



# Project Ireland 2040

*Building Ireland's Future*

## Delivering “Smart Places”

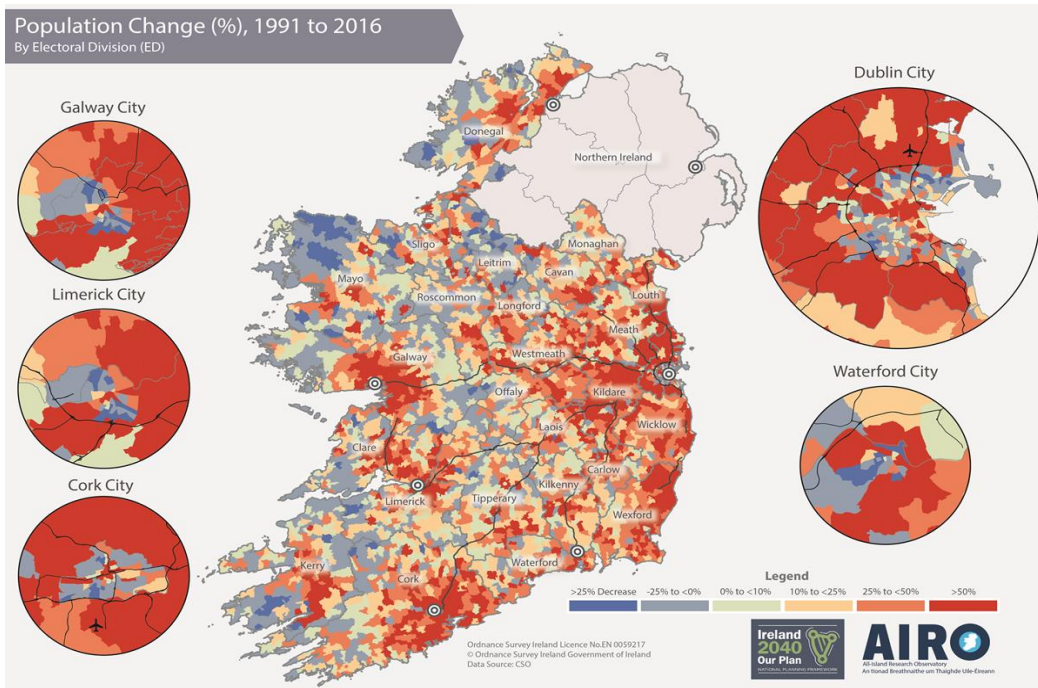
- Dave Walsh, DHPLG

## Project Ireland 2040



- National Planning Framework and National Development Plan
- Aligned, Long-Term Frameworks
- Aim is sustainable growth and to change development patterns over time





## National Growth Drivers to 2040

- Around 1 million additional people
- 660,000 additional jobs, 550,000 extra homes
- High but falling birth rate, ageing population, sustained net in-migration
- €116 Billion Capital Investment in NDP

## Critical Influences



- 'Business as Usual' vs Alternatives
- Regional & Local Ambition
- The locational choice of firms and individuals – talent & enterprise
- Investment linked to better planning

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## Smart(er?) places ... what/how?



- Sharing NPF objectives
  - *Better places to live, work, visit and do business in ...*
- More than just technological innovation
 

• <i>Human capital</i>	<i>Governance</i>
• <i>Social cohesion</i>	<i>Technology</i>
• <i>Economy</i>	<i>Planning</i>
• <i>Environment</i>	<i>Mobility/transportation</i>

### Strategic planning draws these issues together

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# NPF 'Core' Strategy

- '50:50' growth target between (a) Eastern & Midlands and (b) Southern and Northern and Western Regions
- At least 50% growth target for 5 cities; 5 regional/cross-border 'leads'
- 50% brownfield/infill development target for cities, 30% elsewhere, 40% overall
- Package of measures for investment in/planning for rural regeneration
- Planning and investment working together = Strategy



# NDP/NPF National Strategic Outcomes

- 1) Compact Growth
- 2) Enhanced Regional Accessibility
- 3) Strengthened Rural Economies and Communities
- 4) Sustainable Mobility
- 5) A Strong Economy, supported by Enterprise, Innovation and Skills
- 6) High-Quality International Connectivity
- 7) Enhanced Amenity and Heritage
- 8) Transition to a Low-Carbon and Climate-Resilient Society
- 9) Sustainable Management of Water and other Environmental Resources
- 10) Access to Quality Childcare, Education and Health Services

**Key Questions: how to achieve? .. and how to measure?**



# NDP-NPF Implementation



- **Co-ordination/Delivery:**
  - *Ireland 2040 Project Board - NDP-NPF steering and integration across Government*
- **Programme Management:**
  - *Monitoring, reporting and review; Capital Projects Tracker – Funds will be part of this*
- **Planning System/Governance:**
  - *Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies (RSEs), Metropolitan Area Strategic Plans (MASPs); Local Authority Plans and new/updated Guidance; Planning Regulator*
- **Four New Funds:**
  - *Regeneration and Development Funds - Co-ordinated operation of €2bn urban/€1bn rural funds*
- **National Land Development Agency:** *established in September*

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## 4 x NDP Funds – “Smart money”



- Government has approved four funds to support PI2040/NPF objectives
- €4bn over 10 years – additional to core funding streams ... intended as transformational place-making initiatives with considerable scope for match funding and leveraging ... added value!
- DHPLG to manage **Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)** €2bn to 2027, which will be similar in approach to...
- **Rural Regeneration and Development Fund** - €1bn to 2027, managed by the Department for Rural and Community Development
- 2 further funds on disruptive technologies (DBEI) and climate change (DCCA)

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# Role of Land Development Agency



Ensure the optimal usage of State land, with the following key strategic objectives:

1. To coordinate appropriate **State lands for regeneration and development**
  - *Open up key sites not being optimally used, **especially for new home delivery***
  - *Focus on the overall public interest in determining land use*
2. To drive **strategic land assembly** for the long term by introducing **new mechanisms** for working with both public and private sector land owners
  - *Stabilise land values, flattening extreme peaks and troughs*
  - *Drive increased affordability through better land availability*

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## Key Next Steps



- Embedding national monitoring of outcomes ... regular reviews/policy updates
- Regional Plans – working with Regional Assemblies and Local Govt sector to ensure effective Regional Strategies and Metropolitan Plans that operationalise the NPF
- Aligning Departments/Agencies policies and priorities – co-ordinated, joined-up delivery
- Transformational place-making at all levels – region, city/urban, rural, community
- Mobilising Land Development Agency to act strategically – regeneration opportunities

**Will we deliver “smarter” outcomes? .. certainly our ambition!**  
**Think BIG!**

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