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Statement on the Tipperary Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2024 - 2029

The Regional Assemblies' role in the LECP process is set out under Section 44 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 (amending Section 66C of the Local Government Act 2001), in particular section 66C 2(c) and 3(c), which states that the consideration of an LECP by the Regional Assembly shall relate to its consistency with (i) the core strategy and the objectives of the development plan of the local authority concerned, (ii) any Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) or, as appropriate, Regional Planning Guidelines (RPGs) that may apply, and (iii) between the economic and community elements of the Plan.

The Tipperary LECP was considered by the members of the Regional Assembly at their meeting of 10th November 2023 where it was agreed:

1. To commend the work of Tipperary County Council and LCDC in the development of the LECP and
2. In accordance with Section 44 of Local Government Reform Act 2014 (amending Section 66C of the Local Government Act 2001), the Regional Assembly are satisfied that the Tipperary Local Economic and Community Plan 2024-2029 has demonstrated consistency with:-

- (i) the core strategy and the objectives of the Development Plan
- (ii) The Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region;
- (iii) between the community and economic elements of the LECP

Subject to the recommendations as follows:

- Change the reference in **Figure 3 – Key Plans Informing the LECP**, from **National Development Plan 2018-2027** to: **Project Ireland 2040**, as this includes both the **National Planning Framework** (which is a key national policy



document) and the **National Development Plan 2021-2030** (which is the updated National Development Plan).

- Change the reference in **Figure 3 – Key Plans Informing the LECP**, from **Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for SRA** to: **Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region**.
- Include **Nenagh** (Key Town) in **Footnote 2 on Page 14**, which only references 11 of the 12 urban centres
- Strengthen the reference to the **Key Towns of Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles** under **Section 3.8 Environment**, by stating that these Key Towns have been designated under the RSES as playing a critical role in ensuring a consolidated spread of growth beyond the cities to the sub-regional level in the Southern Region. Clonmel in particular is supported as a self-sustaining regional economic driver and key location for investment and choice in the Region
- The **success of Co. Tipperary in attracting funding under programmes such as the URDF and RRDF** (as detailed on Page 114 of the County Development Plan) and its **role in promoting town centres** could be referenced under **Section 3.8 Environment** or **Sustainable Community Objective (SCO) 17 under HLG5**
- **Sustainable Economic Development Objective (SEDO) 8 under HLG 2** could be strengthened by referencing the Fáilte Ireland tourism brands, **Ireland's Ancient East and Ireland's Hidden Heartlands**, which are important in promoting tourism in the County
- **SEDO 10 under HLG 3** could reference the **National Bio-Economy Hub at Lisheen** to strengthen this objective and promote the development of the site
- **SCO 14 under HLG 4** could reference support for the development of the Southern Region as a **UNESCO Learning Region**, in which Co. Tipperary can participate to develop opportunities for life-long learning and skills development. The **Regional Skills Fora** which play an important role in supporting skills development could also be referenced