

HIGH LEVEL GOALS





GOAL 1. PEOPLE

HIGH-LEVEL GOAL 1

Healthy, Equitable & Inclusive County

That Clare will be a county that prioritises the physical, mental, and social well-being of all people, where socio-economic rights are realised, making it a healthy place to live, work, grow and learn.

Goal 1: Objectives:

Objective 1.1:

That all agencies in Clare and all collaborating partners will work towards ensuring that people have access to health services locally, at least at the national average levels, as demonstrated in the Socio-Economic analysis, towards improving Health and Well-Being in the County.

Objective 1.2:

On a countywide basis to remove barriers to and create opportunities for Sustainable Livelihoods where income of at least the national living wage is aimed at, for those unemployed, underemployed, those older people who wish to continue working, and those whose current livelihoods will be at risk from climate action.

Objective 1.3: *

To reduce persistent poverty, by being proactive in the delivery of supports and services that address the challenges of poverty, including access to all services and amenities across the County, with particular attention paid to ensuring the availability of affordable childcare.



*See Appendix 1

Objective 1.4:

To identify and provide resources to address the gender inequalities and inequities existing in County Clare for women and girls from the diverse communities which make up the population and to support local and community initiatives to prevent and mitigate domestic, sexual and gender-based violence in accordance with the 3rd National Strategy on Domestic Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Implementation Plan.

Objective 1.5:

To support integration and inclusivity of all people in the County through reciprocal collaboration and representation on decision making structures and in employment.

Objective 1.6:

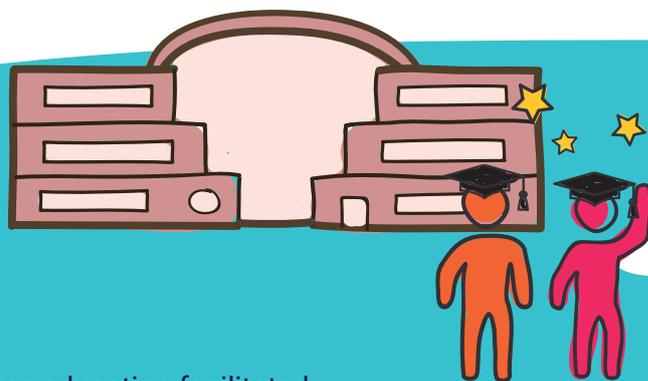
To take all available actions to ensure that people in Clare have access to secure housing and accommodation suitable for their needs.



GOAL 2. PEOPLE

HIGH-LEVEL GOAL 2

Life-long learning and Training



That Clare will be a County which supports and promotes education facilitated across early years, primary, secondary, higher, and further education that provides opportunities for life-long learning, upskilling and personal development

Goal 2: Objectives:

Objective: 2.1:

To promote and facilitate access to training, education, skills development, and personal development for all people in Clare. Having regard to furthering the Southern Region as a UNESCO Learning Region, in which Co. Clare can participate to develop opportunities for life-long learning and skills development.

Objective 2.2:

To enable local employees and businesses to access targeted government assistance programmes for upskilling and reskilling making use of mentorship and other resources available within the County.

Objective 2.3:

To enhance the financial, managerial and leadership competencies of micro and small business owners including those entering the domains of social or circular economies.

Objective: 2.4:

To improve literacy levels throughout the County by providing accessible and effective literacy education and support. This includes a focus on digital financial and health literacy thereby, promoting inclusivity and reducing educational inequalities, including those facing social and economic disadvantages.

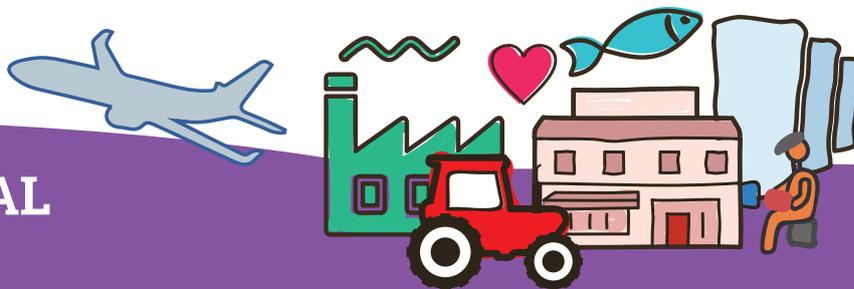
Objective 2.5:

To provide the necessary tools and supports to promote the growth of sustainable employment opportunities with a focus on increasing business participation in comprehensive apprenticeship programmes.

Objective 2.6:

Offer accessible education and training opportunities with a particular emphasis on language skills development to all people in the County.





GOAL 3. POTENTIAL

HIGH-LEVEL GOAL 3

A County with sustainable retail, industry, manufacturing, agriculture, marine, tourism, aviation, culture and services sectors

That Clare will have sustainable retail, industry, manufacturing, agriculture, marine, tourism, aviation, culture and services sectors that will offer employment and recreational opportunities for the wellbeing of all and support the seeking of national funding to overcome the current wide ranging infrastructural deficits within the County.

Goal 3: Objectives:

Objective: 3.1

To support agriculture, marine workers and other sectors in Clare to play an active role in protecting and restoring the natural environment by supporting avenues for sustainable diversification and generating viable alternatives within those sectors.

Objective: 3.2

To develop and improve the integration of local business, especially artisan and craft producers, and those offering experiences such as courses, activities and retreats within the County's tourism offering, and ensuring the needs of communities are prioritised alongside the opportunity to benefit economically, socially, and culturally.

Objective: 3.3

To support viable and vibrant town and village centres which function as sustainable communities, and which are linked to rural hinterlands.

Objective: 3.4

To provide training and mentorship (including Apprenticeships) to support the development of Social Enterprises or other appropriate models of Enterprise in Clare and promote the circular economy.

Objective: 3.5

To put in place an inclusive, reliable, and improved Universal Access Public Transport System to provide connectivity and access to services across the County.

Objective: 3.6

To support greater action and engagement on Climate Change ensuring that both mitigation and adaptation methods are pursued to reduce carbon emissions and to foster the development of a sustainable carbon neutral green economy across all economic sectors.





GOAL 4. POTENTIAL

HIGH-LEVEL GOAL 4

Enhance economic, cultural & social opportunity

To enhance the economic, cultural, and social vibrancy of the County so its people can live, work, invest and learn.

Goal 4: Objectives:

Objective: 4.1

To support and diversify the arts and culture sector across the County with the cooperation of and collaboration with the County Library and Arts Office and voluntary and private arts/culture providers and ensure support for individual artists, musicians, and performers.

Objective: 4.2

To facilitate and support Sustainable Livelihoods and employment creation which enhances the economic opportunities for all those living in Clare.

Objective: 4.3

To leverage the economic, employment, cultural, and social benefits of emerging technologies whilst sustaining employment and creating new opportunities through social enterprise and community wealth building.



Objective: 4.4

To sustainably manage the economic, social, and recreational potential of the Wild Atlantic Way, Hidden Heartlands and Shannon Estuary while protecting the coastal zone and its Biodiversity and adapting to and managing the challenges and opportunities of climate change.

Objective: 4.5

To further develop our communities to provide appropriate accommodation options for residents and visitors alongside recreational and community spaces for all.

Objective: 4.6

To support Clare Libraries in the delivery of countywide universal services including information provision.



GOAL 5. PLACE

HIGH-LEVEL GOAL 5

A Sustainable and resilient County



Clare will be a county with strong, balanced urban and rural areas, where people can reach their potential, ensuring protection of the environment with the intention of building support for a Just Transition, assisting Ireland to achieve our carbon emission targets and enhancing the economic benefits to our local communities.

Goal 5: Objectives:

Objective: 5.1

To sustain the population in our urban and rural communities by ensuring that youth, working and ageing population can remain and contribute to the social, cultural, and economic development of their communities.

Objective: 5.2

To prioritise climate adaptation measures whilst supporting climate mitigation and implementation of the Climate Action Plan having regard to the reduction of carbon emissions through research, initiatives and collaboration while accessing appropriate funding supports.

Objective: 5.3

To work with all our communities, businesses, statutory and voluntary organisations to understand and harness the positive opportunities of undertaking climate action and, in recognising the negative impacts of climate change, to prioritise the development of climate resilience across the County.

Objective: 5.4

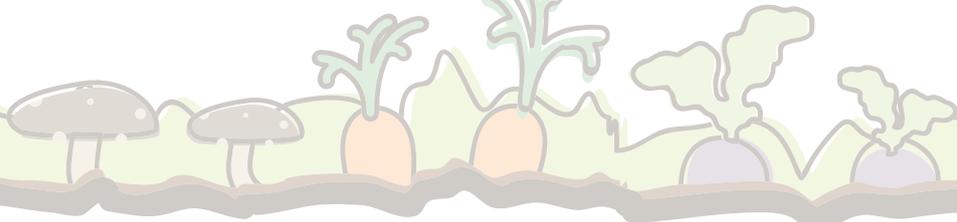
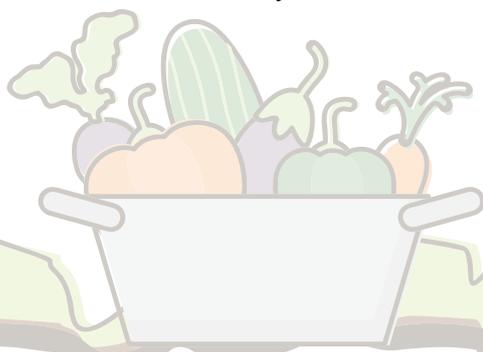
Within the limits of our carbon emissions targets to encourage and support the sustainable development of our renewable natural resources for the benefit of all.

Objective 5.5

To support the marine and farming sectors (especially small/part-time farmers) to diversify to meet climate and CAP targets, as appropriate, as a means of sustaining the viability of both sectors and our communities.

Objective 5.6

To put in place support services which make use of and enhance local volunteerism, in co-operation with statutory services, to address levels of rural isolation across the County.



GOAL 6. PLACE

HIGH-LEVEL GOAL 6

A Collaborative, Diverse, Innovative County



Clare will be a collaborative, diverse, and innovative county and will further strengthen local democracy and enhance delivery of services at local level to provide economic and community development opportunities.

Goal 6: Objectives:

Objective: 6.1

To encourage the development of social enterprises and other job creation initiatives for areas of high unemployment and social need in the County.

Objective: 6.2

To roll-out enhanced digitalisation across public services to support the development of Smart Places across the County whilst ensuring continuation of in-person and online locally available services in line with our Public Sector Duty.

Objective: 6.3

To provide an independent forum for discussing the long-term future of Clare in setting direction for the County at regional and national level as well as the resource requirements to underpin efficient local service delivery in partnership with the Southern Regional Assembly.

Objective: 6.4

To develop and implement an anti-racism and anti-discrimination plan having regard to the commitment of the LCDC and all public agencies to the Public Sector Duty and the implementation of the National Action Plan Against Racism.

Objective: 6.5

To support a bottom-up collaborative, collective and coordinated approach to local economic and community development in the County, eliminating duplication and promoting partnership in the delivery of projects and initiatives and to add value to local communities.

Objective 6.6

To support and enable the delivery of national policy initiatives and collaborate with agencies to address and seek action on local and regional concerns in the County which are of a national nature i.e., Housing/Accommodation, Childcare, Transport, Access to Health Services, etc.

