

Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan 2016 - 2021 Public Consultation

Dublin City, Ireland's capital and largest City, is home to more than half a million people and host to many workers, students and visitors on a daily basis. Covering an area that stretches from Donaghmede in the north east to Terenure in the south, Dublin City is bordered by the Phoenix Park to the west and Dublin Bay to the east.



Dublin City Council, together with local organisations in the public, business and community and voluntary sectors, is drawing up a **six year Local Economic and Community Plan for the City**. The overall aim of the Plan is to improve the quality of life and well-being of citizens and to develop and implement actions at a local level that will strengthen the community and economic dimensions of the City over a six year period.

Early in 2015, the two bodies tasked with developing the Plan (the Local Community Development Committee and the Economic and Enterprise Development Strategic Policy Committee) identified **twelve key social and economic goals for the City**, to be addressed over the lifetime of the Plan.

The goals are deliberately broad and aspirational but over the coming months through research, consultation and engagement with local communities, businesses, representative organisations and state bodies, more specific objectives and actions to achieve the goals will be agreed.

We are **now inviting submissions from everyone with an interest in the City** – from individual citizens to small residents' associations; from community and voluntary organisations to state agencies; from local businesses, entrepreneurs, social entrepreneurs and business representative organisations to workers and students across the city.

The opportunity to have in-put into this early stage of the development of the Plan offers citizens and businesses the **best chance of influencing the overall shape and outcomes of the Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan** and ultimately to ensure that Dublin City grows and develops in a manner that improves the quality of life for all who live, work, study in and visit the city now and in the future.

The focus of the Plan is on the social and economic issues and goals that **can be addressed by Dublin City Council, local businesses and community and voluntary organisations and state bodies**. We would welcome your opinion on the following questions:

- Do the twelve goals attached reflect the real issues facing the City?
- Are there other important issues or goals that should be given priority in the Local Economic and Community Plan?
- What more specific objectives will help to achieve the priority high level goals?
- What actions will address the objectives and goals?
- Which organisations or agencies are best placed to carry out the actions?

Make your written submission by 30 June 2015 using the following options:

By email: lecp@dublincity.ie

OR

By post: Helen O'Leary, Local Economic and Community Plan, Dublin City Council, Block 3,
Floor 1, Wood Quay, Dublin 8

OR

Online: <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/admin/lecp>

All submissions should include your name or, where relevant, details of the organisation or group you represent. Please note a report of all submissions received, along with your name or the name of your organisation or group, will be made publically available.

If you have any queries or require assistance with making your submission please email lecp@dublincity.ie or phone Helen O'Leary at 01 222 6704.

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High Level Goals

1. Ensure that all citizens, regardless of social or cultural background, feel a sense of ownership and engagement with the City, feel safe in their communities and are welcome to fully participate in the political, social, cultural and business life of the City.
2. Support the adequate provision of a range of mixed tenure affordable, adaptable housing and work spaces that are fit for purpose in economically, socially and culturally mixed and sustainable neighbourhoods.
3. Position Dublin as a vibrant, diverse and attractive place to live, work and invest in by planning infrastructure and providing for balanced sustainable economic development.
4. Provide a range of public, safe and affordable amenities and facilities that are relevant to people of all ages and interests and accessible to all citizens.
5. Maximise opportunities for developing creative industries and providing quality cultural artistic programming and participation in the City while prioritising access to quality cultural experiences for all.
6. Identify and support the growth sectors such as tourism, technology, food chain, education and retail that will contribute to job creation and widen employment and self-employment opportunities for all.
7. Widen access to a range of education and training programmes, creating a highly qualified and appropriately skilled workforce.
8. Enhance the role of start-ups, social enterprise, micro business, small business and the innovative sectors in the city economy.
9. Support the continued development of a quality, affordable and accessible integrated public transport system which serves the needs of local neighbourhoods and the economy of the City.
10. Promote an eco-friendly environment that will provide for social and economic development while catering for population growth.
11. Promote the recognition of Dublin as a global city and as the national economic engine.
12. Tackle the causes and consequences of the drugs crisis and significantly reduce substance misuse.