

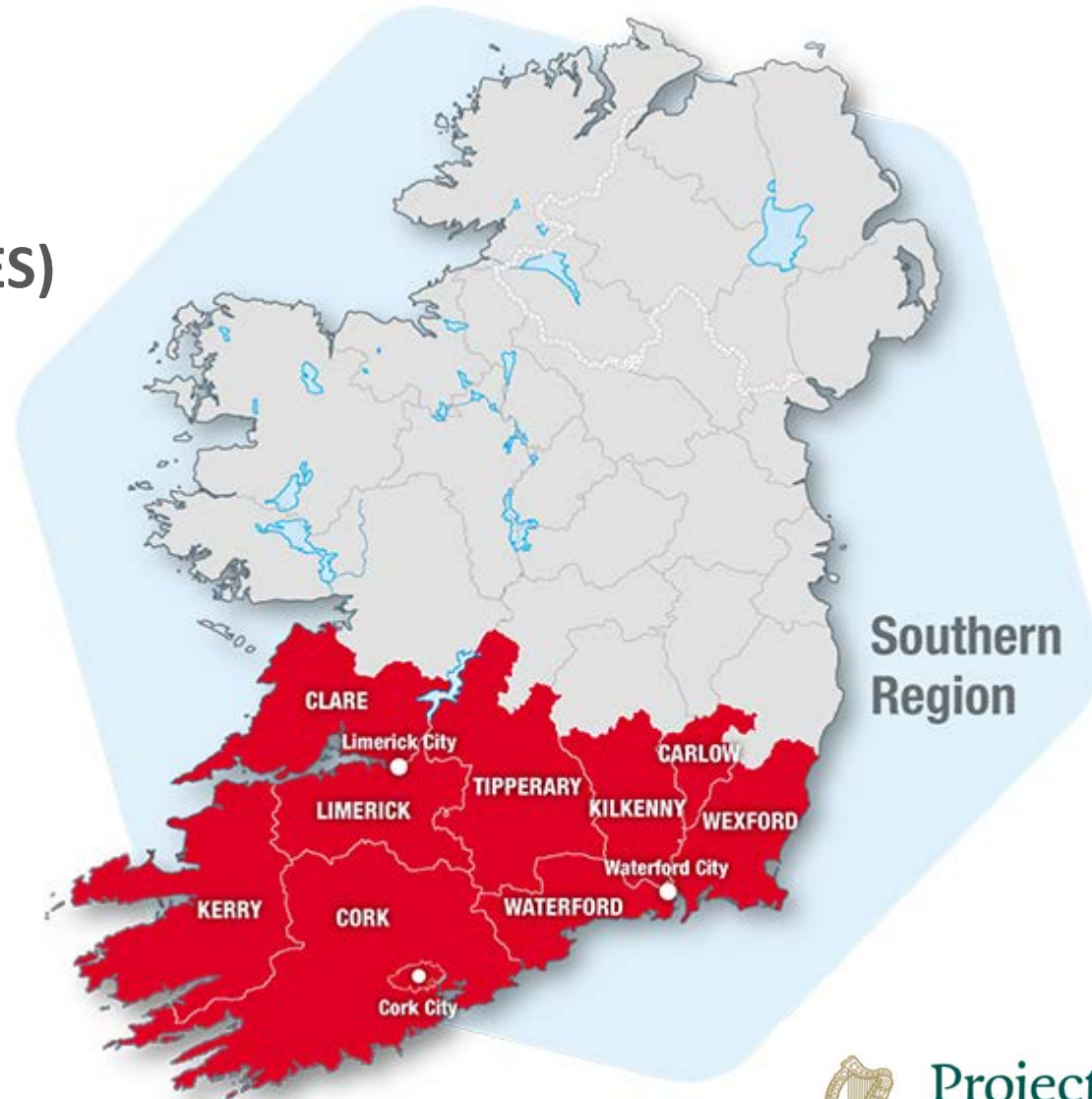
# Southern Regional Assembly

## Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES)

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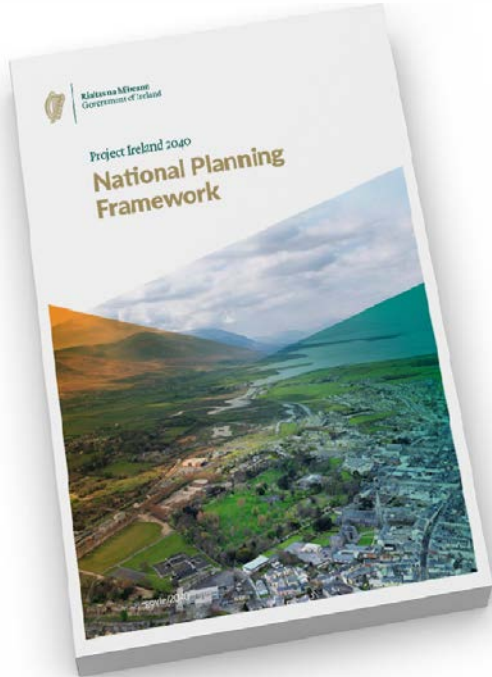
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# Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy (RSES)

- Each Regional Assembly has to prepare a long-term (12 years) Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) for the whole of their region;
- Strategic policy document to set out a vision for the strategic planning and economic development of the region to 2031
- Overarching purpose of the RSES is to support the implementation of the National Planning Framework (NPF) & Government Economic Policies;
- Sets the framework for local planning and economic development - but will require strategic choices at the regional level
- Adoption of the RSES is a Reserved Function which requires the approval of the members of the Assembly.



# NPF Population and Employment targets: Southern Region



The projected level of population and jobs growth in the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly area would be at least **matched by that of Northern and Western and Southern Regional Assembly areas combined.**

The **population of the Southern Region will increase by between 350,000 and 375,000** people between now and 2040 resulting in a total regional population of people. **almost 2 million**

- This population increase would need to be supported by an **additional 220,000 people at work** in the Southern Region resulting in a total regional workforce of 880,000.
- **50% +** of Region's future growth would be accommodated in the cities of Cork, Limerick & Waterford





## Local Government

Local Area  
Plan or SDZ

City & County  
Development Plans



Local Economic and  
Community Plans



## Regional Assembly

Regional Spatial &  
Economic Strategy



Other regional plans and  
programmes i.e.  
regional enterprise strategies



## Government Department

National Planning  
Framework



Action Plan for jobs



# Role of Southern Region in NPF

- 3 City Regions – 3 MASPS
  - Cork, Limerick, Waterford -
- Strong urban structure
- Strategic location and assets – airports, ports and transport links – strong national specialisms, pharma, IT, tourism.
- Diverse rural offer – from coast to coast.



# Scope and Content of RSES

- An Integrated Spatial and Economic to support and implement the national policy objectives set out in the National Planning Framework
- Will focus on higher level policies
- Will focus on issues, areas and settlements of key regional importance

Settlement  
Communications  
Commerce Rural Environment  
Culture Towns  
Water Social Healthcare  
Facilities Energy Regional  
Jobs Cities  
Marine Housing Education  
Employment Sport Community  
Transport Economy

- It will include a MASP for Cork, Limerick and Waterford
- Sequencing of infrastructure prioritisation, delivery and co ordination, and deliver compact growth.
- It will identify Regional Growth Centres.
- Emphasis on Transport and Connectivity



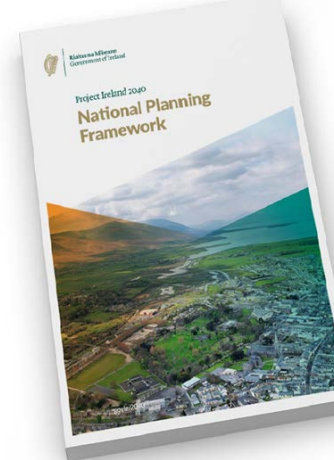
Wexford  
Local Economic and  
Community Plan



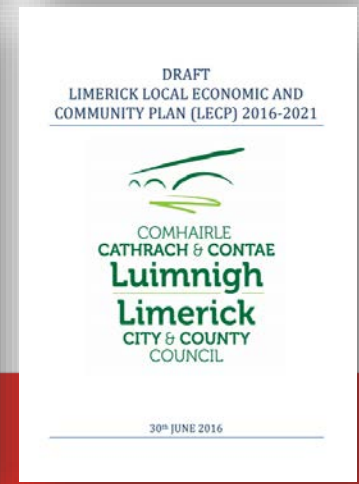
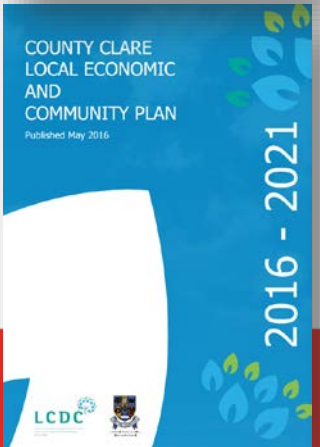
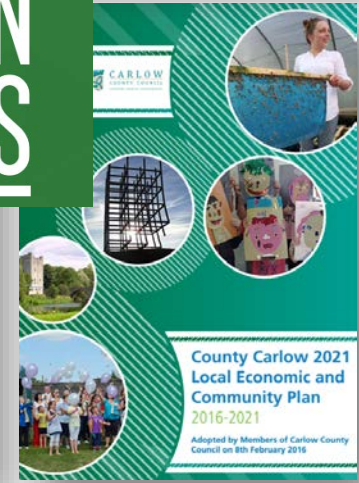
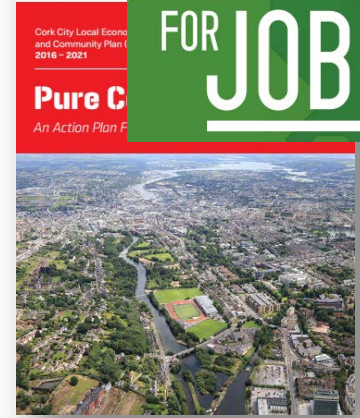
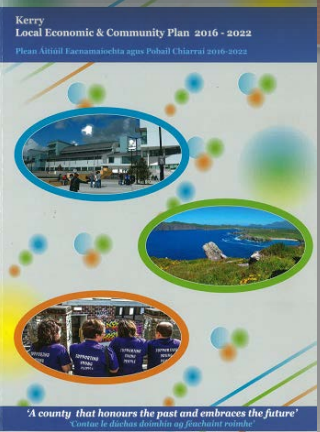
2016 - 2021

# Building Towards the RSES and a Vision

- Not in a Vacuum



One Waterford:  
Local Economic & Community Plan  
2015-2020

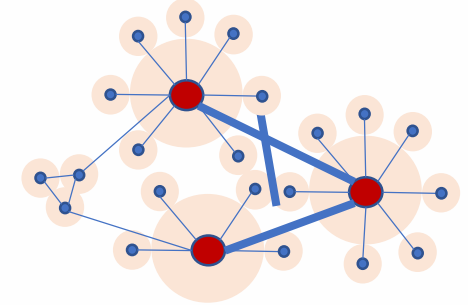


**Developing the RSES**

# Strategy

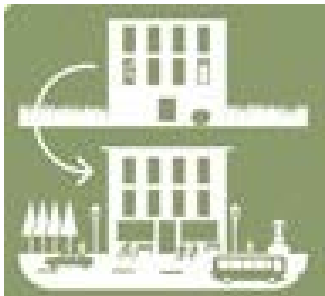
‘Do the right thing’ and ‘Doing it right’

- Orderly growth



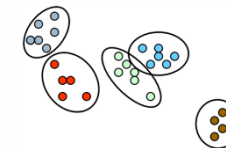
- Hierarchy:

- Region – City – Key Towns – Growth Areas – Rural.



- Placemaking

“Places attractive to Live, work, and **Invest.**”



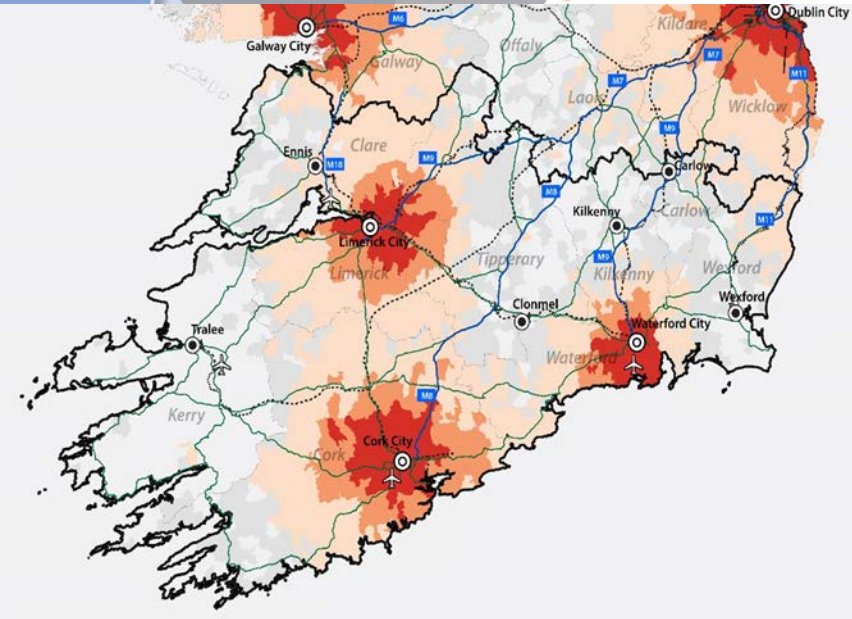
Clustering



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# Metropolitan Area Strategic Plans (MASP's)



The MASP will be prepared in tandem with and as part of the overall strategy making process for the RSES

- 12 year strategic planning and investment framework;
- Identify the key change parameters i.e. population, employment, housing, retail, travel patterns and key renewal, development and amenity areas
- Identify the sequence of infrastructure prioritisation, delivery and co-ordination
- Deliver compact regeneration and growth



# Planning Policy Hierarchy, Ireland 2017



- Unlocking the potential of the Region
- To capitalise on investment opportunities
- Realise key projects

## Investment:

### 4 x NDP Funds

- Government has approved four funds to support PI2040/NPF
- €4bn over 10 years – intended as transformational place-making initiatives with considerable scope for match funding and leveraging
- Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) €2bn to 2027,
- Rural Regeneration and Development Fund €1bn to 2027, managed by the Department for Rural and Community Development
- disruptive technologies (DBEI) and
- climate change (DCCAE)





# Monitoring & Reporting

- A Monitoring Committee will be established to monitor progress/implementation on a 2 yearly basis
- National Oversight & Audit Commission
- The RSES must be reviewed within 6 years of its adoption

## Evaluation

- Office of the Planning Regulator  
Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2016  
Independent role advising the Minister, Government and the Oireachtas on implementation of the National Planning Framework under the statutory planning process, through Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies, local authority statutory planning processes and the decisions of An Bord Pleanála, and using a new set of indicators to be developed to assist effective monitoring



# Progress to date



**Oct 17 - April 2018**

I.P Consultation  
Thematic Workshops  
Engage SEA  
SOAG  
Stakeholder Consultation.

**April - May 2018**

AIRO evidence base.  
TWG workshops including close LA collaboration.  
SPA meetings

**May - Sept**

Update evidence base, stakeholder consultation  
NPF Roadmap  
Preliminary Draft to Members.

**Oct 2018**

Draft RSES Adopted by Regional Assembly?

Public Consultation Issues Paper

Preparation Draft RSES

Public Consultation Draft RSES

Public Consultation Material Alterations (if any)

Publication of RSES and Environmental Reports



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# Challenges

- Process: New, resistance to change . Need to have buy in to first RSES.
- Structures – regional/local structures
- Representation – not reflective of demographic. .
- Population projections – Transition.
- Balance between implementing Govt policy and regional expectations
  - National/Regional priorities.
  - alignment of local aspirations



# Next Steps

- Full Assembly Meeting 4 Oct
- Meetings with LA's/CE's
- SOAG
- SEA, AA
- Directors Draft RSES
- Draft approved End Oct?
- 10 week public consultation.



# Thank You

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