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**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2024 – 2025**

**Galway City – A Changing Place**

**High Level Goal 1**

**A world class creative city region**

**Implementation Plan 2024 - 2025**

<b>Sustainable Development Objective</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Action Outcome</b>	<b>Lead Partner</b>	<b>Collaboration Structure</b>
<p>Continue to support the <b>development of the cultural sector</b>, to further enhance Galway City’s role as an innovative, inclusive and collaborative world-class city of renown</p>	<p>Implement actions in “New Directions – Strategic Plan for the Arts 2021 - 2026”</p>	<p>Increase supports to engage artists directly with local communities (whose previous engagement with the arts and culture would have been limited) through area-based artists’ residencies / artists in the community and creative places projects</p> <p>Implementation and delivery of specific projects including - Artists Residencies Programme; Arts Grant – Strand I &amp; II; Band Grants; Individual Creative Practitioner Bursary; Culture Night; UNESCO City of Film; Youth Arts projects; Arts &amp; Disability</p> <p>Further develop Cultural Partnership Scheme with long-standing arts and culture partners including Galway International Arts Festival, Macnas, Druid Theatre, Baboró, Galway Arts Centre and others to be agreed</p>	<p>Galway City Council</p>	<p>Economic, Community and Cultural Development SPC / Arts Council</p>
	<p>Implement actions in Galway City Council’s “Culture &amp; Creativity Strategy 2023 – 2027”</p>	<p>Delivery of Culture &amp; Creativity Strategy actions to local communities and communities of interest on east and west sides of the city</p> <p>Allocate funding from Creative Ireland to projects that meet the strategic priorities of</p>	<p>Galway City Council</p>	<p>GCC Culture &amp; Creativity Team / Creative Ireland / Ardán / Healthy Galway City</p>

		<p>the Strategy across creative communities, economy, climate action awareness, health and wellbeing, older people and youth</p> <p>Complete the West Galway Games Initiative (WGGI) Creative Economy project</p> <p>Delivery of agreed Creative Health &amp; Wellbeing programmes in association with Creative Ireland, Healthy Galway</p>		
	<p>Advance priority cultural projects outlined in the Galway City Council Capital Programme 2024-2026</p>	<p>Galway City / Atlantic Museum refurbishment and extension design to tendering and pre-construction phase</p> <p>Complete refurbishment of Manse House / Nuns' Island Theatre</p> <p>Commence works and advance-fit-out of Merchants' Rd. cultural space</p> <p>Support provision of additional artists workspaces (including visual artists' studios)</p> <p>Advance refurbishment and restoration works at 47 Dominick St</p>	<p>Galway City Council</p>	<p>GCC / Fáilte Ireland / DTCAGSM / DHLGH</p>
<p>Embed and support our status as a bi-lingual city and continue to</p>	<p>Advance and support the implementation of the Irish Language Plan</p>	<p>Support fluent Irish speakers, the Gaeltacht communities as they interact with the city and Irish language learners</p>	<p>Gaillimh Le Gaeilge</p>	<p>GleG / GCC / Ollscoil na Gaillimhe / Foras na Gaeilge / DTCAGSM</p>

<p><b>recognise the importance of the Irish language</b> as a cultural, community and economic resource</p>	<p>for Galway City 2020 – 2026</p>	<p>Support better service for the Irish language community in the city, those who speak the language regularly with their family, in their work or in social and other contexts</p> <p>Harness support for Galway’s role as a Gaeltacht Service Town for the county’s Gaeltacht communities of Connemara, Claregalway and elsewhere and acknowledge the city’s decisive role in the future of the Gaeltacht</p> <p>Greater learning opportunities to cater for the widespread goodwill of the city community towards Irish and for the desire of many to take ownership of Irish through formal and informal learning</p> <p>Commission and publish a feasibility study for the development of a shared Irish Language Cultural Centre in Galway City</p>		
	<p>Reflect the Irish language in the artistic and cultural offering available to residents and visitors to the city</p>	<p>Pilot an Irish language Youth Content Creation Fund</p> <p>Support further access and participation in the arts in the Irish language through funding specific projects including Culture Night and through Cruinniú na nÓg</p>	<p>Galway City Council</p>	<p>GCC C&amp;C Strategy Team / Ardán / TG4 / Fibín sa Taibhdhearc / GleG</p>

Strengthen and harness the cultural, creative and educational sectors to attract <b>new investment, commercialisation</b> and collaboration opportunities	Actively engage in the EU Intelligent Cities Challenge (ICC) to pilot innovative digital solutions to create resilient and sustainable cultural and creative industry sectors	Tailored support received from panel of experts to design and roll out initiative  No. of Local Green Deals implemented  No. of initiatives implemented	Galway City Council	ICC Core Team
	Advance the objectives of the Galway City Creativity & Culture Strategy 2023 - 2027	Deliver “The Air We Share” - Creative Environment, Climate Action & Sustainability project to encourage and support sustainability measures in local communities across the city including in the designated Decarbonisation Zone	Galway City Council	Creative Ireland / University of Galway / Westside Resource Centre / Galway Arts Centre
	Deliver on agreed objectives as local partners under “Shared Island” national & cross-border projects	Complete and build on the ‘Culture Connects’ Shared Island project outcomes with local and cross-border partners on creative place-making	Galway City Council	Dept. of An Taoiseach / Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Councils / Galway Culture Company / ATU / Galway Arts Centre

**High Level Goal 2**

**An innovative city**

**Implementation Plan 2024 - 2025**

<b>Sustainable Development Objective</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Action Outcome</b>	<b>Lead Partner</b>	<b>Collaboration Structure</b>
Develop, encourage and create an <b>ecosystem for innovation, enterprise and entrepreneurship</b> , including community / social enterprise that is environmentally sustainable	Implement actions in Regional Enterprise Plan West involving Galway City Council	Greater availability of incubation, acceleration, and sector-specific start-up infrastructure and programmes  Increased access to early stage and scaling capital  Development of People and Skills  Maximise the potential of the Connected Hubs and Grow Remote initiatives to assist Placemaking and Talent Retention  Increase gender equality, inclusivity, and diversity in innovation and entrepreneurship	Galway City Council / Local Enterprise Office	West Regional Enterprise Plan Steering Committee / West Regional Skills Forum
	Support the development of the social and circular economy	Stimulation of circular economy adaptation by enterprise in collaboration with public bodies, industry and higher education institutions  Increased range of enterprise space available to social enterprises that address economic marginalisation  More mentoring available and increased training supports/funding for social enterprises	SICAP Programme Implementer	GCC / LCDC

		Increased access to business networks for social innovation and entrepreneurship		
	Support the pilot phase development of the Innovate Galway platform 'Innovatex'	'Innovatex' platform developed  Specific innovation funding sought for further phases of development of the ecosystem	Platform 94	Innovation Coalition Steering Committee
Foster a spirit of <b>creativity, innovation</b> and entrepreneurship in our city	Implement actions in the Regional Enterprise Plan West that foster greater innovation and grow the Creative sector	CREW project as a hub and spoke across the region, developing creative centres of excellence  Clustering of the creative and cultural sector, through new linkages and new collaborative opportunities  Expand creative assets (e.g., film studio, production facilities) and capitalise on emerging development in immersive technology and animation  Increased collaboration between industry, academia, and researchers, thereby assisting the development and commercial exploitation of creative and cultural intellectual property  Creative Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development (CEED) incubation programme delivered	CREW (Creative Enterprise West) / ATU Galway	West Regional Enterprise Plan Steering Committee
	Support and actively promote local businesses through the	Business Information and Advisory Services that support entrepreneurs, startups and existing businesses	Local Enterprise Office	Economic, Community and Cultural

	delivery of the Galway Local Enterprise Office Strategic Priorities	<p>Enterprise Support Services that enhance the competitiveness, innovation and management capability of small &amp; micro enterprises in the city</p> <p>Entrepreneurship Support Services that provide appropriate supports to assist entrepreneurs create new enterprises, including student entrepreneur programmes, start-up programmes and developing industry specific networks</p> <p>Develop existing enterprises to support their growth and expansion through digitalisation, sustainability and internationalisation</p>		Development SPC
	Support AEC projects including the Connected Hubs network and promotion of the region and attraction of talent	<p>No. of projects implemented</p> <p>No. of Connected Hubs active</p>	Galway City Council	Atlantic Economic Corridor (AEC) Network
Advance the <b>digital and green transformation</b> by promoting environmentally sustainable and inclusive enterprise and investment in our smart city	Develop smart specialisation of renewable energy linked to natural and physical assets	<p>The Galway Hydrogen Hub (GH2), Ireland's first Hydrogen Valley</p> <p>Develop the region as a 'Living Lab' to help address challenges associated with the Digital and Green Transformation.</p> <p>Regional enterprise strategy to harness the potential of Decarbonising Zones</p>	<p>Galway Harbour Company</p> <p>NetZero Cities Project / Galway City Council</p>	West Regional Enterprise Plan Steering Committee



		Implement the NetZero Cities programme in Galway city		
	Development of a Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP)	<p>Targets in DEDP achieved</p> <p>Enable a smarter, greener, connected, and a more sustainable tourism offering</p> <p>Increased awareness of the city tourism brand</p> <p>Improve Galway City's scoring on the Global Destination Sustainability Index</p>	Fáilte Ireland	Tourism Task Force
	Develop Galway City's tourism offering to deliver sustainable tourism infrastructure and visitor experiences	<p>No. of new attractions developed and festivals and events supported</p> <p>Increase average occupancy and bed nights</p> <p>Progression of the Great Western Blueway and development of the Waterworks Amenity Hub</p> <p>Completion of the Destination Towns project and the Urban Animation Project at Woodquay</p> <p>Progression of project development stage of Leisureland and Salthill Park site</p>	Galway City Council	Economic, Community and Cultural Development SPC
	Participate in the All Ireland Smart Cities Forum to identify opportunities and support the delivery of Smart city initiatives	<p>No. of Smart Places collaboration</p> <p>Implement the key areas of Galway City's Digital strategy – Digital Innovation, Digital Society, Sustainability and Digital Infrastructure</p>	Galway City Council	All Ireland Smart Cities Forum

### High Level Goal 3

### An equal and inclusive city

### Implementation Plan 2024 - 2025

Sustainable Development Objective	Action	Action Outcome	Lead Partner	Collaboration Structure
Reduce poverty and <b>alleviate disadvantage</b> through appropriate and targeted social inclusion, community development programmes and initiatives	Implement social inclusion actions within the SICAP Programme 2024+	<p>Appoint Programme Implementer for SICAP 2024 – 2028 and delivery of agreed action plans</p> <p>Achievement of agreed KPI's</p> <p>Increased targeting of resources to disadvantaged communities and agreed target groups</p>	Local Development Company	Galway City Council / LCDC
	Deliver targeted actions through the Community Enhancement Programme	<p>Allocation of funding and full programme implementation to target disadvantaged areas and groups</p> <p>Maximise revenue available to support community activity and services in line with LECP objectives</p>	Galway City Council	LCDC / DRCD
	Develop an Age Friendly Strategy to include planning for an age friendly and ageing society, connected communities, digital literacy skills and access, ageism and health and wellbeing	<p>Healthy Homes Co-ordinator appointed and implementation of the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme to enable older people to continue living in their homes or in a home more suited to their needs</p> <p>Increased membership of the Older People's Council to keep people connected and Directory of Services updated</p>	Galway City Council	Age Friendly Ireland / Department of Health / Older People's Council

	Ensure housing supports provide for the needs of disadvantaged groups including people with a disability, Travellers and homeless	<p>Implement Galway City Strategic Plan for Housing People with a Disability 2021 – 2026 and increased provision of homes for people with a disability</p> <p>Increased provision of housing adaptation grants in line with the Healthy Homes Programme</p> <p>Establish the joint Galway City and County Traveller Interagency Group to enhance access and outcomes for the Traveller community from public services</p> <p>Slow the rate of increase in homelessness and implement the Regional Homeless Action Plan and local action plan for the city</p>	Galway City Council	<p>Access for All Group / Housing &amp; Disability Steering Group /</p> <p>Traveller Interagency Group</p> <p>West Regional Homeless Forum</p>
Address <b>educational disadvantage</b> and prioritise the needs of communities experiencing exclusion	To be developed		GRETB	LCDC
	Provide additional access to education and skills training to support marginalised communities to progress to meaningful work tailored to prior experience and/or needs	<p>Increased uptake of courses intended to improve employability through SICAP</p> <p>Provision of digital literacy courses and work experience programmes and provision of English language supports for migrants</p> <p>Promote DCEDIY childcare subsidy programmes for parents who are returning to education or work</p>	Local Development Company	GCC / LCDC / GCP / GRETB/ Intreo / Galway Childcare Committee

		Wifi access to Traveller Specific Accommodation to provide expansion of learning opportunities, access to digital resources		
	Continue to promote volunteering as a means for individuals to gain skills, experience and confidence	<p>Volunteering seen as a means to address challenges faced by members of socially excluded communities</p> <p>Continue to assist Volunteer Involving Organisations to source volunteers to increase their activities and the impact of their work</p> <p>Continue to implement Community Volunteers programme, recruiting members of socially excluded groups as participant volunteers</p>	Galway Volunteer Centre	LCDC / Community Organisations
Promote partnership approaches to accessibility and services and recognise and <b>enhance the value that diversity brings</b> to the city	Support inter-cultural events and programmes for migrant and new communities	<p>Delivery of and participation in Africa Day events and initiatives delivered under Ukrainian Refugee Health and Wellbeing Support programmes</p> <p>Engage in public campaigns and awareness programmes to combat rising rates of discrimination and promote social harmony</p>	Galway City Council Integration Support Service / Healthy Galway City	LCDC / GCP
	Deliver Community Recognition Fund projects and encourage greater integration between existing and new communities	<p>17 CRF projects completed</p> <p>Increased integration of migrant communities in social life across the city and increased participation in outdoor recreation and amenity activities</p>	Galway City Council	Integration Support Service / LCDC

	Co-ordination and delivery of supports to Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection from Ukraine	<p>BOTP's supported and accommodated and increased provision and delivery of language classes</p> <p>Integration supports provided to secure access to appropriate services, health, education and employment</p>	Galway City Council	Integration Support Service / GCP / Galway Volunteer Centre
	Raise awareness of the experiences of the LGBTI+ community and support programmes to enhance social inclusion	<p>Establishment of AMACH! LGBTI+ Community Development Project and delivery of training and cultural competency programmes</p> <p>Registry of LGBTI+ friendly health services and social supports established</p> <p>Secure a facility for the AMACH! LGBTI+ resource and community centre</p>	AMACH! LGBTI+	GTM / GCCN / HSE / Family Support / Tusla / Homeless Services / Domestic Violence Services
Demonstrate a commitment to <b>human rights, equality, integration and anti-discrimination</b> , aligned to our responsibilities under the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty	Establish the Galway City Integration Support Service (ISS) to co-ordinate supports for International Protection applicants, Programme Refugees and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP)	<p>Establishment of Community Engagement Model for International Protection and BOTP and extension of the Community Response Forum to include integration supports for International Protection</p> <p>Develop and resource support networks in the community sector to respond to resident's needs</p> <p>The National Standards for accommodation offered to people in the protection process are applied to living conditions and services provided to residents in line with the responsibility to promote equality,</p>	Galway City Council / Integration Support Service	ISS Cross Sectoral Working Group / Irish Refugee Protection Programme / Local Development Company

		prevent discrimination and protect the human rights of residents and employees.		
	Implement actions from the National Action Plan Against Racism 2023-2027	<p>Migrant Integration Forum established and deliver actions within the Intercultural Strategy for Galway City (Bridge Project)</p> <p>Develop and support European integration funding opportunities for Galway City</p> <p>Deliver initiatives in partnership with The SALAAM (Sustainable Alliances Against Anti-Muslim Hatred) Project including training, improved supports for those who experience anti-Muslim hatred, developing sustainable participation platforms and public awareness campaigns</p>	Galway City Council / Galway City Partnership	ISS Cross Sectoral Group / GCCN / HSE / Tusla / Croina Gaillimhe / SALLAM / Community groups
	Conduct training and awareness workshops for staff members and public representatives on human rights, equality and anti-discrimination	<p>Provision of training including public sector duty; intercultural competence; LGBTI+ cultural competence, Traveller awareness and anti-bias, anti-racism, disability awareness and trauma informed practice</p> <p>Designate a Public Sector Duty Champion who can drive awareness of PSD, and its integration into functions across all sections of GCC</p>	Galway City Council	Galway Childcare Committee / Immigrant Council of Ireland / SALLAM / Community Organisations
	Have regard to equality and diversity policies when reviewing GCC Housing plans and policies	Traveller Accommodation Plans, Homeless Action Plan, Disability Strategy Estate Management Strategies consider equality and diversity policies	Galway City Council	GCC / HSE / NGOs

**High Level Goal 4**

**A sustainable resilient city**

**Implementation Plan 2024 - 2025**

Sustainable Development Objective	Action	Action Outcome	Lead Partner	Collaboration Structure
<p>Ensure our city and infrastructure is resilient and <b>adaptive to a changing climate</b></p>	<p>Develop a Galway City Climate Action Plan and implement relevant initiatives</p>	<p>Adopt Galway City Council Climate Action Plan</p> <p>Develop a baseline of emissions as a priority upon which to base KPIs to measure and deliver on the 51% reduction in emissions target</p> <p>Develop a climate risk assessment</p> <p>Decarbonisation Zone implementation plan completed including the development of renewable energy facilities</p>	<p>Galway City Council</p>	<p>Climate Action Regional Office</p>
	<p>Implement actions within the four work packages of the Galway Net Zero Pilot City Project</p>	<p>Develop the region as a 'Living Lab' to address challenges associated with the Digital and Green Transformation and a shared regional enterprise strategy to harness the potential of Decarbonising Zones</p> <p>Increased supply of qualified contractors in the energy retrofit sector</p> <p>Improved BER rating of housing within the Decarbonisation Zone of Galway City</p>	<p>Galway City Council</p>	<p>Net Zero City Steering Group</p>
	<p>Support and empower communities through the climate action fund and</p>	<p>Agree funding process and support communities</p>	<p>Galway City Council</p>	<p>Climate Action Regional Office / SEAI /</p>

	development of energy masterplans	Promote and encourage participation in the Sustainable Energy Community programme  Energy masterplans in place and provision of bridge funding		Third level Institutions
Increase investment in the <b>circular and green economy</b> and support new and existing business and enterprise in the transition to a net zero economy and to take advantage of emerging green business opportunities	Actively engage in the EU Intelligent Cities Challenge (ICC) and implement Local Green Deals with businesses to lead the green and digital transition	New opportunities for citizens and businesses affected by the transition to a greener economy  No. of Local Green Deals implemented  Tailored support received from panel of experts to design and roll out initiative  No. of initiatives implemented	Galway City Council	ICC Core Team (including Chamber of Commerce representative)
	Deliver accelerator programmes to boost sustainability innovation	Support the growth and development of lower carbon enterprises through the promotion of the Green for Business programme and Energy Efficiency Grant  Develop initiatives to encourage emergence of 'born sustainable, born circular' start ups  Support enterprises to meet the talent demand for building a low-carbon and sustainable economy  Develop enterprises already operating in the Green/Sustainability sector with targeted mentoring and interventions to encourage growth and expansion	Local Enterprise Office	Economic, Community and Cultural Development SPC



		Support business owners' and employees' knowledge and awareness of circular/green economy challenges and opportunities by information events and signposting them to relevant Skillsnet employee training programmes		
	Deliver a Climate Change Awareness Plan / Campaign for business and startups to inform of climate action measures that can be integrated into business activities	<p>Raise awareness amongst households, business and individuals about the circular economy and how it can improve their lives</p> <p>Implement initiatives that promote Galway nationally and internationally as a sustainable business location</p>	Galway City Council	Climate Action Team
Provide, maintain and enhance our <b>green spaces, biodiversity</b> and public realm	Resource and implement relevant actions in the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2021 – 2025, the Biodiversity Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan 2019 and the National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2027	<p>Revise and adopt a new Galway City Biodiversity Action Plan</p> <p>Deliver transformative changes required to the ways in which we value and protect nature through appropriate management and design of green spaces and wildlife refuges by creating corridors and buffer zones to increase opportunities for wildlife dispersal across the landscape and to connect people to biodiversity</p> <p>Expansion of the Healthy Green Spaces programme, 'no mow' and pollinator friendly areas</p> <p>Develop management plans for green areas including urban woodlands</p>	Galway City Council	Environment, Recreation and Amenity / SPC

	Resource and implement rejuvenation projects identified in the Galway City Public Realm Strategy 2019	Promote high-quality public realm that is durable, sustainable, accessible and inclusive and ensure a cohesive future public realm that is responsive to the city's unique character  Progress Public Realm Strategy initiatives supported by URDF funding including Woodquay Regeneration Project; Fishmarket Rejuvenation Project; Eyre Square (north) Project and City Centre Streets Project	Galway City Council	National Transport Authority / Active Travel Team
	Design and manage green and blue spaces that allows people to enjoy nature, while sequestering carbon and increasing resilience for biodiversity, human health, eco-tourism and climate action	Further development of Greenways and Blueways with appropriate buffer zones to protect local wildlife, through appropriate design strategies in accordance with best practice and legislation, in line with agreed routes, and funding allocations  Develop a Watersports Recreational Hub at the Waterworks Building in Terryland  Completion of the Woodquay Community Park; feasibility study on tidal pool in Salthill and teen park / pump track, Kingston and South Park Master Plans  Improvement and expansion of allotment facilities across the city	Galway City Council	Economic, Community and Cultural Development SPC / Environment, Recreation and Amenity / SPC
Enable sustainable development <b>that improves the natural</b>	Develop renewable energy projects and expand the use of	Expansion of the social housing stock energy efficiency programme to increase average BER ratings	Galway City Council	SEAI / Sustainable Energy Communities

<p><b>environment,</b> reduces resource consumption, encourages modal shift to sustainable travel and provides for all housing needs</p>	<p>emerging renewable technologies</p>	<p>Enhance the energy efficiency of existing buildings and develop policies to deliver zero-emission new builds and continue to expand the retrofitting programme</p> <p>Promotion of renewable energies and the renewable energy sector through the NetZero Cities project</p>		
	<p>Implement the Galway Transport Strategy to encourage modal shift to sustainable and active travel</p>	<p>Address the transport issues experienced in the city and environs, in particular the reduction of congestion and car dependency through increased capacity and reliability of public transport and the promotion and facilitation of cycling and walking</p> <p>Further development of an integrated cycle network for the city and development of a core primary cycle network combining good segregation from traffic where practical</p> <p>Reallocate road space for pedestrian, cycle and public transport use and further development of the Cross City Link, an east/west bus priority route through the city centre.</p> <p>Support the redevelopment of Ceannt Station to increase the number of train platforms from 2 to 5, enhance the quality of public transport providing better access to rail and bus services, improved connectivity, and reduced barriers to travel for all</p>	<p>Galway City Council</p> <p>Iarnrod Eireann</p>	<p>National Transport Authority / Active Travel Team</p>

	<p>Progress design and development of the Coirib go Cósta Galway City Flood Relief Scheme</p>	<p>Plan for the sustainable and effective management of flood risk in the city</p> <p>Assess and design a viable, cost-effective, and environmentally sustainable flood relief scheme. The design of structural measures to recognise the distinctive character of Galway city</p> <p>Design of creative landscape and architectural solutions, which can, in addition to addressing flood risk management, enhance the urban landscape and public realm amenity whilst integrating with other advancing projects</p>	<p>Galway City Council</p>	<p>Office of Public Works Interagency Co-ordination Team</p>
	<p>Expand the delivery of social and affordable housing under the Galway City Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022 – 2026</p>	<p>Achievement of annual targets for social and affordable housing as set out in the Action Plan</p> <p>Expanded the range of Affordable housing options and tenures including development of Cost Rental Housing schemes</p> <p>Progress the masterplans for the redevelopment of sites at Sandy Road and Dyke Road with the Land Development Agency</p>	<p>Galway City Council</p>	<p>Department of Housing Local Government &amp; Heritage / AHB's / LDA</p>

High Level Goal 5

A city that promotes health and wellbeing

Implementation Plan 2024 - 2025

Sustainable Development Objective	Action	Action Outcome	Lead Partner	Collaboration Structure
<p>Reduce health inequality and <b>improve health outcomes</b> through implementation of programmes targeting physical, mental health and wellbeing</p>	<p>Co-ordinate development and implementation of health and wellbeing actions across programmes and plans</p>	<p>Actions developed through Healthy Galway City; Age Friendly Galway; HSE Suicide Prevention; West Regional Drug and Alcohol Taskforce; Traveller Health Unit, SICAP</p> <p>Increase in % of adults and children meeting physical activity guidelines and increase in individual’s level of positive mental health as per Energy and Vitality Index</p> <p>Membership of the National Healthy Cities and Counties of Ireland Network and WHO European Healthy Cities Network</p> <p>Provide opportunities for physical recreation and social interaction to support the mental health of women and children living in direct provision</p> <p>Health information and training delivered through ISL and progression of actions within the Connecting for Life programme</p> <p>Delivery of Community Food Initiatives</p>	<p>Department of Health / Galway City Council / Healthy Galway City</p>	<p>Healthy Galway City Steering Committee / LCDC / Galway Sports Partnership / GCP / WRDTF / GCCN / Age Friendly Alliance</p>

	<p>Support the development of the Planet Youth Primary Prevention Project 2023-2028</p>	<p>Planet Youth surveys conducted in all post-primary schools and centres and reports developed after each survey</p> <p>Planet Youth Guidelines for Parents booklets distributed annually to parents</p> <p>First-year parent information evenings in all schools communicating the key messages in the Planet Youth Guidelines for Parents booklet</p> <p>Develop the parental networking component of the Parent Power initiative</p>	<p>Western Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force</p>	<p>Planet Youth Galway / GRETB / Galway City Council</p>
	<p>Promote and support new and existing Parent &amp; Toddler groups</p>	<p>Provide parents with a safe and supportive space to discuss the challenges and joy of being a parent</p>	<p>Galway Childcare Committee</p>	<p>Galway Childcare Committee / Galway City Partnership</p>
	<p>Implement Galway City Early Years Health and Wellbeing actions</p>	<p>Promote the health and wellbeing of parents and 0-3 year olds</p>	<p>HSE Health Promotion &amp; Improvement / Galway CYPSE</p>	<p>Galway City Early Years subcommittee of Galway CYPSC</p>
	<p>Provide a range of youth work programmes for young people 10-24 years of age to meet their wellbeing needs</p>	<p>Provision of age-appropriate youth services with access to qualified youth workers providing group work and one to one support to young people</p> <p>Appropriate support to young people in IPAS Centres, support to young Travellers,</p>	<p>Youth Work Ireland Galway</p>	<p>GRETB / DCEDIY HSE / Tusla</p>

		<p>support to LGBT+ Young People and support to young people to socialise in a safe environment</p> <p>Provide a free Youth Counselling Service for young people 12-21 years of age including access to Adolescent Therapists</p>		
<p>Develop and support the structures and partnerships which underpin <b>safety and wellbeing</b> of all people in Galway City</p>	<p>Implement the Joint Policing Committee Strategic Plan with renewed focus on community policing and enhancing community safety responses</p>	<p>Maintain low crime levels across key metrics including theft, property crime, public order incidents and assault</p> <p>Establishment of Community Safety Partnership for Galway City in partnership with the Policing Authority</p> <p>Improved responses to domestic violence, discrimination, harassment and violence at a local level</p> <p>Provide a Garda Vetting service to organisations working with children and vulnerable adults so that organisations are able to provide enhanced protection to service users</p>	<p>An Garda Siochana / Galway City Council</p>	<p>Joint Policing Committee / Policing Authority / GVC</p>
	<p>Continue to secure Purple Flag accreditation and implement actions under the Night Time Economy</p>	<p>Appointment of NTE Co-ordinator</p> <p>Purple Flag accreditation and actions implemented under the Night Time Economy Support Scheme</p>	<p>Galway City Council</p>	<p>Galway City Tourism Taskforce / An Garda Siochana</p>

	Implement Galway City Strategy to Prevent and Reduce Alcohol Related Harm	Prevention and reduction of alcohol related harm in Galway city	HSE Health Promotion & Improvement / WRDATF	Galway City Alcohol Forum
	Adopt and implement a Galway City Anti-Racism and Intercultural Strategy	Secure membership of the Intercultural Cities Network and Local Authority Integration Team established  Work with the SALAAM Project to develop reporting and support mechanisms for those that face or witness anti – Muslim racism	Galway City Partnership / Galway City Council	LCDC / SALAAM
	Support young people to have their voices heard on local issues impacting them	Manage and coordinate the Galway City Comhairle na nÓg Youth Council  Provide a Climate Justice Youth Project to support young people’s wellbeing through provision of a forum to discuss climate justice issues in Galway city and develop actions in conjunction with young people and the local authority  Support the establishment of a dedicated youth support service in Ballinfoile	Youth Work Ireland Galway / Galway City Partnership	Galway City Council / Sauti Youth Project / CFSN
Enhance <b>healthy lifestyles</b> through the development of local sport and physical activity programmes and facilities	Create a city that promotes health and wellbeing through active travel by encouraging and facilitating walking, running and cycling as a mode of transport and as an alternative to the car	Km of new cycle / pedestrian facilities developed and Front of Schools / School Streets delivered  Supporting initiatives (Mobility plans, cycle parking, shared mobility, community	Galway City Council / National Transport Authority	Galway City Council Active Travel Team



		engagement including School Cycle Bus, Bike to Work Scheme, public transport integration, pedestrian areas)		
	Implement Galway City's Green Spaces Strategy and progress the development of additional community and recreational facilities	<p>Increased outdoor facilities for younger and older people to access healthy activities, to socialise and promote wellbeing and personal development</p> <p>Evidence of integrated planning across sections and connection to public infrastructure</p> <p>Improved accessibility to public parks to make them universally accessible and age friendly</p> <p>Enhance outdoor playgrounds and activity areas for younger children to include fully accessible facilities</p> <p>Progress the development of Newcastle Community Centre and Sports Capital funded projects</p>	Galway City Council	<p>GCC (Green Spaces Working Group)</p> <p>Youth Services / Comhairle na NÓg / Older Persons Council</p>
	Provide a dedicated Youth Centre for young people 10-24 years of age	<p>Fully accessible Youth Centre for Galway City with a dedicated space for youth work programmes to operate from, with access to counselling, one to one supports, group work, youth information</p> <p>A youth centre providing a safe space for young people to socialise, to receive support for qualified youth workers</p>	Youth Work Ireland Galway	Galway City Council / GRETB / LCDC

		Provision of supports for young people in a dedicated youth hub		
	Develop a Galway City Local Sports Plan 2024 – 2029 for increased participation in sports and physical activity with an emphasis on disadvantaged communities and areas	No. of actions implemented  Support the ongoing provision of the Ballybane & Doughiska Sports Hubs	Galway City Council	Galway Sports Partnership / Sport Ireland
	Implement the Active Cities Galway Programme	Development, delivery and coordination of a programme of work that leads to an increase in participation in sport, physical activity, and active lifestyles across all communities, with a particular focus on people who are economically or socially disadvantaged, educationally disadvantaged or who have a disability  Effective partnerships created with a wide range of agencies and community organisations and maximising access to and use of resources	Galway City Council	Galway Sports Partnership / Sport Ireland
	Support national Healthy Ireland Fund initiatives and strategies for the development of physical activity programmes in partnership with Sport Ireland	Increased opportunities for physical activity among all members of the community with a particular focus on areas of disadvantage, people with disabilities, older people	Galway City Council	Healthy Galway City Steering Committee