was secured for two commercial office property solutions on the site. The first building is now complete and currently has 70% occupancy. WCC has sites available for inward investment and has also signed an MOU in Q1 2024 to secure planning permission for an IDA Advance Factory at the Technology Park.</p> <p>In Q1 2025 WCC will open the UN Centre of Excellence for High Performance Buildings Alliance at the Technology Park together with a new (Enterprise Ireland supported) Green Hub to support SME’s in the South East Region and beyond. The Green Hub is a showcase / demonstrator for innovative products and services within the Sustainable Built Environment.</p> <p>HPBA promotes NZEB, and all energy efficient construction methods through the international centre of excellence.</p>

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			<p>The NZEB training centre is also located in Enniscorthy and the HPBA works closely with WWETB to promotes this training. WWETB is a key stakeholder and were involved in the initiation of HPBA.</p> <p>See objective ED05 re Eastern Economic Corridor.</p>
ED63	<p>New Ross Town</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximise the tourism potential of New Ross town as a key economic driver for the town and county. • Maximise economic development opportunities that may arise due to the town's proximity to the Waterford MASP, and its connection to the Southern Region and the Atlantic Economic Corridor. • Develop the role of New Ross Port and associated port related economic development subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive. • Support the development of existing industries in the town including manufacturing, transport and logistics, maximising the opportunities offered by New Ross Port, the N25 By-pass and close proximity to Belview Port, Rosslare Europort and Dublin via the M11. • Support the expansion of the Life Sciences industry in the town, and to support the development of new industries. • Support the development of business hubs and flexible working spaces to provide start-up companies with office space and commuters the opportunity to work in an office environment close to their homes in the town. 		<p>See objectives TV18 and TV38 in Chapter 5 Design and Place Making in Towns and Villages for WCC key regeneration projects including New Ross Tourism Project, South East Greenway, Emigrant Park and High Hill Park.</p> <p>New Ross Advance Factory -WCC invited 'Expressions of Interest' for the design and construction of commercial/industrial property solutions on council owned lands at Butlersland. Discussions are ongoing with interested parties.</p> <p>John Street Enterprise Hub – architectural plans are developed and funding is to be sought under the next call of RRDF.</p>

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ED64	To facilitate commercial development, including office, industrial and commercial development, at a scale appropriate to the nature and scale of the settlement.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED65	To ensure that commercial development takes places in a sequential manner, with development such as local services, shops and professional services located in close proximity to the centre of the settlement....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED66	To facilitate the extension of an existing commercial development facility within a town or village provided the resultant scale and form of the enterprise is compatible with the character and scale of the area and subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED67	To facilitate the conversion of existing buildings, including residences where appropriate for employment generating uses, subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED68	To ensure that new development is appropriately designed, adds positively to the public realm of the settlement, is connected by footpaths and lighting and does not negatively impact on residential amenities.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED69	To support the strengthening of the viability of Service and Strategic settlements and villages including the protection of essential commercial rural services.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED70	To seek investment and initiatives that deliver smart technologies, revitalisation of mixed-use town and village centre streets, and pilot initiatives for regional good	Ongoing	See objectives TV18 and TV38 in Chapter 5 Design and Place Making in Towns and Villages re WCC key regeneration projects.

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	practice in renewal and re-use of buildings, in particular, for appropriate commercial developments.		
ED71	To seek investment, the timely delivery and the sustainable delivery of holistic infrastructures in towns and villages to support their service role, in particular, along the region's tourism corridors, greenways and blueways.	Ongoing	WCC continue to liaise with infrastructure providers for the provision of appropriate infrastructure to serve existing and planned population and economic growth.
ED72	To support the sustainable growth and development of the marine sector and marine economy through the implementation of the National Marine Planning Framework and by facilitating marine related development at appropriate locations in the towns, villages, ports and harbours of the county subject to compliance with	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.
ED73	To support the development of new coalitions amongst productive sector enterprises, coastal communities and public agencies to support the sustainable development of the marine resource and the marine economy. Any supports arising, which result in further expansion of or new enterprise, will be subject to the outcomes of the required appraisal, planning and environmental assessment process.	In Progress	<p>The Economic Development Unit have had exploratory discussions with the Engineering Cluster/SETU around ORE opportunities, in particular in relation to developing innovation through Design Thinking in Q3 with a view to developing a programme for Q4 2024.</p> <p>WCC are a partner in the Ireland South East Offshore Wind Partnership which held their inaugural meeting in January 2024. The work of the partnership ensures that our local authorities, enterprise agencies and higher education stakeholders are working together to make offshore wind a priority sector for the region. The overarching objective of the partnership is to maximise the economic benefit to the South East in assisting Ireland and Europe achieve its ORE targets.</p>

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ED74	To strengthen and develop the strategic international, national and regional economic role of Rosslare Europort and to support the achievement of Ports of National Significance Tier 1 Status for Rosslare Europort.	In progress & Ongoing	<p>Rosslare Europort continues to grow post Brexit with a number of additional routes and operators. Information received from Iarnród Éireann shows that continental volumes to/from Rosslare Europort in 2023 were 465% higher than in 2019.</p> <p>The Masterplan for the Port is currently being implemented to increase yard capacity and install new border inspection facilities. 2023 saw the commencement of the largest ever investment in the history of Rosslare Europort with a projected spend of more than €200M that will deliver a world class facility supporting both the region and the country's exporters, importers, tourism and supply chain industries. The port also commenced its digitisation journey to enable Rosslare to become one of Europe's smartest ports in 2024.</p> <p>The port is strategically positioned to support the Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) industry and accommodate numerous Wind Farm projects planned for the Irish and Celtic Seas. Irish Rail intend to submit a planning application to ABP in Q4 2024 for the development of an ORE Hub at the port. WCC made a submission in support of the proposal in June 2024 and have engaged with Irish Rail in relation to the proposed development.</p> <p>WCC continues to advocate for and support the achievement of Tier 1 Port Status for Rosslare Europort.</p>
ED75	To protect the marine related functions of ports in the county including landside accessibility to ensure the future role of ports as strategic marine assets is protected from inappropriate uses.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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ED76	To support the export, fisheries, marine tourism and marine economy potential of ports and harbours in the county. All development proposals will be subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See objectives ED74, ED85 and Energy Strategy re ORE.
ED77	To support the role of ports, where appropriate, in facilitating the sustainable development and operation of offshore renewable energy development, and to support sustainable and enabling infrastructure development to harness marine wealth including grid, pier and port facilities to support renewable energy and export potential.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See objectives ED74, ED85 and Energy Strategy re ORE.
ED78	To ensure that any economic activity which utilises the marine resource shall have regard to compliance with the Marine Strategy Framework Directive which requires achieving and maintaining 'Good' Environmental Status of coastal and marine waters.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED79	To ensure that adequate and appropriate land is zoned in Rosslare Harbour and New Ross to facilitate a variety of scales of economic development and have regard to the land extensive nature of uses such as distribution, logistics and other related sectors in Rosslare Harbour and New Ross.	Ongoing	See objective ED37.
ED80	To provide, or facilitate, the provision of appropriate infrastructure to ensure that economic potential arising from Rosslare Europort and New Ross Port for the region can be realised.	In Progress & Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See objective ED05 re Rosslare Europort Access Road.

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ED81	To facilitate the sustainable development of the fisheries and aquaculture and support its diversification at appropriate locations having regard to best environmental practice in order to maximise its contribution to employment and the economic well-being of rural coastal communities.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED82	To facilitate and support the development of facilities for the catching and processing of fish at existing ports and harbours, subject to the protection of the environment and natural heritage and biodiversity.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED83	To ensure that adequate measures are taken to protect designated shellfish areas as an important economic and employment sector.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED84	To ensure that the highest environmental standards and controls are maintained in dealing with proposals relating to the extraction of marine aggregates and the mining sector and protects the amenities of local communities.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED85	To develop the county as a leading innovator in the green economy in areas such as sustainable agriculture, sustainable construction, the production of renewable energy and the bio-economy, and to support development of enterprises and technologies that employ green technologies and support a low carbon economy.	In Progress	Sustainable construction - In Q1 2025 WCC will open a new (Enterprise Ireland supported) Green Hub at the HPBA to support SMEs in the South East Region and beyond. The Green Hub fitout is underway and follows the circular economy principle of design for disassembly with each element procured with net zero in mind. The Green Hub is a showcase / demonstrator for innovative products and services within the Sustainable Built Environment and will provide an opportunity for biobased materials, digital innovation and circular design to be showcased. This is the first initiative of its kind in Ireland and internationally.

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			<p>WWETB run several NZEB training courses at their training centre in Enniscorthy. These courses are targeted at people working in the construction sector to provide them with the skills necessary to develop low carbon buildings. In partnership with WWETB, Expressions of Interest have been sought for the construction of a new purpose built Sustainable Construction Education Campus alongside the HPBA and Green Hub at Enniscorthy Technology Park which will replace the existing training centre.</p> <p>Renewable Energy – The Plan sets an ambitious target for 100% of electricity consumption in the County to be from renewable energy sources by 2027 (based on population share). County Wexford is generally on trend to meet its onshore RE target by 2027, if all permissions for solar farms are implemented and subject to continuation or repowering of existing wind farms (see objective ES08 in the Energy Strategy Section for further details).</p> <p>Separately work is progressing to develop offshore wind energy. WCC facilitated a number of presentations from the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) in relation to the Draft South Coast Designated Maritime Area Plan (DMAP) for Offshore Renewable Energy. WCC also facilitated a public event held by DECC at County Hall on 22nd May 2024 and the Chief Executive formed part of the discussion panel. WCC subsequently made a submission on the Draft DMAP in June 2024. WCC also made a submission to Irish Rail on its proposals to develop an Offshore Renewable Energy Hub at Rosslare Europort in June 2024. (see objectives ES07 and ES16 in the Energy Strategy Section for further details).</p>

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ED86	To support the development and expansion of the Sustainable Construction campus in Enniscorthy Town.		See objective ED85.
ED87	To develop social enterprises and the circular economy within local communities to benefit environmental protection, employment generation and community development.	Ongoing	The EDU in conjunction with LEADER are building capacity through mentoring and training programmes e.g. start your own business programme.
ED88	To support the National Policy Statement on Bio-economy (2018), subject to the implementation of mitigation measures outlined in the SEA and AA undertaken where necessary and the exploration of opportunities in the circular resource-efficient economy including undertaking a bio-economy feasibility study for the Region to identify areas of potential growth (including opportunities presented in the EU Bio-economy Strategy updated in 2018 for urban bio-economies and piloting circular bio economy cities) to inform investment in line with the national transition objective to a low carbon climate resilient and circular economy.	Statement of Support	WCC continue to support the bioeconomy and circular economy.
ED89	To support the Action Plan for Rural Development led by the Department of Rural and Community Development and to support the development of priority areas under the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 led by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.	Statement of Support	WCC continue to support rural development and initiatives by Government Departments.
ED90	To enhance the competitiveness of our rural areas by supporting innovation in rural economic development and enterprise through the diversification of the rural economy into new sectors and services including ICT		See objectives ED01-ED02 re Sustainable Construction and Green Sector and ORE/Marine Sector.

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	based industries and those addressing climate change and sustainability.		
ED91	To facilitate the development of the rural economy through supporting a sustainable and economically efficient agricultural and food sector, together with forestry, fishing and aquaculture, energy and extractive industries, the bio-economy and diversification into alternative on-farm and off-farm activities	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED92	To leverage funding from sources such as the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund to help develop the rural economy in the county.	Ongoing	See objectives TV18 and TV38 in Chapter 5 Design and Place Making in Towns and Villages.
ED93	To develop innovation hubs and centres of excellence (with particular opportunities for innovation in agri-food, agri-tech, marine research, creative industries, knowledge economy etc.) as local drivers for growth.	In Progress	The EDU are looking at opportunities to develop a Marine Innovation Centre at Kilmore Quay and intend to submit an application for funding under the Smart Regions Scheme in Q1 2025. See objective ED02 for further information.
ED94	To support innovation, enterprise start-ups and the competitiveness of our rural economy.		A range of training supports are provided through LEO Wexford.
ED95	To develop a diverse base of smart economic specialisms in our rural economy, including innovation and diversification in agriculture (agri-Tech, food and beverage), the marine (ports, fisheries and the wider blue economy potential), forestry, peatlands, renewable energy, tourism (leverage the opportunities from the Wild Atlantic Way, Ireland's Ancient East and Ireland's Hidden Heartlands brands), social enterprise, circular economy, knowledge economy, global business services, fin-tech,		<p>The EDU are designing sector specific capacity programmes based on need and in line with the LEO Policy Statement.</p> <p>See objectives ED01-ED02 re Sustainable Construction and Green Sector and ORE/Marine Sector.</p> <p>Celtic Routes (EU project) - A network of coastal communities was established under a Joint Initiative.</p>

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	specialised engineering, heritage, arts and culture, design and craft industries as dynamic drivers for the rural economy.		<p>Waterford Estuary Working Group - in 2024 plans are in place with Wexford and Waterford to develop projects around the Hook Peninsula and Waterford Estuary in tourism and other sectors.</p> <p>Ancient Connections - (EU Funded) 4-year tourism and heritage project (2019-2023). The Ancient Connection programme created new links between North Wexford and North Pembrokeshire for the benefit of communities, the arts, heritage, trade and tourism https://ancientconnections.org/</p>
ED96	To support and facilitate the development of vibrant rural areas with a diverse rural economy and to ensure that economic development in rural areas protects the natural and built heritage and environment of the area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED97	To ensure that all buildings are appropriately sited and sympathetic to their surroundings in terms of scale, design, materials and colour....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED98	To ensure all developments permitted in rural areas in accordance with Objective ED49, including agricultural, horticultural and rural diversification do not impact negatively on the quality of the environment or character of the rural area or rural settlement.....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED99	To facilitate the development of sustainable agricultural practices and facilities within the county, subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED100	To protect good quality agricultural lands from development which could be accommodated elsewhere and that would undermine the future agricultural	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	productivity of the lands or irreversibly harm the commercial viability of existing or adjoining agricultural land.		
ED101	To facilitate the modernisation of agriculture and to encourage best practice in the design and construction of new agricultural buildings	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED102	To ensure agricultural waste is managed and disposed in a safe, efficient and sustainable manner having regard to the environment	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED103	Intensive agriculture units will only be considered where it is clearly demonstrated by the applicant to the Council that the proposed development will not give rise to negative impacts	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED104	To support the continued development of the agri-food industry	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED105	To facilitate farm or rural resource related enterprises, including food production and processing on farm holdings, where the key resource is produced on the farm (or other nearby rural resource) or a number of farms in the locality	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED106	Where an extension to/intensification of an existing development referred to in Objective ED105 is proposed, it must remain of a scale which is appropriate to the rural area	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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ED107	Development of the type referred to in Objective ED105 and Objective ED106 shall be required to submit adequate information to demonstrate that the proposed development ...	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED108	To permit a retail element as part of a rural diversification proposal in exceptional circumstances, such as a small scale shop....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED109	To control advertising structures in rural areas and to prohibit signage where it would damage the rural character and scenic amenity of the area or result in a proliferation of unnecessary signage....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED110	To facilitate the establishment of new horticulture enterprises and the expansion of existing enterprises in rural areas subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED111	To ensure that applications for horticulture related development include adequate measures to mitigate impacts	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED112	To facilitate the sustainable development of forestry in the county provided that no significant adverse impacts are caused	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED113	To encourage the establishment of a self-sustaining forest industry based on a variety of species and a wide range of post-felling services in proximity to large forested areas which are used for source material, subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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ED114	To facilitate the establishment of primary, secondary and tertiary forest based processing industries at appropriate locations subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED115	To ensure that existing native woodlands are protected and enhanced and, where appropriate, encourage the conversion of coniferous forest to native woodlands with a focus on opportunities for habitat linkage and wider eco-services.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED116	To require extractive and processing industries to be appropriately sited, designed and managed to avoid significant adverse impacts on their surrounding environment, amenities, road/public safety, and built and natural heritage....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED117	To prohibit extractive industry development where it has not been demonstrated that adverse effects on the environment, landscape, heritage and surrounding residential, recreation or tourist amenities will not be generated	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED118	To ensure that all extractive industry development complies with	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED119	To ensure that the road network to serve the extractive industry development is adequate	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED120	To ensure that an effective buffer is provided for between proposed quarry operations and adjoining dwellings, landholdings, water courses, built and natural heritage	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	(including archaeology), roads and other public infrastructure.		
ED121	To restrict the removal of material, sand and gravel from beaches and riverbanks.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED122	To consider proposals for major commercial development in rural areas in exceptional circumstances where ...	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED123	To consider proposals for economic development with unique location requirements in rural areas in exceptional circumstances and where the applicant has clearly demonstrated that the proposal meets the following criteria	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED124	To require planning applications for development proposals referred to in Objective ED122 and Objective ED123 to be accompanied by a detailed evidence based report which....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED125	To consider the development of a replacement commercial use on a brownfield site in a rural area where an existing use has ceased and subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED126	To consider the extension of an established commercial enterprise in the open countryside provided the resultant scale and form of the enterprise is compatible with the character and scale of the area and subject to ...	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED127	To facilitate new development and/or the conversion of part of a dwelling to an appropriate home-based	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	economic activity in rural areas, where the dwelling remains as the main residence of the practitioner, and the economic use is clearly ancillary to the residential use and subject to		
ED128	To facilitate the development of small workshops within the curtilage of a dwelling to facilitate the setting up of a small business subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED129	To support and promote the equine industry in the county as an economic and employment provider.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED130	To support the racecourse and associated facilities at Bettyville, Wexford Town and other racing events throughout the county to ensure that they remain viable for long-term development for employment and economic activity.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED131	To facilitate the development of film studios and media production facilities within the county.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ED132	To facilitate and support the film industry in the county for film locations, including the erection of temporary structures and services.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Chapter 7 Tourism Development

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
TM01	To protect and sustain the natural, built and cultural features that form the basis of the county's tourism industry including landscapes, historic buildings and structures, habitats, species and areas of natural heritage value and water quality.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TM02	To facilitate, where appropriate, proposals to improve access for all at existing tourism sites and facilities, and to require all new tourism related developments to ensure the development is accessible to everyone, regardless of their age, size or ability.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TM03	To facilitate the development of a sustainable diversified tourism industry at appropriate locations and at a suitable scale, subject to compliance with the objectives of this chapter and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TM04	To implement the County Wexford Tourism Strategy 2019-2023 subject to compliance with the Habitats, SEA, EIA and Water Framework Directives and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the development management process and the work of the Economic Development Unit (EDU) and VisitWexford. WCC supports VisitWexford in marketing tourism throughout the county.</p> <p>As reported by the Irish Hotel Federation County Wexford was in the top 3 counties for bed nights from 2021-2023.</p> <p>In terms of FAM trips (Familiarisation trips) delegations visited from Italy and Germany in 2024 as well as a Travel Writer from the UK.</p>

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			<p>A number of industry workshops took place including an Industry Network Event in 2024. Fáilte Ireland (FI) also delivered the following workshops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An International Marketing Campaign Workshop • New Ross and the Hook Peninsula Cluster Workshop • Food in Tourism Workshop <p>WCC organised and funded a number of Fringe Fleadh Events for 2024 and other initiatives included increasing the visibility of the tourism offering e.g. signage at Rosslare Europort.</p>
TM05	To continue to develop tourism products and tourist related infrastructure and to carry out enhancements to the public realm in towns and villages and environmental improvements to ensure that the county is an attractive place to visit and stay.	Ongoing	<p>See objectives TV18 and TV38 in Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages for key regeneration projects including New Ross and Enniscorthy Tourism Projects.</p> <p>See objective BH02 in Chapter 13 Heritage and Conservation for completed heritage projects including Fethard, Mountgarrett and Tellarought Castles. Johnstown Castle – the iconic visitor experience is now fully opened with ongoing work on the gardens and €50,000 was allocated to prepare plans to bring Taghmon Castle into use as a heritage tourism asset.</p> <p>Duncannon Fort – €0.5 million was allocated to restore and develop the historic Fort under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme which will increase footfall in the village and surrounding area. A Masterplan has been developed exploring the future use of the Fort.</p>

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			See TM15 below re greenways and blueways and see Chapter 14 Recreation and Open Space Strategy re beaches and walking trails.
TM06	To engage with Fáilte Ireland, Tourism Ireland, the Arts Council, National Parks and Wildlife, Wexford Local Economic Office and other key stakeholders to promote and maximise the tourism potential of the county and to support the development of niche tourism sectors such as Geo-tourism, Eco-tourism, Food tourism and community-based tourism, while ensuring the protection of the natural, cultural and built heritage of the county.	In Progress	<p>WCC continue to engage with a range of stakeholders to promote and develop the tourism product.</p> <p>Geo-tourism – Enhanced visitor experience at Hook Lighthouse centred on the ‘Story of a Thousand Shipwrecks’ and the location and geology of area – see TM15 below.</p> <p>Food tourism - Fáilte Ireland appointed consultants to develop a Food in Tourism Strategy for County Wexford which is expected to be completed in Q3 2024.</p>
TM07	To support the future development of Destination Experience Development Plans which may be developed by Fáilte Ireland during the lifetime of this plan and to ensure continued collaboration and alignment with Fáilte Ireland and tourism stakeholders to ensure successful implementation and delivery of these plans subject to compliance with the Habitats, SEA, EIA and Water Framework Directives and normal planning and environmental criteria.	In Progress	A Draft DEDP was completed by Fáilte Ireland in 2024 and is expected to be finalised and launched in Q2 2025. WCC continue to collaborate with Failte Ireland and other stakeholders to develop and implement the Plan.
TM08	To develop a tourism cluster in the South-East focused around key tourist sites and attractions in conjunction with adjoining local authorities, Fáilte Ireland, Tourism Ireland and other key stakeholders.	In Progress	A National Tourism Officers Network was established across Ireland as a first step in the collaboration across Local Authorities in the development of Clusters.
TM09	To deliver the Ireland’s Ancient East Programme and facilitate the phased rollout of the branding strategy, orientation	Ongoing	WCC continue to liaise with Fáilte Ireland to deliver the IAE Programme. Since the adoption of the Plan Fáilte Ireland have

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	signage and the enhancement of the visitor experience at the chosen programme sites.		issued Ireland's Ancient East Regional Tourism Development Strategy 2023 – 2027 and a Waterford Estuary Working Group has been set up to develop the tourism potential of the Estuary (see also objective ED95 in Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy). See also Objective ED95 in Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy re Celtic Routes and Ancient Connections projects.
TM10	To maximise the potential of the main towns in the county as tourism visitor hubs, and to implement guidelines such as the Fáilte Ireland Development Guidelines for Tourism Destination Towns to inform the development and operation of the towns as tourism destination towns, and to work with all stakeholders to leverage funding streams that will assist with maximising the tourism potential and offering of the towns.	Ongoing	See objectives TV18 and TV38 in Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages re key regeneration projects including New Ross and Enniscorthy Tourism Projects. See objective TM07 re DEDPs.
TM11	To develop Wexford Town's profile as a unique and vibrant Maritime town which encompasses its natural environment, its history and heritage, water-based activities, festivals, innovation and food offering subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Tourism continues to be promoted through the VisitWexford platform. The Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann was extremely successful in 2024 and had an estimated attendance of over 600,000. During this 7-day event the Wexford Food Producers network showcased the artisan food offering of the county and highlighted Wexford as a unique and maritime town. The Fleadh has been secured in Wexford for 2025 and similar numbers are expected to attend (Objective ED60 in Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy also refers). See objective TM06 re Food in Tourism Strategy. See objective TM07 re DEDPs.
TM12	To balance the development of tourism facilities, infrastructure and accommodation in our towns, villages and	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process

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	rural areas with the needs of the communities, the need to provide for housing and year round facilities and vitality for the resident population and the sustainable year round use of existing infrastructure such as wastewater treatment infrastructure.		
TM13	To ensure that new tourism development is sustainable in terms of use of resources and resilient in terms climate change.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM14	To support and develop our towns and villages and rural heritage sites including our beaches for tourism purposes through the facilitation of links by public transport, greenways, blueways and associated infrastructure subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM15	To support the development of the specific Council tourism projects referred to in Section 7.4 of this Plan and the County Wexford Tourism Strategy 2019-2023 subject to	Ongoing	<p>Projects in Section 7.4 of this Plan include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Norman experience at Dunbrody Visitor centre – see objectives TV18 and TV38 in Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages for key regeneration projects including New Ross Tourism Project. • New Viking village at INHP – ‘Vykingar’ forms part of the ‘Wexfordia’ tourism project. RRDF funding was received to complete a feasibility study. Preliminary design is underway and it is anticipated that a planning application will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála in Q4 2025. • Enhanced visitor experience at Hook Lighthouse centred on the ‘Story of a Thousand Shipwrecks’ and the location and geology of area – this also forms part of the ‘Wexfordia’ project. RRDF funding was received to do a

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			<p>feasibility study to develop this project and it is anticipated that a planning application will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála in Q4 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enniscorthy Town Tourism Project/Town Centre Enhancement – see objectives TV18 and TV38 in Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages for key regeneration projects including Enniscorthy Town Centre and Tourism Project. • Wexford Arts Centre – completed 2022 • Carrigfoyle Outdoor Activity Centre – boathouse for WWETB to be constructed in Q2 2025 • Greenways and Blueways – Phase 1 (6km) of the South East Greenway was completed from New Ross to Glenmore and Phase 2 (5.5km) from Ferrybank to Curraghmore is underway. The Wexford to Rosslare Greenway (including the section to Rosslare Harbour) is at route selection stage and it is anticipated the preferred route will be identified in Q1 2025. ORIS funding has been received to develop the Barrow Blueway which will be centred around New Ross and Southend, Wexford. This project is at design stage. • Cultural and events centre and marina as part of Trinity Wharf – see objectives TV18 and TV38 in Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages for key regeneration projects including Trinity Wharf Project. • Public realm projects in NR (emigrant park and high hill), Enniscorthy Town (Templeshannon urban renewal), Wexford Quayfront, Main Street Bunclody and Esmonde Street Gorey – see objectives TV18 and TV38 in Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages for key regeneration projects including Emigrant Park and High

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			<p>Hill Park in New Ross (both completed), Enniscorthy Town Centre and Tourism Project (Consultants appointed to undertake concept masterplanning design services for the Templeshannon Regeneration Project), Crescent Quay and Monck Street in Wexford (both completed) and Esmonde Street Public Realm Scheme in Gorey (currently out to tender).</p> <p>Other projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johnstown Castle iconic visitor experience is now fully opened with ongoing work on the gardens specifically addressing biodiversity and environmental factors. • Duncannon Fort – A Strategic Masterplan was prepared to explore the future use of the historic Fort. The project aims to develop a unique and immersive tourism experience and cultural asset that harnesses the Fort's potential, revitalises the heritage buildings and features across the site, and delivers benefits for the local village and region. Phase 1 site wide infrastructure (installation of SuDS and foul drainage system), hard landscaping and archaeological monitoring is expected to completed in Q1 2025.
TM16	To facilitate the development of a variety of high quality tourist accommodation within towns and villages, subject to ...	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM17	To facilitate the development of tourist attractions and tourist related commercial and retail developments such as craft and design and artisan food shops, that are appropriate in scale and design for its host town or village.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process

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TM18	To develop and maximise the tourism potential of the county by facilitating the appropriate expansion of existing and the provision of new universally accessible sustainable tourism attractions, facilities and infrastructure in towns and villages while ensuring the protection of the environment and subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See objective TM15 above for expansion of existing and provision of new tourism facilities.
TM19	To consider the development of rural based tourism development where it is in accordance with ...	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM20	To permit proposals to extend an existing rural resource based tourism project where the scale and intensity of the use and project remains appropriate to its rural setting and where it will not detract from the rural character, amenities, residential amenities or environmental capacity of the area and subject to....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM21	To consider proposals for tourism in the coastal zone subject to compliance with ...	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM22	To prohibit tourism development that would significantly diminish the natural heritage, scenic and recreational amenity and economic value of the county's coastline and coastal areas.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM23	To ensure that tourism development or activity does not significantly impact on coastal habitats, species and features such as wetlands and vegetated dunes which play an important role in flood relief and in protecting from coastal erosion and are important in their own right.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process

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TM24	To ensure that tourism development in coastal areas is sensitively designed and considers views from scenic routes, paths and trails and from the popular sea transport routes.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM25	To facilitate development which would improve tourism potential and tourist numbers, such as marinas, sea angling, sailing, marine adventure activities, diving and surfing and beach nourishment at appropriate locations in accordance...	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM26	To facilitate the development and facilities to support cruise tourism in Rosslare Harbour and the county.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM27	To carefully consider tourism developments which would interact with other maritime activities and uses, and to prohibit development which would unduly impact on fisheries, seafood, transport or other important marine uses.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM28	To encourage the development of infrastructure such as harbours for tourism and commercial purposes subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing & In Progress	Ongoing through the development management process. Rosslare Europort Expansion progressing (see Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy for further information).
TM29	To support the co-ordinated development of the Irish Sea Way Trail subject to compliance with the Habitats, SEA, EIA and Water Framework Directive and all other planning and environmental criteria and the proper planning and sustainable development of the county.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM30	To encourage and facilitate sustainable and appropriate forms of activity and marine tourism in towns, villages and rural areas through the development of greenways, blueways and	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process

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	other recreational opportunities such as walking trails, water sports, outdoor and indoor activity centres, subject to ...		
TM31	To ensure that the development of greenways/active travel routes along disused railways safeguards the railways and does not prejudice their reopening for the sustainable movement of freight and/or passenger travel in the future.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM32	To consider the development of small scale complimentary facilities and businesses along greenways, blueways and walking trails such as bicycle hire, cafés, craft and design shops, pubs and restaurants subject to ...	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM33	To consider the development of car parking facilities at designated entry/exit points along greenway and blueways routes, subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM34	To facilitate the provision of outdoor activity based tourism facilities which extend the tourist season. Consideration will be given to this type of development in rural areas where the development is suitable for the rural location, is appropriate in scale for the rural location and subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM35	To facilitate and encourage the development of new and expanded outdoor activities such as cycling routes, walking trails (including in the Blackstairs Mountains in consultation with Coillte and other landowners), mountain hiking, bird watching, water sports and canoeing. The location of these developments will be considered on a case-by-case basis, having regard to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process

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TM36	To support and facilitate the development of tourism related infrastructure associated with inland waterways, subject to ...	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM37	To ensure the full recreational potential of the River Slaney and the River Barrow is realised whilst taking cognisance of the aims and objectives of the National River Basin Management Plan (2018 – 2021) and subject to ...	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM38	To protect the view and vistas from waterways from inappropriate development that would detract from the amenity of the waterways.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM39	To support the development of conferencing facilities on appropriate sites in towns and villages as a means of attracting business and tourism subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM40	To safeguard the artistic, cultural and historic heritage of the county and to facilitate the expansion and development of facilities such as interpretative centres which are appropriate in scale, siting and design and suitably located adjacent to sites of interest, subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM41	To develop the Arts, culture and heritage attractions throughout the county in conjunction with Fáilte Ireland, Tourism Ireland, the Heritage Council, the OPW, the Arts Council, National Parks and Wildlife and other key stakeholders.	Ongoing	Ongoing collaboration with key stakeholders in developing arts, culture and heritage attractions across the county.
TM42	To facilitate the development of appropriately scaled, designed and sited tourism facilities and infrastructure related	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process

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	to the film industry, including film trails/routes, signage and visitor attractions.		
TM43	To support and encourage the growth of Food Tourism in the county, and to consider the development of food tourism related activities such as local farmers markets, artisan food producers, craft breweries and distilleries and to facilitate the development of a Wexford Food Trail in conjunction with other branded trails. These developments will be directed to towns and villages and will only be considered in rural areas where...	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM44	To support existing festivals and cultural events which take place in the county and to promote the development of a variety of new festivals and events to appeal to a range of different visitors and to increase the profile of the county as a key tourism destination.	Ongoing	Ongoing promotion and support of Small Arts Festival and Experimental Events, and the Failte Ireland Grant Schemes countywide, particularly those that attract international visitors to the county. Festivals are promoted through the VisitWexford platform. See Objective TM11 re Fleadh.
TM45	To facilitate the development of tourist related resorts and amenities in towns and villages, subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM46	To consider the extension of an existing tourist related resort and amenity where it is outside of a settlement only where the proposal to extend the tourism/leisure/recreation offering is commensurate to the overall scale of the resort and is appropriate at that location. The proposal to extend must comply, where relevant, with	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM47	To consider the development of new tourist related resorts and amenities and the development of a limited number of	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process

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	high quality integrated tourism/leisure/recreation complexes and resorts and amenities outside of existing settlements where it is demonstrated that the development is dependent on an existing local resource or a unique site characteristic or where an overriding need is demonstrated for the development at that location. The development must be in accordance with		
TM48	To facilitate the provision of proportionate high quality accessible tourist accommodation and the expansion/upgrade of existing hotels, guesthouses, hostels and B&Bs where the use and scale of the tourist accommodation is appropriate to and in keeping with the scale and character of the settlement.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM49	To consider a proposal to change the use from residential to short term letting in a Rent Pressure Zone having regard to Guidance Note for Local Authorities for Regulating Short Term Letting (Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, July 2019).	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM50	To give consideration to the development of a hotel facility in a rural area where it is demonstrated that the hotel development is dependent on an existing local resource or a unique site characteristic or where an overriding need is demonstrated for the development at that location. The development must respect and enhance its rural location, the existing natural or built features on the site and its landscape setting and is subject to ...	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM51	To require new holiday home developments, both individual and multi-unit, to take place in serviced towns and villages and	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process

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	to ensure that the scale and design of the development is appropriate to the settlement, enhances the character and any special qualities of the settlement. The Council will only consider the development of new holiday homes in a rural area where the development is ancillary to an 'Integrated Tourism/Leisure/Recreation Complex' and where the proposal complies with ...		
TM52	To have regard to Fáilte Ireland's 'Registration and Renewal of Registration Regulations for Short Term Tourism Accommodation Rental' (Fáilte Ireland, 2018) or any future update of these guidelines, when considering planning applications for this type of development.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM53	To consider, on a case-by-case basis, proposals for new holiday chalet/caravan/mobile home parks within existing settlements where there is not a proliferation of such developments and subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM54	To consider, on a case-by-case basis, proposals to extend an existing authorised holiday caravan/mobile home park. The Council will consider the location of the park (within or outside of an existing settlement and the appropriateness of the increased scale of the park at that location), its existing layout, design, visual and environmental quality and the number of existing parks in its vicinity. The Council will not consider proposals where they give rise to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM55	To facilitate the development of sites for camping and glamping and campervans/touring caravans/motor homes	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process

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	subject to site suitability and normal planning and environmental considerations.		
TM56	To consider the provision of farmhouse accommodation/self-catering accommodation on a farm holding as part of a farm diversification project. The accommodation shall be provided by an extension to the farmhouse or by the utilisation of other existing dwellings/structures on the farm holding. Only where it has been demonstrated that these are not viable options will permission be considered for a new build development. Any new build development shall be in close proximity to the existing farmhouse.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM57	To consider the development of small scale hostel type accommodation along established walking/hiking routes and on the site of an outdoor activity tourist facility in a rural area such as an Adventure centre/outdoor pursuits centre. With regard to the latter, the accommodation shall remain ancillary to the existing tourism facility on the site, and will only be available for use by those utilising the tourism facility.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process
TM58	To facilitate B&B and guesthouse tourist accommodation developments in towns and villages, and to consider on a case-by-case such developments in a rural area where it is appropriate in scale to its rural location e.g. farmhouse accommodation or country house, will not detract from residential amenity and complies with normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process

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TM59	To strictly control the replacement and extension of existing holiday chalet structures. The Council will only consider such proposals where the following criteria are complied with ...	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TM60	To adopt a presumption against the change of use of granny flats/self-contained units for use by a family member (whether authorised or unauthorised) outside of settlements in rural areas to tourist accommodation.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TM61	To facilitate improvements to tourism infrastructure including proposals to improve car, bus and bicycle parking, proposals to provide electric car and bicycle charging infrastructure, directional signage/information boards and service/rest facilities designed in accordance with principles of universal design subject to ...	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TM62	To facilitate the development of co-ordinated and branded orientation, signage and wayfinding infrastructure for tourist attractions and tourist facilities subject to ...	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Chapter 8 Transportation Strategy

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TS01	To implement the principles and objectives of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Street (Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, Department of the Environment Community and Local Government, 2013 and 2019) and the Spatial Planning and National Roads, Guidelines for Planning Authorities (Department of Environment, Community and Local Government, 2012) and the National Sustainable Mobility Policy 2022 and the other guidance listed in Section 8.3 Policy Context and any updated version of these documents.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS02	<p>To minimise the generation of greenhouse gases by the transport sector using the avoid-shift-improve principle and by effectively integrating land use and transport planning through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Core and Settlement Strategy of the Plan; • Implementation of the 10 Minute Town concept; • Prioritising the development of lands within or contiguous to the existing urban areas, which are, or will be, most accessible by walking, cycling and public transport; • Directing larger scale trip intensive developments into locations which are highly accessible by sustainable transport modes and direct uses such as office and retail into central locations ensuring there is integration between various sustainable transport infrastructure, especially in developing connections between active travel, rail and bus; and 	In progress	The effective integration of land use and transport is currently being considered as part of the preparation of the draft Wexford Town LAP, which will have regard to the 10-minute town concept and prioritise development of brownfield and infill sites. Local Transport Plans (LTPs) are being prepared for Wexford Town and Enniscorthy and will inform the preparation of the LAPs for those towns.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consolidating and intensifying residential and employment development in a manner which renders it serviceable by public transport and ensures that it is highly accessible by walking, cycling and public transport. 		
TS03	To strengthen the county's regional, national and international connectivity by all transport modes.	Ongoing	<p>WCC continue to liaise with TII, Irish Rail, Bus operators (incl. Local Link) to promote the county's connectivity by all modes.</p> <p>The N25 Rosslare Europort Port Access Road has been granted by An Bord Pleanála. The project is at design stage and WCC anticipates going to tender in Q4 2024 for construction. This will enhance connectivity to the Europort from the Eastern Economic Corridor and also the Southern Region linking into the Atlantic Economic Corridor.</p> <p>The N11/N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour National Road Scheme, which is currently at design stage will also enhance connectivity. The design of the development is being updated considering the revised TII Service Area Policy 2023 and Climate Action Plan 2023. Preparation of Environmental, Planning, Design and other reports are ongoing and Slaney Bridge Options Report is near completion.</p> <p>WCC continues to liaise with the NTA on the delivery and promotion of active travel provisions in conjunction with public transport operators.</p> <p>In 2023 WCC made a submission on All Island Rail Review. Improved line and frequency of passenger services from Dublin to Rosslare Europort, reinstatement/new station to south of</p>

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			<p>Wexford Hanrahan station and reinstating the Rosslare Europort to Waterford line were all considered as part of the All Island Strategic Rail Review, as well as further development of freight services to and from Rosslare Europort. Recommendations included in the review support those issues raised in the submission.</p> <p>2023 saw the commencement of the largest ever investment in the history of Rosslare Europort with a projected spend of more than €200M that will deliver a world class facility and facilitate increased passengers and freight. See Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy for further information on Rosslare Europort.</p>
TS04	To seek investment in and secure the development of the TEN-T network to include the extension of the Belfast – Dublin corridor to Rosslare Europort ensuring the integrated development of the Eastern Economic Corridor.	Ongoing	Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) funding received to partially fund the design process of the Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour Scheme/TEN-T route. See also Objective TS03.
TS05	To develop and support the development of enhanced multimodal transport infrastructure and services, including rail, on the Eastern Economic Corridor, which runs from Belfast to Rosslare Europort via Dublin, Gorey, Enniscorthy and Wexford Town and has strong links to the Southern Region and the Atlantic Economic Corridor via New Ross.	Ongoing	See Objectives TS03 & TS04.
TS06	To support actions which will transition ports, freight and all transport modes towards a low carbon future, including by enhanced rail infrastructure and services.	Ongoing	WCC continue to support the transition of all transport modes towards a low carbon future. The Council continues to increase its EV fleet (now at 13 vehicles). Machinery Yard investigating the transition to alternative fuel means for fleet. WCC also

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			continue to increase the volume of warm bitumen used in road improvements across the county.
TS07	To plan for the appropriate development of all aspects of the transport network for all modes and to ensure that the design and investment decisions prioritise sustainable transport modes.	In Progress & Ongoing	See objectives TS01 to TS06.
TS08	To prepare Local Transport Plans in accordance with the Area Based Transport Assessment Guidelines (Transport Infrastructure Ireland, 2018) for Wexford, Gorey, Enniscorthy and New Ross towns and their hinterlands.	In Progress	Local Transport Plans (LTPs) are currently being prepared for Wexford Town and Enniscorthy Town. Wexford Town LTP is progressing (at stage 3 of 6) and is due for completion in Q1 2025. Enniscorthy LTP is at Stage 1, where baseline reports are being prepared, and it is anticipated that this LTP will be completed in Q2 2025.
TS09	To seek to achieve a modal shift from greenhouse gas generating vehicles to sustainable modes in accordance with the targets in Table 8-1 to Table 8-10. These targets will be further developed in the local area plans and local transport plans for Wexford, Gorey, Enniscorthy and New Ross towns. The Council will monitor and review these targets over the lifetime of the County Development Plan.	In progress & Ongoing	WCC will continue to roll out the use of EVs as appropriate across the fleet. WCC continues to work with NTA in the provision and promotion of walking and cycling in urban areas and in conjunction with the use of public transport. LTPs are being prepared for Wexford & Enniscorthy (see TS08 above).
TS10	To support and enable the integration of transport modes including development at public transport interchanges and transport hubs in the main towns to facilitate transitions between different modes of transport.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS11	To ensure that streets and roads, public transport facilities and interfaces are designed to be universally accessible. The design of streets and roads, transport facilities and networks	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	shall ensure that accessibility is considered 'end to end', that is, from the door of an accessible dwelling through to parking, street, public realm and the destination building.		
TS12	To promote sustainable transport in rural areas of the county through promoting compact growth in villages, working with public transport providers to facilitate better services and necessary supporting infrastructure, providing for safe and convenient walking and cycling through the provision of footpaths, street lights, crossing points and in traffic management including the setting of speed limits and promotion of considerate driving.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS13	To assign 'route types' (Arterial, Link, Local) which indicate the 'movement' function of routes in the 'route hierarchy' when preparing local area plans. The design of the development and streets shall be appropriate to the 'movement' function and 'place' function of the route.	In progress	'Route types' are being assigned as part of the preparation of the draft Wexford Town LAP.
TS14	In areas where there is no local area plan with an assigned 'route hierarchy' in place, the applicant should....In assessing planning applications in such areas the Planning Authority will ensure that roads and streets are designed in accordance with their 'movement' and 'place' functions.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS15	To adopt a presumption in favour of an 'Open Route Network' in all developments. The design may then be refined to incorporate filtered permeability networks and/or three way-off set networks where there are clear benefits in terms of prioritising more sustainable modes of transport and improving safety. Proposals for new development (including	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process and Local Authority own development.

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	new residential development in urban areas) shall not include dendritic street networks which place heavy restrictions on movement.		
TS16	To ensure that all urban roads and streets in our towns and villages, including residential streets and housing estates, are designed in accordance with the principles, approaches and standards set out in the 'Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets' (2013/2019) and any updated version of the Manual, and the TII document 'Treatment of Transition Zones to Towns and Villages on National Roads' where relevant in order to....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process and Local Authority own development.
TS17	To ensure that any signage on public roads, footpaths or cycle paths shall not cause an obstruction to any transport user.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process and Local Authority own development.
TS18	To respond in a pro-active and collaborative manner to ensure that County Wexford is ready for, and can fully benefit from, technological changes in transport including the provision of electric and other alternative fuels.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. WCC continue to support the transition of all transport modes towards a low carbon future. The Council continues to increase its EV fleet (now at 13 vehicles). Machinery Yard investigating the transition to alternative fuel means for fleet.
TS19	To ensure that Traffic and Transport Assessments, Mobility Management Plans, Road Safety Audits and Road Safety Impact Assessments are carried out in accordance with	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS20	To support the creation of new edge of town transportation hubs connected to the National Bus routes providing park and ride, park and cycle and park and walk transport interchanges for the four main settlements.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. The provision of mobility hubs will be considered as part of the LTP preparation process also.

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TS21	To ensure that new transport infrastructure developed by the Council incorporates appropriate green infrastructure and functions as a biodiversity corridor and ensure that these elements are integrated into the proposals of other transport network providers.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process and Local Authority own development.
TS22	To prepare a Walking Strategy for the county to inform the development and co-ordination of the necessary accessible infrastructure to facilitate and encourage more walking for both everyday transport and leisure purposes.	Not achieved	This objective will be considered and integrated where appropriate to the preparation of LTPs. WCC is delivering on Pathfinders Schemes, subject to NTA funding allocations, with a total of 3 phases planned for Wexford Town area: Newtown Road (Phase 1 – split in 3 phases from Maldron-AppleGreen, AppleGreen-Boggans, Hospital Junction-Wygram Place), Beechlawn/Clonard (Phase 2) and Rocksborough (Drinagh – Faythe, 3.6km total length) (Phase 3). Phase 1 (Maldron-AppleGreen) is due for completion in August 2024 with further sections due for completion in 2025, while Phase 2 and 3 will follow in 2025 & 2026 respectively, subject to NTA resource allocations. Permeability is being targeted as part of the Beechlawn/Clonard phase, to address linkages through design and promote walking over use of private vehicles.
TS23	To prepare a Cycling Strategy for the county to inform the development and co-ordination of the necessary infrastructure to facilitate and encourage more cycling for both everyday transport and leisure purposes.	Not achieved	Pathfinder Schemes ongoing (refer to TS22 above). Cycling infrastructure is being considered within the preparation of LTPs. Specifically within Enniscorthy, it is anticipated that, subject to appropriate funding, shared surface cycle infrastructure will be provided along the Old Dublin Road from Blackstoops out to the TFM unit. A county-wide cycling strategy is unlikely to be completed (by the AT team) where NTA's resource allocations are targeted to the larger urban areas; however, the NTA has a Cycle Connects scheme which targets the provision of inter-urban cycle infrastructure within more rural locations.

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TS24	To implement the Core and Settlement strategies of this Plan to encourage population growth in towns and villages where people can more easily undertake journeys on foot or by bicycle. Within towns and villages, residential and other developments will be encouraged at appropriate locations and at the appropriate density to facilitate walking and cycling. Local transport plans will inform decision making on land use zoning, walking and cycling networks and the provision of walking and cycling infrastructure in the four main towns and linkages to the towns from their hinterlands.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.
TS25	The design of new developments, streets and street networks shall be in accordance with DMURS and the TII document 'Treatment of Transition Zones to Towns and Villages on National Roads' where relevant and shall recognise the importance of assigning higher priority to pedestrians and cyclists and ensure that they are fully permeable by pedestrians and cyclists. Where practical, new developments should integrate fully with existing roads and streets to facilitate permeability. Proposed modifications to existing roads and streets shall also have regard to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS26	To protect existing and provide new safe linkages in existing developments and street patterns where such linkages improve permeability by walking and cycling. The delivery of retrospective links should, where possible, be made in conjunction with the provision of additional amenity space to make the links open and attractive.	In progress	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.
TS27	To maintain, improve and provide appropriately designed and universally accessible infrastructure (including by mobility	Ongoing	An e-bike scheme is operational in Wexford Town since May 2023, with c. 120,000km travelled to September 2024, and will

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	scooters) for walking and cycling in urban and rural areas of the county as resources allow (including footpaths, cycle paths, pedestrian crossings, dropped kerbs, road surfaces, cycle parking, junction designs and street lighting. There shall be a clear preference for cycleways to be segregated where possible. As far as reasonably possible, the design of future roundabouts will be 'Dutch style' roundabouts with priority cycle lanes and pedestrian ways. In undertaking traffic management schemes the Council will ensure that they facilitate convenient, pleasant and safe cycling and walking in towns, villages and rural areas. Trials may be undertaken to establish the practicalities of new infrastructure and modifications to roads and streets.		<p>be extended to the other towns over the lifetime of the plan. An e-scooters pilot scheme (6-month trial) was rolled out in Wexford town in August 2024, with 9,000km travelled as of September 2024. Bolt (provider) are in the process of calculating credentials for the carbon-savings through use of shared mobility implements over the use of private vehicles.</p> <p>Pathfinder projects are being delivered, fully in compliance with the new Cycle Design Manual, in Wexford - Newtown Rd, Drinagh/Rosslare Rd, Beechlawn in Wexford and Kent's Cross to Oaklands in New Ross.</p> <p>A "Dutch style" roundabout is planned for the hospital junction in Wexford. Upcoming trials are also planned for infrastructure feasibility and practicality studies on key roads and junctions within Wexford Town area. Road infrastructure is being modified as funds allow in urban areas to give preference to cyclists/pedestrians. Continued public lighting infill is ongoing in urban areas. All new road design and plans incorporate active travel facilities.</p>
TS28	To require Travel Plans for workplaces and schools in accordance with Section 6.2.4 of Volume 2 Development Management Manual to promote and facilitate safe and convenient access by walking and cycling and to work and engage with existing significant trip generators to the same end.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS29	To provide cycling and walking routes as resources allow within and between settlements, and between settlements and rural trip generators (including places of employment,	In progress & Ongoing	See objective TS27 above.

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	sports facilities, tourism assets including greenways and other amenities). The Council will provide a cycle way, segregated where possible, between County Wicklow, Gorey, Camolin, Ferns and Enniscorthy, with a view to extending this cycle way towards Rosslare Europort and New Ross. The provision of such cycling and walking routes shall be subject to the protection of habitats, environment, amenity and heritage and Appropriate Assessment in accordance with the requirement of the EU Habitats Directive to ensure the protection and preservation of all designated SACs and SPAs. Green infrastructure and sustainable drainage shall be designed into such routes where possible.		<p>WCC continues to liaise with TII/NTA and neighbouring LA's on the use of the former national roads N11 and N25 for the provision of segregated cycleways. The introduction is included in the design and construction of new routes.</p> <p>NTA has a Cycle Connects infrastructure map to promote cycle infrastructure upgrades within inter-urban areas (typically along existing road networks in more rural areas).</p> <p>LTPs are being prepared for Wexford Town & Enniscorthy, which will be subject to independent AA and environmental screening.</p> <p>Phase 1 (6km) of the South East Greenway was completed from New Ross to Glenmore and Phase 2 (5.5km) from Ferrybank to Curraghmore is underway. The Wexford to Rosslare Greenway (including the section to Rosslare Harbour) is at route selection stage and it is anticipated the preferred route will be identified in Q1 2025. Collaboration is ongoing between WCC departments to integrate, where possible, potential routes and connections with the Rosslare-Wexford greenway, particularly within the Rocksborough Pathfinder Scheme.</p>
TS30	To support the work of schools and community groups in the development of initiatives which facilitate and encourage walking and cycling.	Achieved, In Progress & Ongoing	Under the 'Safe Routes to School' Scheme three routes were completed in 2023 at Rosslare Strand, Adamstown and St. Aidan's Enniscorthy. Three routes for completion in 2024 include Ramsgrange, Gorey Central School and Crossabeg NS. Three more are provisionally planned for 2025 at Kiltalea, Enniscorthy and Ballaghkeen.

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TS31	To support and promote bus, rail and taxi public transport services in the county in line with existing and emerging Government policy.	Ongoing	WCC continue to liaise with transport providers to promote sustainable transport modes.
TS32	To implement the Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy which prioritises population growth and development in towns and villages where it can be served by effective, convenient and economically viable bus and rail public transport services. Within those settlements, the Council will ensure that development takes place at appropriate locations and densities where they are most accessible by sustainable modes and along public transport corridors.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.
TS33	To support national transport agencies in delivering appropriate improvements to the public transport network and to facilitate proposals, including infrastructure developments, which provide for new public transport services and enhance the quality, frequency and speed of existing train and bus public transport services.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See also objective TS03 re WCC submission on All Island Rail Review.
TS34	To support and facilitate the provision of infrastructure serving public transport including, but not limited to, new transport mode-interchanges, bus and rail stations, bus shelters, adequate bus parking, bus lanes, car parking facilities, taxi ranks and cycle parking and lanes. Such facilities will be supported, particularly in settlements on and in proximity to national routes, where they	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. This is also being considered as part of the LTPs for Wexford Town and Enniscorthy and Wexford Town LAP.
TS35	To facilitate and encourage measures which will increase usage of railway services including car parking facilities, integration of public transport, provision of taxi ranks and	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. This is also being considered as part of the LTPs for Wexford Town and Enniscorthy and Wexford Town LAP.

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	improvements to railway stations and measures to incorporate access for all.		
TS36	To ensure the provision of public transport stops and routes are co-ordinated with developments through liaising with public transport providers and co-ordinators including Iarnród Éireann, Bus Éireann, Wexford Link and private operators.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. This is also being considered as part of the LTPs for Wexford Town and Enniscorthy and Wexford Town LAP.
TS37	To strictly control development proposals that would adversely affect the effectiveness, safety, viability and convenience of bus and rail public transport services including....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS38	To promote and support proposals for physical improvement works which would enhance the effectiveness and viability of the Rosslare – Dublin railway line as a sustainable transport choice. Such improvements include....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See also objective TS03 re WCC submission on All Island Rail Review.
TS39	To promote and support the development of rail freight services and support the development of the necessary infrastructure for rail freight services at appropriate locations in accordance with the Regional Freight Strategy to be prepared under the RSES.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS40	To promote and facilitate the provision of bus passenger waiting facilities including the provision of accessible and age-friendly bus shelters. The use of pollinator-friendly bus shelters will be encouraged.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS41	To examine the feasibility of reopening the disused Rosslare Europort to Waterford Railway as a sustainable transport	Not Achieved	This is subject to feasibility studies. The All Island Rail Review includes an ambition to reinstate the railway between Rosslare

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	corridor which would accommodate a reopened passenger and freight line and a greenway for active travel and amenity use. The Council will seek appropriate funding to facilitate the development of this important corridor between Rosslare Europort and Belview and Waterford MASP.		and Waterford and extending some Dublin – Waterford intercity services to a new station to the south of Wexford O’Hanrahan. This intervention would also support further development of freight services to and from Rosslare Europort.
TS42	To provide and maintain a safe, efficient and sustainable roads network in the county, to secure improvements to the road network and to balance the needs of all users placing pedestrians, cyclists and public transport at the top of the hierarchy of users.	Ongoing	WCC continues to liaise with the DoT in the provision of supplementary funding to improve and maintain the road network. All infrastructure provision through Active Travel Section is designed and built in accordance with the NTA’s Cycle Design Manual to ensure accessibility and placing pedestrians, wheeled and vulnerable users as a priority at the top of the hierarchy of users. See also Objective TS22 re Pathfinders Schemes.
TS43	To ensure that the public safety of all road users, including pedestrians and cyclists, has the highest priority in the design of development and vehicular access points and in the exercise of traffic management functions. Road Safety Impact Assessments, Road Safety Audits and other road safety reports shall be sought where appropriate to inform planning decisions.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS44	To apply the principles, approaches and standards of DMURS and other Government Guidance and advice as may be updated, in the design and management of road and street networks and hierarchies in towns and villages.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS45	To review current and new car parking provision, to consider restricting motor vehicle access on certain roads and streets and to consider the designation of low emission zones where	In Progress	LTPs are currently being prepared for Wexford Town and Enniscorthy which will consider the requirements of this objective. There is a pilot decarbonised zone scheme underway

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	such measures would promote sustainable transport modes and would have wider environmental and social benefits having regard to the need to avoid creating significant traffic congestion and undue adverse impacts on residents and commercial activity and to facilitate appropriate access for people with disabilities.		in Enniscorthy Town, which includes an interagency group for delivery.
TS46	To ensure that all developments are appropriately located having regard to the principles of sustainable development and the provision of an effective road network. A Traffic and Transport Assessment, prepared in accordance with the relevant national guidelines for such shall be sought where appropriate to inform planning decisions.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS47	To require all developments to make appropriate provision for safe access and arrangements for servicing and deliveries, having regard to...	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS48	To require the provision of electricity charging infrastructure for electric vehicles in new developments and on existing streets and to facilitate charging infrastructure on existing roads and streets, buildings, carparks and at tourism sites in positions which give due consideration to other users of pavements and roads.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS49	To ensure all new car parks and expansion of car parks provide 20% of the spaces with electric vehicle charging points and provide culverts and infrastructure to “drop in” new charging points.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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TS50	To facilitate the development of infrastructure for the full range of sustainable alternative fuels at existing service stations and other locations subject to fire safety standards and normal planning and environmental considerations.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS51	To support the implementation of national policy and guidance on the installation of infrastructure necessary to facilitate autonomous vehicles.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS52	To ensure that proposals for new and/or enlarged service areas, service stations and truck parking facilities on the roads network are located and designed in accordance with	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS53	To provide for effective directional signage for all users of roads and streets and to strictly control other signage and advertising on the road network in the interests of public safety and amenity having regard to....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS54	To ensure that the requirements of the Environmental Noise Regulations SI 140 of 2006 and the objectives of Wexford County Council's Noise Action Plan (2019) are taken account of in the assessment of relevant planning applications, and zoning of land and that appropriate noise mitigation measures are incorporated into development design.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.
TS55	To encourage the use of road corridors, including national road corridors as green infrastructure networks and to encourage roads infrastructure design which maximises opportunities for biodiversity.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. GBI Strategy being prepared as part of Wexford Town LAP.

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TS56	To allow the use of road networks, including national roads, for grid connection and other non-roads related infrastructure only when it has been demonstrated that the infrastructure would not adversely impact upon the structures, maintenance, and safety of the road.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS57	To work with Transport Infrastructure Ireland to protect and improve the safety, capacity and efficiency of the existing national roads network in County Wexford.	Ongoing	WCC continue to work with TII to improve the safety, capacity and efficiency of the existing national roads network.
TS58	To support the development of the national primary routes to a minimum dual carriageway standard.	Not achieved	No developments on this objective for existing routes.
TS59	To support the development of the Oilgate to Rosslare National Road Scheme.	Ongoing	See Objective TS03 re N11/N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour Scheme.
TS60	To support the development of the Clonroche By-pass and future upgrades of the N30.	Ongoing	WCC continue to support this development/upgrade.
TS61	To support the upgrade of national roads to improve connectivity throughout the region and improve access to Rosslare Europort and Belview Port.	In Progress	See Objective TS03 re N25 Rosslare Europort Port Access Road and N11/N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour Scheme. Under the National Road Pavement Scheme works were carried out on the N25, N30, N80 and former national roads R772 and R723.
TS62	To promote the development of the access road and link roads to Rosslare Europort at Rosslare Harbour, to improve accessibility and connectivity to Rosslare Europort, secure the sustainability of access to the Port and mitigate the risks from current constraints and limitations of the existing access.	Achieved & Ongoing	See Objective TS03 re Rosslare Europort Access Road. N25 Ballygillane Roundabout is complete and commissioned.

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TS63	To support the future upgrading of the N80 to improve capacity and safety given the roads importance to connect to the Midlands and Rosslare Europort. Further to this objective, the Council will work with Transport Infrastructure Ireland and all other stakeholders in the development and assessment of options, including those relating to the link road and/or a possible by-pass of Bunclody Town, to improve regional journey times and to reduce the impacts of national road traffic on the public realm and maximise opportunities for walking and cycling in Bunclody town centre, its access routes and hinterlands. Any such options shall be subject to compliance with the Environmental Impact and Habitats Directives.	Achieved, In Progress & Ongoing	WCC continues to improve N80 pavement through TII funding under the National Road Pavement Scheme and a further 2km was completed in 2024. Feasibility study ongoing for junction improvement in Bunclody on N80/R746 and bus stops on N80.
TS64	To support, facilitate and enable the implementation of the national roads projects listed in Section 8.7.1.1 and provided for in Objectives TS59, TS60, TS61, TS62 and TS63, on a phased basis where necessary, to a standard and design which meets the requirements associated with expected usage. The Council will have regard to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS65	To use an evidence-based approach to assess the impacts of development and land use zoning proposals on the safety, capacity and function of national roads (including potential upgrades) and junctions. The Council will prohibit development and will not zone land for development where it would impact on the safety, capacity and efficiency of the national roads network in the county.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.
TS66	To avoid the creation of any new direct access points to development or the generation of increased traffic from	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	existing direct access points to the national road network to which speed limits of greater than 60 kmh apply. The Council may apply a less restrictive approach, for access onto non-motorway sections of national roads, for development in the following three categories....		
TS67	To facilitate a limited number of new accesses or the intensified use of existing accesses, to the national road network on the approaches to, or exit from, towns or villages that are subject to a speed limit of between 50 kmh and 60 kmh (otherwise known as the transition zone). The Council will assess proposals for new or intensified access points having regard to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS68	To facilitate new accesses or the intensified use of existing accesses to the national road network within the 50 kmh zone within existing towns and villages in accordance with normal road safety, traffic management and urban design criteria for built up areas subject to Objective TS69.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS69	Where an application to which Objective TS67 or Objective TS68 applies the applicant shall where appropriate, submit a Road Safety Audit and a Transport and Traffic Assessment. In assessing such applications, the Planning Authority will have regard to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS70	To support the development of cycle tracks adjacent to the routes of new road schemes.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS71	The Council will safeguard the capacity and efficiency of national road network drainage schemes.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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TS72	To manage, maintain, improve and implement traffic management measures to regional roads as necessary, having due regard to public safety, and the strategic function of, and investment in, regional roads, as resources allow.	Ongoing	WCC continue to liaise with DoT and NTA to optimise funding allocations and exploit added value works to maintain and improve regional roads.
TS73	To prevent new, or the material intensification of existing, access points to Class 1 regional roads where a speed limit of more than 60kmh applies (see Table 8-11 Regional Roads). This objective will not apply in the following locations and circumstances...	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS74	To prevent new, or the material intensification of, existing access points to Class 2 regional roads where a speed limit of greater than 60 kmh applies (see Table 8-11 Regional Roads), except where a need for the development at that location has been clearly established and there is no suitable alternative access possible from a local road....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS75	Planning applications for developments which propose new, or intensified accesses, onto Regional Roads outside the 60kmh speed limit shall comply with Objectives TS73and TS74 respectively and shall be assessed having regard to....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS76	To facilitate new accesses, or the intensified use of existing accesses, to the regional road network within towns and villages where a speed limit of less than 60 kmh applies. Planning applications shall be assessed having regard to....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS77	To manage, maintain, undertake improvements and implement traffic management measures to local roads in the	Ongoing	WCC continue to liaise with DoT and NTA to optimise funding allocations exploit added value works to maintain and improve local roads.

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	county where necessary, having due regard to public safety and traffic safety, as resources allow.		
TS78	To facilitate new accesses, or the intensified use of existing accesses, to the local road network having regard to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS79	Where works are required to achieve sightlines at a vehicular access, the following criteria must be complied with ...	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS80	To require the submission of a Travel Plan for all new developments or intensifications of existing developments that generate significant trip demand. Plans should be prepared in accordance with	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS81	To require that a Traffic and Transportation Assessment (TTA) is undertaken for development listed in Section 6.2.1 of Volume 2 Development Management Manual. The TTA shall be prepared having regard to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS82	To require that a Road Safety Audit (RSA) is undertaken in accordance with Section 6.2.2 of Volume 2 Development Management Manual for development which requires a new entrance, or intensified use of an existing entrance, or significant changes to an existing entrance, or alterations to the carriageway or road layout adjoining a national road, or for development on local or regional roads as appropriate. The RSA shall be prepared in accordance with....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS83	To require that Road Safety Impact Assessments are carried out where appropriate in accordance with	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
TS84	To support the improvement of passenger amenities at Rosslare Europort including bus and rail facilities.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See also Objective TS03.
TS85	To support the further development of Rosslare Europort to increase capacity including measures to extend existing berths and to provide additional berths.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See also TS03 and TS88.
TS86	To support the development of rail freight handling facilities and infrastructure at Rosslare Europort.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See also TS03 and TS41.
TS87	To support the development of New Ross Port and associated port related developments on lands adjoining the port.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS88	To support industrial development that requires the bulk transfer of materials or finished products adjacent to or within the environs of the county's ports.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. WCC made a submission in support of the proposed Rosslare Europort ORE Hub in June 2024 and have engaged with Irish Rail in relation to the proposed development.
TS89	To encourage the development of associated infrastructure including access, wastewater treatment, communications and power to ensure the growth of the county's ports and fishing ports.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS90	To support the development of additional customs and security facilities to ensure the operation of and increase the capacity of the ports.	Ongoing & In Progress	Ongoing through the development management process. Works have commenced on a new port facility at Rosslare Europort to include extensive customs facilities.
TS91	To support the development and expansion of the county's fishing ports including Kilmore Quay, Courtown Harbour, Ballyhack, Duncannon and Wexford.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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TS92	To support the sustainable growth of the traditional fishing ports including Cahore, St Helens, Carne, Fethard and Slade and to promote the development of amenities for workers and tourist visitors.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS93	To support the continued operation and growth of Waterford Airport and measures to enhance connections, particularly by public transport, from County Wexford to Waterford Airport and the other airports in the country.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TS94	To consider the development of air strips in locations that would not have an adverse impact on residential areas.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Chapter 9 Infrastructure Strategy

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
IS01	To ensure the efficient and sustainable use and development of water resources and water services infrastructure in order to manage and conserve water resources in a manner that supports a healthy society, economic development requirements and a cleaner environment.	In Progress & Ongoing	<p>Existing infrastructure is managed by UE. WCC Water Services engaged with Uisce Eireann (UE) on the National Water Services Resource Plan and WCC made a submission on the Draft Regional Water Services Resource Plan for the South East in October 2023. The submission requested that the WSR plan aligns with the Core Strategy and Settlement Hierarchy in the CDP.</p> <p>An Infrastructural Assessment Report is being prepared as part of the draft Wexford LAP and will inform the land use zoning objectives to ensure that serviced land is developed first and the remainder of lands are developed sequentially in tandem with the provision of services.</p>
IS02	To work with Irish Water to protect existing water and wastewater infrastructure in the county and facilitate the development of new infrastructure ensuring its provision is integrated with the county's Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy and land use plans, improves environmental quality and ensures the sustainable development of the county whilst complying with all relevant European and national legislation.	Ongoing	Existing infrastructure is managed by UE. WCC made a submission on the Draft Regional WSR Plan in October 2023. The submission requested that the WSR plan aligns with the Core Strategy and Settlement Hierarchy in the CDP. Upgrades and additional resources are subject to environmental consideration through the project planning process.
IS03	To have regard to the Section 28 Water Services Guidelines for Planning Authorities when carrying out the forward planning and development management functions of the Planning Authority.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the work of the Planning Authority.
IS04	To provide and upgrade wastewater treatment infrastructure to address environmental problems and protect water bodies.	Achieved, In Progress & Ongoing	New Wastewater Treatment Infrastructure has been provided at Kilmore Quay and Arthurstown, Ballyhack and Duncannon to eliminate untreated discharges at these locations. Funding has

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			been granted by the Department to WCC to provide wastewater infrastructure at Ramsgrange Village in partnership with Uisce Eireann.
IS05	To provide water treatment facilities to safeguard public health.	Ongoing	UE provides public water treatment facilities throughout County Wexford. WCC is the supervisory authority for Group and Private Water Supplies in County Wexford.
IS06	To promote the circular economy and facilitate best practice in the prevention, re-use, recovery, recycling and disposal of all waste produced in the county.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. WCC supports the enforcement of Separate Collection (Deposit Return Scheme) Regulations.
IS07	To support the development of high speed, high capacity digital and mobile infrastructure in the towns, villages and rural areas across the county in order to provide high quality digital connectivity to support the social and economic growth of the county and the region.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WS01	To work with all stakeholders to protect existing and potential water resources for the county and to reduce the level of treatment required in the production of drinking water, in accordance with	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WS02	To require climate adaptation to be demonstrated in the location, siting and design of new water infrastructure developments.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WS03	In order to fulfil the objectives of the Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and the Economic Development Strategy, the Council will work alongside and facilitate the	Ongoing	A €19 million upgrade of the Enniscorthy Regional Water Supply Scheme is underway to provide a more reliable water supply.

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	delivery of Irish Water’s Water Services Strategic Plan and Investment Plan, to ensure the provision of sufficient storage, supply and pressure of potable water to serve all lands zoned for development and in particular, to secure the delivery of strategic water supply schemes and other localised water improvement schemes in the smaller towns and villages required during the lifetime of the plan.		<p>This project is supported by ongoing work to upgrade aged areas of the water network including Pearse Road and St. Johns Villas.</p> <p>Work continues to upgrade the Creagh Water Treatment Plant to benefit 7,000 customers in Gorey and on the Newtown Water Treatment Plant which should be completed in 2025. Work on the Kilmallock Bridge Water Treatment Plant upgrade will be complete by the end of this year.</p> <p>Mayglass (Fardystown) raw water project will increase supply capacity for South Wexford.</p>
WS04	To work alongside Irish Water to facilitate the water projects identified in Table 9-2 and any other projects that may arise during the lifetime of this Plan subject to compliance with all relevant EU and national legislation and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Achieved	The Gorey Regional Water Supply Contract 4 is complete and new water treatment plant at Ballyminaun is operational.
WS05	To work with the EPA to address issues with water supplies identified on their Drinking Water Remedial Action List during the lifetime of the County Development Plan including the water supply in Clonroche.	Ongoing	Clonroche was removed from the RAL in Q1 2024. Enniscorthy and Wexford town remain on the RAL- upgrade projects are underway for both of these supplies.
WS06	To require all proposed future public and private water abstractions within the plan area to comply with the provisions of the Habitats Directive.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WS07	To require new developments to connect to public water supplies for drinking water where services are adequate or where they will be provided in the near future.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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WS08	In rural areas, where connection to an existing public water supply is not possible, or the existing supply system does not have sufficient capacity, the provision of a private water supply will be considered where it can be demonstrated that	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WS09	To protect water services abstraction points and infrastructure from inappropriate development and zoning.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.
WS10	To protect existing way leaves and areas, including buffer zones, around public water services infrastructure through appropriate zoning and to facilitate the provision of appropriate sites for public water infrastructure, as required.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.
WS11	To ensure that development proposals comply with the standards and requirements of the Irish Water: Code of Practice for Water Infrastructure (July 2020), and any updated version of this document during the lifetime of the plan.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WS12	To promote water conservation and best practice water conservation practices in all new developments and to facilitate the implementation of the Irish Water Leakage Reduction Programme.	Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the development management process.</p> <p>Targeted Water Conservation Campaign in Summer 2024 with Uisce Eireann and also in partnership with Wexford Chamber.</p> <p>Leakage Reduction projects were recently completed in Duncannon and Redmondstown.</p>
WS13	To promote rainwater harvesting systems to reduce the need for main water usage.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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WS14	To support the provision of appropriately designed and located available tap water refill points in settlements and other locations in the county.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WW01	To require that all wastewater generated is collected, treated and discharged after treatment in a safe and sustainable manner, having regard to the standards and requirements set out in EU and national legislation and guidance and subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WW02	To require climate adaptation to be demonstrated in the location, siting and design of new wastewater infrastructure developments.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WW03	In order to fulfil the objectives of the Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and the Economic Development Strategy, the Council will work alongside and facilitate the delivery of Irish Water's Water Services Strategic Plan and Capital Investment Plan, to ensure the provision of sufficient wastewater capacity to serve all lands zoned for development and in particular, to endeavour to secure the delivery of strategic wastewater treatment plant upgrades and any other smaller, localised wastewater treatment plant upgrades required during the lifetime of the plan.	Ongoing	New WWTPs operational at Kilmore Quay and Arthurstown, Ballyhack, Duncannon. Design works progressing under the Small Towns and Villages Growth Programme for Tagoat and Wellingtonbridge.
WW04	To facilitate Irish Water in the delivery of public wastewater services which address the residential, commercial and industrial needs of the county subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WW05	To work alongside Irish Water to facilitate the wastewater projects identified in Table 9-5 and any other projects that	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kilmore Quay – WWTP completed • Arthurstown, Ballyhack, Duncannon - WWTP completed.

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	may arise during the lifetime of this Plan subject to compliance with all relevant EU and national legislation and normal planning and environmental criteria.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enniscorthy WWTP - upgrade completed. • Enniscorthy Main Drainage - foul collection works at Mary St completed. • Wexford Town Distillery Road PS upgrade – at design stage.
WW06	To ensure that proposals in the coastal and maritime area do not significantly adversely affect existing and planned wastewater management and treatment infrastructure (where a consent, authorisation or lease has been granted to or formally applied for by Irish Water) unless compatibility with such infrastructure can be satisfactorily demonstrated or there are exceptional circumstances.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WW07	To work with Irish Water, other public infrastructure agencies and local communities to develop the programme for ‘new homes in small towns and villages’ as set out in NPO 18b of the National Planning Framework for the settlements listed in Table 9-6. This programme will provide serviced sites with appropriate infrastructure to attract people to build their own homes and live in small towns and villages in the county and is subject to complying with the Habitats Directive and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Submission made to Uisce Eireann under STVGP for the provision of improved wastewater capacity at the following settlements: Ballycanew, Campile, Camolin, Oilgate, Adamstown, Fethard on Sea, Ballyhogue, Monamolin, Ballindaggin, Killinerin, Clongeen, Ballymurn, Ballaghkeen, Davidstown, Marshalstown, Boleyvogue, Bree. Tagoat and Wellingtonbridge are currently at design stage under the STVGP.
WW08	To facilitate the connection of existing developments to public wastewater services wherever feasible and subject to connection agreements with Irish Water and to ensure that any future development connects to the public wastewater infrastructure where it is available.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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WW09	To ensure that development proposals comply with the standards and requirements of the Irish Water: Code of Practice for Wastewater Infrastructure, (2020), and any updated version of this document during the lifetime of the Plan.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WW10	To consider the development of private wastewater treatment systems to serve commercial and tourism uses (employment generating developments) outside of serviced settlements and in rural areas where the system is in single ownership and where it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority that the proposed wastewater treatment system is in accordance with	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WW11	To consider the development of single dwelling houses only where it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority that the proposed wastewater treatment system is in accordance with	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WW12	To work with Irish Water to examine the feasibility of connecting unsewered areas, including individual properties and premises served by on-site wastewater treatment facilities to existing and planned wastewater networks.	Ongoing	Funding granted by the Department to WCC to provide wastewater infrastructure at Ramsgrange Village in partnership with Uisce Eireann.
WW13	To protect existing wastewater infrastructure, including way leaves and buffer zones, from inappropriate development and zoning.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.
WW14	To facilitate the provision of appropriate sites for public water infrastructure, as required and to protect those sites	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.

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	and associated wayleaves and buffer zones, from inappropriate development and zoning.		
WM01	To sustainably manage waste generation, support the investment in different types of waste treatment and support circular economy principles, prioritising prevention, reuse, recycling and recovery, to support a sustainable and healthy environment, economy and society.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WM02	To implement the provisions of the Southern Region Waste Management Plan 2015-2021, and any updated version published during the lifetime of the Plan, subject to compliance with	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. The National Waste Management Plan 2024-2030 has replaced the regional plans.
WM03	To support the development of appropriately sited waste recycling and recovery facilities, such as bring centres, civic amenity centres, waste transfer stations, material recovery facilities, community recycling facilities and waste recovery facilities and authorised treatment facilities for end-of-life vehicles as a means of facilitating a reduction in the quantity of waste that goes to landfill disposal sites subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WM04	To encourage and facilitate the development of new alternatives and technological advances in relation to waste management such as Organic Waste to Energy/Combined Heat and Power schemes subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WM05	Where it is proposed to develop waste management facilities on zoned land, it will be necessary for the following criteria to be satisfied.....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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WM06	Where it is proposed to develop waste management facilities on unzoned land, the following criteria should be satisfied.....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WM07	To support the provision of infrastructure for composting and other forms of processing for bio-waste such as anaerobic digesters subject to.....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WM08	To restrict the provision of sludge management facilities to the sites of existing public wastewater treatment facilities due to the nature and characteristics of existing operations at these sites and the need to strictly control the treatment of sludge.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WM09	To support the reuse of Construction and Demolition waste and to encourage the development of Construction and Demolition recycling facilities at appropriate sites, including quarries, subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. WCC supports the removal of the exemption of C&D waste from the waste recovery levy to encourage re-use of material.
WM10	To require that the disposal of agricultural waste is carried out in a safe, efficient and sustainable manner having regard to the protection of the environment and public health and in compliance with	Ongoing	This is achieved through the ongoing enforcement of the European Commission Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Water Regulations.
WM11	To protect and maintain the excellent quality of 'High' status water bodies and to raise awareness and provide support for landowners in these areas under the Blue Dot Catchment Programme established by the National River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process, discharge licensing and septic tank inspection programme. The Blue Dot Catchment Programme has been superseded by the LIFE Blue Dot Programme that is being piloted by DECC and Limerick County Council. WCC has no role in this programme at present but continues to support it.

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WM12	To have regard to Irish Water's National Wastewater Sludge Management Plan 2016-2021 and any updated version published during the lifetime of the Plan, subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WM13	To ensure that the treatment and management of sludge waste is carried out in a safe, efficient and sustainable manner having regard to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WM14	To use regulatory enforcement powers available to the Council under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and under the Waste Management Act 1996 (as amended) to address unauthorised waste facilities and the illegal disposal of waste in the county.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the work of Planning and Environment Enforcement Sections.
WM15	To require the appropriate provision for the management of waste within developments, including the provision of facilities for the storage, separation and collection of such waste in accordance with	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WM16	To require the provision of adequately sized public recycling facilities at suitable locations in association with new commercial developments and in tandem with significant change of use/extensions of existing commercial developments where appropriate and in accordance with.....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
HL01	To have regard to the Code of Practice: Environmental Risk Assessment for Unregulated Waste Disposal Sites (Environmental Protection Agency, 2007) when zoning lands for development and/or considering future developments on or in the vicinity of identified historic landfill sites.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.

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HL02	To implement remediation plans for the identified historic landfills in the county.	In Progress	Historic landfill sites have been investigated and licence applications are being prepared to submit to the EPA.
GC01	To facilitate the provision of burial grounds or extensions to existing burial grounds, including natural, woodland and green burial grounds, in cooperation with local communities, at appropriate locations throughout the county subject to....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
GC02	To facilitate the provision of new or extended funeral homes which are designed to sensitively meet the needs of the service subject to complying with normal planning and environmental criteria and the development management standards contained Volume 2.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
GC03	To consider the provision of crematoria and associated facilities including a chapel/funeral service home at appropriate locations in the county subject to.....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
GC04	To ensure that biodiversity of existing burial grounds is protected and that actions are taken to increase biodiversity value in existing and proposed burial grounds in the county.	In Progress	A biodiversity officer was appointed in June 2024. One of the actions of the role will be to undertake awareness raising and training in relation to managing biodiversity in graveyards. Resources will be required to ensure appropriate management of Council-owned graveyards along with supports and training for community managed graveyards.
TC01	To facilitate the delivery of high-speed, high capacity digital and mobile infrastructure at appropriate locations in the county and facilitate the continued roll out of the National Broadband Plan as a means for developing further opportunities for enterprise, employment, education,	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	innovation and skills development for those who live and work in urban and rural areas in the county and subject to.....		
TC02	To support proposals that will ensure existing and future international telecommunications connectivity which is critically important to support the future needs of society and enterprise in Ireland, and to support appropriate proposals that will ensure and enhance connectivity of Ireland's rural communities to high quality telecommunications networks, and to support proposals where evidence is provided of an approach to development and activity that integrates the needs of cables and pipelines.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TC03	To support the implementation of a Digital Strategy for the county, seek investment for the actions identified, and support the role and initiatives of the Mobile and Broadband Taskforce in addressing digital and mobile coverage blackspots and rural communications connectivity.	Not Achieved	A county-wide Digital Strategy is yet to be prepared. However, Digital Town Blueprints have been prepared for Enniscorthy and New Ross in conjunction with the preparation of their respective Town Centre First plans, as a mechanism to measure digital readiness of towns for business.
TC04	To support the development of Enniscorthy Town and other towns, villages and rural areas in the county as 'Smart' locations, and to facilitate the deployment of disruptive technologies and smart infrastructure in these locations.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TC05	To support the provision of appropriate infrastructure to facilitate the development of remote working hubs in settlements in line with Harnessing Digital – the Digital Ireland Framework and the National Development Plan.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See also Economic Development Strategy (Objectives ED42 and ED44 re digital hubs and remote working hubs).

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TC06	To support investment for initiatives in smart technology as an enabler for education and life-long learning in all locations.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See also Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy and Chapter 15 Sustainable Communities and Social Infrastructure Strategy re life-long learning.
TC07	To have regard to Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures-Guidelines for Planning Authorities (Department of the Environment and Local Government, 1996), Circular Letter of 2012 (PL07/12) and any updated guidelines published during the lifetime of the Plan.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TC08	To co-operate with telecommunications service providers in the development of this infrastructure, having regard to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TC09	To require co-location and clustering of new masts and support structures on existing sites, unless a fully documented case is submitted explaining the precise circumstances against co-location and clustering. Where it is not possible to share a support structure, the applicant should, where possible, share the site or an adjacent site so that the antennae may be clustered.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TC10	To adopt a presumption against the erection of antennae in proximity to residential areas, schools and community buildings.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TC11	To minimise, and avoid where possible, the development of masts and antennae within the following areas	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TC12	To ensure the location of telecommunications structures minimise and/or mitigate any adverse impacts on	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	communities, the natural and built environment and public rights of way.		
TC13	To require ducting for broadband fibre connections to be provided during the installation of services, in all new commercial and housing schemes and during the carrying out of any work to roads or rail lines.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
TC14	To encourage the provision of WiFi zones in public buildings.	Ongoing	WCC continues to support this objective.
TC15	To support the relocation or replacement of existing telecommunications infrastructure where the proposed location or form will be more suited in terms of visual amenity, residential amenity, the environment, biodiversity and built or natural heritage.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
FRM01	To carry out flood risk assessments when implementing the forward planning and development management functions of the Council for the purposes of regulating, restricting and controlling development in areas at risk of flooding, and to minimise the level of risk to people, business, infrastructure and the environment through the identification and management of existing and potential future flood risk.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.
FRM02	To implement and comply fully with the recommendations of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment prepared as part of the Wexford County Development Plan 2022-2028.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.
FRM03	To ensure that flood risk management is incorporated into the preparation of future statutory local area plans through	Ongoing	An SFRA is being prepared as part of the draft Wexford Town LAP. WCC is also preparing its first Rainwater Management Plan (RMP) incorporating nature-based solutions and a Green and

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	the preparation of Strategic Flood Risk Assessments for the respective plan areas in accordance with		Blue Infrastructure Strategy (GBIS) as part of the draft LAP. See Chapter 2 Climate Action for further detail.
FRM04	To ensure that climate change is fully embedded in future flood risk management in land use planning and flood risk management activities in the county, providing for effective climate change adaptation as set out in the County Wexford Climate Action Plan 2019-2025 and the OPW Climate Change Adaptation Plan for Flood Risk Management applicable at the time and in accordance with the County Strategic Flood Risk Assessment in Volume 11.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes. The SFRA being carried out as part of the preparation of the Wexford Town LAP includes considerations of climate change. These considerations are guided by the application of the precautionary approach which includes avoiding areas potentially prone to flooding under the future climate change scenarios, setting land aside that could be required for future flood management, setting specific development management standards to ensure climate change is considered and setting out specific requirements such as finished floor levels for future development.
FRM05	To have regard to the flood risk assessments carried out for the settlements in Section 5 of the County Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and to have regard to the advice set out therein when preparing local area plans and assessing planning applications in those settlements.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.
FRM06	To consider applications for minor developments such as change of use, extensions and infill development in accordance with	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
FRM07	To ensure that all future development proposals comply with the requirements of the Planning System and Flood Risk Management –Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DEHLG and OPW, 2009) and Circular PL2/2014	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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FRM08	When potential flood risk is identified in either Flood Zone A, B or C, the Planning Authority will require the applicant to submit an appropriately detailed site-specific flood risk assessment. The assessment, which shall be carried out by a suitably qualified and indemnified professional, shall	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
FRM09	To ensure that compensatory storage is provided to balance floodplain loss as a result of raising ground levels within Flood Zone A or B. The storage should be provided within the flood cell and on a level for level basis up to the 1% level.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
FRM10	To continue to assist the Office of Public Works in developing catchment-based flood risk management for rivers, coastlines and estuaries in County Wexford as part of the South-Eastern Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study (CFRAMS), and to have regard to any future flood risk maps and flood risk management plans for areas within the county prepared as part of the South-East CFRAMS study.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. WCC continue to liaise with the OPW where required.
FRM11	To facilitate the provision of new, or the reinforcement of existing flood defences and protection measures where necessary, and in particular to support the implementation of proposed flood schemes being progressed through the planning process during the lifetime of the Wexford County Development Plan 2022-2028 subject to	Ongoing & In Progress	<p>Ongoing through the development management process.</p> <p>Nicholas O'Dwyer has been appointed to design a new Flood Relief Scheme (FRS) for Wexford Town & Environs. The scheme is currently at Stage I: Option Assessment, Scheme Development and Design.</p> <p>The Enniscorthy FRS is proceeding on a phased basis. Phase 1 of the project includes the construction of the new River Slaney Bridge, the removal of the Seamus Rafter Bridge and the construction of a new pedestrian bridge in the town centre.</p>

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			<p>Baseline data gathering for Phase 1 is now complete and design options are currently being assessed. Consultation is scheduled to take place in Q1 2025 and the estimated timeline to planning submission is Q4 2025. Work is progressing on updating ecological and project baseline data for Phase 2 which will consist of the flood relief works.</p> <p>In conjunction with the OPW, feasibility studies have been carried out on Bridgetown flooding event and are currently being carried out for Rosslare Strand. Continued minor flood relief works are being funded by OPW in Bridgetown and Rosslare.</p>
FRM12	To protect the integrity of any formal (OPW or Wexford County Council) flood risk management infrastructure thereby ensuring that any development does not negatively impact any existing defence infrastructure or compromise any proposed new infrastructure.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
FRM13	To consult with the Office of Public Works in relation to proposed developments in the vicinity of drainage channels and rivers for which the OPW are responsible.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
FRM14	To require the use of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) and nature-based solutions to minimise and limit the extent of hard surfacing and paving and require the use of sustainable drainage and nature-based techniques where appropriate, for new development or for extensions to existing developments, in order to reduce the potential impact of existing and predicted flooding risks, to improve water quality, enhance biodiversity and green infrastructure and contribute to climate mitigation and adaptation.	Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the development management process.</p> <p>See Chapter 2 Climate Action and Chapter 11 Landscape and Green Infrastructure for further information on RMP/GBIS being prepared for Wexford Town.</p>

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FRM15	To ensure that where flood risk management works take place that the natural and cultural heritage and rivers, streams and watercourses are protected, and improved where possible.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
FRM16	To protect and enhance and restore the county's floodplains, wetlands and coastal areas as 'green infrastructure' which provides space for the storage and conveyance of floodwater, enabling flood risk to be more effectively managed and reducing the need to provide flood defences in the future, subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See Chapter 2 Climate Action and Chapter 11 Landscape and Green Infrastructure for further information on RMP/GBIS being prepared for Wexford Town.
FRM17	To adopt a presumption in favour of leaving floodplains, wetlands and other natural flood management measures unaltered except in central locations.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
FRM18	To ensure riparian buffer zones, a minimum of 10 metres in width (in some cases buffer zones of up to 50 metres may be appropriate), are created between all watercourses and any future development. In considering the appropriate width, the Council will have regard to 'Planning for Watercourses in the Urban Environment' (Inland Fisheries Ireland 2020).	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
FRM19	To only consider proposals for the culverting/piping of streams and watercourses where these works are absolutely necessary and appropriate. Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI), National Parks and Wildlife (NPWS) and the Office of Public Works (OPW) will be consulted, where appropriate.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SWM01	To require the application of SuDS in accordance with the CIRIA SuDS Manual 2015 and any future update of this	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	guidance, or other best practice guidance as may be specified or required by the Council		
SWM02	To require new developments to provide for the separation of foul and surface water drainage networks within the application site boundaries.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SWM03	To work alongside Irish Water to ensure the separation of foul and surface water drainage networks where feasible and undertake drainage network upgrades to help remove surface water misconnection and infiltration.	Ongoing	Drainage Area Plans (DAPs) are underway by Uisce Eireann in the four main towns in County Wexford.
SWM04	To promote and support the retrofitting of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) in established urban areas.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. Nature based drainage systems are included in all new infrastructure designs and retrofitted in works as funding allows.
SWM05	To identify existing surface water drainage systems vulnerable to flooding and develop proposals to alleviate flooding in the areas served by these systems in conjunction with the Office of Public Work subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.	Ongoing	Ongoing as funding allows.
SWM06	To encourage the use of Green Roofs particularly on apartment, commercial, leisure and educational buildings.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SWM07	To discourage the use of hard non-porous surfacing and pavements within the boundaries of rural housing sites.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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SWM08	To incorporate an integrated area based approach to SuDS and nature-based solutions and green infrastructure in the preparation of future local area plans.	In Progress	Consultants have been appointed to carry out RMP and GBI Strategies as part of the preparation of the Wexford Town LAP. See FRM04 above.
PT01	To facilitate the provision of and improvements to energy networks in principle, provided that it can be demonstrated that	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
PT02	To support, subject to the objectives of this section and Volume 10 Energy Strategy, connecting infrastructure for the integration of low carbon and renewable energy generation projects including community scaled projects with power transmission infrastructure.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
PT03	To support the upgrading of existing electricity networks and the reuse of existing power line routes.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
PT04	To support the upgrade of existing and development of new electricity substations in locations that do not have a significant negative impact on nearby residents and are subject to landscaping screening.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
PT05	To support the removal and undergrounding of overhead power lines in urban areas.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. Undergrounding is incorporated into all regeneration and public realm projects carried out by WCC.
GN01	To support the extension of the gas network throughout County Wexford, subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Wexford Town is currently served by a gas pipeline extending from Great Island. There are no current projects for further expansion listed by Gas Networks Ireland however WCC will

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			continue to support the rollout of gas networks throughout the County.
GN02	To promote renewable gas leading to carbon emission reduction in agriculture, industry, heating and transport as well as sustainable local employment opportunities and support the transition of the gas network to a “carbon neutral” gas network by 2050.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Chapter 10 Environmental Management

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
AQ01	To have regard to the Air Quality Standards Regulation 2011 (S.I. No. 180 of 2011) when assessing planning applications for development which may have effects on air quality.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
AQ02	To encourage sustainable industrial developments by promoting the use of cleaner technologies and production techniques, reducing waste production, conservation and recycling of materials.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
AQ03	To manage development to provide the efficient use of land and infrastructure, thereby controlling and limiting air emissions.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
AQ04	To require the submission of measures to prevent and reduce dust and airborne particulate emissions for activities that may have a negative effect on air quality.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
AQ05	To promote a modal change from private car use to other types of travel and to promote the use of public transport as a means of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality.	Ongoing & In Progress	<p>Ongoing through the development management process and active travel programmes, including pathfinder schemes in Wexford Town and safe routes to school. See also objectives TS09, TS22, TS30 in Chapter 8.</p> <p>Promotion of modal change and public transport is currently being considered as part of the preparation of the Wexford LTP and the draft Wexford Town LAP, and the Enniscorthy LTP. The Wexford Town LAP will include appropriate land use zoning objectives and policies to ensure the integration of key land uses and to reduce the need for travel by private car.</p>

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			<p>There are 13 electric vehicles and 2 electric forklifts in the Council fleet to date. Where appropriate e-vehicles will continue to replace petrol/diesel models. An increased number of e-chargers are also being installed in public car parks during renovation works and in new developments. Machinery Yard investigating the transition to alternative fuel means for fleet.</p> <p>WCC continue to liaise with public transport providers to promote sustainable transport modes.</p>
AQ06	To implement Nearly Zero Energy Buildings (NZEB) standards and beyond to reduce the particulate matter generated by the combustion of fossil fuels.	Ongoing	<p>All new-builds for social housing units are legally required to meet NZEB status.</p> <p>The Housing Section has been meeting its target under the EERP – Energy Retrofitting Programme on Social Housing stock. 146 houses were upgraded last year and 150/160 are proposed for next year. A total of 315 no. social housing units have been retrofitted to a minimum BER of B2 or higher to date (as of 17/09/2024).</p> <p>The Council also continues to support the UN Centre of Excellence on High Performance Building Alliance (HPBA) and the UN Centre of Excellence for NZEB training centre in Enniscorthy to progress the transition to NZEB and ZEB. See also objectives CA08, CA14, ED17.</p>
COMAH01	To control the following for the purposes of reducing the risk or limiting the consequences of a major accident (regard will be had to the provisions of the Major Accidents Directive and any regulations, under any enactment, giving effect to that Directive):	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The siting of Major Accident Hazard sites. • The modification of an existing Major Accident Hazard site. • Development in the vicinity of a Major Accident Hazard site as specified in the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). 		
COMAH02	To consult with and have regard to the technical advice of the Health and Safety Authority when preparing development plans and local area plans and assessing planning applications where the Major Accidents Directive and any associated regulations are relevant.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.
EL01	To require developments providing external lighting to clearly demonstrate that the lighting scheme is the minimum needed for security and working purposes.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
EL02	To ensure that external lighting and lighting schemes are designed so that light spillage is minimised thereby protecting the amenities of nearby properties and wildlife, including protected species.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
EL03	To ensure all new public lighting complies with the Council's standard for taking in charge and provides for low energy use lighting in accordance with these standards.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
EL04	To explore opportunities and support the establishment of 'Dark Sky' parks and reserves at suitable locations in the County, where appropriate.	Not achieved	Not achieved to date.

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EM01	To ensure that proposed projects/developments comply with the requirements of EIA Directive 2014/52/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014, amending Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment, and as transposed into Irish law under national legislation, including in Schedule 5 Part 1 and Part 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). In accordance with Article 3 of Directive 2014/52/EU, where EIA is required the environmental impact assessments presented in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) shall identify, describe and assess in an appropriate manner, the direct, indirect and cumulative significant effects of a project on the following factors: population and human health; biodiversity (with particular attention to species and habitats protected under Directive 92/43/EEC and Directive 2009/147/EC); land, soil, water, air and climate, material assets, cultural heritage, and the landscape, and the interaction between the foregoing factors.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
EM02	To ensure that planning permission will only be granted for a development proposal that, either individually or in combination with existing and/or proposed plans or projects, will not have a significant effect on a European site, or where such a development proposal is likely or might have such a significant effect (either alone or in combination), the planning authority will, as required by law, carry out an appropriate assessment as per requirements of Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC of the 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora, as transposed into Irish legislation. Only after having ascertained that the development proposal will not adversely affect the integrity of	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	any European site, will the planning authority agree to the development and impose appropriate mitigation measures in the form of planning conditions. A development proposal which could adversely affect the integrity of a European site may only be permitted in exceptional circumstances, as provided for in Article 6(4) of the Habitats Directive as transposed into Irish legislation.		
EM03	To ensure that proposed plans and programmes comply with the requirements of the SEA Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment, as transposed into Irish law under national legislation.	Ongoing	An SEA is being carried out as part of the preparation of the draft Wexford LAP.
EM04	To ensure that plans, including land use plans, will only be adopted, if they either individually or in combination with existing and/or proposed plans or projects, will not have a significant effect on a European Site, or where such a plan is likely or might have such a significant effect (either alone or in combination). Wexford County Council will, as required by law, carry out an appropriate assessment as per requirements of Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC of the 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora, as transposed into Irish legislation. Only after having ascertained that the plan will not adversely affect the integrity of any European site, will Wexford County Council adopt the plan, incorporating any necessary mitigation measures. A plan which could adversely affect the integrity of a European site may only be adopted in exceptional circumstances, as provided	Ongoing	An AA is being carried out as part of the preparation of the draft Wexford LAP.

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	for in Article 6(4) of the Habitats Directive as transposed into Irish legislation.		
EM05	To implement the provisions of EU and National legislation and other relevant legislative requirements on protecting and improving surface and ground water quality, air quality and climate, and on reducing adverse noise and light nuisance, as appropriate and in conjunction with all relevant stakeholders in the interests of the protection of the environment, public health and the sustainable development of the county.	Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the development management process and licensing functions of WCC (discharge licences, etc.). WCC also implements the National Inspection Programme for Septic Tanks as well as the European Communities (Groundwater) Regulations 2010.</p> <p>Regarding air quality and climate, new regulations regarding smoky fuels are being fully implemented, and the four air quality monitoring stations in the county have been upgraded with new equipment to allow for accurate data transmission to the EPA for monitoring purposes. Monitoring results show that there has been an improvement in air quality in the County since the implementation of the Solid Fuel Regulations and Enniscorthy in particular saw less incidents of PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} exceedances this year compared to previous years.</p>
N01	To promote the pro-active management of noise where it is likely to have significant adverse impacts on health and quality of life and support the aims of the Environmental Noise Regulations through national planning guidance and Noise Actions Plans.	Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the development management process.</p> <p>WCC Noise Action Plan 2019-2023 in place (yet to be reviewed). WCC will strive to update this Plan as and when resources allow.</p>
N02	To have regard to the provisions of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Acts 1992 and 2003 and the Environmental Protection Agency Act (Noise) Regulations 1994 when assessing planning applications.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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N03	To have regard to the Wexford County Council Noise Action Plan 2019-2023, in particular Appendix B Roadways Qualified for Noise Mapping, Appendix C Strategic Noise Maps and Appendix D Potential Noise Hotspots, in the preparation of future local area plans and to ensure that planning applications comply with the provisions and requirements of that plan, and any future revisions/update to it.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes. WCC Noise Action Plan 2019-2023 in place (yet to be reviewed due to resourcing).
N04	To incorporate the aims of the present and future noise action plans into local area plans and in the assessment of planning applications to protect larger areas from road noise.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.
N05	To regulate and control activities likely to give rise to excessive noise, other than those activities which are regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
N06	To ensure new development does not cause an unacceptable increase in noise levels affecting noise sensitive properties. Proposals for new development with the potential to create excessive noise will be required to be accompanied by a construction and/or operation management plan to control such emissions.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
N07	To ensure that future developments are designed and constructed so as to minimise noise disturbance taking into account the multi-functional uses of streets including residential, movement and recreation as provided for in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, 2013).	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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N08	To require activities likely to give rise to excessive noise to install noise mitigation measures and monitors. The provision of a noise audit may be required where appropriate.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
N09	To minimise noise from traffic by promoting development patterns that combine walking, cycling and public transport.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. Modal shift, active travel and reducing the number of vehicles traversing the town centre are all being considered as part of the preparation of the Wexford and Enniscorthy LTPs. The appropriate integration of land uses to reduce the need for travel by car is also being considered as part of the preparation of the draft Wexford Town LAP.
N10	To carry out traffic management measure such as reduction of speed limits, traffic flow control, mitigation of environmental noise hotspots, traffic congestion management, road surface improvements and road maintenance and the promotion of the use of electric vehicles.	In progress	Implementation of new default speed limits countywide in line with the Road Traffic Act 2024 will see a significant reduction in overall speed limits. WCC continue to use designed warm macadam mixes to promote noise reduction and reduce emissions in macadam manufacturing process.
N11	To encourage, or require at the discretion of the Planning Authority, developers to produce a sound impact assessment and implement mitigation measures for developments proposed near major roads (i.e. traffic volumes in excess of 3 million vehicles per annum or otherwise on a case by case basis).	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
N12	To ensure that future developments are designed and constructed in accordance with best practice to minimise noise disturbances through good acoustic design.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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WQ01	To protect existing and potential water resources for the county, in accordance with the EU Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC), Bathing Water Directive (2006/7/ EC), the National River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021 and any updated version, the Pollution Reduction Programmes for designated shellfish waters, the provisions of a Groundwater Protection Scheme for the county and any other protection plans for water supply sources, with an aim to improving all water quality.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process and discharge licensing and septic tank inspections carried out by WCC Environment Section.
WQ02	To promote compliance with the European Communities (Surface Waters) Regulations 2009 and the European Communities (Groundwater) Regulations 2010 and any other relevant legislations.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process and environmental licensing activities. WCC also implements the National Inspection Programme for Septic Tanks as well as the European Communities (Groundwater) Regulations 2010 and European Communities (Surface Waters) Regulations 2009.
WQ03	To ensure the efficient and sustainable use and development of water resources and water services infrastructure to manage and conserve water resources in a manner that supports a healthy society, economic development requirements and cleaner environment.	Ongoing	The operation of public water supplies is a matter for Uisce Eireann. A Targeted Water Conservation Campaign was carried out during the summer of 2024 with Uisce Eireann and also in partnership with Wexford Chamber.
WQ04	To work with the Local Authority Waters Programme and other relevant State agencies to develop and implement the River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021 and any future river basin management plan subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive.	Ongoing	The RBMP has been superseded with the new Water Action Plan: A River Basin Management Plan for Ireland. WCC Environment Section collaborated with LAWPRO and contributed to the preparation of the new RBMP.
WQ05	To strive to achieve and maintain at least 'Good' status except where more stringent obligations are required, and no deterioration of status for all water bodies including protected	Ongoing	Ongoing work of the Environment Section, particularly through development management and licensing processes, and septic tank inspection programmes. See WQ02, EM05 above.

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	areas, under the Marine Strategy Framework and its programme of measures, the Water Framework Directive and the River Basin Management Plan.		
WQ06	To apply a catchment-based approach to the assessment of planning applications which may impact on water quality, and to ensure that the development would not result in a reduction in the water quality status of a waterbody in that catchment.	Ongoing / Not Achieved	There is no current guidance/methodology on how to carry out a cumulative impact assessment of all development within a catchment. The EPA are developing catchment modelling to assist in this matter. The majority of catchments cross over the functional area of multiple authorities and a multi-sectoral approach is required (e.g. agriculture, housing, public utilities).
WQ07	To screen planning applications according to their Water Framework Directive status and have regard to their status and objectives to achieve 'good' status or protect and improve 'high or good status'.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management and discharge licensing processes. All applications are screened on an individual basis to ensure compliance with relevant European regulations for groundwater and surface waters.
WQ08	To achieve compliance with the objectives and standards under which the individual protected areas have been established.	Ongoing	WCC are working to achieve continued compliance with European Regulations on water quality standards to achieve good water quality status as a minimum. For discharge licences and farm inspections WCC seek to comply with water quality standards by 1) not reducing good status where it exists and 2) improving poor status.
WQ09	To have regard to Groundwater Protection Schemes and aquifer vulnerability applying a risk-based assessment approach when preparing local area plans, carrying out local authority works and assessing planning applications.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.
WQ10	To protect, enhance and restore all groundwaters and ensure a balance of abstraction and recharge, with the aim of achieving good groundwater status and to reverse any significant and	Not Achieved	This work falls within the remit of Uisce Eireann and the EPA (for larger abstractions).

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	sustained upward trends in the concentration of pollutants in groundwater.		
WQ11	To take actions to reduce chemical and biological pollution of water sources and to also consider this when assessing planning applications.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management and discharge licensing processes.
WQ12	To protect and enhance heavily modified water bodies and artificial water bodies in order to achieve good ecological potential and good chemical status for those water bodies and to progressively reduce pollution from priority substances and cease or phase out emissions, discharges and losses of priority hazardous substances into surface waters.	Not Achieved	There are no heavily modified or artificial water bodies (e.g. canals) in County Wexford.
WQ13	To work with the Local Authority Waters Programme and other relevant State agencies and local communities to achieve the objectives for the Areas for Action identified in the River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021 and to ensure that new developments do not result in a deterioration of water quality in these areas.	Ongoing	WCC Environment Section continue to work with and have two-monthly meetings with LAWPRO. WCC also meet with NPWS, OPW, Inland Fisheries, Bord Iascaigh Mhara and other state agencies.
WQ14	To have regard to any future guidance issued for planning authorities on the relationship between land use planning and river basin management planning to ensure future development plans and local area plans and planning decisions are consistent with River Basin Management Plans and with the requirements of the Water Framework Directive.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.
WQ15	To ensure that development permitted would not negatively impact on water quality and quantity, including surface water, ground water, designated source protection areas, river	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	corridors and associated wetlands, estuarine waters, coastal and transitional waters.		
WQ16	To develop the associated Blue Dot Catchment Network Programme under the River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021 to protect and maintain the excellent quality of 'High' status water bodies.	Not Achieved	See objective WM11. The Blue Dot Catchment Network Programme has been superseded by a LIFE Blue Dot Catchment Programme that is being piloted by Limerick County Council in conjunction with DECC. WCC have not been engaged to date on that project.
WQ17	To promote and support locally led community initiatives aimed at driving local water-quality improvements subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive.	Ongoing	WCC were awarded funding from LAWPRO to support citizen science projects including the Duncannon EIP (European Innovation Partnership) project where WCC worked with local schools in Duncannon and Ramsgrange to promote water quality. WCC hope to roll this water quality awareness programme out to other schools and communities across the county and continue to support local community initiatives aimed at improving water quality.
WQ18	To participate and support the farming community in the application of schemes such as the Duncannon Blue Flag Farming and Communities Scheme and the LIFE programmes to achieve the objectives of the respective Directives in a collaborative manner.	Ongoing	As part of the Duncannon Blue Flag Farming and Communities Scheme WCC worked with local farmers on various measures to promote water quality improvements including the implementation of measures in addition to those specified as part of agri-environment schemes. WCC continues to participate and support the farming community in initiatives to improve and restore water quality.

Chapter 11 Landscape and Green Infrastructure

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
GI01	To ensure the protection, enhancement and maintenance of the natural environment and recognise the economic, social, environmental, biodiversity and physical value of green spaces through the integration of Green Infrastructure planning and development in the planning process. Planning applications for development must demonstrate compliance with the following requirements....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
GI02	To identify, protect, enhance and manage Green Infrastructure in all Local Area Plans in an integrated and coherent manner. This will include the mapping of existing and proposed green infrastructure and connections at a suitable scale.	In Progress	Consultants have been appointed to prepare a GBI Strategy as part of the preparation of the draft Wexford Town LAP which will include mapping of existing and proposed green infrastructure. The LAP will include appropriate objectives to protect and enhance this infrastructure/amenity spaces.
GI03	To support investment in the on-going maintenance and enhancement of existing green infrastructure and support the provision of new public parks, green space corridors and other public open spaces in tandem with projected population growth to create green healthy settlements throughout the county. Wexford County Council shall identify the locations of new public parks and open spaces and ensure that decision-making in relation to the development of new or enhanced Green Infrastructure and new public parks and facilities is informed by an appropriate level of environmental assessment.	In Progress / Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the development management process.</p> <p>WCC continues to maintain parks and green spaces in each of the Municipal Districts.</p> <p>In Wexford Town Min Ryan Park was completed in 2022 and public realm works were carried out on Monck Street and Crescent Quay/Oyster Lane. Consultants have been appointed to prepare a GBI Strategy as part of the preparation of the draft Wexford Town LAP and locations for new parks, open spaces and green corridors will be identified in the plan.</p> <p>See objectives TV18 and TV38 in Chapter 5 Design and Place Making in Towns and Villages for other WCC key projects including the completion of High Hill Park, Emigrant Park and the</p>

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			<p>South East Greenway in New Ross Town, the completion of the Town Park in Gorey which includes a biodiversity pond, pocket forest and sensory garden, and Bellefield GAA public realm space and playground in Enniscorthy. Also in Enniscorthy works have commenced on a Wellbeing and Activity Garden at St. John's and a new All Weather Astro Pitch is at completion stage on Ross Road. A Part 8 application is being prepared for a new nature based playground in Springvalley. Active Travel Section are also looking at linking green spaces in the town such as Bellefield GAA grounds and Showgrounds.</p> <p>In Bunclody a site has been identified for the delivery of a Neighbourhood Park and planning permission was approved in Feb 2024. WCC Property Section is currently in discussion with the landowners.</p> <p>See Chapter 14 Recreation and Open Space for further information on open spaces, parks, greenways and trails.</p>
GI04	To have regard to the 'Planning for Watercourses in the Urban Environment' (Inland Fisheries Ireland, 2020) and any updated version of this guidance when considering development proposals in the vicinity of rivers and streams.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
GI05	To ensure riparian buffer zones, a minimum of 10 metres in width (in some cases buffer zones of up to 50 metres may be appropriate), are created between all watercourses and any future development. In considering the appropriate width, the Council will have regard to 'Planning for Watercourses in the Urban Environment'	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	(Inland Fisheries Ireland, 2020) and any future updated version of these guidelines.		
GI06	To only consider proposals for culverting/piping of streams and watercourses where these works are absolutely necessary and appropriate. Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI), National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and the Office of Public Works (OPW) will be consulted, where appropriate.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
GI07	To consider the appropriate reopening of existing culverts and infilling along watercourses to allow degraded watercourses to return to more naturally functioning systems, provide natural flood relief, provide for biodiversity gain and where appropriate, permit the recreational use of inaccessible riverbanks. This shall be done in consultation with the Office of Public Works and other key stakeholders such as Inland Fisheries Ireland, LAWPRO and National Parks and Wildlife Service and is subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
GI08	To promote the appropriate retrofitting of streets and spaces in towns and villages with green infrastructure and nature-based SuDS solutions particularly in areas contributing to combined drainage systems.	Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the development management process.</p> <p>Consultants have been appointed to prepare a Rainwater Management Plan and GBI Strategy as part of the preparation of the draft Wexford Town LAP. This Strategy will incorporate nature-based SuDS solutions.</p> <p>Staff have attended an NBS training course and a SUDs was constructed on Grogan's Road in Wexford Town. In addition, the</p>

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			Climate Action Plan has an action (BET21) specifically related to NBS and the promotion of same with all staff. Climate Action Team are engaging with LAWPRO on suggested demonstrator NBS projects.
GI09	To promote the re-opening of existing culverts to daylight streams as part of a wider biodiversity restoration plan. This will require a multi-stakeholder approach including the OPW, Inland Fisheries, LAWPRO and NPWS. Consent, if necessary, should be obtained from the OPW to make these amendments of under the Arterial Drainage Scheme.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. A Biodiversity Officer has been appointed in 2024 and will liaise with LAWPRO, NPWS and other agencies to explore the best approach to delivering this multi-agency objective.
L01	To have regard to the Landscape Character Units and their assigned Landscape Sensitivity, the Draft Landscape and Landscape Assessment-Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2000) and any updated versions of these guidelines published during the lifetime of the Plan, and any National Landscape Character Assessment prepared when assessing planning applications or when carrying out local authority own development.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
L02	To review the Landscape Character Assessment and the landscape objectives in the Plan, after the publication of future Landscape Assessment Guidelines issued by a Minister of the Government with respect to landscape. The revised Landscape Character Assessment will address historic and cultural landscape and seascape character analysis.	Not Achieved	No Landscape Assessment Guidelines have been issued to date.
L03	To carry out landscape characterisation and sensitivity analysis to inform local area plans.	Not Achieved	Consultants have been appointed to prepare a number of strategies to inform the preparation of the draft Wexford Town

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			LAP, including a landscape strategy, GBI strategy and Rainwater Management Plan. While specific landscape characterisation and sensitivity analysis has not been carried out as part of preparation of these strategies, ecological surveying of some lands within the plan study area has been carried out, with sensitivities being identified at certain locations.
L04	To require all developments to be appropriately sited, designed and landscaped having regard to their setting in the landscape, ensure that any potential adverse visual impacts are minimised and that natural features and characteristics of the site are retained.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
L05	To collaborate with adjoining local authorities, the Southern Regional Assembly and adjoining Regional Assemblies to co-ordinate a consistent approach to landscape planning and management policies, where possible and feasible.	Not Achieved	No progress to date.
L06	To ensure that developments are not unduly visually obtrusive in the landscape, in particular, in or adjacent to the Upland, River Valley, Coastal or Distinctive Landscape Character Units.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
L07	To ensure that, where a development will have a negative impact in the Upland, River Valley, Coastal, or Distinctive Landscape Character Unit, an overriding need is demonstrated for that particular development and ensure that careful consideration is given to site selection. The development should be appropriate in scale and be sited,	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	designed and landscaped in a manner which minimises potential adverse impacts on the subject landscape.		
L08	To encourage appropriate development which would enhance an existing degraded landscape and/or which would enhance views to or from an Upland, River Valley, Coastal or Distinctive Landscape Character Unit from public viewpoints.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
L09	To seek to minimise the individual and cumulative adverse visual impacts that rural housing may have on Upland, River Valley, Coastal and Distinctive Landscape Character Units. In this regard, in locations where the Council considers that there is a risk of individual or cumulative adverse impacts, the Council will only consider proposals for housing developments where a need for the dwelling has been demonstrated in accordance with the criteria contained in Table 4-6 in Chapter 4 Sustainable Housing in Volume 1 Written Statement.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
L10	The fencing or enclosure of lands, such as upland commonages, traditionally open to and used by the public will generally not be favourably considered unless it is essential for the operation of an agricultural holding or other demonstratable essential reason. Where permitted the nature of the material to be used and the height of the fence will be required to be visually appropriate. Where rights of way exist stiles or gates at appropriate places will also be required.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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L11	To protect views worthy of protection, including views to and from the sea, rivers, landscape features, mountains, tourism sites and landmark structures such as bridges and urban settlements from inappropriate development that by virtue of design, scale, character or cumulative impact would block or detract from such views.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
L12	To protect planned views and vistas, such as those that might be associated with planned settlements, heritage properties and monuments and ensure that new development does not detract from such views as may be identified within towns, formal settings and designated landscapes. In evaluating planning applications for development in the foreground of such views and vistas, consideration shall be given to the effect such development may have on the view or prospect.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
L13	To consider the special qualities of the landscapes listed in Section 4.0 <i>Other Landscape Considerations</i> in Volume 7 Landscape Character Assessment when assessing development proposals in these areas. In assessing impacts the Council will consider the specific landscape qualities for which they have been designated.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
L14	To adopt a presumption against developments which are located on elevated and exposed sites and where the landscape cannot accommodate such development with appropriate mitigation.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
L15	To adopt a presumption against the siting of telecommunications equipment in prominent locations in	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	Upland, River Valley, Coastal and Distinctive Landscape Character Units unless an over-riding need is demonstrated to the Planning Authority.		
L16	To require Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Reports to be submitted for developments which may have a significant negative impact on the landscape.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
L17	To produce a DTM, slope analysis and 3D visualisations as resources allow and make them available alongside the County Development Plan landscape designations to be used by applicants and the Council alike in the assessment of visual impacts.	Not Achieved	Resources are currently not available to carry out this objective.

Chapter 12 Coastal Zone Management and Marine Spatial Planning

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
CZM01	To ensure the sustainable development of the county's coastal areas and the maritime area for the long term benefit of coastal communities and the economic well-being of these areas and the county whilst protecting and enhancing environmental quality and managing and restoring biodiversity.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM02	To prepare a County Coastal Strategy, which will be subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment and compliance with the Habitats Directive, to provide the framework to sustainably manage our coastal areas, in particular, those areas at risk of coastal erosion and coastal flooding, and to have regard to the Strategy when preparing land use plans and assessing planning applications.	Ongoing	WCC Environment Dept carried out inspections of the coastline in 2019 and 2020. National guidance was issued in October 2023 "Report of the Inter-Departmental Group on National Coastal Change Management Strategy." The OPW is setting up Coastal Change Management Plans for sections of the coast and it is prudent to await these plans before WCC sets up a countywide strategy. WCC liaise regularly with the OPW through the Rosslare CEFRS steering group.
CZM03	To maximise the economic development potential of the county's coastal and maritime areas subject to	Ongoing	See Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy re WCC submissions on the South Coast Designated Maritime Area Plan (SC-DMAP) and the proposed Rosslare Europort Offshore Renewable Energy Hub, and WCC proposals for a Marine Innovation Centre in Kilmore Quay. See Chapter 7 for Tourism Development in coastal areas and Chapter 14 Recreation and Open Space Strategy for beaches, greenways and walking and cycling trails.
CZM04	To seek investment in the sustainable development of infrastructure (physical and social), access (upgraded pier infrastructure, landing facilities and passenger and cargo ferry services), regional connectivity (transport networks and digital) and enterprise growth and deliver initiatives with local	Ongoing	Rosslare Europort major expansion is underway, and WCC continues to support the growth and economic opportunity that the development will facilitate. See also Chapter 7 Transport re Rosslare Europort Access Road.

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	communities and other stakeholders to strengthen and sustainably grow coastal communities subject to		
CZM05	To collaborate with the Southern Regional Assembly, the Marine Spatial Planning Division of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, adjoining coastal local authorities, local communities and relevant stakeholders to prepare and implement an Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan for the coastal and estuarine areas of the county and region.	Ongoing	Report of the Inter-Departmental Group on National Coastal Change Management Strategy was issued in October 2023. Following on from this the OPW is setting up 3 separate sections under Coastal: 1. Coastal Change; 2. Coastal Monitoring; 3. Coastal Projects. The preparation of the Coastal Change Management plans will involve collaboration with the agencies referenced under this objective.
CZM06	To work alongside the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and other relevant government departments and bodies in the implementation of the National Marine Planning Framework.	Ongoing	WCC continue to work with DHLGH, DECC, MARA and other relevant stakeholders to implement new marine spatial planning legislation and the NMPF in relation to maritime development. See Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy re WCC submissions on the South Coast Designated Maritime Area Plan (SC-DMAP).
CZM07	To review the Wexford County Development Plan 2022-2028 after the adoption of the National Marine Planning Framework and the enactment of the Marine Planning and Development Management Act to ensure alignment and consistency between land use and marine planning.	Not Achieved	This is yet to be carried out, with a full assessment to be made to determine variation(s), if any arise, that may need to be carried out.
CZM08	To implement any future Marine Planning and Development Management Act in so far as it relates to the duties and functions of the Planning Authority, in particular, the assessment of planning applications and planning enforcement in the newly designated nearshore area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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CZM09	To work alongside the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Community with regard to the designation of the new nearshore area for the county and to ensure that future development of this area complies with	Ongoing	See CZM06. WCC will continue to work with DHLGH, DECC and MARA to fulfil its duties under the new Maritime Area Planning Act and associated legislation and guidelines.
CZM10	To have regard to any future Section 28 Guidelines issued by the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government relating to marine spatial planning when carrying out, where relevant, the forward planning, development management and enforcement functions of the Planning Authority.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM11	To support the sustainable growth and development of the maritime area and the maritime economy in accordance with	Ongoing	WCC continue to support the sustainable growth and development of the maritime area and the maritime economy while fulfilling its duties under new Maritime Area Planning Act and associated legislation and guidelines. See Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy re WCC submissions on the South Coast Designated Maritime Area Plan (SC-DMAP) and the proposed Rosslare Europort Offshore Renewable Energy Hub, and WCC proposals for a Marine Innovation Centre in Kilmore Quay.
CZM12	To support transboundary consultations and cooperation by requiring proposals that have transboundary impacts beyond the maritime area, either on the terrestrial environment or neighbouring international jurisdictions, to show evidence of consultation with the relevant public authorities, including terrestrial planning authorities and other country authorities.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM13	To support proposals that optimise the use of maritime space, including through consideration of opportunities for co-	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	existence and co-operation with other activities and enhancing other activities where appropriate subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive.		
CZM14	To support development in the coastal zone and maritime area that will facilitate a transition to a low carbon economy such as carbon capture and storage and renewable energy developments including offshore tidal and wind energy subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM15	To support the achievement of Ports of National Significance Tier 1 status for Rosslare Europort, and to provide for the appropriate development of Rosslare Europort and other harbours in the county to ensure the effective growth and sustainable development of the county and the region subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. Rosslare Europort expansion is underway and WCC continues to advocate for Tier 1 Port Status. See Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy re WCC submissions on the proposed Rosslare Europort Offshore Renewable Energy Hub.
CZM16	To support development which provides for safety at sea, navigation safety and maritime search and rescue operations and ensure that they are key considerations in the assessment of development proposals, in particular, the development or expansion of port facilities, or the development of infrastructure in or adjacent to the maritime area including offshore wind farms and other temporary or permanent fixed infrastructure.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM17	To work with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in the preparation of sub-regional plans for the maritime area and nearshore area which will maximise the beneficial impacts of the development of the maritime area	Ongoing	See CZM18.

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	while protecting County Wexford, its landscape and seascapes, environment, economy and people.		
CZM18	To participate in the preparation of sectoral guidelines and plans by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.	Ongoing	WCC continue to participate in the preparation of guidelines and plans. See Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy re WCC submissions on the South Coast Designated Maritime Area Plan (SC-DMAP) for Offshore Renewable Energy. WCC also facilitated a number of consultation meetings in relation to the SC-DMAP.
CZM19	To support the development of a research driven marine cluster in the Southern Region to support the development of marine ICT and biotechnology subject to	Ongoing	WCC are a partner in the Ireland South East Offshore Wind Partnership whose overarching objective is to maximise the economic benefit to the South East in assisting Ireland and Europe achieve its ORE targets. The Economic Development Unit have also had exploratory discussions with the Engineering Cluster/SETU around ORE opportunities. See Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy re WCC's plans for a Marine Innovation Centre at Kilmore Quay.
CZM20	To support the implementation of the South East Fisheries Local Action Group Local Development Strategy 2016 subject to	Ongoing	Statement of Support.
CZM21	To support proposals for new development or activities in coastal and maritime areas that enhance or promote social benefits for the local communities, and where considered necessary an applicant will be required to demonstrate that adverse impacts on local communities will be avoided, mitigated or minimised appropriately.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM22	To require developments that will be used by the public to be universally accessible to ensure that everyone enjoys equal access regardless of their age or ability.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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CZM23	To consider a limited number of access points from developments to a beach. The Council will consider an access where the applicant agrees to enter into an agreement to provide public access to the beach from the proposed access and subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM24	To address, as part of the County Wexford Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024, and the forthcoming County Wexford Coastal Strategy, the effects of sea level changes and coastal flooding and erosion in the coastal zone and maritime area and to support the implementation of adaptation responses in vulnerable areas subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM25	To have regard to the potential impacts of climate change in the future land use plans and the assessment of planning applications in the coastal zone and maritime area.	In progress/ Ongoing	Impacts of climate change are being considered as part of the preparation of the Wexford Town LAP and in particular as part of the preparation of the SFRA and SEA which will inform the plan. Ongoing as part of the development management process.
CZM26	To work with the OPW to develop appropriate strategies for the management of identified coastal erosion and flood risk and associated risks.	Ongoing	Report of the Inter-Departmental Group on National Coastal Change Management Strategy was issued in October 2023. Following on from this the OPW is setting up 3 separate sections under Coastal: 1. Coastal Change; 2. Coastal Monitoring; 3. Coastal Projects. WCC will consult and work in conjunction with the OPW as part of the proposed coastal change process.
CZM27	To have regard to the findings and recommendations of the Irish Coastal Protection Strategy Studies and any future update of these studies during the preparation of local area plans, the assessment of planning applications and the carrying out of local authority developments.	In Progress/ Ongoing	Regard to Irish Coastal Protection Strategy Studies is being had during the preparation of the Wexford Town LAP and in particular as part of the preparation of the SFRA and SEA which will inform the plan. Ongoing as part of the development management process.

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CZM28	To support the development of updated national modelling of coastal erosion and in the absence of such adopt a precautionary approach to development in the coastal area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM29	To have regard to all available mapping resources and studies relating to coastal erosion and flooding along the county's coastline in the preparation of local area plans, the assessment of planning applications and in the carrying out of local authority own works. These mapping resources and studies include those of the Geological Survey Ireland such as the coastal vulnerability index and mapping, those referenced in the County Coastal Strategy, the flood zone maps that form part of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment of the County Development Plan and which include the OPW's Irish Coastal Protection Strategy Study coastal flood maps, and the recently published National Indicative Fluvial mapping prepared by the OPW.	In Progress/ Ongoing	All mapping data sources are being considered in the SFRA and RMP being prepared as part of/to inform the draft Wexford Town LAP. Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM30	To carefully consider development proposals in areas identified at risk of coastal erosion, which include but are not limited to Kilpatrick, Ardamine, Glascarrig, Killincooly to Ballinesker, Rosslare, Tacumshin to Kilmore Quay, Ballyteige Burrow to Cullenstown and Fethard, and areas where coastal defence works are in place but confidence rate are low including but not limited to Courtown, Pollshone, Cahore, Blackwater and Rosslare.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM31	To carry out environmentally sensitive local authority own coastal protection works where necessary and subject to the works being appropriately designed and where it is demonstrated that the works would not exacerbate existing	In Progress & Ongoing	Courtown Coastal Protection & Beach Nourishment Scheme - RPS Ltd was appointed to undertake Preliminary Design and Statutory Consents Phase. Priority Geotechnical Ltd. was appointed to carry out marine and land-based surveys and

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	problems of coastal erosion or result in altered patterns of erosion, deposition or flooding elsewhere along the coast to the detriment of other properties, important habitats, species, marine life, coastal features or designated sites.		<p>boreholes and this site investigation work is complete. Marine profiling surveys will be carried out by Hydrographic Survey Limited. An application to the Marine Foreshore Dept. was submitted in December 2022 for permission to carry out benthic grab samples. This work will commence once approval is granted. It is planned to submit a planning application to An Bord Pleanála in Q2 2024.</p> <p>Rosslare Coastal Erosion and Flood Relief Scheme - Nicholas O'Dwyer Ltd Consulting Engineers was appointed to progress the scheme. Key design parameters for the scheme are being finalised. The project website and project email are now live and can be accessed at https://www.floodinfo.ie/rosslarefrs/</p> <p>Seaview, Kilmore - A Part 8 application was approved by WCC in April 2024. Part funding was approved by OPW. The construction contract went to public tender in June 2024.</p>
CZM32	<p>To prepare coastal erosion management plans and support the development of coastal protection or management works for the following locations subject to compliance with the Habitats and SEA/EIA Directive and subject to normal planning and environmental criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosslare Coastal Erosion and Flood Risk Management Plan. • Courtown North Beach Nourishment and Marina Feasibility Study. • Grange, Fethard on Sea Coastal Erosion Management Plan. 	In Progress & Ongoing	See CZM31.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bastardstown / Ballyhealy Coastal Erosion and Flood Risk Management Plan for the area between Kilmore Quay and Carnsore. 		
CZM33	To consider proposals for environmentally sensitive coastal works in limited circumstances, which include but are not limited to the protection of an inhabited permanent residence/ habitable dwelling and critical infrastructure such as access roads. Where coastal protection works are proposed in these circumstances the onus will be on the applicant to....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM34	Within coastal settlements located on a soft shoreline or where there is an identified area of coastal erosion risk, the Council will consider the development of buildings or uses (including caravans or temporary dwellings) where there are existing coastal protection works in place or these works are underway. In order for the development to be considered:	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM35	Within established coastal settlements located on a soft shoreline and where there is an identified coastal erosion risk and where there are no coastal protection works in place and no such work is underway or planned by the Council, the Council will only consider the development of infill sites where the development is a minimum of 100m (or such greater distance as may be specified by the Planning Authority having regard to the data sources referred to in Objective CZM29) from the soft shoreline. In those circumstances the following applies:	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM36	Where the principle of a development outside of an existing settlement in the coastal zone is acceptable and it complies	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	with the location objectives of the Plan, the Council will only give consideration to the development of buildings and uses (including caravans and temporary dwellings) where the development is a minimum of 250m (or a greater distance as may be specified by the Planning Authority having regard to the data sources referred to in Objective CZM29) from the soft shoreline or an area identified as at risk from coastal erosion. In order for the development to be considered:		
CZM37	To prohibit development within areas liable to coastal flooding other than in accordance with the Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities (Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and Office of Public Works, 2009), Chapter 9 Infrastructure Strategy and Volume 11 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM38	To restrict the removal of beach material, sand and gravel.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM39	To establish a coastal monitoring programme to provide information on coastal erosion on an on-going basis.	Achieved	A coastal monitoring programme is in place and targeted at coastal erosion risk zones. Detailed monitoring (photo, drone, GPS surveying) of risk zones is carried out, particularly after severe weather events. This coastal monitoring programme will be supplemented by the OPW Coastal Monitoring Section which will carry out detailed surveys on extensive sections of coastline on a national scale.
CZM40	To protect the environmental quality of our coastal and maritime areas by ensuring that new developments do not detract from water quality and ensuring that wastewater treatment and non-point sources are appropriately located.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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CZM41	To apply an ecosystem approach to planning in the coastal and maritime areas to ensure the protection of biodiversity habitats and species and marine protected areas to ensure that development or activity in the coastal zone or maritime area does not give rise to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM42	To protect heritage assets in the coastal zone and maritime area including underwater heritage in accordance with ...	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM43	To adopt a presumption against development which would have inappropriate impacts on the seascape and landscape of the coastal area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM44	To protect water quality in our coastal and maritime areas and to ensure that development proposals would not result in adverse impacts on water quality in order to comply with	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM45	To maintain, conserve and restore marine ecosystems in existing and future designated Marine Protected Areas in order to achieve or maintain good environmental status of the maritime area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM46	To support the development of appropriate land-based infrastructure which facilitates marine activity (and vice versa), and support proposals for appropriate infrastructure that facilitates the diversification or regeneration of marine industries subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM47	To support the development of vibrant fisheries and aquaculture sectors that produce high quality foods, protect and enhance the social and economic fabric of rural coastal	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	communities and conserves biodiversity around our coastline and ensures good marine litter management, and to support the development of associated landside infrastructure subject to		
CZM48	To support the use of existing infrastructure and the provision of new landside infrastructure such as pipelines to facilitate the development of carbon capture storage where considered feasible and subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM49	To support energy transmission proposals that maintain or improve the security and diversity of Ireland's energy supply, including interconnectors, while ensuring that the development is informed by consideration of space required for other activities of national importance described in the National Marine Planning Framework and subject to ...	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM50	To support the development of land-based, coastal infrastructure that is critical to and supports energy transmission subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM51	To support, within the context of the Offshore Renewable Energy Development Plan (OREDPA) and its successors, the development of Ireland's offshore renewable energy potential, including domestic and international grid connectivity enhancements subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM52	To safeguard access to Rosslare Europort, harbours and navigation channels in the coastal zone and maritime area, and to safeguard our ports and harbours from inappropriate	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	development that would compromise current activities or the future expansion of the port and harbours.		
CZM53	To support the development of landside infrastructure associated with port, harbours and shipping activities and to support the co-location with other infrastructure such as fisheries, aquaculture and tourism subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM54	To support the work of the Defence Organisation and to ensure that relevant development proposals considered by the Planning Authority will not result in an unacceptable interference with the performance by the Defence Forces of their security and non-security related tasks.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM55	To support proposals that will guarantee existing and future international telecommunications connectivity which is critically important to support the future needs of society and enterprise and to support the development of associated landside infrastructure where evidence is provided of an approach to development and activity that integrates the needs of cables and pipelines and subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM56	To direct tourism related developments to existing settlements within the coastal zone save for the exceptions outlined in Section 12.8 of this chapter and in Chapter 7 Tourism Development and subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM57	To promote the sustainable development of inclusive water-based sports and marine recreation, and to promote the inclusive development of water-based sports and marine recreation, where appropriate.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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CZM58	To support landside development which optimises on maritime tourism such as sea angling, sailing, marine adventure activities, diving and surfing at locations in accordance with	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM59	To support proposals which improve access to marine and coastal resources for tourism activities and sport and recreation, where appropriate and subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM60	To ensure that development proposals do not adversely impact on sports clubs and other recreational users, in particular, their facilities and other physical infrastructure, or unduly interfere with access to and along the shore, to the water or use of the resource for recreation and tourism.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM61	To ensure that, where relevant, development proposals enhance water safety through the provision of appropriate International Organisation for Standardization (ISO) and European Committee for Standardisation (CEN) compliant safety signage and ensure that due consideration is given to best practice guidance for marine and coastal recreation areas by the Visitor Safety in the Countryside Group.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM62	To require tourism and recreation developments in the coastal and maritime areas, including harbours and marinas, to be universally accessible.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM63	To encourage and facilitate extensions of the use of harbours, where appropriate, to include elements of active and passive leisure, tourism, transport and fishing and service enterprises to create vibrant, attractive focal points for existing coastal settlements subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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CZM64	To facilitate the development of marinas, jetties and associated facilities for maritime leisure developments at appropriate locations including the site of Trinity Wharf, Wexford Town and Courtown Harbour. The developments should be universally accessible and the siting of the installations should not detract from the visual amenity, environmental quality of the area or public access to beaches and are subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM65	To support the development of marine tourism clusters along the south-east coastline subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM66	To support the further development of a way-marked Coastal Walkway, where possible and appropriate, along the full length of the county's coastline and connecting where possible to similar walkways in adjoining coastal counties. This will be done in conjunction with the adjoining local authorities, landowners and other partner agencies. All programmes and works to develop the coastal walkway will be required to respect the residential amenities of coastal communities, comply with	In Progress & Ongoing	The trail from Kilpatrick to Cronellard was re-waymarked in 2023. Ballymoney Beach access was improved in 2024 and the boardwalk at Kilmore Quay was re-laid in 2024.
CZM67	To ensure that there is appropriate public access to the coast including the provision of coastal walkways and cycle ways subject to	In Progress & Ongoing	WCC maintain trail access at Kilpatrick, Clones, Cronellard, Ballymoney, Courtown, Cahore, Morriscastle, Ballinamona, Knocknasilloogue, Blackwater Head, Curracloe, Rosslare Harbour, St. Helen's, Carne, Carnsore Point, Kilmore Quay, Cullenstown, Fethard, Duncannon, Arthurstown & Ballyhack. Three summer field carparks were leased at Cahore & Oldbawn and traffic management measures were implemented at Curracloe.
CZM68	To encourage tourism and recreation facilities and developments to be accessible for pedestrians and cyclists and take advantage of sustainable transport alternatives through	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	the provision of pathways, cycleways and links to the public transport system where possible, subject to normal planning and environmental criteria.		
CZM69	To promote public access, including public walkways to beaches and the seashore, where environmentally appropriate and subject to	Ongoing	Public access to beaches is monitored and reviewed at the start of each bathing season and upgrades are carried out as necessary. In Ballymoney accessibility improvements to 200m long beach access were carried out in May 2024.
CZM70	To maintain and upgrade facilities in coastal areas through the provision of appropriate support facilities such as car parking, coach parking, cycle parking, universally accessible public toilets and refuse disposal facilities and subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	<p>Facilities at beaches are monitored on a continuous basis to identify where future works are required.</p> <p>Four regular beach services were run by Wexford Local Link for Summer 2024 – Wexford to Curracloe, Enniscorthy to Curracloe, Gorey to Ballymoney, and Kilmuckridge to Morriscastle. WCC, in conjunction with Wexford Local Link, developed a promotional campaign to raise awareness of all beach accessibility services during summer 2024.</p> <p>A new universal accessible toilet was installed at Ballymoney, public toilets were installed at Cahore and car parking was extended and upgraded at Ballyhealy. There will be year-round opening of existing facilities at Morriscastle from 2024. WCC is also working on progressing the provision of a public WC on Wexford Quayfront.</p>
CZM71	To support and promote the development of coastal routes as tourism attractions and local amenities, in co-operation with statutory and relevant organisations, for recreational activities including walking, cycling, pony trekking, whale/dolphin watching and bird-watching....	Ongoing	Details on walking trails are available to view on https://wexfordwalkingtrail.ie/ The 'Visit Wexford' website also includes features on walking trails and coastal amenities in Co. Wexford. See Chapter 14 Recreation and Open Space Strategy for further information on walking and cycling trails.

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CZM72	To protect beaches, access to beaches and designated bathing areas as valuable local amenities and as a tourism resource.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM73	To protect bathing waters in order that they meet the required bathing water standards and to implement the findings and recommendations of the Bathing Water Quality in Ireland reports as published.	Ongoing	Ongoing and intensive testing and monitoring is carried out by WCC Environment Section. 19 bathing areas were sampled during the bathing season 1 st June to 15 th September 2024. In addition, samples are taken of streams and rivers that flow out on and near bathing waters to identify and assess the risks to bathing water quality.
CZM74	To ensure that coastal areas and bathing waters are maintained to the highest levels and to work to retain the status of Blue Flag and Green Coast beaches and increase the number of beaches with these statuses.	Ongoing	Ongoing and intensive testing and monitoring is carried out by WCC Environment Section. 2022: 6 blue flag beaches and 9 green coast beaches. 2023: Rosslare Harbour beach gained green coast status. 2024: 5 blue flag beaches and 10 green coast beaches. Ballymoney lost its blue flag in 2024. Extensive sampling of outfalls and follow on investigations underway to determine cause of problem. It is anticipated (based on 2021 to 2024 results) that Ballymoney will regain blue flag in 2025.
CZM75	To prohibit developments or activities on or adjacent to beaches where such development would either significantly interfere with the recreational use of the area or cause damage to the ecological or visual integrity of the beach or sand dune system.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM76	To provide car parking, cycle parking, universally accessible toilet and waste facilities at suitable locations at the county's bathing areas, where possible, and subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Accessible toilets are in place at 11 local beaches and bathing areas (Duncannon, Kilmore Quay, Carne, Our Lady's Island, Rosslare Strand, Curracloe, Ballinesker, Ballyconnigar, Morriscastle, Courtown and Ballymoney). See also CZM70 above.

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CZM77	To improve universal accessibility to beaches for people with disabilities subject to normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	A new beach access programme of works was completed in Ballymoney and officially opened in the summer of 2024. The new walkway is now suitable for people of all mobility levels, with the toilet facilities also improved. A beach wheelchair is now available in Ballymoney as well, and it is hoped a beach mat will be installed soon.
CZM78	To promote safe practices and the provision of information to the public in relation to safety in coastal zone areas.	Ongoing	Water safety practices are reviewed and agreed by the Coastal Engineer and the Water Safety Development Officer. Safe practices are promoted at the coastal areas through signage, beach lifeguards and notices in the local newspapers relating to safety around the water.
CZM79	To carry out beach nourishment works where necessary for maintenance, in particular to compensate for erosion, and to maintain beach width for tourism and recreational purposes subject to	In Progress & Ongoing	Beach nourishment is part of the large coastal infrastructure projects (e.g. Courtown Beach Nourishment and Coastal Protection Scheme, Rosslare Coastal Erosion and Flood Relief Scheme). These projects are being progressed and will require the necessary statutory consents. See also CZM31.
CZM80	To ensure that development is in keeping with the scale and character of the coastal settlement and that the design positively contributes to and enhances the coastal landscape setting.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM81	To control the nature and pattern of development within existing settlements in the coastal zone and ensure that development is prohibited where it poses a significant or potential threat to coastal habitats or features, and/or where the development is likely to result in adverse patterns of erosion or deposition elsewhere along the coast.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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CZM82	To consider proposals for new developments within coastal settlements located on the soft shoreline or in areas identified at risk of coastal erosion in accordance with Objective CZM34and Objective CZM35.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM83	To restrict development outside the boundaries of existing coastal settlements to that which is required to be located in that particular location such as....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM84	To consider one-off housing in areas outside of the boundaries of settlements in the coastal zone in accordance with	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM85	To encourage small-scale rural resource based economic or tourism businesses to renovate and reuse existing traditional farm buildings such as traditional stone buildings or buildings of architectural merit for use by the economic/tourism, business. The business use must comply with	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM86	To ensure that developments in the coastal zone are sensitively sited, designed and landscaped and do not detract from the visual amenity of the area, the seascape or coastal landscape character unit.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CZM87	To prohibit development outside the boundaries of existing coastal settlements where such development could not be adequately defended over the lifetime of the development without the need to construct new or additional coastal defence works.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Chapter 13 Heritage and Conservation

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
HT01	On adoption of the National Heritage Plan “Heritage 2030” to commence the preparation of a County Heritage Plan to assist the management and promotion of our valuable heritage in a sustainable manner.	Not achieved	County Heritage Plan to be prepared in 2025.
HT02	To ensure that the use of our heritage assets are managed, preserved and presented in a manner that does not adversely impact on the intrinsic value of these assets whilst supporting economic renewal and sustainable development.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
HT03	To promote initiatives that provide better public access for all visitors to our historic built and natural environment whilst ensuring the full protection of these sites. Wexford County Council will ensure that decision making on projects/developments to improve access and facilities are informed by an appropriate level of environmental assessment.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. The Wexford and Enniscorthy Heritage-led Regeneration Plans contain a number of actions to support this objective including development of online access/virtual tours and augmented reality experiences at key sites.
NH01	To protect and enhance the rich qualities of our natural heritage in a manner that is appropriate to its significance.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
NH02	To ensure the protection of all designated ecological sites (as detailed in Section 13.2.1 to 13.2.11) in relevant Local Area Plans and in the assessment of planning applications and promote the restoration of sites where required.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.
NH03	To promote biodiversity protection, restoration, and habitat connectivity both within protected areas and in the landscape through promoting the integration of green infrastructure and ecosystem services, including landscape, heritage and	Ongoing & In Progress	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes. Green corridors and Nature Based Solutions are being considered as part of the Green and Blue

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	biodiversity and management of invasive and alien species in the plan making and development management processes.		<p>Infrastructure Strategy and Rainwater Management Plan being prepared as part of the Wexford Town LAP.</p> <p>A number of biodiversity projects (funded under the Local Biodiversity Action Fund) have been carried out including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wetlands Survey Phase 1 and Phase 2 • Tree and Hedgerow Policy • Barnowl Survey and Booklet • Dune Restoration Works • Graveyard St. Johns Enniscorthy (see AH12) • County tree/hedge cover digital survey by BlueSky • County Hedgerow Survey 2023 <p>See also objectives NH14, NH26 and NH28 below.</p>
NH04	To protect the integrity of sites designated for their habitat and species importance and prohibit development which would damage or threaten the integrity of these sites. Such sites include Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and candidate SACs, Special Protection Areas (SPAs), Natural Heritage Areas (NHAs) and proposed NHAs, Nature Reserves, Refuges for Fauna and RAMSAR sites. To protect protected species wherever they occur.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.
NH05	In assessing planning applications located in and/or in proximity to Natura 2000 sites, whether hydraulically linked or otherwise linked or dependent (such as feeding, roosting or nesting grounds) to a designated site, regard shall be had to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
NH06	To recognise the importance of recommended Geological Natural Heritage Areas, proposed Natural Heritage Areas and	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	County Geological Sites and protect the character and integrity of these sites where appropriate. The Council will consult Geological Survey Ireland where a development is proposed that may impact on geological sites.		
NH07	To have regard to any particular management or sensitivity, contained within the individual site reports within The Geological Heritage of County Wexford: An audit of County Geological Sites in County Wexford 2018, in the assessment of planning applications located within Natural Heritage Areas, proposed Natural Heritage Areas and County Geological Sites.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
NH08	To ensure that any plan/project and any associated works, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, are subject to Screening for Appropriate Assessment to ensure there are no likely significant effects on any Natura 2000 site(s) and that the requirements of Article 6(3) and 6(4) of the EU Habitats Directive are fully satisfied. Where a plan/project is likely to have a significant effect on a Natura 2000 site or there is uncertainty with regard to effects, it shall be subject to Appropriate Assessment. The plan/project will proceed only after it has been ascertained that it will not adversely affect the integrity of the site or where, in the absence of alternative solutions, the plan/project is deemed by the competent authority imperative for reasons of overriding public interest.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes. An Appropriate Assessment is currently being carried out in tandem with the preparation of the Wexford Town LAP.
NH09	To ensure the protection of areas, sites and species and ecological networks/corridors of local biodiversity value outside the designated sites throughout the county and to require an ecological assessment to accompany development proposals likely to impact on such areas or species.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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NH10	To ensure that traditional field boundaries, ponds or small woods which provide important ecological corridors, stepping stones or networks are protected. Where such features exist on land which is to be developed the applicant should demonstrate that the design of the development has resulted in the retention of these features insofar as is possible and that the existing biodiversity value of the site has been protected and enhanced.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
NH11	To protect trees or groups of trees and woodlands of particular amenity and nature conservation value and make tree preservation orders where appropriate.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. No Tree Preservation Orders have been made since the adoption of the Plan.
NH12	To protect individual trees, groups of trees, woodlands and hedgerows of amenity and biodiversity value, from damage and/or degradation and work to prevent the disruption of the connectivity of the woodlands and hedgerows of the county. Commercial forestry will generally be exempt, except at peripheries and/or where they have not been maintained for commercial purposes.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
NH13	To ensure applications for development include proposals for native planting and leave a suitable ecological buffer zone between the development works and any areas or features of ecological importance. To minimise the removal of hedgerow and natural boundaries, and where hedgerows are required to be removed the applicant/developer will be required to reinstate the hedgerows with a suitable replacement of native species.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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NH14	To work with local communities, groups, landowners, National Parks and Wildlife Service and other relevant parties to identify, protect, manage and, where appropriate, enhance and promote sites of local biodiversity value.	Ongoing	WCC continue to liaise with relevant stakeholders to promote biodiversity. A Biodiversity Officer was appointed in June 2024 and will undertake awareness raising and training in relation to biodiversity of local sites, including pNHAs and 'non protected' sites of local importance which may only have protection through the CDP.
NH15	To prepare a new Biodiversity Action Plan for the County and to implement the actions identified in the County Wexford Biodiversity Action Plan 2013, or the subsequent plan, in partnership with all relevant parties and stakeholders.	Not Achieved	Local Biodiversity Action Plan to be prepared in 2025.
NH16	To support the conservation, sustainable management and restoration of marine ecosystems in any existing or future Marine Protected Area which may be designated during the lifetime of the Plan.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the forward planning and development management process.
NH17	To support any targeted programmes or projects which will be required to improve and restore the status of the large sedimentary lagoons of Wexford.	Ongoing	There are 3 no. coastal lagoons in County Wexford: Tacumshin Lake, Our Lady's Island, and Ballyteige Bay. LAWPRO are working on improvement and restoration of lagoons but await guidance from NPWS; WCC will continue to support LAWPRO and other agencies in this regard.
NH18	To provide support for communities in the application of EU funded programmes such as the Roseate Tern Recovery Project, the Blackstairs Farming Futures (BFF) Sustainable farming project and other LIFE and European Innovation Partnership programmes which aim to achieve the objectives of the Habitats and Birds Directives.	Ongoing	WCC continues to provide support for any applications seeking EU funding – including NGOs, Government bodies, community groups, etc.

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NH19	To implement the requirements of EU Regulations 1143/2014 on the Prevention and Management of the Introduction and Spread of Invasive Alien Species and Regulation 49 and 50 of the EU (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011(S.I. No. 477/2011), as amended.	Ongoing	WCC crews continue to identify, mark and treat invasive alien species such as Japanese Knotweed and Ragwort on road verges.
NH20	To ensure the protection of natural heritage is integral to the Council's own developments, actions and methods of operation.	Ongoing	Ongoing in the planning, design, construction and operation of LA own development and in the assessment of applications for development.
NH21	To ensure that natural heritage and biodiversity consideration are integral to the preparation of Local Area Plans and to identify, protect and manage biodiversity through these Plans.	In Progress	See objectives NH02-NH04 and NH08.
NH22	To promote best practice in the control of invasive species and support measures for the prevention and/or eradication of invasive species as appropriate and as opportunities and resources allow.	Ongoing	See objective NH19 above. The newly appointed Biodiversity Officer will help raise awareness and support training for staff and public in invasive species, subject to resources. See also objective AH12 below.
NH23	To undertake an audit of invasive species across the county and encourage greater awareness of potential threats caused by invasive species and how they can spread.	Not achieved	No progress achieved to date. Resources and buy in across all departments, including training in identification, will be required to implement this objective across all the districts.
NH24	To raise awareness in relation to invasive species, including making landowners and developers aware of best practice guidance in relation to the control of invasive species and leave them to adhere to same and, to ensure, in so far as possible, that proposals for development do not lead to the spread of invasive species. The Council will inform landowners of any invasive species found or reported on their property and	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. The newly appointed Biodiversity Officer will also have a role in raising awareness and promoting best practice (see objective NH19 above).

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	request the landowners to take appropriate action in accordance with best practice guidance.		
NH25	To ensure that proposals for development do not lead to the spread or introduction of invasive species. If developments are proposed on sites where invasive species are or were previously present, the applicants will be required to submit a control and management program for the particular invasive species carried out by a competent and appropriately qualified expert as part of the planning process.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
NH26	To require best practice and facilitate the development of appropriate facilities to minimise the spread of invasive species along blueways and greenways.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process and local authority own development and parks management (see objective NH28 below).
NH27	To carefully consider and implement the management of invasive species where there is a corridor, such as hydrological connections to European Sites in order to prevent the spread of invasive species to sensitive sites.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See objectives NH22 and NH24 re raising awareness. NPWS also play a role in raising awareness and enforcing where necessary under the relevant legislation.
NH28	To incorporate the actions of the All Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015-2020 (and any subsequent Plan) when managing our parks, open spaces, roadside verges and all vegetation in a way that provides more opportunities for biodiversity while being cognisant of the threat of the spread of invasive species.	Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through parks management in each of the districts. Roads Section also continue to partner with other council departments to promote initiatives in public areas. The newly appointed Biodiversity Officer will be liaising with district staff who manage parks, open spaces and roadside verges and training will be provided on best practice pollinator friendly management practices, subject to resources.</p> <p>Biodiversity measures have/are being incorporated into WCC projects where appropriate e.g. Min Ryan Park in Wexford, High Hill Park and Emigrant Park in New Ross, Enniscorthy Wellbeing</p>

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			and Activity Garden, and Gorey Town Park which includes a biodiversity pond, pocket forest and sensory garden.
AH01	To conserve and protect archaeological sites, monuments (including their settings), underwater archaeology and objects including those listed or scheduled for inclusion on the Record of Monuments and Places and/or the Register of Historic Monuments or newly discovered sub-surface archaeological remains.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
AH02	To recognise the importance of monuments and sites and protect the character and integrity of these monuments and sites where appropriate. The Council will consult the National Monuments Service where a development is proposed that may impact on an archaeological monument and/or site.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
AH03	To protect the heritage of groups of important archaeological sites and monuments, inclusive of their contextual setting and interpretation, in the operation of development management.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
AH04	To fully consider the protection of archaeological heritage when undertaking, approving or authorising development. In considering such protection the Council will have regard to the advice and recommendations of the National Monuments Service and the principles set out in Framework and Principles for the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands, 1999).	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
AH05	To require an archaeological assessment and/or investigation by qualified persons for development that may, due to its size, location or nature, have a significant effect upon archaeological heritage and to take appropriate measures to safeguard this	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	archaeological heritage. In all such cases the Planning Authority shall consult with the National Monuments Service in the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.		
AH06	To promote a presumption in favour of preservation in-situ of archaeological remains and settings when dealing with proposals for development that would impact upon archaeological sites and/or features. Where preservation in-situ is not possible the Council will consider preservation by record in appropriate circumstances.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
AH07	To protect historic and archaeological landscapes, including battlefields, and promote access to such sites provided that this does not threaten the feature.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
AH08	To include archaeological landscapes, battlefields and historic landscapes as part of the updated Landscape Character Assessment of the County to be prepared following the publication of a National Landscape Character Assessment.	Not Achieved	The National Landscape Character Assessment has not been published to date.
AH09	To protect historic urban defences (both upstanding and buried) and associated features and safeguard them from inappropriate development in accordance with National Policy on Town Defences (Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, 2008).	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
AH10	To identify appropriate archaeological sites in the county to which public access could be provided, and work to secure public access and the provision of signage and interpretation panels where appropriate in consultation with the landowner and the National Monument Service, subject to normal planning	In Progress & Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fethard Castle: conservation repairs to facilitate improved access. • Ballybrittas Portal tomb: improved access via land purchase and trail creation. New information panel erected.

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	and environmental criteria and the development management standards contained in Volume 2.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ishartmon church: conservation repairs to facilitate safe access. • Kilmannan graveyard: information panel erected.
AH11	To retain existing street layouts, historic building lines and traditional plot widths which derive from medieval or earlier origin.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
AH12	To protect historical burial grounds within County Wexford and encourage their maintenance in accordance with best practice conservation principles.	In Progress & Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit of the Historic Churches and Graveyards of Co. Wexford - Project sought to assess the current condition of these sites so that adequate planning and provision for works could be made into the future. Phase 1 of the Audit was carried out in 2023 and this assessed 59 graveyards. Grant assistance has now been sought to carry out a Phase 2 Audit in 2025. This will review an additional 30 graveyards. The Phase 1 Audit informed maintenance works at Killag graveyard and Clonmines graveyard. • Removal of invasive species was carried out at St. John's graveyard, Enniscorthy - € 4,250 grant received from Local Biodiversity Action Fund 2022 (total cost €4,994).
AH13	To have regard to the Historic Battlefield sites as listed in Table 13.6 (and those which are not listed thereon but that are, or become, known) and when assessing planning applications in the vicinity of a Historic Battlefield ensure there is no harm to the physical character or setting of these sites. Where development is proposed within the identified battlefields, archaeological assessment and recording may be required.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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BH01	To protect the architectural heritage of County Wexford and to include structures considered to be of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest in the Record of Protected Structures.	Ongoing	No structures added/deleted to the RPS since the adoption of the Plan. A number of requests for additions/deletions are contained on file for future assessment/consideration.
BH02	To support targeted investment in the built heritage of our region including the Built Heritage Investment Scheme and Historic Structures Fund to assist owners to maintain our built heritage assets.	In Progress & Ongoing	<p>WCC continue to support and seek investment for built heritage.</p> <p>Completed Heritage and Conservation Projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Ross Town Walls Project (William Street) - €35,891 grant received from Heritage Council) (works total €40,000) • Wexford Town Walls Project (Bride Street and Rope Walk Carpark) - €80,000 grant received from Heritage Council (works total €94,600) • Barrystown Mine Engine House - €7,014 (100% grant) received under the Community Monuments Fund to carry out a Conservation Management Plan. A further €118,221 (100% grant) was received in 2022 for substantial works. • Fethard Castle Phase 2 - €100,000 grant received under the CMF (works total €147,367) • Mountgarrett Castle Phase 2 - €100,000 grant received under the CMF (works total €147,367) • Mountgarrett Castle Phase 3 - €100,000 grant received under the CMF (works total €126,233) • Tellarought Castle Phase 3 - €100,000 grant received under the CMF (works total €131,600) • Ishartmon Church and Graveyard - €25,851 grant received under the CMF (100% grant)

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicentennial Works to 1798 Centre, NMS Funds received for Enniscorthy €100,000 and Boolavogue Fr. Murphy Centre €40,000 • World War II defence heritage audit completed in 2022. • Audit of WCC historic church and graveyard sites Phase 1 completed in 2023 – see AH12 above. • Heritage -led Regeneration Plan for Wexford Town – €30,000 received under Historic Towns Initiative (total cost €38,000) • Heritage -led Regeneration Plan for Enniscorthy – €31,842 received under HTI (total cost €39,803) • Built Heritage Investment Scheme – allocation of €104,821.75 in 2022 and €117,382.18 in 2023. • Historic Structures Fund – allocation of €5,084 in 2023.
BH03	To promote the development of heritage-led regeneration and engage in and promote initiatives to revitalise the historic cores of our towns and villages together with local communities, heritage property owners and other stakeholders.		A Wexford Heritage-led Regeneration Plan was adopted for Wexford Town. A Draft Enniscorthy Heritage-led Regeneration Plan has also been prepared. The Plans contain a number of actions for regeneration of the town centres and will inform the preparation of the LAPs.
BH04	To consider, in the preparation of future local area plans, a <i>Town first</i> approach to the revitalisation of historic urban centres, which focuses on the repair and upgrade of existing historic buildings and their adaptation to new uses with regard to their architectural character and significance.	In Progress	Consultants have been appointed to prepare a Town centre First Strategy as part of the preparation of the Wexford Town LAP.
BH05	To protect our Architectural Heritage in the form of the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) and identify important groups of buildings/localities suitable for designation as Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs). Wexford County Council will also	Achieved, In Progress	See BH01 and ACA02. ACAs currently being reviewed as part of the preparation of the Wexford Town LAP.

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	endeavour to undertake monitoring and review of the RPS and ACAs which may result in recommendations for additions or deletions and enlist measures to prevent dereliction and to support re-use of built heritage.	& Ongoing	
BH06	To protect the curtilage of Protected Structures or proposed Protected Structures from any works which would cause loss of, or damage to, the special character of the structure and loss of or damage to, any structures of heritage value within the curtilage or attendant grounds of the structure.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
BH07	To ensure development within the curtilage of a Protected Structure is compatible with its character. This does not preclude putting forward innovative contemporary designs that respect the context of the Protected Structure.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
BH08	To promote the retention of any original or early building fabric including for example timber sash windows, stonework, brickwork, joinery, ironmongery, traditional mortars, render and decorative or weather finishes and slate and vernacular architectural details (whether relating to a Protected Structure or not). Likewise, the Council will encourage the re-instatement of historically correct traditional features and retention of original ridge heights as appropriate.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
BH09	To protect, maintain and enhance the established character and setting of vernacular buildings which are worthy of protection or have architectural heritage value, farmyards and settlements where they make a positive contribution to the built heritage and encourage the re-use and sensitive refurbishment of	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	vernacular buildings using appropriate design and materials and having regard to best practice conservation guidelines.		
BH10	To ensure that applications in relation to Protected Structures include an Architectural Heritage Impact Assessment report where it is considered the proposed development entails extensive or complex works with a potential to have an impact on the architectural heritage....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
BH11	To ensure that all applications for Protected Structures are assessed taking into consideration the advice contained in the Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DAHG, 2011) and any subsequent guidelines.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
BH12	To encourage the repair and retention of traditional timber, rendered and/or tiled shop fronts and pub fronts, including those which may not be Protected Structures. There will be a general presumption against the replacement of original shopfronts with emphasis on retention and reinstatement of traditional proportions and details.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
BH13	To facilitate the retention of older buildings, the Planning Authority will give consideration to the relaxation of car parking and other development management requirements in appropriate circumstances.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
BH14	To ensure that elements of the architectural heritage of the county, such as historic gardens and historic designed landscapes, stone or brick walls, ditches and street furniture that make a positive contribution to the built heritage, are retained.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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BH15	To encourage improvements to energy efficiency in traditional buildings while maintaining the architectural character and significance in line with the Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities (Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, 2011) and the Advice Series Guide on Energy Efficiency in Traditional Buildings (Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government) and any future guidelines and advice.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
BH16	To protect and manage trees in the curtilage of a Protected Structure or in close vicinity that contribute to its special character and setting.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
BH17	To support economic development of large country houses in their role as tourist attractions and other commercial uses to ensure their continued survival.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
BH18	In the event of catastrophic accidental fire damage the rebuilding of a Protected Structure will not be required. Support and advice will be provided in assisting the repair of damaged Protected Structures to achieve a balance between new works and the remaining original features.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ACA01	To protect and enhance the character of the designated Architectural Conservation Areas in Wexford, Enniscorthy, New Ross, Gorey and Bunclody, including the views and prospects to and from these areas.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ACA02	To review current Architectural Conservation Areas during the preparation of subsequent local area plans, in conjunction with owners and occupiers and interest groups, with a view to	In Progress	ACAs currently being reviewed as part of the preparation of the draft Wexford Town LAP.

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	preparing a Management Scheme and guidance on the treatment of structures and the public realm.		
ACA03	To ensure that all proposed developments are carried out to the highest architectural and urban design standards within the Architectural Conservation Areas.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ACA04	To protect existing buildings, structures, groups of structures, burial grounds, sites, landscapes and features such as trees, street furniture and paving, (including sub-surface areas) which are considered to be intrinsic elements of the special character of the Architectural Conservation Area, from demolition or removal and non-sympathetic alterations.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ACA05	To ensure that all new advertising hoardings, signage, awnings, canopies, flagpoles, banners, satellite dishes, masts, pylons, lighting, CCTV cameras and car parking provision within an Architectural Conservation Area are designed, constructed and located in a manner that is complementary to the character of the Architectural Conservation Area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ACA06	To preserve historic street patterns and encourage pedestrianisation on key streets.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ACA07	To promote public awareness of the character and special interest of the Architectural Conservation Areas and to provide assistance and guidance in preserving these.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ACA08	To ensure that applications in relation to a proposed development within an Architectural Conservation Area that entail extensive or complex works with a potential to have an	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	impact on the character of the architectural heritage and/or landscape include a Character and Landscape Impact Assessment report and/or Heritage Impact Assessment.....		
G01	To preserve and enhance the county's graveyards through improved management, access and community stewardship, and to promote the unique character of each of the burial grounds.		The Community Section continue to manage graveyards with assistance provided by the Heritage Officer where appropriate. See also objective G03 below.
G02	To provide education and training on the appropriate care and maintenance of our graveyards and burial grounds (including the legislative procedures involved).		See objective G03 below. The recently appointed Heritage and Conservation Officers will have a role in providing education and awareness.
G03	To promote the use of Graveyard Plans as a means of identifying the significance of each graveyard and of co-ordinating maintenance and conservation works and the required permissions, as well as any promotional activities desired.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for Toome church and graveyard - € 4,983.00 grant received under the Community Monuments Fund (100% grant) • CMP for St. Senan's church and graveyard - € 4,983.00 grant received under the Community Monuments Fund (100% grant) • CMP for St. Nicholas' church and graveyard, Clonmines - €9,455.62 grant received from the Heritage Council (total cost €12,607.50) • Application made to the Community Monuments Fund 2025 for a CMP for Ballyvaldon church and graveyard • Application made to the Community Monuments Fund 2025 for a CMP for Carnagh church and graveyard
G04	To protect the burial grounds identified in the Record of Monuments and Places in co-operation with the National Monuments Service of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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CH01	To support the sustainable development and promotion of our cultural heritage and the associated infrastructure subject to normal planning and environmental criteria and the development management standards contained in Volume 2.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See Chapter 15 Sustainable Communities and Social Infrastructure Strategy for further details on cultural facilities including the adoption of WCC Culture & Creativity Strategy 2023-2027.
CH02	To safeguard the cultural heritage of the county and facilitate the expansion and development of appropriate facilities suitably located adjacent to points of interest subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CH03	To help to ensure that our cultural heritage and associated facilities are accessible and inclusive subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria and the development management standards contained in Volume 2.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CH04	To co-operate with the Heritage Council, Arts Council, Fáilte Ireland and other relevant bodies such as the National Parks and Wildlife Service to promote and develop the arts, cultural and heritage attractions throughout the County.	Ongoing	WCC continue to liaise with relevant stakeholders to promote and develop attractions in the county. See Chapter 7 Tourism Development for further details including the Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) and Food in Tourism Plan currently being prepared by Fáilte Ireland.
CH05	To support the delivery of the Creative Ireland programme that will encourage cultural activity and celebration of our heritage as important factors in the wellbeing of the County's communities and core to the practice of place-making.	Ongoing	See Chapter 15 Sustainable Communities and Social Infrastructure Strategy for further details on cultural facilities including the adoption of WCC Culture & Creativity Strategy 2023-2027.

Chapter 14 Recreation and Open Space Planning

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
ROS01	To support the implementation of the National Sports Plan 2018-2027, Get Ireland Active-the National Physical Activity Plan for Ireland 2015-2020, Sport Ireland Policy on Sport and Physical Activity in the Outdoors, the Wexford Healthy County Plan 2020-2022, the Wexford Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021 and the Sports Active Wexford Strategic Plan 2017-2022 and any updated version of these plans as a means of promoting physical activity and active living in order to enhance health, wellbeing and social inclusion subject to the objectives of the County Development Plan.	Ongoing	<p>WCC continues to support the implementation of these plans. A new LECP was adopted in April 2024 and includes priority actions to be implemented in the next two years. A County Sports Plan and Outdoor Recreation Plan are currently in preparation and are expected to be completed in 2025.</p> <p>In 2024 WCC signed three separate Service Level Agreements with major sporting organisations: the FAI, Leinster Rugby and Wexford GAA. The agreements, through collaboration with these organisations, will strengthen the council's commitment to support social inclusion and a Healthy Wexford where each person can enjoy physical and mental health and wellbeing to their full potential.</p>
ROS02	To support the implementation of any future Recreation Strategy for the county subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	A County Sports Plan and Outdoor Recreation Plan are currently in preparation and are expected to be completed in 2025.
ROS03	To ensure urban and rural communities have access to a range of high quality open space, sporting, recreation and play facilities that are appropriate in scale and location and are universally accessible and suitable for all ages. These facilities should be located in existing settlements, close to residential areas and other community facilities so as to maximise participation levels and reduce the need to travel.	Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the forward planning and development management processes.</p> <p>Two new district level parks have been completed at Min Ryan Park in Wexford and Gorey Town Park.</p> <p>Also in Gorey Town a Part 8 application was approved for St. Waleran's Sports and Recreation Complex which will provide high-quality sport and recreational facilities for the community, with a particular focus on minority sports and targeting</p>

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			<p>inclusiveness in sporting activities. A funding application has been made under the LSSIF scheme.</p> <p>In Wexford Town, the Ballynagee Masterplan includes enhanced recreation and amenity infrastructure and facilities including Wexford FC Arena (pitch and stadium, 2 training pitches, car parking, access to new avenue), new changing rooms and a GAA pitch. It includes active and passive recreation and an open space network.</p> <p>In New Ross completed amenities include High Hill Park, Emigrant Park and Phase 1 of the South East Greenway, with Phase 2 now underway.</p> <p>In Enniscorthy, completed projects include Bellefield Public Realm and Playground and a new all-weather astroturf pitch on Ross Road. A Learn to Cycle Park was officially opened in 2023. And Sensory Gardens were installed in Enniscorthy Community Allotments in 2022-2023 with funding provided under the Slaintecare Programme. A Wellbeing and Activity Garden is currently under construction at St. John's Hospital. A Part 8 application is also being prepared for a new playground in Springvalley. Enniscorthy Sports Hub Project, which will include changing place facilities, is currently at tender assessment stage.</p> <p>Other projects being progressed by Special Projects Section include a Water Sports Activity Facility at Curracloe and a gym at Ferndale in Wexford Town, both to commence in September 2025. Carrigfoyle boathouse is expected to begin construction in Q2 2025.</p>

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			<p>Bunclody Neighbourhood Park – planning was approved by ABP in February 2024 and WCC Property Section is currently in discussion with landowners.</p> <p>New playground delivered in Olyegate in 2023 which is fully accessible and includes a number of sensory pieces of play equipment.</p> <p>TVS funding was announced in April 2024 for a new playground, sensory garden, pocket woodland and picnic area in Carrig-on-Bannow.</p> <p>CRF funding was also announced in August 2024 to provide a new Multi Games user Area in Rosslare Harbour Community Playground.</p> <p>WCC continue to maintain a high number of parks and playgrounds (61) throughout the county as well as numerous beaches and trails. Healthy Wexford support playful spaces within communities through collaborations with the MDs.</p>
ROS04	To ensure the integration of safe and convenient alternatives to the car into the design of communities, by prioritising walking and cycling accessibility to both existing and proposed developments and integrating physical activity facilities for all ages.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ROS05	To ensure that open spaces and recreational facilities are multi-functional spaces incorporating biodiversity, SuDS and flood attenuation, where appropriate.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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ROS06	To support community groups and sporting organisations in the development of parks, spaces, community gardens, allotments and community gardens, sporting facilities and play facilities subject to residential amenity and proper planning and sustainable development.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. WCC continue to support communities in line with the objectives and actions of the Local Economic & Community Plan 2024-2029. 25k obtained from the Swimming Infrastructure grant for Swimming Huts in two designated areas. The participation nation grant has been applied for to support the development of sporting infrastructure in Wexford Town, Gorey, New Ross and Rosslare Municipal districts with funding to be confirmed in Q4 2024. See also ROS03 above.
ROS07	To promote an awareness/educational campaign on the wildlife and sensitivity of habitats to public recreational use in areas of high biodiversity such as upland areas, coastal areas, designated sites and ecological networks, including the provision of appropriate signage.	In Progress	Biodiversity Officer to liaise with Wexford Trails and inhouse Environment section staff in relation to balancing recreation and sensitive habitats. Requires co-operation from landowners, Coillte, NPWS.
ROS08	To support investment in the on-going maintenance and enhancement of existing public open space facilities, and support the provision of new public parks, green space corridors, pollinator projects, native planting and wild areas and rewilding projects and other public open spaces in tandem with planned population growth to create green, biodiversity rich and healthy settlements throughout the county.	Ongoing	<p>WCC continues to maintain parks, playgrounds (61), beaches and trails throughout the county. Biodiversity features are being incorporated into the design of new open spaces where possible e.g. South East Greenway, St. Waleran's Sports Hub and the proposed new nature-based playground in Springvalley, Enniscorthy. The recently appointed Biodiversity Officer will identify opportunities for new green space corridors, rewilding and native planting schemes. It is expected that a Biodiversity Action Plan will also be prepared in 2025.</p> <p>Consultants have been appointed to prepare a Green and Blue Infrastructure (GBI) Strategy as part of the preparation of the draft Wexford Town LAP and locations for new parks, open spaces and green corridors for the Town will be identified in the plan.</p>

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			The Active Travel Section are looking at linking green spaces in Enniscorthy Town such as Bellefield GAA grounds and the Showgrounds.
ROS09	To ensure a range of accessible open spaces are provided in towns and villages so that all residents have reasonable access to different types of open space and to ensure that new open spaces are integrated with good pedestrian and cyclist links and provide access for all people regardless of their age or abilities.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ROS10	To ensure that future local area plans apply the hierarchy of public open spaces set out in Section 14.4.3 where relevant and appropriate and outline the mechanism for the delivery for each level of open space. The Planning Authority will also carry out an audit of underutilised lands during the preparation of local area plans to identify underutilised lands that could be zoned for sporting, community and leisure uses and activities to increase the availability of same for local communities.	In Progress	Public open space requirements and land use zoning objectives are currently being considered as part of the preparation of the draft Wexford Town LAP.
ROS11	To require the provision of good quality, accessible, well located and functional open spaces in new residential developments in accordance with the guidance within this chapter, the standards in Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas-Guidelines for Planning Authorities and its companion document Urban Design Manual (DEHLG, 2009), and where applicable, the standards in Sustainable Urban Housing Design Standards for New Apartments Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DHPLG, 2020) and any future version of	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	these guidelines documents and save as otherwise required by the objectives and development management standards in this Plan.		
ROS12	To require public open spaces to create positive and defined relationships between buildings and spaces and interesting urban forms such as squares and crescents, contributing to a sense of enclosure and comfort, place value and quality and ownership by the residents.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ROS13	To facilitate the development of allotments, community gardens and pollinator projects, native planting, wild areas and rewilding projects at appropriate locations and on suitable sites which are accessible from the built-up areas of the county taking into consideration the demand for such facilities and subject to The Planning Authority will identify land for use as allotments, community gardens and linked networks of green infrastructure in larger towns and villages during the preparation of local area plans. The Planning Authority will also consider the provision of allotments, community gardens and wild areas/nature pockets as part of the public open space provision in new residential schemes subject to appropriate siting, design and layout, protection of residential and visual amenities and normal planning and environmental criteria.	In Progress	<p>Ongoing through the development management process. See also Objective ROS08 above.</p> <p>The provision of allotments, community gardens and wild areas/nature pockets forms part of the open space requirements and land use zoning objectives that are currently being considered as part of the preparation of the draft Wexford Town LAP.</p>
ROS14	To facilitate, through community consultation and involvement, the merging and linking of existing open spaces with new open spaces as a mechanism for providing larger more useful public open spaces, improving permeability and promoting social cohesion.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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ROS15	To avoid the loss of public and private recreational open space and facilities unless alternative recreational facilities are provided in a suitable location.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ROS16	To ensure a detailed landscaping plan, for both hard and soft landscaping, prepared by a suitably qualified landscape architect, accompanies all major planning applications for residential schemes of ten or more houses and significant industrial and commercial developments of 1,000m ² gross floor space or more.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ROS17	To require the provision of public open space to comply with the quantitative standards set out in Section 14.5.4. Where this is not possible for reasons including density and site topography, the Planning Authority will consider a deviation from those quantitative standards in favour of increases in the quality of the open space that comply with the measures also set out in Section 14.5.4. The Planning Authority will not accept open space lands which are too sloped or otherwise unusable in fulfilment of either quantitative or qualitative space requirements.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ROS18	To support the development of skate parks and outdoor gyms in public open spaces and parks at appropriate locations in the County.	In Progress & Ongoing	Facilities are currently installed and maintained at Min Ryan Park, Gorey District Park and the Avenue, and New Ross Town Park. A Part 8 application has been lodged for a Skate Park in New Ross on the site of the Old Railway Yard and appropriate sites are being pursued for the provision of a skate park in Enniscorthy Town.
ROS19	To ensure that the design of residential schemes, including open spaces, optimises the existing features and topography	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	of the site such as rivers, streams, rock outcrops, trees and hedgerows, and to ensure that biodiversity and green infrastructure are fully considered and integrated into schemes.		
ROS20	To encourage the use of measures specifically designed to enhance wildlife in residential schemes such as holes left in boundary walls to allow for the passage of hedgehogs between gardens, the installation of bat and swift boxes and pollinator projects, native planting and wild areas and rewilding projects. The incorporation of wildlife information signage will be encouraged.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ROS21	To ensure that a range of play opportunities will be available for all children, particularly children who are marginalised, disadvantaged or who have special needs.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. New playground delivered in Olyegate in 2023 is fully accessible and includes a number of sensory pieces of play equipment including a disability access carousel. Slaintecare Healthy Communities programme commits to providing 1 no. accessible playground (or upgrades to existing) per municipal district.
ROS22	To implement the Wexford County Council Playground Strategy 2017-2022 and any updated version of this strategy prepared during the lifetime of the Plan.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ROS23	To require high quality landscaped and play facilities to form part of new residential schemes in towns and villages. For residential schemes of 99 dwellings or less landscaped areas shall be provided to encourage creative play and games. The Planning Authority will consider either or a combination of the following options for residential schemes.....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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ROS24	To require children’s play needs in apartment only developments to be provided in accordance with.....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ROS25	To facilitate a vibrant and active sports sector with increased participation levels, good quality sustainable facilities which are appropriate in scale and location and which provide opportunities for people to play an active role in sport.	Ongoing	Ongoing support for the development of facilities through applications for Sports Capital funding.
ROS26	To support the vision and objectives of national sport policies including working with local sports partnerships, clubs, communities and partnerships within and beyond sport to increase sport and physical activity participation levels.	Ongoing	See objective ROS01 above.
ROS27	To support investment in the sustainable development of larger sports projects under the Large-Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive, and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Part 8 application approved for St. Waleran’s Sports & Recreation Complex in Gorey. An application under LSSIF was lodged in June 2024 – outcome of grant assessment is pending.
ROS28	To support local community and sports groups in developing sports facilities and to consider the development of such facilities at appropriate locations in the county. These facilities, if possible, should be clustered with other community facilities such as community centres and open spaces to create multi user community hubs. The Planning Authority will ensure that sufficient land is zoned in local area plans to facilitate sports clubs and community organisations. The Council will ensure that land is available to accommodate proposals to future proof the expansion of clubs in urban settings and in areas where there is zoned land. Where a site is located away from the centre of a town or village, this will be considered on its merits...	In progress & Ongoing	WCC continue to support the development of sports facilities. See objective ROS06 above. Public open space requirements and land use zoning objectives are currently being considered as part of the preparation of the draft Wexford Town LAP.

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ROS29	To ensure that the development of new sports facilities are universally accessible and accompanied by appropriate infrastructure including car parking, bicycle parking and changing rooms.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ROS30	To encourage the development of Multi-User Games Areas (MUGAS) at appropriate locations in the county and ensure that new community facilities and public open spaces are designed to allow flexibility in their use.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ROS31	To encourage the use of school grounds and associated recreational facilities outside of school hours by all members of the community provided that this does not conflict with the delivery of the education service.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ROS32	To ensure that all major commercial leisure developments are located in the main towns and the site selection is based on the sequential approach with the priority being the town centre. Such facilities will not be permitted on land zoned for employment related uses where the development would undermine the ability to cater for employment intensive activities such as manufacturing, industry, office and enterprise. Commercial leisure facilities generate a high level of movement and are best located in places that offer the highest level of accessibility to a range of transport modes, including walking, cycling and public transport.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ROS33	To encourage the development of equine sports including the further development of horse racing courses throughout the County which also provide alternative community and sporting uses.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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ROS34	To protect existing sport facilities such as standing handball alleys which should be retained. Their demolition will only be facilitated if alternative provision is made.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ROS35	To prepare a Walking Strategy for the county to inform the development and co-ordination of the necessary accessible infrastructure to facilitate and encourage more walking for both everyday transport and leisure purposes.	Not achieved	See Objective TS22 in Chapter 8 Transportation Strategy. Subject to funding allocations; elements being integrated into the LTPs for Wexford Town & Enniscorthy.
ROS36	To prepare a Cycling Strategy for the county to inform the development and co-ordination of the necessary infrastructure to facilitate and encourage more cycling for both everyday transport and leisure purposes.	Not achieved	See Objective TS23 in Chapter 8 Transportation Strategy. Subject to funding allocations; elements being integrated into the LTPs for Wexford Town & Enniscorthy.
ROS37	To facilitate sustainable outdoor recreation in the form of walking and cycling at appropriate locations in the county and maximise the recreational and tourist potential of walking and cycling routes subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive, the protection of natural heritage, the character of rural areas, the amenities of host communities and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the development management process. Numerous trails completed or in progress under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ferns Heritage Trail Waymarking Project (under construction) • Cahore Step Improvements and Cahore Point Trail - Resurface Link (at tender stage) • Up-grade River Slaney Banks Trail (complete) • Extend the Enniscorthy Riverside Walk -Project Development Grant (design) • Re-route Section of Curragh Trail (construction) • Re-route Section of Forge Trail, Carrigbyrne (design) • Ballyhack to Duncannon -Phase 1 complete and Phase 2 (Planning) • Our Lady's Island - Phase 1 (complete) and Phase 2 (complete) • Kellywood Link (tender)

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forth Mt. Equestrian Trail (complete) • Ballybrittas Tomb Trail, Bree (complete) • Kilmore Quay Recreation Trail (design) • Other works around car parks, signage and accessibility including seating. <p>Details on walking trails in the county are available to view on: https://wexfordwalkingtrail.ie/ The 'Visit Wexford' website also includes a feature on the best walking trails in Co. Wexford: https://www.visitwexford.ie/directory-category/wexford-walking-trail/</p> <p>See also ROS44 and ROS45 re greenways.</p>
ROS38	To seek to promote and support access to rural areas including upland areas, forestry, coastal areas and the development of existing walking routes, pilgrim paths, mountain trails and nature trails in conjunction with other public bodies, representative agencies and community groups subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive, the protection of natural heritage, the character of rural areas and the amenities of host communities. This will include identifying and protecting existing paths, walkways and public rights of way.	Ongoing	Blackstairs Mountain Trail has received ORIS grant funding to create a 13km upland trail. Fisherman's Way, Tara Hill to Ballymoney has received ORIS grant funding to improve trail access. Cullentra Trail, Kiltealy has received ORIS grant funding to improve trail drainage. Barntown walking trail to Crosbie's Lane has been integrated into Newtown Road Pathfinders Scheme; Active Travel team are keen to work with walking groups in the design of such schemes.
ROS39	To engage with representative bodies, local groups, landowners and where relevant adjoining local authorities in order to support the sustainable development of walking and cycling routes.	Ongoing	Ongoing engagement with Courtown Community Council & Tidy Towns Active Tribe and NPWS, Ballymoney, Tara Hill and Castletown Community Development Group within Gorey-Kilmuckridge district.

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ROS40	To support the Wexford Walking Trails brand and promote and facilitate the expansion of the walking trail network subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive, protection of natural heritage, the character of rural areas and the amenities of host communities and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	See Objective ROS38. WLD to appoint a Rural Recreation Officer in 2024 to expand the walking trail network. The 'Visit Wexford' website also includes a feature on walking trails in Co. Wexford
ROS41	To facilitate the development and use of the Wexford Coastal Pathway (Slí Charman) as a recreation and tourist facility subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive, the protection of natural heritage, the character of rural areas, the amenities of host communities and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Objective CZM66 in Chapter 12 also refers. Kilpatrick to Cronellard re-waymarked in 2023. Ballymoney Beach access improved in 2024. Traffic management measures implemented at Curracloe. Re-laid boardwalk at Kilmore Quay in 2024.
ROS42	To provide and maintain new/improved coastal access points and right-of-ways subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Objective CZM67 in Chapter 12 also refers. WCC maintain trail access at Kilpatrick, Clones, Cronellard, Ballymoney, Courtown, Cahore, Morriscastle, Ballinamona, Knocknasilloogue, Blackwater Head, Curracloe, Rosslare Harbour, St. Helen's, Carne, Carnsore Point, Kilmore Quay, Cullenstown, Fethard, Duncannon, Arthurstown & Ballyhack. Three summer field carparks were leased at Cahore & Oldbawn and traffic management measures were implemented at Curracloe.
ROS43	To facilitate the development of riverside walking routes whilst protecting areas of ecological value and ensuring that any development takes cognisance of the aims and objectives of the Water Framework Directive and ensuring that all development is undertaken in compliance with the Habitats Directive, the protection of natural heritage, the character of rural areas and the amenities of host communities and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. The Enniscorthy Riverside Trail is being extended also to support this objective.

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ROS44	To facilitate the development of disused railways for amenity purposes, including the development of walkways, cycleways or bridleways, provided that the use does not conflict with or prejudice the re-opening of railway lines in the future and subject to compliance with	In Progress	The South East Greenway runs along the old New Ross to Waterford rail line. Phase 1 (6km) of the South East Greenway was completed from New Ross to Glenmore and Phase 2 (5.5km) from Ferrybank to Curraghmore is underway. See TS41 in Chapter 8 Transportation Strategy re disused Rosslare Europort to Waterford Railway.
ROS45	To support investment in the development of universally accessible (including by mobility scooters) walking and cycling facilities and greenways and to explore the potential to develop greenway corridor linkages between settlements to create interregional greenways subject to complying with the relevant objectives in Chapter 7 Tourism Development, Chapter 8 Transportation Strategy, the Habitats Directives and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Phase 1 (6km) of the South East Greenway was completed from New Ross to Glenmore and Phase 2 (5.5km) from Ferrybank to Curraghmore is underway. The Wexford to Rosslare Greenway (including the section to Rosslare Harbour) is at route selection stage and it is anticipated the preferred route will be identified in Q1 2025. Collaboration is ongoing between WCC departments to integrate, where possible, potential routes and connections with the Rosslare-Wexford greenway, particularly within the Rocksborough Pathfinder Scheme.
ROS46	To support the Wexford Cycling Trails brand and facilitate the development of the National Cycle Network in the county, improve cycle routes with better signposting, better road surfaces and greater safety for the cyclist and to ensure that new urban road infrastructure and traffic management measures are designed to be cyclist friendly.	Achieved & Ongoing	WCC continue to facilitate and develop marked cycling trails, e.g. Eurovelo Route 1, maintain and improve pavement surface. See also Objective TS27 in Chapter 8 Transportation Strategy.
ROS47	To engage with Coillte in the investigation of the suitability of developing off-road cycling trails at Forth Mountain, Bree Hill and Deerpark/Kilbrannish in accordance with Coillte's Off-Road Cycling Strategy (2012), provided that they do not negatively impact on residential amenity, landscape, heritage	In Progress	The development of such trails is at design stage with Coillte and will be subject to engagement with the Trails Officer in WCC.

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	or the environment and subject to compliance normal planning and environmental criteria.		
ROS48	To preserve public rights of way which give access to seashore, mountain, lakeshore, riverbank or other places of natural beauty or recreational activity. These public rights of way shall be identified both by marking them on at least one of the maps forming part of the Development Plan and by indicating their location on a list appended to the Development Plan during the life of the Plan and the County Development Plan will be varied accordingly.	Not achieved	Sufficient resources are not currently available to complete this work.
ROS49	To identify the existing public rights of way which give access to seashore, mountain, lakeshore, riverbank or other places of natural beauty or recreational activity using the following methodology....	Not achieved	Sufficient resources are not currently available to complete this work.
ROS50	To ensure that development does not impinge on public walking routes and public rights of way, particularly those at the seashore, mountain, lakeshore, riverbank or other places of natural beauty or recreational activity.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ROS51	To facilitate the use of natural amenity areas in the county for recreational purposes while ensuring the protection of scenic and environmentally sensitive areas including, but not limited to, Natura 2000 sites.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ROS52	To facilitate the provision of access to amenity areas such as beaches, inland waterways, forests and heritage sites in co-operation with landowners and continue to maintain and improve existing accesses, subject to compliance with the	Ongoing	See Objectives ROS41 and ROS42 above. WCC Roads Section continue to partner with other Council Departments to improve accesses and signage.

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
	Habitats Directive, the protection of natural heritage, the character of rural areas and the amenities of host communities and normal planning and environmental criteria.		
ROS53	To facilitate Coillte in the protection of existing and the development of additional forest amenity sites and walks subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See Objective ROS47 above.
ROS54	To support the development of the amenities and recreation potential of the River Slaney and River Barrow in co-operation with National Parks and Wildlife Service, Inland Waterways, adjoining Local Authorities, Harbour Masters and all other relevant authorities. All such development should be undertaken in compliance with Articles 6 and Article 10 of the Habitats Directive.	Ongoing	The Barrow Blueway - ORIS funding has been received for project development for this blueway which will be centred around New Ross and Southend, Wexford. This project is at design stage. See Objective ET05 in Chapter 3 Core Strategy re River Slaney Blueway.
ROS55	To identify beaches within the county which can best service the needs of persons with disabilities and to improve accessibility and universally designed facilities at these beaches in association with disability representative groups and subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	County Wexford currently has eight beaches that have at least one beach wheelchair available for use (Ballinesker, Ballymoney, Carne, Curracloe, Duncannon, Kilmore Quay, Morriscastle & Rosslare Strand). Beach strollers were introduced in 2024 at Curracloe, Rosslare Strand, Rosslare Harbour, Kilmore Quay and Duncannon beaches. It is hoped that strollers will be rolled out to other beaches in 2025.

Chapter 15 Sustainable Communities and Social Infrastructure Strategy

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
SC01	To facilitate the development of healthy sustainable communities where people can live, work and enjoy access to a wide range of community, health and educational facilities suitable for all ages, needs and abilities.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process and the various functions of the Council.
SC02	To plan for a more diverse and socially inclusive society that targets equality of opportunity and a better quality of life for all our citizens, through improved integration and greater accessibility in the delivery of sustainable communities and the provision of associated services.	Ongoing	<p>LECP 2024-2029 adopted in 2024 includes a number of objectives and actions to support the delivery of accessible and inclusive amenities, arts and cultural opportunities to support physical and mental wellbeing. WCC continues to support Wexford LCDC in implementing the community elements of the LECP and in managing SICAP 2024-2028 which provides funding to tackle poverty and social exclusion at a local level through local engagement and partnerships between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies.</p> <p>Slaintecare Healthy Communities is providing programmes to target improvements in health and wellbeing in more deprived areas. The Slaintecare Healthy Communities Officer is running health and wellbeing programmes and projects in Taghmon, Edermine, Enniscorthy and Wexford (areas within programme remit). The Enniscorthy Interagency Community Team was set up in October 2023. The Team initially focused on community development initiatives in two housing estates, Forgelands and Gimont Avenue. Many of the issues identified were addressed in 2024 and the team's remit has since expanded into initiatives for the wider town. Working groups have been set up under the themes of 'moving around/transport, communication, care and maintenance of estates and surrounding areas, Family Resource Centre project team and Sporting Activities and the group meet quarterly to discuss progress on the initiatives.</p>

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			<p>WCC are providing Age Friendly programmes, in conjunction with Pobal. An AgeWell Expo was held in September 2024 which included 36 no. exhibitors with supports for inclusivity. Walkability audits have also been conducted by the Age Friendly unit.</p> <p>Sports Active Wexford continue to engage with the public to encourage and support their participation in sport and physical activity – see Chapter 14 Recreation and Open Space Strategy for further information.</p>
SC03	To facilitate the implementation of the Wexford Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021, the Healthy Wexford County Plan 2020-2022 and any updated version of these Plans.	Ongoing	The LECP has been updated, with the 2024-2029 plan now in effect. A new monitoring mechanism for the actions included in the LECP is proposed through LCDC meetings.
SC04	To tackle regional disparities and address areas within the county which are affected by higher levels of deprivation. This will be achieved through a number of approaches including providing social and community infrastructure, facilitating jobs growth and providing economic assistance, working with other service providers to target education and training programmes, the provision of necessary social supports such as childcare to facilitate participation in education and employment and the promotion of healthcare and well-being.	Ongoing	Slaintecare Healthy Communities providing programmes to target improvements in health and wellbeing in more deprived areas. See Objective SC02.
SC05	To ensure the balanced and equitable provision of social and community facilities including education and health services throughout the county and ensure that these facilities are	Ongoing	Ongoing through various functions of the Council.

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	located in areas that are easy to get to by either public or private transport, and are universally accessible.		
SC06	To support the entitlement of all members of the community to enjoy a high quality living environment and to support local communities, the Health Authorities and other bodies involved in the provision of facilities for groups with specific design/ planning needs.	Ongoing	Ongoing through various functions of the Council.
SC07	To facilitate the implementation of the Wexford Age Friendly Strategy 2017-2022 and any updated version of this Plan.	In Progress & Ongoing	Updated Age Friendly Strategy 2022-2026. An Older Person's Council (OPC) is in place to focus on delivery of specific actions within the strategy. Quarterly meetings are held in alliance with other strategic partners, e.g. HSE, Local Link. There are also Age Friendly Ambassadors in each of the five Wexford Libraries and New Ross Library has Age Friendly status.
SC08	To require Universal Design and Lifetime Housing in accordance with best practice and the policies and principles contained in Building for Everyone: A Universal Design Approach (National Disability Authority, 2012) and Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas: Guidelines for Planning Authorities and its companion document Urban Design Manual (Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, 2009).	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SC09	To require an Access Statement to be submitted with planning applications for significant developments in accordance with Appendix 6 of Buildings for Everyone: A Universal Design Approach (National Disability Authority, 2012), demonstrating how access for all has been considered within the proposed development.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
SC10	To continue to carry out improvements to the public realm to create a safe and barrier free environment that can be accessed by all members of the community.	Ongoing	See Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages for WCC key regeneration projects.
SC11	To facilitate the provision of care facilities for groups with specific planning and design needs, including older people, people with disabilities both physical and intellectual. These care facilities include independent living options, sheltered housing, day-care facilities, nursing homes and specialised care units. The preferred location for this type of development is within, or in close proximity to, towns and villages and is subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SC12	To facilitate the provision of community facilities for people with specific planning and design needs, such as family resource centres, Traveller resource centres, youth centres and youth cafés at appropriate locations in towns and villages and subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. A Family Resource Centre & Men's Shed have been delivered within Gorey Town. A working group has been established to focus on provision of a Family Resource Centre for Enniscorthy. WCC continue to facilitate the provision of a unit within the Drumgoold area in Enniscorthy for FDYS Traveller worker.
SC13	To facilitate the design needs of older people and people with disabilities in community facilities, public open spaces and recreational areas.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SC14	To facilitate the design needs of children and young people including those with disabilities, in community facilities, public open spaces and recreational areas.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
SC15	To require 'Changing Places facilities' to be provided in any large building development where the public have access in numbers, and/or where the public might be expected to spend longer periods of time, in accordance with the criteria and design standards set out in Volume 2 Development Management Manual.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. WCC Changing Places Facilities currently available at Min Ryan Park and the Heritage Park in Wexford, and Gorey Town Park. Others are planned for inclusion in upcoming projects, including at the Dunbrody Centre in New Ross, the Gorey Market House regeneration development and Enniscorthy Sports Hub.
SC16	To require the provision of purpose-built childcare facilities in new residential developments in accordance with Childcare Facilities: Guidelines for Planning Authorities (Department of the Environment and Local Government, 2001) and 'We Like This Place: Guidelines for Best Practice in the Design of Childcare Facilities' (National Children's Nurseries Association, 2002) and any future update of these guidelines.....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SC17	To facilitate the provision of childcare facilities in accordance with Childcare Facilities: Guidelines for Planning Authorities (Department of the Environment and Local Government, 2001) and any future update of these guidelines.....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SC18	To support the development of a Learning Region as envisaged in the RSES and further strengthen the higher education and further education and training sector, and support the initiatives of the Regional Skills Fora to ensure that knowledge and skills are spread to all citizens to help address skills shortages and lifelong learning challenges.	Ongoing	See objectives ED14 & ED20 in Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy re Learning Region and Regional Skills Fora.
SC19	To have regard to the 'Provision of Schools and the Planning System-Guidelines for Planning Authorities (Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and Department	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
	of Education, 2008) and any future update of these guidelines published during the lifetime of the Plan.		
SC20	To facilitate all education providers, including the Department of Education, the Higher Education Authority, Wexford and Waterford Education and Training Board, SOLAS, TÚS and Wexford Local Development in the delivery of high quality, appropriately located education and training facilities and services throughout the county.	Ongoing	WCC continue to liaise with relevant stakeholders regarding the provision of educational facilities. See also objectives ED14-ED18 in Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy.
SC21	To ensure that sufficient and suitable lands are zoned for Education use in future local area plans.	In progress	Suitable lands are being identified, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, in the preparation of the draft Wexford LAP.
SC22	To require planning applications for significant residential developments to include an assessment of existing schools in the area and their capacity in accordance with Objective SC37. The assessment shall identify the demand for school places likely to be generated by the proposal and the capacity of existing schools in the area to cater for this demand. If required, the applicant shall include proposals for provision of new school facilities in tandem with the residential development or make a special contribution for the provision of such facilities.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SC23	To encourage multi-campus school arrangements where appropriate and to restrict new developments adjacent to existing schools where the proposed development would conflict with the education use or restrict the future expansion of that school.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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SC24	To support the intensification of development on existing school sites, where appropriate, to accommodate additional educational requirements which may emerge over the lifetime of the Plan, subject to the schools maintaining adequate sporting and amenity provision and subject to normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SC25	To encourage the multi-use of school buildings and facilities provided that this does not conflict with the delivery of the education service.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SC26	To facilitate the development of Third Level education facilities at appropriate locations in the county, subject to normal planning and environmental criteria. As these facilities must be easy to get to by students these facilities should generally be located in towns and along or close to public transport corridors.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SC27	To support the further development of the Wexford Campus of Carlow IT subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SC28	To identify a location for the Wexford Campus of the South East Technological University.	Achieved	WCC are currently liaising with a number of stakeholders with a view to developing the Ballynagee Lands to accommodate a number of uses including a SETU campus, sporting and recreational facilities, primary and post primary schools and residential units for social, affordable and private housing. WCC has acquired 55 acres and CPO has been confirmed for a further 50 acres. Consultants have been appointed to develop a Masterplan for the site.

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SC29	To support the development of a Sustainable Construction education campus alongside the planned Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Construction in Enniscorthy Town, subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive and all normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	NZEB Training courses are being delivered in WWETB's Training Centres in Enniscorthy and Waterford. In Q1 2025 WCC will open the UN Centre of Excellence for High Performance Buildings at the Enniscorthy Technology Park. In partnership with WWETB, Expressions of Interest have been sought for the construction of a purpose-built Sustainable Construction Education Campus alongside the HPBA and Green Hub at Enniscorthy Technology Park.
SC30	To facilitate the development of suitably located and well-designed student accommodation which will enable and encourage students to attend third level institutions in the county. These facilities should be located along public transport routes, where possible, and in close proximity to the third level facility.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. Part VIII is in place to convert the old Adoration Convent into accommodation for students of Georgia Southern University Wexford campus. Detailed design and associated survey works are now largely complete. It is intended to tender out these works in Q4 2024 with works planned to commence in Q1 2025.
SC31	To facilitate the development of new and expanded accessible health and medical care facilities at appropriate locations in the county. These facilities must be easy to get to by the persons availing of the service and therefore should generally be located within towns and villages and areas of significant residential development. Isolated rural locations will not generally be considered, except where it is demonstrated that the nature of the facility requires such a location and in the interests of protecting the amenity of the host community.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SC32	To facilitate the development of new or extended hospitals, nursing homes, day care facilities for older people or people with disabilities, hospices, respite care facilities or facilities for those with long term illness at appropriate locations in the county subject to compliance with normal planning and	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	environmental criteria. These facilities should generally be located within towns and villages and areas of significant residential development.		
SC33	To facilitate the development of extensions to existing authorised hospitals, nursing homes, day care facilities for older people or people with disabilities, hospices, respite care facilities or facilities for those with long term illness in towns, villages and rural areas subject to compliance with normal planning and environment criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SC34	To develop, or support the development of, community facilities at appropriate locations throughout the county and require all new community facilities to be accessible to all and designed to facilitate a wide range of uses/users.	Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the development management process.</p> <p>Renovations to Craanford Parish hall for community shop and digital hub delivered. Community space facilitated in the Gorey FRC. Funding approved for a new community centre at Riverchapel Community Sports Complex. Applications for community facilities at Market House and St Waleran's submitted – Market House successfully awarded €7 million under THRIVE; St. Waleran's LSSIF application pending outcome.</p> <p>Buildings acquired under TVS include the Old Courthouse in New Ross, the Old Credit Union building in Gorey, the Old Bank building in Rosslare Harbour and the Old Post Office building in Ballyhogue. It is intended that new community uses will be accommodated in these buildings in the future utilising funds from the TVS.</p> <p>See also objective SC12 above.</p>

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
SC35	To facilitate the development of new or expanded community facilities of a suitable scale and appropriate location within towns, villages and rural settlements, ensuring that these facilities are adequate to meet the needs of the communities they serve, are physically integrated with residential and employment areas and are provided in tandem, where possible, with new residential development and subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
SC36	To consult with local community groups and key stakeholders during the preparation of local area plans for towns and villages to determine if there are any existing deficiencies in the provision of community facilities and needs and to address, where possible and appropriate, in the relevant local area plan.	In progress	A Social Infrastructure Audit is being carried out as part of the preparation of the Wexford Town LAP and will inform the objectives of the plan.
SC37	To require that all new residential development applications of 100 units or more on zoned lands are accompanied by a Social Infrastructure Assessment (SIA) to determine if social and community facilities in the area are sufficient to provide for the needs of the future residents (of all age cohorts). This should include details regarding the following essential facilities: Playgrounds, parks and other green spaces, education, childcare, health and others such as shops, banks, post offices, community meeting rooms/centres and recreational facilities. The assessment should identify membership and non-membership facilities which allow access for all groups. Where deficiencies are identified, proposals will be required to accompany the planning application to address the deficiency.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
SC38	To facilitate the development of the county's arts services, library services and cultural facilities and to facilitate the objectives set out in Wexford County Council's Arts Plan 2018-2022 and any updated versions.	Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the development management process.</p> <p>Since the adoption of the plan a new Arts Plan 2023-2027 and Culture & Creativity Strategy 2023-2027 were launched following consultation in 2023. A new Artist's Hub was opened in Westgate, Wexford and funding was received for an extension and complete refurbishment of New Ross Library, which is expected to proceed in 2025.</p> <p>WCC continue to support SCREEN WEXFORD, an Arts Office and Economic Dept initiative to support the development of the film / screen industry in Wexford.</p> <p>CREATIVE PLACES ENNISCORTHY (CPE) is a 3-year Arts Council funded initiative in partnership with Wexford Arts Centre, Wexford Arts Office and Enniscorthy Municipal District seeking to embed creativity into Enniscorthy.</p> <p>Funding was received under the THRIVE Programme in 2024 to develop the Market House in Gorey town centre as an events and cultural space.</p> <p>See Chapter 7 Tourism Development for Festivals.</p>
SC39	To take a lead role in the development of cultural facilities in the county, for example, the redevelopment of Gorey Market House and Wexford Arts Centre.	Achieved & In Progress	<p>Wexford Arts Centre Extension – Completed 2022.</p> <p>Gorey Market House – planning permission in place for redevelopment and regeneration to provide a high-quality town centre facility with improved public realm. Funding of €7 million awarded through THRIVE scheme coupled with co-funding from WCC will see this c. €8.6 million project transform Gorey Town Centre.</p>

Volume 3 – Bunclody Town Settlement Plan

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
B1	To ensure the future planning of the settlement addresses the needs of all users and residents, including older people. The principles of universal access for all will be applied to all developments including public realm and environmental improvements carried out by the local authority or local community groups in the settlement. Housing for older people should generally be located within the town centre to have easy access to services.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B2	To seek to formally adopt the proposed Architectural Conservation Area as mapped in Figure B-2 and detailed in Volume 6 Architectural Conservation Areas.	Completed	ACA was adopted with the adoption of the CDP.
B3	To focus on the rejuvenation of Bunclody and improvements to the visual appearance and public realm to create a welcoming environment.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B4	To protect and promote the sense of place, its culture and the quality, character and distinctiveness of this important landscape that makes Bunclody such an attractive place to live in, work in and visit.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B5	To consolidate the existing built environment in a manner that enhances the setting and character of the area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
B6	To ensure that all new developments employ a high standard of urban design, layout and finish and require sensitive and high quality architectural design for infill and brownfield developments in the town centre. The design and layout of any new development should be.....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B7	To require development to be designed having regard to the 'movement' function and 'place' function of the route on which it is located.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B8	To require new developments and their associated streets and spaces to place an emphasis on creating attractive places, facilitating social interaction and provide for connectivity, enclosure, active edge and pedestrian facilities.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B9	To require new infill developments to maximise opportunities for enclosure by ensuring continuity of existing buildings and forms where it exists and to address weaknesses in building lines through rationalisation as part of the infill development or redevelopment.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B10	To ensure that all new development positively contributes to the public realm, fostering a strong sense of place and an attractive place for both the local community and visitors to the area and are accessible to all users.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B11	To improve the public realm particularly in the town centre and along the approach roads to Bunclody, with particular regard to footpaths, hard and soft landscaping, open spaces, street furniture, signage, street lighting and on-street car parking. Ensure that non-structural elements of the town such as original	In Progress & Ongoing	WCC acquired a piece of land adjacent to the school for a public realm area. Consultation ongoing with community re development. Street Audit carried out in Bunclody. Report compiled. Works will be carried out subject to funding.

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	paving and cobbles, stone walls, plaques etc. are treated as an integral part of the town's character and are protected from destruction and inappropriate development.		
B12	To require Design Statements to be prepared for significant infill and brownfield sites in the Town Centre and for Residential lands.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B13	To work with local businesses and the local community to develop and implement an integrated, branded approach to signage for the settlement plan area that provides for continuity in design and style and which enhances the visual appearance of the area, provides for a sense of place and avoids signage cluttering.	Not achieved	Not progressed to date.
B14	To encourage and facilitate the carrying out of environmental improvements in the settlement plan area in order to enhance the overall appearance and quality, for example, planting and general amenity improvements.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B15	To prioritise the development of vacant, infill and under-utilised brownfield sites in the settlement plan area to achieve compact growth and sustainable development.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B16	To use the powers, where appropriate, under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, to include sites on the Register of Derelict Sites and charge levies.	Ongoing	There are no properties / sites within the Bunclody area included on the Derelict Sites Register to date, however monitoring is ongoing and subject to review.

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B17	To pursue and encourage regeneration in order to prevent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse effects on existing amenities in such areas, in particular as a result of the ruinous or neglected condition of any land; • Urban blight and decay; • Anti-social behaviour; or • A shortage of habitable houses or of land suitable for residential use or a mixture of residential and other uses. 	Ongoing	Under the 2024 Town Centre First suite of supports Bunclody was successful in receiving €10,000 from DRCD to establish a Town Centre First Team. This Town Team has been established in early Q3 2024.
B18	To examine all lands zoned 'Residential' or indicated for 'Regeneration' within the boundary of the settlement plan area and enter such lands on the Vacant Sites Register and apply the appropriate levies where it is deemed that the criteria laid down by the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 (as amended) applies.	Ongoing	No sites within the Bunclody area are currently included on the Vacant Sites Register. However, lands have been identified and included on the mapping for Residential Zoned Land Tax which will apply to vacant sites zoned for residential uses in attempts to activate such sites.
B19	To encourage and facilitate the reuse of existing vacant properties for appropriate uses subject to normal planning and environmental criteria and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B20	To give favourable consideration to buildings higher than the prevailing building heights subject to considerations of scale, heritage, amenity and design quality and in accordance with.....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B21	To ensure that building heights within future development makes a positive contribution to the built form of the area, is not obtrusive and does not adversely impact on the streetscape, local amenity or views.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
B22	To ensure all new developments will be required to optimise the opportunities afforded by the historical and natural assets of Bunclody.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B23	To encourage and facilitate a variety of retail services in accordance with the County Retail Strategy and additional commercial services, all of which improve the range of facilities for the local population and surrounding hinterland and increases the area's appeal for tourists.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B24	To encourage the use of upper floors in retail premises for commercial or for living above the shop accommodation.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B25	To control the provision of non-retail uses at ground floor level within the town centre. Ground floor units are required to address the street and add to the vibrancy and vitality of the streetscape. New development should avoid the development of blank frontages and incorporate a mix of uses vertically and horizontally.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B26	To prevent the loss of retail/commercial services along the Main Street/The Mall and Market Square through redevelopment or change of use to non-retail/commercial use at ground floor level.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B27	To increase the retail/commercial offer to serve local needs, by seeking development of redundant, vacant or underutilised town centre sites.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
B28	To facilitate the development of residential units in line with the Core Strategy allocation for Bunclody and deliver these units within the built up envelope of the settlement plan area to achieve the National Strategic Objective for Compact Growth.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B29	To ensure that new residential developments comply with the relevant objectives and development management standards in Volume 1 and Volume 2 of the County Development Plan, in particular, those pertaining to density, unit type and mix, private open space, public open space, permeability with an emphasis on walking and cycling provision, car parking and other relevant requirements.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B30	To require accessible footpaths to be developed at the locations identified on Map 2 Objectives.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B31	To protect and promote the use of existing archways, lanes and passages and the development of non-vehicular linkages between Main Street and the Mall. Backland and infill development will be promoted, particularly where passive overlooking, active frontages, adequate lighting and security can be reasonably achieved.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B32	To ensure that appropriate and accurate street signage is used on the streets of the Town including Main Street and the Mall.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B33	To provide off-street car and bus parking and allow space for safe school bus dropoffs to facilitate the two second level schools in the town.	Not achieved	No progress to date.

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B34	Identify lands which can be used for the provision of long-term off-street parking within the plan area during the life-time of the plan.	Not achieved	No progress to date.
B35	To improve pedestrian and cycle facilities in general and in particular crossings at junctions, to improve the quality and width, where appropriate, of all footpaths in the settlement plan area and improved access for people with disabilities and to provide cycle friendly routes to/from schools with cycle parking facilities and encourage school to provide cycle training to all pupils.	In Progress & Ongoing	See Objective TS63 - WCC continues to improve N80 pavement through TII funding under the National Road Pavement Scheme and a further 2km completed in 2024. Feasibility study ongoing for junction improvement in Bunclody on N80/R746 and bus stops on N80. Active Travel funding to be sought for upgrades also.
B36	To provide a cycle route, footpath and appropriate street lighting, segregated where possible, from Bunclody to Clohamon on the N80, subject to ...	Not achieved	No plans to develop this in the short to medium term. The cycle infrastructure is included on the NTA's Cycle Connects schemes as inter-urban routes, however no update on when this may be delivered or through which agency or funding stream.
B37	To require new developments to ensure that permeability is incorporated into the design of all new developments, in particular, opportunities to create local level linkages between developments and to increase permeability for all users, in particular pedestrians and cyclists in accordance with Objectives TV25-TV32 in Volume 1 Chapter 5 Design and Place-making in Towns and Villages.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B38	To reserve land for the future link road between Mill Road, Hospital Hill and Ryland Road and prohibit development which would compromise the construction of this route. This link will be provided as part of the development of these lands. This link road shall be designed in accordance with DMURS and the road	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
	category profiles set out in Volume 1 Chapter 5 Design and Place-making in Towns and Villages and Chapter 8 Transportation Strategy and Volume 2 Development Management Manual.		
B39	To provide and, encourage provision of, new connections between existing and new developments in the settlement plan area to address issues of poor local level access and permeability.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B40	To work with Transport Infrastructure Ireland and all other stakeholders in the development and assessment of options, including those relating to the link road and/or a possible by-pass, to improve regional journey times and to reduce the impacts of national road traffic on the public realm and maximise opportunities for walking and cycling in Bunclody town centre. Any such options shall be subject to compliance with the Environmental Impact and Habitats Directives.	Not achieved	No progress to date. WCC continue to liaise with TII and other infrastructure providers to ensure the safety and carrying capacity of the national road network. See also objective B35 above.
B41	To ensure the continuation and consolidation of Bunclody's commercial role in meeting the needs of both the local community and visitors. This will be achieved by enhancing the role of the town centre and upgrading and improving existing commercial activities.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B42	To facilitate the expansion of existing local services and businesses where appropriate and to facilitate the development of further local employment opportunities in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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B43	To support the development of an all-weather sports and recreational facility.	Ongoing	WCC continues to support this objective which could be provided through public or private funds.
B44	To investigate the feasibility of developing a biodiversity related river walk along the Slaney River and Clody Rivers (and investigate possibility of linear park) subject to protection of the riparian zone and compliance with the Habitats Directive and in conjunction with relevant guidelines.	Not Achieved	Biodiversity officer to investigate where project currently at and liaise with LAWPRO, NPWS and Inland Fisheries.
B45	To identify a suitable location for the development of a Neighbourhood Park including a community play area, adult gym, and playground close to the town centre.	In Progress	Location identified and a Natura Impact Statement, plans and particulars were submitted to An Bord Pleanála under Section 177AE of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended). The Board was satisfied that the proposed development would not adversely affect the integrity of the European Site (the Slaney River Valley Special area of Conservation) in view of the Site's conservation objectives. The application was approved with conditions at the end of February. WCC Property Section is in discussion with the landowners.
B46	To require the delivery of local parks at appropriate locations within future residential schemes in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 14 Recreation and Open Space Strategy of Volume 1 Written Statement.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B47	To provide an area suitable for allotments within easy reach of the town and the main residential areas during the lifetime of the Plan.	Not achieved	No progress to date.
B48	To maximise the potential of the River Slaney for tourism and recreation purposes by improving public access where possible	Ongoing	Bunclody Adventure Hub is up and running with WWETB courses and new club developed.

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	and continuing to support the pursuits of the Bunclody Adventure Hub and WWETB subject to the Habitats Directive and relevant sustainable planning and environmental regulations.		
B49	To maintain a buffer zone along the banks of the Rivers Slaney and Clody through all undeveloped lands, wherein no development other than parks/playing pitches may be provided. Any planning applications to facilitate development or expansion of existing premises will be treated on their merits in accordance with	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B50	To seek the protection of the following trees identified for their amenity value and support planting of native trees and lime trees in suitable locations throughout the settlement area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Line of Lime trees along The Mall Stream • Trees in front of Roman Catholic Church • Tree in Market Square • Trees at site of St Mary's Church 	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B51	To support the development of the schools to accommodate the future needs of the settlement.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B52	To support where resources allow, the provision of a community centre facility, in or close to the town centre.	Ongoing	St. Aidan's Hall received €30,000 for improvements to the community centre under the Community Recognition Fund.
B53	To support the development of educational facilities to accommodate the future needs of the settlement.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
B54	To support, facilitate and implement where resources allow, the further development of the arts and the library facilities.	Ongoing	Full programme of cultural and children's events established in Bunclody Library from 2022 post-COVID. Support being provided from Arts & Libraries for ongoing development.
B55	To ensure that all future developments in the settlement plan area comply fully with the requirements of the Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines (DEHLG and OPW, 2009) and Circular PL2/2014 and any future update of these guidelines, the County Strategic Flood Risk Assessment in Volume 11 and Chapter 9 Infrastructure Strategy in Volume 1 Written Statement.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
B56	To require the use of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) to minimise and limit the extent of hard surfacing and paving and require the use of sustainable drainage techniques where appropriate, for new development or for extensions to existing developments, in order to reduce the potential impact of existing and predicted flooding risks.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
RHK01	To ensure the future planning of the settlement addresses the needs of all users and residents, including older people. The principles of universal access for all will be applied to all developments including public realm and environmental improvements carried out by the local authority or local community groups in the settlement.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK02	To ensure that all new developments employ a high standard of urban design, layout and finish and require sensitive and high quality architectural design for infill and brownfield developments in the village centre. The design and layout of any new development should be respectful of the area's context, streetscape and coastal setting and should provide for a strong and active street edge and sense of enclosure and should comply with the key principles and design approaches outlined in Volume 1 Chapter 5 Design and Place-making in Towns and Villages.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK03	To require development to be designed having regard to the 'movement' function and 'place' function of the route on which it is located.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK04	To require new developments and their associated streets and spaces to place an emphasis on creating attractive places, facilitating social interaction and provide for connectivity, enclosure, active edge and pedestrian facilities.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK05	To require new infill developments to maximise opportunities for enclosure by ensuring continuity of existing buildings and forms	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

	where it exists and to address weaknesses in building lines through rationalisation as part of infill development or redevelopment.		
RHK06	To ensure all new developments positively contribute to the public realm, fostering a strong sense of place and an attractive place for both the local community and visitors to the area, including those using Rosslare Europort, and are accessible to all users.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK07	To improve the public realm particularly in the village centre and along the approach roads to Rosslare Harbour, with particular regard to footpath, hard and soft landscaping, open spaces, street furniture, signage, street lighting and on-street car parking. Ensure that non-structural elements of the village such as original paving and cobbles, stone walls, plaques etc. are treated as an integral part of the village's character and are protected from destruction and inappropriate development.	Ongoing	The Rosslare MD Strategic Plan 2024-2030 identifies a number of initiatives.
RHK08	To require Design Statements to be prepared for infill and brownfield sites in the Village Centre and for Residential lands.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK09	To work with local businesses and the local community to develop and implement an integrated, branded approach to signage for the settlement plan area that provides for continuity in design and style and which enhances the visual appearance of the area, provides for a sense of place and avoids signage cluttering.	Not achieved	No progress to date.
RHK10	To encourage and facilitate the carrying out of environmental improvements in the settlement plan area in order to enhance its the overall appearance and quality, for example planting and general amenity improvements.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

RHK11	To prioritise the development of vacant, infill and under-utilised brownfield sites in the settlement plan area for residential and retail uses to achieve compact growth and sustainable development.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK12	To use the powers, where appropriate, under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, to include sites on the Register of Derelict Sites and charge levies.	Ongoing	As of September 2024, there are 2no. sites in the Rosslare Harbour and Kilrane area included on the Derelict Sites Register. This is subject to ongoing monitoring and review.
RHK13	To pursue and encourage the regeneration of areas identified on Map 3 in order to prevent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse effects on existing amenities in such areas, in particular as a result of the ruinous or neglect condition of any land; • Urban blight and decay; • Anti-social behaviour; or • A shortage of habitable houses or of land suitable for residential use or a mixture of residential and other uses. 	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK14	To examine all lands zoned 'Residential' and 'Regeneration Land' within the boundary of the settlement plan area and enter such lands on the Vacant Sites Register and apply the appropriate levies where it is deemed that criteria laid down by the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 (as amended) applies.	Ongoing	There are no sites within the Rosslare Harbour & Kilrane area included on the Vacant Sites Register (as of September 2024). Lands zoned for residential use within the plan area are included on the Residential Zoned Land Tax maps, and may be subject to levies in order to activate these sites for development where appropriate.
RHK15	To encourage and facilitate the reuse of existing vacant properties for appropriate uses subject to normal planning and environmental criteria and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

RHK16	To give favourable consideration to buildings higher than the prevailing building heights at the locations identified in Section 2.4.6 subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK17	To ensure that building heights within future development makes a positive contribution to the built form of the area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK18	To encourage and facilitate a variety of retail services in accordance with the County Retail Strategy and additional commercial services, all of which improve the range of facilities for the local population and surrounding hinterland and increases the area's appeal for tourists.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK19	To facilitate the development of residential units in line with the Core Strategy allocation for Rosslare Harbour and Kilrane and deliver these units within the built up footprint of the settlement plan area to achieve the National Strategic Objective for Compact Growth.	Ongoing	See Core Strategy Monitoring Report for Year 2 for details on new house completions and dwellings granted during the first two years of the plan.
RHK20	To ensure that new residential developments comply with the relevant objectives and development management standards in Volume 1 and Volume 2 of the County Development Plan, in particular, those pertaining to density, unit type and mix, private open space, public open space, permeability with an emphasis on walking and cycling provision, car parking and other relevant requirements.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK21	To improve pedestrian and cycle facilities in the plan area by facilitating the footpath and cycle ways identified on Map 4 Objectives, improve crossings at junctions, improve the quality and width, where appropriate, of all footpaths in the settlement plan area and improved access for people with disabilities and to provide cycle friendly routes to/from the school with cycle parking	Ongoing	Improved footpath and cycle route complete from Kilrane School to Rosslare Harbour. WCC continues to liaise with the NTA on the delivery and promotion of active travel provisions in conjunction with public transport operators.

	facilities and encourage the school to provide cycle training to all pupils.		
RHK22	To require new developments to ensure that permeability is incorporated into the design of all new developments, in particular, opportunities to create local level linkages between developments and to increase permeability for all users, in particular pedestrians and cyclists in accordance with Objectives TV26 to TV32 in Volume 1 Chapter 5 Design and Place-making in Towns and Villages.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK23	To require accessible footpaths to be delivered at the following locations (see Map 4 Objectives): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) From the school in Kilrane, along Ballygillane Lane to Cawdor Street b) From Kilrane north to Ballygerry and St. Mary's Estate. c) From Kilrane south to the cemetery. d) From Kilrane east to Kilrane Enterprise Park. e) From Kilrane to Rosslare Harbour along the N25. 	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See also objectives RHK21 above and RHK26 below.
RHK24	To provide and, encourage provision of, new connections between existing and new developments in the settlement plan area to address issues of poor local level access and permeability.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK25	To enhance the country route to the south of the Kilrane and to the east of Kilrane to St. Helen's as green routes by retaining established landscape features and adding new pedestrian and cycling facilities. Where the removal of existing landscape features is required to provide pedestrian and/or cycling facilities, new planting must be provided along the reinstated boundary.	Not Achieved	No immediate plans for such upgrades.
RHK26	To provide a cycle lane from Kilrane to Rosslare Harbour as part of the proposed Wexford-Rosslare Harbour Cycle Way.	Partially Achieved & Ongoing	A limited cycle facility has been provided along the west side of N25. WCC Roads will continue to work with Special

			Projects Office to progress the greenway project. See also objective RHK21 above.
RHK27	<p>To require new Link routes to be delivered at the following locations (see Map 4 and conceptually on Figure RHK-2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Between Ros Mór/La Rochelle and Portside b) From St Brendan's Estate to the L-3059 through the Community and Education lands and Plot A New Residential land, and through the Community and Education lands and Plot C New Residential lands to the roundabout at Ballyknockan. c) Between Ballygillane Big and the N25. d) As part of the development of the Plot E(i), E(ii) and F lands to form part of an overall Link road connecting the L-7107 to the L-7102. <p>These link routes shall be designed in accordance with DMURS and the road category profiles set out in Volume 1 Chapter 5 Design and Place-making in Towns and Villages, Chapter 8 Transportation Strategy and Volume 2 Development Management Manual.</p>	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK28	To require a new local route to be delivered as part of the development of the Plot B residential lands and open space lands to the west of Barr na Haille Housing Estate.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK29	To sustainably manage and support the enhancement of the Region's International Connectivity Network including the TEN-T which seeks the development of a Europe-wide network of railway lines, roads, inland waterways, maritime shipping routes, ports, airports and railroad terminals.	Ongoing	<p>WCC continue to liaise with TII, Irish Rail and other relevant stakeholders for the delivery of strategic infrastructure.</p> <p>N25 Rosslare Europort Access Road - Planning permission was granted by An Bord Pleanála. The project is at design stage and WCC anticipates going to tender in Q4 2024 for construction.</p>

			<p>N11/N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour – currently at design stage; The design of the development is being updated considering the revised TII Service Area Policy 2023 and Climate Action Plan 2023. Preparation of Environmental, Planning, Design and other reports are ongoing. Slaney Bridge Options Report is near completion.</p> <p>In 2023 WCC made a submission on All Island Rail Review. See Chapter 8 Transportation Strategy for further details.</p>
RHK30	To continue to advocate for and support the achievement of Tier 1 Port Status for Rosslare Europort under National Ports Policy and ensure strategic road and rail access to the port is protected and developed in support of the achievement of that status.	Ongoing	WCC continues to advocate for and support the achievement of Tier 1 Port Status for Rosslare Europort. See also objective RHK29 above.
RHK31	To sustainably maintain the strategic capacity and safety of the national roads and rail network including planning for future capacity enhancements to ensure effective land transport connections to Rosslare Europort and connecting the region’s metropolitan areas, key towns, ports and airports with the Atlantic Economic Corridor and the Eastern Economic Corridor and international connectivity via the TEN-T networks.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See also objective RHK29 above.
RHK32	To support infrastructure for electric and low carbon fuel infrastructure along TEN-T Core and Comprehensive Network including at the Europort itself and other locations within the settlement.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK33	To reserve land for the proposed N11/N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour Scheme and prohibit development which would compromise the construction of this route.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See also objective RHK29 above.

RHK34	To support the development of new access routes to the Europort and to protect the preferred route, once this has been determined, and to prohibit development which would compromise the delivery of this link road.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See also objective RHK29 above.
RHK35	To protect the existing N25 as a gateway entrance to Kilrane and Rosslare Harbour and to promote improvements to enhance the roadside landscape whilst maintaining the safe distribution of traffic through the villages to the Europort.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process and Roads Section.
RHK36	To promote investment in improved access infrastructure to Rosslare Europort, including the improvement of rail access.	Ongoing	See objective RHK29 above.
RHK37	To work with the Southern Regional Assembly and other identified stakeholders to prepare and implement a Regional Freight Strategy as provided for in RPO 141 in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region.	Not achieved	No progress to date.
RHK38	To maximise the opportunities offered by the location of Rosslare Harbour and Kilrane and the Europort on the Eastern Economic Corridor and the opportunities offered by the departure of the UK from the EU which now strategically places the Europort as the nearest port to Mainland Europe.	Ongoing	Zoned lands available in proximity to the Europort to facilitate port related development. See also Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy for further information on EEC and WCC property solutions.
RHK39	To leverage the strategic location and accessibility of Rosslare Europort to help strengthen the role of Wexford Town as a strategic location, a self-sustaining regional economic driver and a Key Town on the Eastern Economic Corridor.	Ongoing	WCC continues to support Wexford Town as a key regional economic driver, including a number of key infrastructural projects such as Trinity Wharf, ongoing support for the Oilgate-Rosslare Bypass Scheme to strengthen regional connectivity and boost opportunities for Rosslare Europort. Objective WT01 in Core Strategy also refers.

RHK40	To work with Irish Rail, owners of the Europort, to further develop the economic and transport potential of the port and support the implementation of a Strategic Development Plan for the Europort subject to compliance with all relevant Directives and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Transformational project now underway at the port in accordance with Rosslare Europort Masterplan. WCC made a submission in support of Rosslare Proposed ORE hub in 2024 and continue to engage with Irish Rail in relation to the development of the Port. See Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy for further details.
RHK41	To support the development of additional freight and passenger capacity at Rosslare Europort and the provision of freight rail services and facilities to support sustainable increases in port operations.	Ongoing	See objective RHK40 above.
RHK42	To safeguard access to Rosslare Europort and navigation channels in the maritime area, and to safeguard the port from inappropriate development that would compromise current activities or the future expansion and/or undermine the port's functions and its landside capacity.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK43	To complement investment in port infrastructure by seeking the sustainable development of improved access infrastructure to Rosslare Europort from all the regions, including the expansion of rail services to and from Rosslare Europort for both freight and passengers and the integration of rail, bus and ferry services.	Ongoing	See objective RHK29 above.
RHK44	To facilitate the extension and deepening of Rosslare Europort to allow larger ships to dock subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive, the Water Framework Directive and ensuring the protection of the Wexford Harbour Outer Shellfish Area.	Ongoing	See objective RHK40 above.
RHK45	To facilitate the extension of existing service facilities for users of Rosslare Europort subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

RHK46	To encourage and facilitate improvements to the built environment and public realm in and surrounding the Europort in order to create a positive, attractive gateway to the county and region subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK47	To protect the indigenous fishing communities in Rosslare Harbour and Kilrane.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK48	To support the sustainable growth and development of the maritime area and the maritime economy in accordance with relevant objectives in Volume 1 Written Statement, in particular, Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy, Chapter 7 Tourism Development, Chapter 8 Transportation Strategy and Chapter 12 Coastal Zone Management and Marine Spatial Planning and Volume 10 Energy Strategy and subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See also objective RHK40 above and Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy for further information.
RHK49	To support proposals that will result in an increase in marine related employment subject to compliance with the Habitats directive and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See also objective RHK40 above and Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy for further information
RHK50	To support the development of appropriate land-based infrastructure which would facilitate marine activity, including proposals for appropriate infrastructure that would facilitate the diversification or regeneration of marine industries and subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See also objective RHK40 above and Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy for further information
RHK51	To facilitate the development of shore based port related activity on appropriately zoned land and subject to compliance with the	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

	Habitats Directive, normal planning and environmental criteria and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.		
RHK52	To promote and facilitate the development of the cruise tourism industry at Rosslare Europort and in the county.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK53	To facilitate the development of tourism-related developments including overnight tourist accommodation on appropriately zoned land in the settlement area subject to the proper planning and sustainable development of the plan area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK54	To promote the development and use of the coastal path between Rosslare Harbour and St Helen's as a tourist and recreational facility.	Ongoing	Coastal trails are promoted through the Wexford Walking Trails and Visit Wexford platforms.
RHK55	To support the development of a greenway from Rosslare Harbour to Rosslare Strand subject to this being achieved in a manner which does not prejudice the operation of existing or reopening of unused lines and subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive.	Ongoing	The Wexford to Rosslare Greenway (including the section to Rosslare Harbour) is at route selection stage and it is anticipated the preferred route will be identified in Q1 2025.
RHK56	To promote the development of enterprises such as restaurants, pubs, craft shops, fishing boat trips, bicycle hire and bus tours in the area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK57	To examine the feasibility of reopening the disused Rosslare Europort to Waterford Railway as a sustainable transport corridor which would accommodate a reopened passenger and freight line and a greenway for active travel and amenity use. The Council will seek appropriate funding to facilitate the development of this important corridor between Rosslare Europort and Belview and Waterford MASP.	Ongoing	This is subject to feasibility studies. The All Island Rail Review includes an ambition to reinstate the railway between Rosslare and Waterford and extending some Dublin – Waterford intercity services to a new station to the south of Wexford O'Hanrahan. This intervention would also support further development of freight services to and from Rosslare Europort. Objective TS41 also refers.

RHK58	To facilitate the development of a Level 2 Neighbourhood Park on the lands zoned Open Space and Amenity adjacent to Church Wood Housing Development in Kilrane.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK59	To require the delivery of Level 3 Local Parks as part of the development of residential lands.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK60	To facilitate the expansion of and the development of new sporting facilities on appropriately zoned land in the settlement plan area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK61	To provide a new connected green infrastructure of local corridors and hubs, along streams and the coastline and to provide for improved quality and connectivity of biodiversity, amenity and local water management along the corridors and within and adjoining the hubs as provided for in the proposed Landscape concept in Section 2.4.3.3.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK62	To retain and develop the cliff top coastal walk and ensure new developments provide adequate space and address the walkway.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See also objective RHK54.
RHK63	To support the extension of the existing community centre in Kilrane and the development of a new community building, if required to serve the needs of the local population, at a suitable location accessible to residents of Rosslare Harbour and Kilrane.	Not achieved/In Progress	No extension to existing Community Centre in Kilrane delivered to date. WCC acquired the Old Bank Building in Rosslare Harbour which is currently being re-purposed for community use.
RHK64	To ensure all that future planning applications in the settlement plan area are screened for flood risk and comply with the requirements of the Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities, (DEHLG and OPW, 2009), the County Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (Volume 11) and the objectives set out Chapter 9 Infrastructure Strategy in Volume 1 Written Statement.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

RHK65	To ensure riparian buffer zones are provided on the lands zoned Open Space and Amenity along watercourses in the plan area, and to require, where deemed necessary, that additional lands be set aside for riparian buffer zones. The width of the required riparian zones will be dependent on the width and characteristics of the watercourse and the nature of the site and will be determined having regard to the requirements of the 'Planning for Watercourses in the Urban Environment (Inlands Fisheries Ireland 2020) and any updated version of these guidelines.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RHK66	To ensure that coastal erosion is considered in relevant future planning applications in the settlement plan area in accordance with Chapter 12 Coastal Zone Management and Marine Spatial Planning in Volume 1 Written Statement.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Volume 3 – Rosslare Strand Specific Objectives

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
RS01	To ensure the future planning of the settlement addresses the needs of all users and residents, including older people. The principles of universal access for all will be applied to all developments including public realm and environmental improvements carried out by the local authority or local community groups in the settlement.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS02	To focus on the rejuvenation of Rosslare Strand and improvements to the visual appearance; creating a welcoming environment: public realm, streetscape, cleanliness.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS03	To protect and promote the sense of place, its culture and the quality, character and distinctiveness of this important coastal landscape that makes Rosslare Strand such an attractive place to live in, work in and visit.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS04	To consolidate the existing built environment in a manner that enhances the coastal setting and character of the area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS05	To ensure that all new developments employ a high standard of urban design, layout and finish and require sensitive and high quality architectural design for infill and brownfield developments in the village centre. The design and layout of any new development should be respectful of the area's context, streetscape and coastal setting and should provide for a strong and active street edge and sense of enclosure and should comply with the key principles and design approaches outlined in Volume 1 Chapter 5 Design and Place-making in Towns and Villages.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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RS06	To require development to be designed having regard to the 'movement' function and 'place' function of the route on which it is located.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS07	To require new developments and their associated streets and spaces to place an emphasis on creating attractive places, facilitating social interaction and provide for connectivity, enclosure, active edge and pedestrian facilities.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS08	To require new infill developments to maximise opportunities for enclosure by ensuring continuity of existing buildings and forms where they exist and to address weaknesses in building lines through rationalisation as part of the infill development or redevelopment.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS09	To ensure all new developments positively contribute to the public realm, fostering a strong sense of place and an attractive place for both the local community and visitors to the area and are accessible to all users.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS10	To improve the public realm particularly in the village centre and along the approach roads to Rosslare Strand, with particular regard to footpaths, hard and soft landscaping, open spaces, street furniture, signage, street lighting and on-street car parking. Ensure that non-structural elements of the village such as original paving and cobbles, stone walls, plaques etc. are treated as an integral part of the village's character and are protected from destruction and inappropriate development.	Ongoing	The Rosslare MD Strategic Plan 2024-2030 identifies a number of initiatives including active travel measures which will be implemented subject to funding.
RS11	To work with local businesses and the local community to develop and implement an integrated, branded approach to signage for the	Not achieved	No progress to date.

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	settlement plan area that provides for continuity in design and style and which enhances the visual appearance of the area, provides for a sense of place and avoids signage cluttering.		
RS12	To encourage and facilitate the carrying out of environmental improvements in the settlement plan area in order to enhance the overall appearance and quality, for example, planting and general amenity improvements.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS13	To prioritise the development of vacant, infill and under-utilised brownfield sites in the settlement plan area to achieve compact growth and sustainable development.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS14	To use the powers, where appropriate, under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, to include sites on the Register of Derelict Sites and charge levies.	Ongoing	As of September 2024, there are 2no. sites in Rosslare Strand included on the Derelict Sites Register. This matter is subject to ongoing monitoring and review.
RS15	To encourage and facilitate the reuse of existing vacant properties for appropriate uses subject to normal planning and environmental criteria and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS16	To give favourable consideration to buildings higher than the prevailing building heights at the locations in/close to the village centre and main built up areas of the settlement subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS17	To ensure that building heights within future development make a positive contribution to the built form of the area, are not obtrusive and do not adversely impact on the streetscape, local amenity or views, in particular, when viewed from the sea.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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RS18	To encourage and facilitate a variety of retail services in accordance with the County Retail Strategy and additional commercial services, all of which improve the range of facilities for the local population and surrounding hinterland and increases the area's appeal for tourists and it's year round service provision.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS19	To ensure that new residential developments comply with the relevant objectives and development management standards in Volume 1 and Volume 2 of the County Development Plan, in particular, those pertaining to density, unit type and mix, private open space, public open space, permeability with an emphasis on walking and cycling provision, car parking and other relevant requirements.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS20	To promote and facilitate the provision of serviced residential sites in the village subject to complying with normal planning and environmental criteria and the development management standards contained in Volume 2.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS21	To promote the development of social and affordable housing to meet the housing needs of the residents of the village.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS22	To have regard to the available capacity of the wastewater treatment plant and its seasonal capacity when assessing planning applications in the area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS23	To improve pedestrian and cycle facilities in general and particular crossings at junctions, to improve the quality and width, where appropriate, of all footpaths in the settlement plan area and improved access for people with disabilities and to provide cycle	In Progress/ Ongoing	Safe Routes to School Scheme complete at St Mary's national school. Footpath improvements ongoing on a phased basis.

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	friendly routes to/from school with cycle parking facilities and encourage school to provide cycle training to all pupils.		
RS24	To require new developments to ensure that permeability is incorporated into the design of all new developments, in particular, opportunities to create local level linkages between developments and to increase permeability for all users, in particular pedestrians and cyclists in accordance with Objectives TV25 to Objective TV32 in Volume 1 Chapter 5 Design and Place-making in Towns and Villages.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS25	To support the development of the Rosslare Strand to Rosslare Europort Greenway proposal and any associated proposals for road/route adaption to accommodate this proposal.	Ongoing	The Wexford to Rosslare Greenway (including the section to Rosslare Harbour) is at route selection stage and it is anticipated the preferred route will be identified in Q1 2025.
RS26	Map 5 indicates where additional accessible footpaths are required. These are locations where there are currently no footpaths of the road. The long-term objective shall be to provide accessible footpaths on both sides of the road, where feasible. However there are some places where this will not be feasible due to various constraints.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. Mauritiustown footpath near rail overbridge and ongoing review for phased delivery.
RS27	To review on street parking arrangements in the village (to address, in particular, illegal/obstructive on-street parking in the summer months and at other peak times) and make improvements as required.	Ongoing	Reviewed on an ongoing basis.

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RS28	<p>To investigate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The feasibility of a local traffic management system with measures to prioritise pedestrian, cyclist and public transport movements throughout the settlement and to facilitate the complementary use of private car. • Options to increase provision of fully accessible pedestrian footpaths and, in particular, arrangements for pedestrians crossing the bridges on Station Road and Mauritiustown Road. • The feasibility of providing additional car parking facilities at appropriate locations to facilitate the greenway and tourism development generally and an unloading bay in the village centre. • The feasibility of developing additional access points to the beach with cycle and parking facilities subject to environment assessments and compliance with the Habitats Directive; and • The introduction of formalised cycle paths and walking routes. 	Ongoing	<p>Elements of this objective are being reviewed and delivered on a phased basis and as funding allows.</p> <p>The Rosslare MD Strategic Plan 2024-2030 identifies a number of initiatives including the delivery of active travel infrastructure, public transport services and enhancement of beach access and facilities which will be implemented subject to funding.</p>
RS29	To ensure Rosslare Strand maintains and enhances its role as a valuable tourism destination in the county and to facilitate the development of appropriate tourism facilities, subject to normal planning and environment criteria and the development management standards contained in Volume 2.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS30	To support the development of sustainable tourism while avoiding conflict between tourism uses and other residents and village uses and amenities.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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RS31	To ensure the continuation and consolidation of Rosslare's commercial role in meeting the needs of both the local community and visitors. This will be achieved by enhancing the role of the village centre and upgrading and improving existing commercial activities.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS32	To work with Fáilte Ireland to encourage and facilitate tourist development that will improve the area's tourist facilities and attractions, such as an appropriately located wildlife sanctuary and to seek to extend the holiday season. Such development should be suitably located, of a size and scale appropriate to the village and of a high quality design.	Ongoing	WCC continues to work with FI to promote tourism (see Chapter 7 Tourism Development for further details). The Rosslare MD Strategic Plan 2024-2030 also identifies a number of initiatives for tourism and recreation.
RS33	To consider the development of holiday accommodation in accordance with the criteria set out above subject to.....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS34	To facilitate the expansion of existing local services and businesses where appropriate and to facilitate the development of further local employment opportunities and in particular those with year round potential to address seasonality issues in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS35	To support the development of new festivals and events in the settlement particularly to help encourage economic activity outside summer and schools holidays and to facilitate the growth of a more active year round resort.	Ongoing	Ongoing promotion and support of Small Arts Festival and Experimental Events, and the Failte Ireland Grant Schemes countywide. See Chapter 7 Tourism Development for further information.
RS36	To support the development of a weekly artisan food and craft market at a suitable location in the settlement.	Ongoing	WCC will continue to support this initiative.

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
RS37	To provide a new connected green infrastructure of local corridors and hubs, along streams and the coastline and to provide for improved quality and connectivity of biodiversity, amenity and local water management along the corridors and within and adjoining the settlement.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS38	To protect views and the coastal zone.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS39	To examine the feasibility of reopening the disused Rosslare Europort to Waterford Railway as a sustainable transport corridor which would accommodate a reopened passenger and freight line and a greenway for active travel and amenity use. The Council will seek appropriate funding to facilitate the development of this important corridor between Rosslare Europort and Belview and Waterford MASP.	Ongoing	This is subject to feasibility studies. The All Island Rail Review includes an ambition to reinstate the railway between Rosslare and Waterford and extending some Dublin – Waterford intercity services to a new station to the south of Wexford O’Hanrahan. This intervention would also support further development of freight services to and from Rosslare Europort. Objective TS41 also refers.
RS40	To co-operate with and facilitate the Tidy Towns Association and other voluntary groups and associations in improving the appearance and environmental quality of Rosslare.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the Municipal District.
RS41	To promote the development of allotments/community gardens on suitable sites within the settlement area, taking into account the demand for such facilities.	Not achieved	WCC will continue to promote this objective where there is demand for such development and subject to resources and funding.
RS42	To support the development of an outdoor recreation centre in the village.	Not achieved	WCC will continue to support this objective where there is demand for such development and subject to resources and funding.
RS43	To ensure development is in accordance with the objectives outlined in Volume 1 Chapter 12 Coastal Zone Management and Marine Spatial Planning.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
RS44	To support the monitoring of coastal erosion in and adjoining the settlement and the carrying out of appropriate remedial action where appropriate and subject to compliance with all relevant EU and national legislation and guidance and normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	A coastal monitoring programme is in place and targeted at coastal erosion risk zones. See Chapter 12 Coastal Zone Management for further details including Rosslare Coastal Erosion and Flood Relief Scheme.
RS45	To enhance animation and interpretation at key heritage sites (in particular for Rosslare Fort site at tip of Burrow) and augment existing networks and trails with additional sites and material to create new visitor experiences without impact to or disturbance on natural features and habitats.	Not achieved	No update provided. The Rosslare MD Strategic Plan 2024-2030 contains a number of initiatives for tourism including tourism offerings building on the Norman Way/Eurovelo/Heritage Sites.
RS46	To embrace the coastal location and natural heritage of the settlement which is important in defining the place quality of Rosslare Strand and ensure they are integrated into and respected in future development in the area and by managing coastal erosion, flooding and coastal habitats in line with relevant EU and national legislation and guidance and all other normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS47	To support the development of a greenway from Rosslare Harbour to Rosslare Strand subject to the this being achieved in a manner which does not prejudice the operation of existing or reopening of disused lines and subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive.	Ongoing	See objective RS25 above.
RS48	To support the continued development, maintenance and upgrading of the community and sports centre to serve the needs of the local and visitor population of Rosslare Strand.	Not achieved	No update provided. WCC will continue to support this objective. The Rosslare MD Strategic Plan 2024-2030 identifies an initiative to deliver more services/facilities in community centres under the goal of 'sustainable communities.

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RS49	To support development of the school to accommodate the future needs of the settlement.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS50	To ensure that new development is avoided in areas at risk of coastal erosion to the greatest extent practicable.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS51	Development shall be prohibited where it poses a significant or potential threat to coastal habitats or features, and/or where the development is likely to result in adverse patterns of erosion or deposition elsewhere along the coast.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS52	To only consider developments where they will not result in an increase in coastal erosion, either at the subject site or at another location in the vicinity subject to compliance with relevant EU and national legislation and guidance and all other normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS53	To consider the carrying out or facilitation of environmentally sensitive coastal protection works where appropriate and subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS54	To require developments to incorporate SuDS principles for surface water drainage proposals that adequately protect the Natura 2000 conservation sites that adjoin the village and to limit the discharge of appropriately treated surface water to two litres per hectare per second to an appropriate outfall.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
RS55	To ensure that all future developments in the settlement area are screened for flood risk and comply fully with the requirements of the Planning System and Flood Risk Management - Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DEHLG and OPW, 2009) and Circular PL2/2014	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
	and any future update of these guidelines, the County Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (Volume 11) and Chapter 9 Infrastructure in Volume 1 Written Statement.		

Volume 3 – Castlebridge Specific Objectives

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
CB01	To ensure the future planning of the settlement addresses the needs of all users and residents, including older people. The principles of universal access for all will be applied to all developments including public realm and environmental improvements carried out by the local authority or local community groups in the settlement.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CB02	To support the preparation of a Village Design Statement.	Not achieved	Village Design Statement not commenced.
CB03	To encourage the appropriate re-use or re-development of vacant buildings or land within or adjacent to the village centre.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CB04	To require development to be designed having regard to the 'movement' function and 'place' function of the route on which it is located.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CB05	To require new developments and their associated streets and spaces to place an emphasis on creating attractive places, facilitating social interaction and provide for connectivity, enclosure, active edge and pedestrian facilities.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CB06	To require new infill developments to maximise opportunities for enclosure by ensuring continuity of existing buildings and forms where they exist and to address weaknesses in building lines through rationalisation as part of the infill development or redevelopment.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
CB07	To ensure all new developments positively contribute to the public realm, fostering a strong sense of place and an attractive place for both the local community and visitors to the area and are accessible to all users.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CB08	To support and implement, as resources allow, improvements in the public realm particularly in the village centre and along the approach roads to Castlebridge, with particular regard to footpath, hard and soft landscaping, open spaces, street furniture, signage, street lighting and on-street car parking. Ensure that non-structural elements of the village such as original paving and cobbles, stone walls, plaques etc. are treated as an integral part of the village's character and are protected from destruction and inappropriate development.	In Progress & Ongoing	Footpath improvement works in progress at Castlebridge, including provision of a new pedestrian crossing. A Town Centre First Team has been established as of September 2024.
CB09	To encourage and facilitate the carrying out of environmental improvements in the settlement plan area in order to enhance the overall appearance and quality, for example, planting and general amenity improvements.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CB10	To facilitate improvement works and enhancement of community spaces and public realm within and adjacent to the village centre.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CB11	To facilitate the provision of and upgrade to existing street lighting within the village.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CB12	To prioritise the development of vacant, infill and under-utilised brownfield sites in the settlement plan area to achieve compact growth and sustainable development.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
CB13	To use the powers, where appropriate, under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, to include sites on the Register of Derelict Sites and charge levies.	Ongoing	There are no sites included on Derelict Sites Register in Castlebridge as of September 2024 – subject to ongoing monitoring and review.
CB14	To encourage and facilitate the reuse of existing vacant properties for appropriate uses subject to normal planning and environmental criteria and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CB15	To give favourable consideration to buildings higher than the prevailing building heights at locations in/close to the village centre subject to	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CB16	To encourage and facilitate a variety of retail services in accordance with the County Retail Strategy and additional commercial services, all of which improve the range of facilities for the local population. Such development should be located within the centre of the village or otherwise in accordance with the sequential approach.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CB17	To ensure that new residential developments comply with the relevant objectives and development management standards in Volume 1 and Volume 2 of the County Development Plan, in particular, those pertaining to density, unit type and mix, private open space, public open space, permeability with an emphasis on walking and cycling provision, car parking and other relevant requirements.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CB18	To seek the development of land for residential development within or adjacent to the village centre.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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CB19	To improve pedestrian and cycling facilities in general and at crossings at junctions and to serve the bus stop opposite Elderwood housing estate, to improve the quality and width, where appropriate, of all footpaths in the settlement plan area and improved access for people with disabilities and to provide cycle friendly routes to/from the school with cycle parking facilities and encourage the school to provide cycle training to all pupils.	In progress	Design and consultations progressing with local community. Hopeful to secure funding through Active Travel for provision of cycle infrastructure from Wexford Bridge to Castlebridge, but this is subject to assessment and funding allocations from Department / NTA.
CB20	To require new developments to ensure that permeability is incorporated into the design of all new developments, in particular, opportunities to create local level linkages between developments and to increase permeability for all users, in particular pedestrians and cyclists.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CB21	To provide for active travel in the village of Castlebridge and, in particular, to provide cycle paths to/from the village centre and a cycle path and footpath and to/from Wexford Town.	In progress	Design and consultations progressing with local community.
CB22	To prioritise the provision of fully accessible footpaths where missing within the village.	In progress & Ongoing	Design and consultations progressing with local community to improve the quality and accessibility of footpaths in Castlebridge.
CB23	To facilitate fully accessible and safe pedestrian crossing points at appropriate locations within the village.	In progress & Ongoing	A pedestrian crossing has been installed, although it has yet to be energised. Ongoing design and consultation progressing with local community.
CB24	To improve the quality, surface and width, where appropriate, of all footpaths in the village to be accessible for all.	In progress & Ongoing	Design and consultations progressing with local community. A process of narrowing the roadways to slow traffic down has been devised. This should make the area safer for pedestrians.

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			Works have been carried out to improve the footpaths surrounding the new pedestrian crossing.
CB25	To facilitate, in conjunction with Irish Water, improvements to and the expansion of the public surface water network within the settlement.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CB26	To require developments to incorporate SuDS principles for surface water drainage proposals that adequately protect the Natura 2000 conservation sites that adjoin the village and to limit the discharge of appropriately treated surface water to two litres per hectare per second to an appropriate outfall.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
CB27	To examine the feasibility of potential relief works as part of OPW Minor Works funding.	Not achieved	No progress to date.
CB28	To ensure that all future developments in the settlement area are screened for flood risk and comply fully with the requirements of the Planning System and Flood Risk Management - Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DEHLG and OPW, 2009) and Circular PL2/2014 and any future update of these guidelines, the County Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (Volume 11) and Chapter 9 Infrastructure in Volume 1 Written Statement.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Volume 8 Retail Strategy

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
WXC01	It is the Council's objective to ensure that all retail development permitted accords with the relevant requirements and criteria as established within the Retail Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2012 and the Wexford County Retail Strategy 2021-2027.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WXC02	It is the objective of the Council to permit retail development within the town centres of a size and scale which is appropriate to the level of the settlement, including its population, as defined within the retail hierarchy.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WXC03	The Council shall resist applications for planning permission which would result in net loss of retail floorspace at ground level on primary retail streets within the core retail area where this would affect the vitality and viability of these streets.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WXC04	The Council shall promote and protect the core retail areas of the four main towns as the preferred locations for retail development.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WXC05	When bringing forward proposals for the creation of significant levels of new retail floorspace, the Council will require applicants to undertake an assessment of the quality and suitability of existing and available floorspace in the County relative to the circumstances of their proposals.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WXC06	It is the objective of the Council to prohibit new retail development if they would (either by themselves or cumulatively with other developments) negatively impact the	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
	vitality and viability of existing retail centres within the County. This objective aims to protect the existing vitality and service provision of the town centres by preventing the development of retail enterprises in inappropriate locations or at a scale which would have a negative impact on retail competition within the County.		
WXC07	When assessing retail planning applications, it will be the objective of the Council to have regard to the findings of the capacity assessment contained in the Wexford County Retail Strategy 2021-2027, including the ability to counteract expenditure leakage. The onus will be on any applicant to demonstrate in a Retail Impact Assessment that the proposed floorspace is appropriate having regard to the quantum of floorspace required within that specific urban centre or settlement, in addition to evidencing all other relevant variables, as specified within the Retail Planning Guidelines.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WXC08	Retail development on the edge of centre or out of centre sites will not generally be supported.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WXC09	To encourage and facilitate the preservation and enhancement of the retail role of smaller villages and centres around the County.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WXC10	In order to address vacancy levels recorded across the four main towns, it is the Council's objective to promote the reuse of vacant floorspace within the core retail areas.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WXC11	The Council will encourage alternative, short or interim measures to improve the visual appearance of vacant or derelict	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	properties, including the use of attractive window graphics, shutter covers and hoardings.		
WXC12	The Council will encourage 'living over the shop' whereby the upper storeys of buildings have a residential function with the ground floor used for commercial or retail purpose.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WXC13	The Council will encourage the consolidation of other non-retail-based services within town centres, utilising existing vacant retail floorspace where necessary. This will aid in enhancing the vitality of town centres, encouraging them to maintain their role as employment locations in addition to reducing the proportion of vacant floorspace and recognising the value which non-retail uses can contribute to the local economy through the provision of employment and general economic benefit.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WXC14	To introduce measures to improve the accessibility of town centres by developing a pedestrian and cyclist friendly environment, which improves safety and limits traffic congestion where possible.	Achieved, In Progress & Ongoing	<p>Wexford Town: An e-bike scheme is operational in Wexford Town since May 2023, with c. 120,000km travelled to September 2024. An e-scooters pilot scheme (6-month trial) was rolled out in Wexford town in August 2024, with 9,000km travelled as of September 2024. Pathfinders schemes ongoing in Wexford Town, together with preparation of LTPs in Wexford Town & Enniscorthy which targets accessibility improvements to include prioritising walking, wheeling and cycling.</p> <p>Gorey: Protective safety bollards installed at Paul Funge Boulevard cycle lane in Gorey while new cycle lane infrastructure is being incorporated into the Esmonde Street renovation and regeneration public realm works.</p>

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			<p>Enniscorthy: TCF Plan identifies key projects to improve accessibility. Walkability audits carried out which are feeding into preparation of Local Transport Plan for Enniscorthy.</p> <p>New Ross: Multiple projects in hand including the Pedestrianisation of Quay Street Project, completion of South East Greenway and linking it with the town centre. Large amount of bicycle parking was installed in 2023.</p>
WXC15	The Council will require a Retail Impact Assessment to be carried out for development proposals outside of lands zoned town centre in the following general circumstances.....	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WXC16	Retail impact assessment and transport impact assessments will be required for significant retail development which due to their scale and/or location may impact on the vitality and viability of town centres.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WXC17	In accordance with the Retail Planning Guidelines (2012), there shall be a presumption against out-of-town warehousing.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WXC18	It is an objective of the Council to ensure that all proposed retailing projects and any associated improvement works or associated infrastructure such as parking facilities, individually or in combination with other plans and projects, are subject to Appropriate Assessment to ensure there are no likely significant effects on the integrity of any Natura 2000 sites in the County.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
WX01	To strengthen the role of Wexford as a strategic location, a self-sustaining regional economic driver and Key Town on the Eastern Corridor. Retail is an integral part of the town's economy complementing its inherent strengths including innovation, enterprise, tourism, culture and services and has an important array of amenities, vibrancy, liveability/quality of life and quality built environment.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WX02	To focus on regenerating the traditional town centre and main street areas and how they relate to the expanded town, with a view to creating more attractive, desirable places that people want to live and spend time in, for work, shopping or recreational purposes.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages for WCC regeneration projects including Monck Street and Crescent Quay/Oyster Lane.
WX03	To direct retail investment to brownfield sites in the town centre that provide linkage between the quays and the main street.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WX04	<p>To promote the development of 'Gateway opportunities' with key development sites on the approach to the retail core that have the potential to redefine the arrival experience to the town for e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site at Redmond Road/Redmond Place offers a landmark location from the northern approach • the Commercial Quay Car park is highly visible viewed from the east • Trinity Wharf • Lowney's Mall site provide vital opportunities for regeneration and town centre expansion from the south. 	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages for WCC regeneration projects including the Trinity Wharf Project.

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
WX05	To encourage the reuse of vacant buildings or under-utilised sites throughout the town. The redevelopment of car parking sites in prime town centre locations are identified for appropriate retail and/or commercial town centre uses.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See also Chapter 4 Sustainable Housing and Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages re vacant and derelict sites, Croí Conaithe grants and Ready to Build Scheme.
WX06	The strategy seeks to develop a more integrated town centre from the Quays to North and South Main Street whilst improving east-west connectivity and pedestrian linkages to the emerging Trinity Wharf sustainable urban quarter to increase the connectivity of the town as a whole and aid in ensuring that the economic benefits of the Trinity Wharf project will be realised in the established centre of Wexford Town.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages for WCC regeneration projects including the Trinity Wharf Project.
WX07	In areas adjacent/contiguous to the retail core to support the diversity of non-retail uses at street level where such uses attract customers that complement the vitality, vibrancy and activity and bring linked trips to the town centre.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WX08	Encourage and support Investment and improvement in the public realm (new attractive hard landscaping/ paving, planting and street furniture) is proposed at; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the passageway which connects North Main Street to Anne Street to support activation to this space; both Monck Street and Charlotte Street to complement and enhance these streets as evening and night-time destinations; the western section of Common Quay Street (beyond the Super Valu car park entrance) to improve the pedestrian experience and fulfil the potential of the Bull Ring Market area; 	Achieved, In Progress & Ongoing	Monck Street Project Realm Project is complete.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Church Lane intersection with North Main Street, to make it a more attractive pedestrian experience and enhance the setting of St. Iberius' Church 		
WX09	Develop a 'Shopfront Improvement Scheme' to improve the design and quality of shop signage throughout the town centre, through the provision of guidance and grant funding enable owners to make improvements to their buildings/shopfronts.	In Progress	Shopfront Improvement Grants allocated under The Shopfront Improvement Grants 2023.
WX10	Seek a reduction, better co-ordination and design of signage generally within the town to avoid clutter and improve way-finding.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
WX11	Promote access to Wexford Town's historic town walls through improved signage/street maps to make visitors aware of their presence and location.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process and local authority own development. A Heritage-led Regeneration Plan was launched for Wexford Town which includes an action to prepare a heritage signage and interpretation strategy.
WX12	Review and reduce wirescape within the town centre (if possible) which currently serves to detract from the attractiveness of the core retail area.	Ongoing	Wirescape is undergrounded typically during upgrade works to public realm, as such projects arise.
WX13	Support a pilot programme for the extension of opening hours to allow for late night shopping on South and North Main Street (this could be scheduled to take place alongside one of the town's major festival/events).	Ongoing	Statement of support.
WX14	Support retailers and businesses within the town centre and 'Purple Flag' area and promotion of retailers in Wexford Town.	Ongoing	Statement of support.

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WX15	Support the development of a dedicated business partnership (such as a Wexford Town Team) or similar to provide leadership in the co-ordination and implementation of the Key Actions and Recommendations and to sustainably ensure the overall health and vitality of the town.	In Progress	A Town Team has been established to feed into the Town Centre First Strategy which is being prepared as part of the Wexford Town LAP.
WX16	Support the established festivals and events that take place within the town and consider opportunities for further events.	Ongoing	WCC continues to support the various festivals including the marketing of such events through the VisitWexford platform. WCC host a series of arts office information clinics throughout the county and offer training, professional development, and employment opportunities for artists both in person and online.
EN01	To protect Enniscorthy's attractive natural setting, architectural heritage and rich historical background, the physical remnants of which form part of the town's most notable assets.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. A Heritage-led Regeneration Plan has been prepared for the Town.
EN02	To improve on and enhance the vitality and viability of the town centre and increase its competitiveness with other retail destinations.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
EN03	To regenerate the traditional town centre and main street areas and reengage with the River Slaney with a view to creating more attractive, desirable places that people want to live and spend time in, for work, shopping or recreational purposes.	Ongoing	See Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages for WCC regeneration projects including Enniscorthy Town Centre Project. A TCF Plan and Heritage-led Regeneration Plan have been prepared for the Town. The Town Team meets monthly to share ideas and how best to progress the TCF Plan.
EN04	To enhance and expand the town centre retail offer and address leakage of retail spending from the town.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
EN05	To enhance the value of the retail experience of the traditional streets of Enniscorthy's core area, while encouraging new investment and development to opportunity sites addressing the river.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
EN06	In areas adjacent/contiguous to the core retail area to support the diversity of non-retail uses at street level where such uses attract customers, that complement the vitality, vibrancy and activity and bring linked trips to the town centre.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
EN07	Develop a 'Shopfront Improvement Scheme' to improve the design and quality of shop signage throughout the town centre, though the provision of guidance and grant funding enable owners to make improvements to their buildings/shopfronts.	Achieved & Ongoing	Town & Village Funding approved by Dept. in 2022. Project completed in 2023. Shopfront Flower and Paint Grant Scheme delivered annually. Improvement to signage to be included un URDF application.
EN08	Seek a reduction in, better co-ordination and design of signage generally within the town to avoid clutter and improve way-finding.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
EN09	Promote access to Enniscorthy's historic town through improved signage/street maps to make visitors aware of their presence and location.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process and Local Authority own development including the Enniscorthy Town Centre Project.
EN10	<p>A number of interventions are proposed to encourage access to underutilised segments of the town centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieve a consistency of treatment and improvement in the public realm at Market Square, Rafter Street, Weafer Street, Irish Street and Slaney Street; • Review and reduce wirescape within the town centre (if possible) which currently serves to detract from the attractiveness of the core retail area; 	In Progress	See Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages for WCC regeneration projects including the Enniscorthy Town Centre Project which includes consistency of materials, undergrounding of wires and pedestrian priority crossings/controlled junction signals. The Enniscorthy LTP will also include a number of actions to improve pedestrian crossings and this will feed into the LAP.

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage access from the town centre to the River Slaney by providing pedestrian priority crossings across Island Road at the intersections with Barrack Street, Slaney Street, Slaney Place and Abbey Square. 		
EN11	Integrate retail investment with the objectives of the 'Enniscorthy Tourism Project' to utilise the substantial architectural, heritage and natural assets of Enniscorthy Town to deliver a compelling visitor experience and solidify Enniscorthy's potential as a long-term sustainable tourist destination.	Ongoing	See TCF and Heritage-led Regeneration Plans prepared for Enniscorthy which promote the use of the architectural, heritage and natural assets of the town.
EN12	Support the key objectives of the Templeshannon Regeneration Strategy, particularly the implementation of the Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme and the provision of a new pedestrian bridge across the River Slaney connecting the Town Centre with the railway station'.	Ongoing	The TCF Plan includes proposals for the regeneration of Templeshannon. The Enniscorthy FRS is proceeding on a phased basis with Phase 1 including the removal of the Seamus Rafter Bridge and the construction of a new pedestrian bridge in the town centre (see Chapter 9 Infrastructure Strategy for further information). The Enniscorthy LTP is also considering options for improved connection between Templeshannon and the Town Centre.
EN13	Support enterprise initiatives to develop an NZEB centre of excellence at the new St. Senan's business and synergy with the 'Smart Town' project.	Ongoing	See Chapter 6 Economic Development Strategy for details on HPBA and Green Energy Hub at Enniscorthy Technology Park.
GY01	To protect and enhance the amenities of the town centre whilst ensuring that retail floorspace is developed in a sustainable manner that complements the improvement of the town overall.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
GY02	To strengthen the role of Gorey as a Key Town, where retail is an integral part of the town's economy complementing an important array of amenities, vibrancy, liveability/quality of life and quality built environment.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
GY03	To continue to support the retail core area based around the Main Street as a compact and attractive town centre with a strong retail sector with a particularly strong reputation for comparison goods. Any new retail expansion shall be restricted to the town centre area abutting the defined core area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
GY04	The primary retail function of ground floors on the Main Street will be protected so that only services or commercial activities that support the vibrancy and viability of the town centre, attract customers on linked trips and complement the primary retail function of the core area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
GY05	<p>To protect and enhance Gorey's assets integral to the town's economy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce up to three pedestrian priority crossings along Main Street to further promote pedestrian activity within the town and retail centre; • Improve the pavement and hard landscaping along Main Street; • Consider rearrangement of Market Square and improve its public realm offering through provision of soft landscaping to aid in making it a destination point within the town; • Improve the landscaping scheme at the western entrance to the town (adjacent to the Tesco 	In Progress & Ongoing	Development of Market House will include elements in the Main Street and Market Square to improve the streetscape and provide high-quality public realm within the town centre. Wires to be located underground in the Esmonde Street redevelopment.

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	<p>roundabout) to provide a more visually appealing gateway into Gorey;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve directional signage from Gorey shopping centre to the town centre; • Review and reduce wirescape within the town centre (if possible) which currently serves to detract from the attractiveness of the core retail area; 		
GY06	To promote a 'Shopfront Improvement Scheme' to enable owners to make improvements to their buildings/shopfronts within the retail core through grant funding, so as to continually improve design and quality of the street frontage.	Achieved	Funding provided in 2022 from Gorey-Kilmuckridge General Municipal Allowance budget to deliver this objective.
GY07	Continue to support the established festivals and events that take place within Gorey and consider opportunities for further events.	Ongoing	Ongoing support for festivals and promotion through Visit Wexford and Love Gorey platforms.
NR01*	To maximise the potential of retail investment to improve urban infrastructure and amenities and enhance liveability/ quality of life and the quality of the built environment. The major focus of the strategy is to improve quality of the retail core area to attract customers to the town centre and engage with a number of diverse economic and social activities with a view to creating more attractive, desirable places that people want to live and spend time in, for work, shopping or recreational purposes.	Ongoing	<p>*2no. NR01 objectives included in strategy</p> <p>See Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages for WCC key regeneration projects including New Ross Tourism Project, High Hill and Emigrant Parks, South East Greenway and pedestrianisation of Quay Street.</p>
NR01	To direct investment in retail, commercial and services to the primary retail area centred on South Street, North Street, Charles Street, Quay Street and Opportunity sites.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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NR02	To direct retail investment to brownfield sites in the town centre that provide linkage with the main street and support investment in the core area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
NR03	The sequential approach will be applied to all new retail in the town with a priority to town centre.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
NR04	To encourage additional trade within the retail core area of South Street and North Streets and to improve the overall condition and environment of the town centre.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
NR05	In areas adjacent/contiguous to the defined retail core area to support the diversity of non-retail uses at street level where such uses attract customers that complement the vitality, vibrancy and activity and bring linked trips to the town centre.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
NR06	To encourage the reuse of vacant buildings or under-utilised sites throughout the town. The redevelopment of car parking sites in prime town centre locations are identified for appropriate retail and/or commercial town centre uses.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See also Chapter 4 Sustainable Housing and Chapter 5 Design and Placemaking in Towns and Villages re vacant and derelict sites, Croí Conaithe grants and Ready to Build Scheme.
NR07	To examine pedestrianisation and public realm improvements (new attractive hard landscaping, planting and street furniture) of North Street to encourage pedestrian activity within the core retail area. This could be trialled initially to determine its success. If successful, the bollards which delineate pedestrian and vehicular movement on North Street could be removed to reduce street clutter.	In Progress & Ongoing	The pedestrianisation of streets in the town core, especially Quay Street, North Street and South Street is an action in the New Ross TCF Plan and is subject to the availability of appropriate funding streams. The pedestrianisation of Quay Street is progressing initially with funding approved under RRDF in 2024 and planned completion date of year-end 2025.

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NR08	To examine providing a pedestrian priority crossing at the junction of North Street and Mary Street (directly to the front of the Tholsel building).	In Progress & Ongoing	A project for the Pedestrianisation of Quay Street has received funding under RRDF in 2024, with a planned project completion date of year-end 2025.
NR09	Review and reduce wirescape within the town centre (if possible) which currently serves to detract from the attractiveness of the core retail area.	Ongoing	Ongoing through development management process and through any planned public realm upgrades.
NR10	Support a 'Shopfront Improvement Scheme' to enable owners to make improvements to their buildings/shopfronts within the retail core through grant funding.	Ongoing	These schemes have been supported previously and will be again in future.
NR11	Improve signage at strategic locations along the Quay to encourage people to move into the town centre.	Ongoing	Signage upgraded in 2023. Further new signs to be installed under Destination Towns Project in 2024.
NR12	Seek a reduction, better co-ordination and design of signage generally within the town to avoid clutter and improve way finding.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
NR13	Promote New Ross's extensive bulky goods offering. This could enable it to become a regional destination for such goods and provide overspill activity within the town centre.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
NR14	Establish a local retail consortium to consider adjusting the retail offering in New Ross to fully capture the potential of visitors attracted to the town by the established tourism offering.'	Ongoing	WCC continues to work with Failte Ireland and the local Chamber of Commerce in New Ross to progress this objective.

Volume 9 Housing Strategy

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
PO1	To ensure adequate and appropriate land is zoned to facilitate and implement the aims of the Core Strategy, to deliver sustainable development, and to meet likely future housing need in the County as identified by the Housing Strategy.	In progress	LAPs are currently in place for Gorey, Courtown and Riverchapel and Settlement Plans are in place for Rosslare Harbour and Kilrane, and Bunclody which include land use zoning objectives. Land use zoning is currently being considered in Wexford Town as part of the preparation of the LAP.
PO2	To require that 10% of lands zoned for residential use, or for a mixture of residential and other uses, be reserved for social and affordable housing in accordance with the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 and the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), with the exception of exemptions provided for by the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for areas identified in this Development Plan as having an overprovision of social housing.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. Part V legislation has been amended to now require provision of 20% of units for social housing purposes, and this is being managed by WCC Housing Section.
PO3	To ensure that housing is available to meet the needs of people of all incomes and needs, with an appropriate mix of unit types and tenures provided in appropriate locations. This shall in part be achieved through the provision of social and affordable housing accommodation through a range of delivery mechanisms including new builds, acquisitions, renovations and acquisitions of vacant homes, leasing, and housing supports including RAS and HAP. Provision shall be made to meet the housing needs of those within the County with specialist needs such as the older persons, people with disabilities, and the homeless.	Achieved, In Progress & Ongoing	<p>WCC Housing Section (in conjunction with Housing Capital Construction) have delivered over 50% of the Housing for All targets (as at July 2024). The proposals approved for the remainder of the plan, if all delivered, will result in WCC Housing surpassing their target of 1,155no. units.</p> <p>WCC Housing Section attend all pre-planning meetings for housing developments that attract a Part V obligation, which in some cases now attracts a 20% provision for social housing under new legislation. WCC Housing Section are ensuring that the Part V agreements meet the housing needs in the particular area of a development and are looking to review future Part V for potential suitable delivery of some affordable units.</p>

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			<p>A committee has been established within the Housing Section to ensure that applicants with very specific housing needs are being designed into any schemes or other delivery streams available to the Council. Therefore, at an early stage of design specially adapted houses can be planned for. WCC Housing Section have a target of offering at least 20% of allocations to persons with a Disability. This target is being met consistently.</p> <p>Culturally Appropriate Housing Ltd (CENA) have been engaged to consult with families around the design of a Traveller Group Housing Scheme that is in progress. This will ensure that the families' specific needs are addressed in the design where possible.</p> <p>WCC carried out a review of the TAP 2019-2024 and increased the target from 100 no. units to 126 no. units to take into account an updated assessment of need. By the end of 2024 at least 92% will be delivered. The new TAP 2025-2029 has been approved by the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) and Full Council to proceed to public consultation.</p>
PO4	To ensure the selection of land or housing units to purchase or lease by the Council, including Part V, counteracts undue segregation by persons of different social backgrounds.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process and the work of WCC Housing Section.

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
PO5	<p>To provide for current identified housing need in the County through the provision of social and affordable housing. The Council will endeavour to deliver 1,965 social housing units over the plan period specifically to meet current need, to include 1,222 new homes to be delivered by 2021 through Rebuilding Ireland programme targets and delivery mechanisms. A further 743 units shall be delivered to meet the needs of the remainder as resources allow. These shall be delivered through the following means</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenancies directly provided by Wexford County Council; • Tenancies provided by an Approved Housing Body; • Specialist accommodation for Travellers and those with specific housing needs; and • Short- and long-term tenancies arranged by Wexford County Council with private landlords. <p>New units shall be delivered in appropriate locations and having regard to local need as identified in the HNDA. Provision shall account for the identified support needs of households as set out in the HNDA and shall include an appropriate mix of unit types and designs to meet these needs.</p>	Achieved, In Progress & Ongoing	See PO3 above.
PO6	<p>To provide social and affordable housing to meet forecast future housing need over the plan period as identified in the HNDA. The Council will endeavour to deliver a further 376 social and affordable housing units over the plan period to meet the forecasted need during the plan period. This shall be delivered having regard to the local breakdown of forecast need detailed in the HNDA. New units shall be</p>	Achieved, In Progress & Ongoing	See PO3 above.

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	delivered having regard to the aims and policies of the Core Strategy, including the need to deliver sustainable development and an appropriate mix of housing types and tenures.		
PO7	To ensure growth and higher densities in the Key Towns of Wexford and Gorey suited to their strategic regional role, subject to good design and development management standards being met.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
PO8	To ensure that density is determined by reference to the settlement size and the guiding densities set out in the Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas (DEHLG, 2009) and Section 4.7.2.1 of Volume 1 Written Statement.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
PO9	To promote Universal Design and Lifetime Housing standards in new homes built in the County in accordance with best practice. Significant developments of new homes shall ensure that a minimum of 20% of dwellings are suitable to accommodate or are adaptable to provide accommodation for people with disabilities. Developers will be required to show an accessible route to the residential units from the boundary of the property. Proximity and access to local services must also be considered relative to the units which are accessible.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
PO10	To tackle vacancy and to secure new homes and urban regeneration by bringing vacant sites into use. This shall be pursued through the application of the vacant site levy in accordance with the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, and through the implementation of the County Wexford Vacant Homes Strategy and Action Plan 2018-2021. The Council shall review and update this programme if deemed necessary.	Ongoing	<p>Under the WCC CPO Programme, 169 no. sites have been approved in the four main towns with funding provided under Call 3 of URDF, primarily to address dereliction. It is envisaged that some of these properties will be retained for local authority housing stock. WCC Housing Section, to date, have not pursued any of these types of sites referred to, as in most cases they require a large amount of repair or full construction. While if some were suitable, they would be useful to increase social housing stock, the resources to review such properties are not currently in place, nor is an exact funding stream identified (to bring them back to a state of repair that is required under rental standards).</p> <p>The Regeneration Unit held a series of Roadshows in April 2024 to raise awareness about various grants and programmes tailored to address vacant and derelict properties, ultimately contributing to the reduction of Vacancy Levels in Co Wexford. As at 31st August 2024, the Council has received 313 applications under the Croi Conaithe Fund and 189 of these have been approved.</p>
PO11	To progress the implementation of the County Wexford Traveller Accommodation Programme (TAP) 2019-2024 and to review this programme if required and/or deemed to be necessary during the plan period. This shall include the provision of the projected need of 99 units as set out in the TAP, equating to an annual target of 20 units per annum, as resources allow.	Partially Achieved & Ongoing	See PO3 above.

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PO12	To continue to work with Central Government and relevant State Agencies in responding to requirements to support those in need of refuge.	Ongoing	WCC Housing Section is involved in the current Irish Refugee Protection Programme (IRPP).
PO13	To support the on-going monitoring and review of the HNDA in accordance with the forthcoming guidance on HNDA methodology to be issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.	Ongoing	Following the adoption of the CDP, KPMG Future Analytics (KPMG-FA) were commissioned to provide an overview of the operation of the HNDA Toolkit for County Wexford. This included modelling of the five recommended scenarios (i.e., Convergence, Baseline, 50:50 City, High Migration, and Low Migration). A custom Wexford scenario based on the inclusion of the Housing Supply Targets (HSTs) for County Wexford calculated as part of the Wexford CDP was also prepared and a further refined scenario to account for contemporary local conditions, such as 2022 prices and Wexford-specific projections for purchase and rental price changes.
PO14	To utilise the information available through the HNDA to communicate information to Central Government and relevant State Agencies on the position of current social and affordable housing provision, rental affordability, and issues arising from caps to social housing supports, and to seek to influence policy changes in these areas for the benefit of those in need of assistance.	Achieved & Ongoing	Although the HNDA contained in the CDP did not show a gap in affordability, as per PO13 WCC engaged KPMG to carry out an updated HNDA which identified a 13.3% affordability gap locally. This gap has been used to obtain approval for an Affordable Housing Scheme in Gorey which is progressing. WCC will continue to make business cases for other schemes where the need is demonstrated.

Volume 10 Energy Strategy

Objective No.	Text	Status	Progress Achieved
ES01	To facilitate the development of solar PV developments in the area open for consideration as shown on Map 6 subject to the renewable energy target set for the County, the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and the Development Management standards set out below.	Ongoing	<p>As at end June 2024, there were a total of 45 permissions granted for ground mounted solar farms in County Wexford with a total estimated output of 693MW and covering an area of 1,328.41 hectares.⁵</p> <p>At 8/10/24 the recorded EirGrid and ESB energised and contracted generator lists show 177.82MW of solar connected to the grid and 297.55MW contracted (seven solar farms including one community solar farm) in County Wexford. One of these solar farms (Tullabeg Phase 2) was successful at the most recent RESS 4 auction (105MW).</p> <p>See ES08 below for further information.</p>
ES02	To consider applications for community-based solar developments of an appropriate scale subject to normal planning and environmental criteria. It is the policy of the Council to support and facilitate renewable energy proposals that bring about a direct socio-economic benefit to the local community. The Council will engage with local communities and stakeholders in energy and encourage developers to work with local communities to identify how they can invest in/gain from significant renewable energy development.	Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the development management process.</p> <p>As part of the Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (RESS) all renewable electricity generation projects must establish a Community Benefit Fund based on the megawatt hours of electricity generated by the project (currently €2 per MWh). The Fund is used to support sustainable community initiatives and to improve the wider economic, environmental, social and cultural well-being of the local community. All RESS and ORESS projects must register themselves and their corresponding Community Benefit Funds on the SEAI Community Benefit Fund National Register.⁶</p>

⁵ This does not include smaller scale ground mounted solar developments at commercial sites such as European Refreshments and Monart Hotel as these are mainly to service the development on site.

⁶ https://www.seai.ie/grants/community-grants/community-benefit-funds?gad_source=1

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ES03	Facilitate, where appropriate, small scale solar energy development projects in urban areas, industrial estates, business parks and small community-based proposals, subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria and the development management standards contained in Section 4.2.5.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ES04	To encourage the incorporation of thermal solar or solar PV (or other suitable micro renewable technology) into the design of all new developments, or extensions to existing development.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ES05	To facilitate solar PV developments on existing industrial or agricultural buildings provided that they do not give rise to adverse impacts on visual or residential amenity.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ES06	To promote and facilitate the use of solar technology in public buildings and infrastructure e.g. traffic lights, streetlights and road information signage.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. With regard to public road infrastructure, WCC Roads Section actively use solar and/or alternative source energy infrastructure where appropriate. It is generally in the form of information or warning signs. Alternative powered hardware for traffic lights or public lighting is being investigated but it is not considered appropriate to fulfil current needs yet. Industry changes are being actively pursued and the Council is open to using green infrastructure as it becomes more available and reliable.
ES07	Ensure the security of energy supply by supporting the development of wind energy resources in County Wexford at appropriate scales and in appropriate locations, subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. In terms of offshore wind energy, WCC facilitated a number of presentations from the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) in relation to the Draft South Coast

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	and the development management standards contained in Section 5.7.		<p>Designated Maritime Area Plan (DMAP) for Offshore Renewable Energy. WCC also facilitated a public event held by DECC at County Hall on 22nd May 2024 and the Chief Executive formed part of the discussion panel. WCC subsequently made a submission on the Draft DMAP in June 2024.</p> <p>WCC also made a submission to Irish Rail on its proposals to develop an Offshore Renewable Energy Hub at Rosslare Europort in June 2024.</p>
ES08	Aim to achieve the target set out in the Renewable Energy Strategy, to enable County Wexford to make the initial steps toward a low carbon economy by 2027.	Ongoing	<p>The target is for 100% of electricity consumption in the County to be from renewable energy sources by 2027 with the target based on the County's population share.</p> <p>One application has been received and approved for an extension of time to an existing wind farm (see ES15).</p> <p>As at end June 2024 there were a total of 45 permissions granted for ground mounted solar farms in County Wexford with an estimated output of 693MW and covering an area of 1,328.41 hectares.</p> <p>The latest EirGrid and ESB energised and contracted generator lists⁷ show 177.82 MW of solar connected to the grid and 297.55 MW of solar contracted to the grid (seven solar farms including one community solar farm) in County Wexford. One of these solar farms (Tullabeg Phase 2) was successful at the most recent RESS 4 auction (105MW).</p>

⁷ <https://www.eirgrid.ie/industry/customer-information/connected-and-contracted-generators> and <https://www.esbnetworks.ie/new-connections/generator-connections-group/generator-statistics> [accessed 8/10/24]

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			<p>This shows that County Wexford is generally on trend to meet its onshore RE target by 2027, if all permissions are implemented (notwithstanding the various capacity factors for each type of RE source) and subject to continuation or repowering of existing wind farms.</p> <p>Separately work is progressing on offshore wind energy developments (see ES07, ES16 and ES24) however offshore wind farms are unlikely to be operational by 2030.</p>
ES09	Facilitate wind energy development on appropriate sites in the county and work with the relevant agencies to encourage investment in research and technology associated with wind farms and other renewable energy technology.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ES10	Favourably consider proposals for the development of infrastructure for the production, storage and distribution of electricity through the harnessing of wind energy in appropriate sites and locations, subject to relevant policy, legislation and environmental considerations and the development management standards contained in Section 5.7.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ES11	Promote community consultation in proposed wind farm developments in accordance with Draft Revised Wind Energy Guidelines (December 2019), Best Practice Guidelines for the Irish Wind Energy Industry (IWEA, 2012) and the Code of Practice for Wind Energy Development in Ireland – Guidelines for Community Engagement (DCCAE, 2016).	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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ES12	Encourage the development of ecological enhancements or improvements that go beyond measures required to mitigate or compensate for damage from wind farm construction. Providing attractive and wildlife-rich habitats is a way to contribute to local and national biodiversity strategies and targets.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ES13	Require an Appropriate Assessment to be carried out for proposals which have the potential to adversely affect the integrity of any Natura 2000 site. Having regard to Articles 6(3) and 6(4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC, where a proposed development will give rise to significant adverse direct, indirect or secondary impacts on Natura 2000 sites (either individually or in combination with other plans or projects), permission will only be granted where there are no alternative solutions and where there are imperative reasons of overriding public interest in favour of granting permission, including those of a social or economic nature.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ES14	Facilitate, where appropriate, small scale wind energy development projects in urban areas, industrial estates, business parks and small community-based proposals, subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria and the development management standards contained in Section 5.7.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ES15	Consider the re-powering (by replacing existing wind turbines) and extension of existing wind farms. Applications on such sites will each be assessed on their merits, demonstrate that the equipment is upgraded to the best available technology	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. One application has been received and approved for continuation of a wind farm (at Carnsore Point).

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	and will be subject to the development management standards contained in Section 5.7 (see Table 8).		
ES16	Facilitate onshore support infrastructure including landing locations for land-sea connections for appropriate offshore development, subject to relevant policy, legislation, environmental, landscape, amenity, seascape and technical considerations and subject to the development management standards contained in Section 5.7.	Ongoing	<p>Ongoing through the development management process.</p> <p>The Greenlink Interconnector is currently under construction and will connect the electricity grids in Ireland and Wales. The subsea cable comes ashore at Baginbun Beach and the onshore underground cable (circa 22km) will connect into the existing 220kV substation, via a new HVDC converter station, at Great Island.</p> <p>WCC has new responsibilities as a Coastal Planning Authority under the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021, including the assessment of proposed developments that are located wholly in the nearshore area or partly in the nearshore area and partly on land.</p> <p>ABP is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development that is exclusively in the Maritime Area, • Developments that overlap the “maritime” and “nearshore” areas of one or more than one PA, • Development partially in the outer maritime area and partially on land, • Development wholly in the nearshore area of more than one coastal PA • Local authority decisions in maritime area that are the subject of appeal, • Development of a class prescribed in Schedule to the Act (Schedule 10 inserts new Schedule 8 into PDA).

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			The CPA also has a significant role in planning applications for developments in the maritime area which are submitted to ABP, in terms of preparing reports setting out the views of the CPA in relation to the proposed development, recommending a schedule of conditions as well as being responsible for post decision compliance with conditions imposed by ABP and enforcement.
ES17	To support and encourage the development of the bioenergy sector and facilitate its development for energy production, heat storage and distribution subject to normal planning and environmental criteria and the development management standards set in Section 6.7.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ES18	To support and assist in the implementation of the South-East Region Bioenergy Implementation Plan 2013-2020 and any updated version of that plan through the planning process, subject to compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ES19	To support the installation of on-farm anaerobic digester/fermentation plants using slurries produced on site, and the importation and treatment of feedstock's imported from the surrounding local area to supplement the on-site treatment of agricultural waste. Such facilities shall be located within existing farm complexes, use excess heat on site and may be connected to the national electrical grid.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ES20	To support mixed biomass processing (using a range of technologies) and using mixed feedstock (including biological waste) imported from surrounding areas on suitable sites. Mixed bioenergy plants should be located close to the energy	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	source and the point of demand, where they can be served by a transport network with sufficient capacity to safely absorb increased traffic movements and where waste heat can be used. Such facilities will be assessed against the ability of the receiving environment to accommodate them without causing an adverse impact on residential or environmental amenity.		
ES21	To facilitate the development of biofuel processing plants on industrial zoned lands subject to normal planning and environmental criteria and the development management standards set out in Section 6.7.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ES22	To support and facilitate the installation of district heating technologies in new developments, including multi-unit apartment developments, commercial and industrial developments. Where district heating is proposed, the associated infrastructure, networks and services for such systems shall be identified at planning stage and the long-term management and maintenance arrangements shall be to the satisfaction of the Council.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ES23	To support the recovery of energy from waste in accordance with the provisions of the Southern Region Waste Management Plan 2015-2021 and any updated version of that plan. In particular, the Council will facilitate waste to energy processes on the site of production or in local biomass processing installations subject to normal planning and environmental criteria and the development management standards set out in Section 6.7.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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ES24	To support the development of offshore renewable energy in accordance with the Offshore Renewable Energy Development Plan (Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, 2014), the Climate Action Plan 2019 and any Maritime Spatial Plan that is adopted for Ireland.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See ES07 and ES16.
ES25	To actively explore and pursue opportunities to service the marine renewable energy sector at existing ports, to facilitate the growth of new ports, supporting infrastructure and associated development, subject to normal planning and environmental criteria.	In Progress & Ongoing	WCC made a submission to Irish Rail in support of its proposals to develop an Offshore Renewable Energy Hub at Rosslare Europort in June 2024 and is actively engaging with Irish Rail in relation to this project. WCC are looking at opportunities to develop a Marine Innovation Centre at Kilmore Quay. WCC are also building strategic partnerships with Enterprise Ireland, SETU, Georgia Southern University, Tradebridge and the South East Offshore Wind Partnership to position the County and the region as leaders in energy security, coastal sustainability and supporting job creation opportunities.
ES26	To facilitate the expansion of ports and provision of additional quayside harbour working areas to further enhance their attractiveness to marine renewable industry developers.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See ES07 and ES25.
ES27	To promote and to facilitate, as far as possible, all proposed testing and research sites / required installations for future potential marine renewable energy off the coastline of County Wexford.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ES28	To support the development of feasibility studies which examine the tidal energy resource off Tuskar Rock and the	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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	development of this resource where viable, subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria.		
ES29	To support the development of Rosslare Europort as a Sustainable Energy Zone (SEZ) and provide the necessary infrastructure to facilitate its development as an SEZ.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See also ES07 and ES25.
ES30	To facilitate the development of small scale hydroelectric projects, subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ES31	To promote the use of geothermal energy technology in new developments subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ES32	To facilitate micro-renewable energy installations where it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Council that they will not result in a significant adverse impact on residential, visual or environmental amenity.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ES33	To require all planning applications for new buildings in the residential, industrial, commercial and agricultural sectors to demonstrate how the energy needs of the proposed development can be provided for with indigenous renewable energy resources, harnessed by incorporating micro renewable technologies, as an important element in establishing a low carbon County and assisting in meeting assigned renewable energy targets.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.

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ES34	To encourage the retro fit of domestic and commercial buildings with micro generation technologies, to improve the environmental performance of buildings subject to normal planning and environmental criteria.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. Objectives CA14 and CA15 in Chapter 2 Climate Action also refer.
ES35	<p>To facilitate the provision of and improvements to energy networks in principle, provided that it can be demonstrated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development is required in order to facilitate the provision or retention of significant economic or social infrastructure • The route proposed has been identified with due consideration for social, environmental and cultural impacts • The design is such that will achieve least environmental impact consistent with not incurring excessive cost • Where impacts are inevitable mitigation features have been included <p>Proposals for energy infrastructure should be assessed in accordance with the requirements of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive</p>	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.
ES36	To facilitate the development of port infrastructure to serve marine renewable developments, subject to normal environmental and planning criteria, the Habitats and Water Framework Directives.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process. See also ES07 and ES25.

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ES37	To facilitate the development of Battery Energy Storage Systems and other energy storage technologies such as air storage and synchronous condensers at appropriate locations to ensure a reliable and secure energy supply, subject to normal planning and environmental criteria, including residential and visual impacts.	Ongoing	Ongoing through the development management process.