

ELEMENTS OF THE STRATEGY

IRELAND'S CITIES

- Supporting ambitious growth targets to enable all four cities of Cork, Limerick, Galway and Waterford to each grow by at least 50% to 2040 and to enhance their significant potential to become cities of scale.
- This means enabling the four cities to grow by more than twice as much to 2040 as they did over the 25 years to 2016.
- Focusing investment to improve the collective 'offer' within each of the four cities, i.e. infrastructure, liveability and choice in terms of housing, employment and amenities.

COMPACT GROWTH

- Targeting a greater proportion (40%) of future housing development to happen within and close to existing built-up areas.
- Making better use of under-utilised land, including 'infill' and 'brownfield' and publicly owned sites together with higher housing and jobs densities, better serviced by existing facilities and public transport.
- Applying similar principles to smaller towns and villages at a more local scale to tackle decline, encourage new roles and functions and to promote regeneration and revitalisation.
- Supporting both urban and rural compact growth through a 'smart growth' funding initiative and, if required, through subsequent legislative/regulatory measures.

OUR REGIONS AND RURAL FABRIC

- Targeting a level of growth in the country's Northern and Western and Southern Regions combined to match that projected in the East and Midland Region (which includes Dublin).
- Enabling, through the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) process for each Regional Assembly area, targets for large towns as potential regional growth drivers for their surrounding catchments
- Reversing small town and rural population decline and supporting the sustainable growth of rural communities.
- Incrementally improving access to the north-west from Dublin in the east and from the other cities to the south.
- Incrementally improving access between Ireland's cities separate from Dublin.
- Supporting new economic opportunities based on natural and resource assets as well as those related to quality of life and new technology.

OUR CAPITAL

- Supporting the continued growth and success of Dublin as Ireland's leading global city of scale and principal economic driver, by better managing Dublin's growth to ensure that more of it can be accommodated within and close to the City.
- Enabling significant population and jobs growth in the Dublin metropolitan area, together with better management of the trend towards overspill into surrounding counties manifesting as unsustainable sprawl.
- Addressing infrastructural bottlenecks, improving citizens' quality of life and increasing housing supply in the right locations.

