

WICKLOW COUNTY

Development Plan

2016 - 2022

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FOREWORD FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Wicklow County Development Plan is the result of over two years preparation and process involving our citizens who made over 2,500 submissions at various stages, Wicklow County Council staff who crafted the Plan and managed the process, and the elected members who engaged in the process at all stages and ultimately adopted the Plan.

The Plan is the single most important strategic policy document for the County as it expresses a range of policies and objectives to guide the economic, social, cultural, and environmental aspects of growth and development as we enter a period of renewal nationally. This will support the County to respond to this renewal, but in particular to address the glaring need for housing and employment infrastructure.

What has driven the Plan is the vision for the County to be a cohesive community of people enjoying distinct but interrelated urban and rural environments, where natural surroundings and important resources are protected; where opportunities abound to live and work in a safe atmosphere allowing people to enjoy the benefits of sustainable employment, homes suitable to their needs and life-stage, excellent public services, ample cultural and leisure opportunities and a healthy environment. This Plan sets out a framework for development to help achieve this vision.

I would like to take this opportunity to compliment and congratulate those who produced this high quality document, to thank the elected members for the hours of work they put into this process, not just at the statutory meetings but at the various workshops and consultations they participated in, and to all our citizens who made submissions and suggestions over the two year process.

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