# Introduction

Carlow County Council has begun the process of preparing the new Co Carlow Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) and need your input, please.

This new LECP will identify the goals and objectives needed to promote and support the development of the county over the period 2023-2028. This plan builds upon and replaces the previous plan, which covered the period 2016 – 2021. As part of the initial process, Carlow County Council has drafted an evidence-based **Socio-Economic Statement and consulted with various local structures to identify a draft mission and six high-level goals.**

**The next important stage of this work is to hear your views on the draft vision and high-level goals.**

**Therefore, you are invited to complete this survey questionnaire. It will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete it, and the survey will close on the 31st January 2023.**

**This survey is anonymous, and all answers will be treated in the strictest confidence.**

**If you have any queries about this survey, please contact** [lcdc@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:lcdc@carlowcoco.ie)

# Declarations of Consent

**In order to proceed, you must confirm the following:**

* **I am over 18 years of age.**

# A Vision for Co Carlow

As part of the process of developing the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP), a vision for the county needs to be developed. We are keen to get your views on this draft vision:

***‘Carlow is committed to a just and sustainable future, with inclusive and resilient communities and thriving and innovative enterprises, support by responsive institutions, working together to support the social cultural, economic and environmental well-being of all.’***

***To what extent do you agree with the proposed vision?*** *(Please circle below)*

* *Strongly Agree,*
* *Agree,*
* *Neutral / Neither Agree nor Disagree,*
* *Disagree,*
* *Strongly Disagree*

***Is there anything you would like to add or change?*** *(Please circle below)*

* *Yes*
* *No*

***If yes, please tell us what you would like to change/add:***

Add Details below:

# Goal 1: Low Carbon/Climate Resilience

As part of the process of developing the Local Economic and Community Plan we have identified a goal linked to low carbon and climate resilience. We are keen to get your views on this draft goal as follows.

***‘Carlow is a low-carbon and climate resilient society- with affirmative climate and biodiversity action and environmental sustainability at the heart of all decision making.’***

***To what extent do you agree with the proposed High-Level Goal?*** *(Please circle below)*

* *Strongly Agree,*
* *Agree,*
* *Neutral / Neither Agree nor Disagree,*
* *Disagree,*
* *Strongly Disagree*

***Is there anything you would like to add or change?*** *(Please circle below)*

* *Yes*
* *No*

***If yes, please tell us what you would like to change/add:***

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# Goal 2: Vibrant Sustainable Communities

As part of the process of developing the Local Economic and Community Plan we have identified a goal linked to vibrant sustainable communities. We are keen to get your views on this draft goal as follows.

**‘Vibrant sustainable communities are enables through active community development and participative democracy’**

***To what extent do you agree with the proposed High-Level Goal?*** *(Please circle below)*

* *Strongly Agree,*
* *Agree,*
* *Neutral / Neither Agree nor Disagree,*
* *Disagree,*
* *Strongly Disagree*

***Is there anything you would like to add or change?*** *(Please circle below)*

* *Yes*
* *No*

***If yes, please tell us what you would like to change/add:***

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# Goal 3: Enriched, Integrated and Inclusive Communities

As part of the process of developing the Local Economic and Community Plan we have identified a goal linked to enriched, integrated and inclusive communities. We are keen to get your views on this draft goal as follows.

***‘Our communities are culturally enriched, integrated and inclusive’***

***To what extent do you agree with the proposed High-Level Goal?*** *(Please circle below)*

* *Strongly Agree,*
* *Agree,*
* *Neutral / Neither Agree nor Disagree,*
* *Disagree,*
* *Strongly Disagree*

***Is there anything you would like to add or change?*** *(Please circle below)*

* *Yes*
* *No*

***If yes, please tell us what you would like to change/add:***

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# Goal 4: Life-long Education and Learning

As part of the process of developing the Local Economic and Community Plan we have identified a goal linked to life-long education and learning. We are keen to get your views on this draft goal as follows.

*‘****Lifelong education and learning opportunities are available and accessible to all.’***

***To what extent do you agree with the proposed High-Level Goal?*** *(Please circle below)*

* *Strongly Agree,*
* *Agree,*
* *Neutral / Neither Agree nor Disagree,*
* *Disagree,*
* *Strongly Disagree*

***Is there anything you would like to add or change?*** *(Please circle below)*

* *Yes*
* *No*

***If yes, please tell us what you would like to change/add:***

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# Goal 5: Thriving Towns and Villages

As part of the process of developing the Local Economic and Community Plan we have identified a goal linked to thriving towns and villages. We are keen to get your views on this draft goal as follows.

***‘Our towns and villages are thriving-with a focus on sustainable place-making, collaboration, liveability and enterprise development, supported by creativity, entrepreneurship and inward investment.’***

***To what extent do you agree with the proposed High-Level Goal?*** *(Please circle below)*

* *Strongly Agree,*
* *Agree,*
* *Neutral / Neither Agree nor Disagree,*
* *Disagree,*
* *Strongly Disagree*

***Is there anything you would like to add or change?*** *(Please circle below)*

* *Yes*
* *No*

***If yes, please tell us what you would like to change/add:***

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# Goal 6: High-Quality Employment

As part of the process of developing the Local Economic and Community Plan we have identified a goal linked to high-quality employment. We are keen to get your views on this draft goal as follows.

‘*High-quality employment is provided by innovative, creative, smart, adaptable and connected businesses, in tourism development and all other sectors.’*

***To what extent do you agree with the proposed High-Level Goal?*** *(Please circle below)*

* *Strongly Agree,*
* *Agree,*
* *Neutral / Neither Agree nor Disagree,*
* *Disagree,*
* *Strongly Disagree*

***Is there anything you would like to add or change?*** *(Please circle below)*

* *Yes*
* *No*

***If yes, please tell us what you would like to change/add:***

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# Tell us a little bit about you?

Which of the following best describes the capacity in which you are responding to this survey? *(Please circle below)*

* an Individual
* Business
* Visitor
* Locally Based Group
* Other, please specify

Add Details below:

Where in your primary place of residence? *(Please circle below)*

* Carlow Town and Surrounding Area
* Tullow and the Surrounding Area
* Bagenalstown and the Surrounding Area
* Borris and the Surrounding Area
* Hacketstown and the Surrounding Area
* Elsewhere in the north or centre of County Carlow
* South Carlow

# Is there anything else you would like to add?

Add Details below:

Thank you for your input and time.