

# County Kildare Local Economic and Community Plan Implementation Plan 2024-2026





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# Glossary

<b>ACDAL:</b>	Allenwood Community Development Association Limited	<b>DSP:</b>	Department of Social Protection
<b>AHBs:</b>	Approved Housing Bodies	<b>DTCAGSM:</b>	Dept. of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media
<b>AIRO:</b>	All-Island Research Observatory	<b>DZ:</b>	Decarbonising Zone
<b>BER:</b>	Building Energy Rating	<b>ECCE:</b>	Early Childhood Care and Education
<b>BOTP:</b>	Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection	<b>EEN:</b>	Enterprise Europe Network
<b>CAD:</b>	Computer-Aided Design	<b>EI:</b>	Enterprise Ireland
<b>CAP:</b>	Common Agricultural Policy	<b>EMRA:</b>	Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly
<b>CARO:</b>	Climate Action Regional Office	<b>ETB:</b>	Education and Training Board
<b>CDA:</b>	Community Development Association	<b>EU:</b>	European Union
<b>CE:</b>	Chief Executive	<b>EV:</b>	Electric Vehicle
<b>CFA:</b>	Creative Futures Academy	<b>FDI:</b>	Foreign Direct Investment
<b>CFL:</b>	Connecting for Life	<b>FET:</b>	Further Education and Training
<b>CIF:</b>	Community Integration Forum	<b>FDI:</b>	Foreign Direct Investment
<b>CKCN:</b>	County Kildare Community Network	<b>FRC:</b>	Family Resource Centre
<b>CKLP:</b>	County Kildare Leader Partnership	<b>GIS:</b>	Geographic Information System
<b>CNN:</b>	Comhairle na nÓg	<b>GNI:</b>	Gas Networks Ireland
<b>CRM:</b>	Customer Relationship Management	<b>HDCO:</b>	Housing Delivery Coordination Office
<b>CYPSC:</b>	Children and Young People's Services Committee	<b>HEA:</b>	Higher Education Authority
<b>DAFM:</b>	Department of Agriculture, Farming and the Marine	<b>HI:</b>	Healthy Ireland
<b>DART:</b>	Dublin Area Rapid Transit	<b>HP&amp;I:</b>	Health Promotion and Improvement
<b>DCC:</b>	Dublin City Council	<b>HPSU:</b>	High Potential Start-Up
<b>DCEDIY:</b>	Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth	<b>HR:</b>	Human Resources
<b>DECS:</b>	Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications	<b>HSE:</b>	Health Service Executive
<b>DEIS:</b>	Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools	<b>HWB:</b>	Health and Wellbeing
<b>DFHERIS:</b>	Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science	<b>IADT:</b>	Institute of Art, Design and Technology
<b>DHLGH:</b>	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage	<b>IDA:</b>	Industrial Development Authority
<b>DOE:</b>	Department of Education	<b>IOA:</b>	Irish Organic Association
<b>DRCD:</b>	Department of Rural and Community Development	<b>IPSS:</b>	International Protection Support Service
		<b>JLAP:</b>	Joint Local Area Plan
		<b>JT:</b>	Just Transition
		<b>KCC:</b>	Kildare County Council
		<b>KCCC:</b>	Kildare County Childcare Committee
		<b>KLH:</b>	Kingdom Lifehouse

<b>KPMG:</b>	Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler	<b>PCC:</b>	Primary Care Centre
<b>KPPN:</b>	Kildare Public Participation Network	<b>PMVT:</b>	Peter McVerry Trust
<b>KSP:</b>	Kildare Sports Partnership	<b>PPN:</b>	Public Participation Network
<b>KTA:</b>	Kildare Traveller Action	<b>PSSF:</b>	Pre-Seed Start Fund
<b>KV:</b>	Kildare Village	<b>RESS:</b>	Renewable Energy Support Scheme
<b>KWETB:</b>	Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board	<b>ROSP:</b>	Resource Officers for Suicide Prevention
<b>LAG:</b>	Local Action Group	<b>RRDF:</b>	Rural Regeneration and Development Fund
<b>LAIT:</b>	Local Authority Integration Team	<b>RSES:</b>	Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy
<b>LASNTG:</b>	Local Authority Services National Training Group	<b>SACs:</b>	Special Areas of Conservation
<b>LAWPRO:</b>	Local Authority Waters Programme	<b>SEA:</b>	Strategic Environmental Assessment
<b>LCDC:</b>	Local Community Development Committee	<b>SEAI:</b>	Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland
<b>LDA:</b>	Land Development Agency	<b>SETU:</b>	South East Technological University
<b>LDS:</b>	Local Development Strategy	<b>SFG:</b>	Shop Front Grant
<b>LEADER:</b>	Liaison Entre Actions de Développement de l'Economie Rurale	<b>SHC:</b>	Sláintecare Healthy Communities
<b>LEAN:</b>	Learn, Eliminate, Act now, Never-ending improvement	<b>SICAP:</b>	Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme
<b>LECP:</b>	Local Economic and Community Plan	<b>SMART:</b>	Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound
<b>LEO:</b>	Local Enterprise Office	<b>SME:</b>	Small and Medium-sized Enterprise
<b>LGBTI:</b>	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender or Intersex	<b>SPC:</b>	Strategic Policy Committee
<b>LTACC:</b>	Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee	<b>SURF:</b>	Substance Use Regional Forum
<b>MASP:</b>	Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan	<b>SYOB:</b>	Start Your Own Business
<b>MD:</b>	Municipal District	<b>TAME:</b>	Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters
<b>MECC:</b>	Making Every Contact Count	<b>TESS:</b>	Tusla Education Support Service
<b>MVP:</b>	MinimumViable Product	<b>TFI:</b>	Transport for Ireland
<b>NBI:</b>	National Broadband Ireland	<b>UNSDG:</b>	United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
<b>NCAD:</b>	National College of Art and Design	<b>URDF:</b>	Urban Regeneration and Development Fund
<b>NCS:</b>	National Childcare Scheme	<b>UX:</b>	User eXperience
<b>NDF:</b>	National Planning Framework	<b>ZEB:</b>	Zero Emission Buildings
<b>NDRC:</b>	National Digital Research Centre	<b>ZEVI:</b>	Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland
<b>NPO:</b>	National Policy Objective		
<b>NPWS:</b>	National Parks & Wildlife Service		
<b>NTA:</b>	National Transport Authority		
<b>NZEB:</b>	Nearly Zero Energy Buildings		
<b>NWCPO:</b>	National Waste Collection Permit Office		

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# Introduction



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## 1. Background

Welcome to the Kildare Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) Implementation Plan (2024-2026) to inform the delivery of the Kildare LECP 2024-2029. Kildare County Council (KCC) adopted the LECP on April 29th, 2024.

The LECP sets out the framework, objectives and actions to promote Kildare's economic and local/community development over a six-year period. In addition, applications for funding, e.g., EU Just Transition funding, are increasingly required to align with the LECP.

The development of the LECP followed detailed national guidelines and took over fourteen months to complete. The final plan was informed by a review of the first LECP, an analysis of a wide range of EU, national, regional and local policies and strategies, extensive consultation, and alignment with the county's community and economic priorities.

The guidelines outline that all LECPs should be accompanied by an Implementation Plan to prioritise deliverable actions. This two-year plan has been compiled in collaboration with a broad range of stakeholders from across statutory, voluntary/community and business sectors.

While every effort was made to ensure that the key community and economic development priorities for the county are included, changes may be required as part of the review and monitoring process. The LECP Vision and Goals alongside the process to develop the Implementation Plan are outlined below. The Implementation Plan should be read in conjunction with Kildare LECP 2024-2029 and a range of supporting documents available at: <https://kildarecoco.ie/AllServices/Community/KildareLCDC/LocalEconomicandCommunityPlan/>

## 2. LECP Vision

The Kildare LECP Vision is outlined as follows:

**County Kildare; working together as a sustainable, inclusive, economically vibrant, healthy community for all.**



### 3. LECP High Level Goals

There are four High Level Goals outlined below:

#### High Level Goal One:



County Kildare is a **PLACE** with resilient communities where all people live full, healthy and inclusive lives.

This goal has eighteen objectives in total. Seven are specific to community, five to economic development, and six are shared as both community and economic development.

#### High Level Goal Two:



County Kildare nurtures its **PEOPLE** to reach their full potential and to enjoy a high quality of life at all stages.

This goal has fifteen objectives in total. Four are specific to community, six to economic development, and five are shared as both community and economic development.

#### High Level Goal Three:



County Kildare promotes and prioritises **CLIMATE ACTION, CLIMATE JUSTICE and SUSTAINABILITY**

This goal has nine objectives in total. One is specific to community, one to economic development, and seven are shared as both community and economic development.

#### High Level Goal Four:



County Kildare attracts the **RESOURCES and INVESTMENT** to be a sustainable, inclusive, economically vibrant community for all.

This goal has six objectives in total. Three are specific to community, one to economic development, and two are shared as both community and economic development.

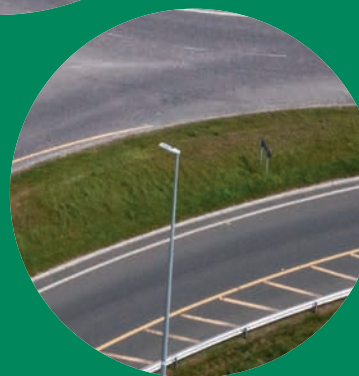
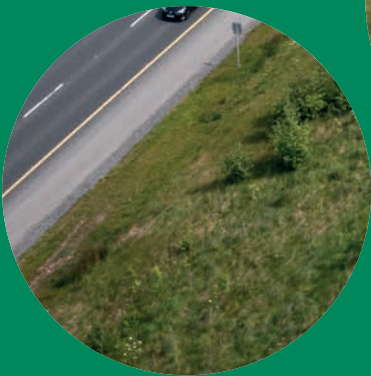
## **4. Developing the Implementation Plan**

The stakeholders involved in the LECP were asked to indicate their priorities 2024-2026 to progress the Kildare LECP goals and objectives. In addition to Kildare County Council, other state agencies, voluntary and community sector organisations and employer representatives were also involved in this process.

Several of the priority actions are also outlined in other key plans, e.g., Climate Action Plan, Children and Young Peoples Services Committee Plan, etc. This helps to ensure that the county's priorities are clearly identified and re-stated. It is recognised that the majority of the priority actions will require funding. Central government funding is available through various agencies and non-departmental public bodies. The priority actions are intended to align with current and possible future funding.

While every effort has been made to agree upon lead and support agencies, the list of such agencies is not intended to be exclusive but rather a framework from which to build additional collaborations.

# Implementation Plan Actions High Level Goal One



## Sustainable Community Objectives

1.1 To advance the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 to progress a range of universally accessible, multi-use and inclusive social facilities. This includes community, arts/cultural, museums, enterprise, sports, family resource centres, childcare and recreational facilities in close proximity to the communities that they serve.<sup>1</sup> These facilities will also support and promote social inclusion and enterprise development.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.1.1 KCC-Community</b>				
Complete an assessment of current and planned community centres across the county to identify existing space and agree gaps in line with current and future community needs.	Inventory of community centres across the county.		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-Community</li> </ul> <b>Support (To be confirmed)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC- Planning</li> <li>● KCC-IT</li> <li>● CKLP</li> <li>● Local Communities</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.1.2 KCC-Community</b>				
Work to progress the establishment and refurbishment of accessible/affordable community centres where identified gaps are identified, prioritising areas experiencing exclusion and/or high growth e.g. Maynooth.	Increased availability of community centres across the county, particularly targeting more socially excluded communities and groups.	National Funding when announced.	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC- Community</li> </ul> <b>Support (To be confirmed)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC- Planning</li> <li>● CKLP</li> <li>● Local Communities</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.1.3 CYPSC-LCDC</b>				
To develop a business case for the development of additional Family Resource Centres in the county, identifying need, location, premises, host agencies and resourcing requirements. Particular emphasis will be given to the North and West of the county.	Key requirements for additional Family Resource Centres will be identified, agreed and documented.		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CYPSC-LCDC</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tusla</li> <li>● Family Resource Centre Network, Kildare County Council,</li> <li>● Kildare County Childcare Committee</li> </ul>	2024-2025

<sup>1</sup> Linked to 10-minute town outlined in the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 and Town Centre First.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.1.4 KCC-Community-KSP</b>				
Support and promote opportunities for sports organisations/clubs to source resourcing to respond to increasing demand.	Increased support and awareness of funding opportunities for sports clubs and organisations to develop and upgrade sport and recreation facilities.	Approx €7,500 for Kildare Sports Partnership to promote opportunities and support groups.	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kildare Sports Partnership,</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sport Ireland,</li> <li>• Kildare County Council,</li> <li>• Dept. of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media (DTCAGS)</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.1.5 KCC-Community</b>				
To increase opportunities for swimming across the county particularly in North Kildare.	Pop up pools in locations across the county which are broadly advertised.  Progress the delivery of a swimming pool in North Kildare		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC-Community</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Communities</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.1.6 KCC-Community</b>				
Progress work to develop the Shackleton Experience in Athy	Plan in place, and progress to develop the Shackleton Experience as a key community, tourism and revitalising project for the county		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC- Community, Tourism, Culture, Housing and Regeneration and other relevant sections within KCC</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.1.7 Kildare Traveller Action</b>				
To secure a permanent base for community development and support activities for the Traveller/Roma communities in Co. Kildare.	A permanent base for support of development of Traveller/Roma communities will be in place, facilitating the continued growth and sustainability of this work.	<b>Not secured</b>  Community Recognition Fund  National Funding stream	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kildare Traveller Action</li> </ul> <b>Support (To be confirmed)</b>	2022-2026
<b>Action 1.1.8 CKLP</b>				
Develop and expand rural infrastructure to support social inclusion as outlined in the Local Development Strategy 2023-2027 Strategic Action 6.2.	There will be greater access to infrastructure information and to services over the next two years, particularly in marginalised groups, isolated and rural communities.	LEADER	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CKLP</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC-LCDC</li> <li>• Local Communities</li> </ul>	2024 -2026

Implementation Plan Actions: **High Level Goal One**

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.1.9 KCC- Library and Arts</b>				
To progress the development of the Riverbank Arts Centre.	To increase universal access and connection with the community, and to create a sustainable and energy-efficient arts venue for the county.	<b>Not secured</b> Grant Funding KCC Capital funding	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC- Arts Service (with Riverbank)	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.1.10 Newbridge FRC</b>				
To complete the current building development and expansion of the Newbridge Family Resource Centre.	Increased, sustainable community space in the heart of Newbridge.	Project €1.5m €350,000 not secured (applications and discussions pending)	<b>Lead</b> ● Newbridge FRC  <b>Support</b> ● Tusla ● HSE ● CKLP-LEADER ● DCEDIY ● KCC ● Pobal ● Local Community	2024
<b>Action 1.1.11 Newbridge FRC</b>				
Progress Newbridge FRC strategic plan to develop outreach hubs to support greater engagement with people across Newbridge. This could be realised through additional community spaces and hubs supporting regeneration.	Increased opportunities for families in Newbridge, particularly more vulnerable families, to access services and supports of Newbridge FRC in outreach facilities.	Not known	<b>Lead</b> ● Newbridge FRC  <b>Support</b> ● (To be agreed)	2025-2026
<b>Action 1.1.12 Curragh FRC</b>				
To develop the Curragh Family Resource Centre facility to become more sustainable and eco-friendly.	More accessible, sustainable and eco-friendly building.	€50,000 approximately	<b>Lead</b> ● Curragh FRC  <b>Support</b> ● KCC	2025-2026
<b>Action 1.1.13 KCC- Parks (Sallins)</b>				
To complete a phase one for Sallins Amenity Land to include playing pitches, entrances, car park, perimeter path and wetland area.	Complete phase one in Sallins Amenity Land	€4.5m partially secured	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC-Parks  <b>Support</b> ● Sallins Community Council ● Sallins GAA ● Sallins Celtic ● Potential Partners DTCAGS ● DRCD	2024-2026



	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.1.14 KCC- Parks (Cherry Avenue)</b>				
To progress the implementation of the masterplan for Cherry Avenue Park to include completing a feasibility study for the amphitheatre, design of the central earth feature, and detailed design and construction of phase one.	Complete feasibility study for amphitheatre, design for central earth feature and complete phase one.	€1.2m (Development Levies) & URDF	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC-Parks  <b>Potential Partners</b> ● Department of Housing Local Government & Heritage	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.1.15 KCC- Parks (De Burghs)</b>				
Complete a conservation plan for De Burghs Woodland Garden and develop a masterplan for the garden.	Complete Conservation Plan and Masterplan	€200k approx.	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC-Parks  <b>Potential Partners</b> ● DHLGH ● Failte Ireland	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.1.16 KCC- Parks (Carton Av)</b>				
Complete a conservation plan for Carton Avenue Amenity Lands and develop a masterplan for the lands.	Complete Conservation Plan and Masterplan	€200k	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC-Parks  <b>Potential Partners</b> ● DHLGH ● Failte Ireland	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.1.17 KCC- Parks (Woodstock)</b>				
Develop a masterplan for Woodstock and Andrew Amenity Lands in Athy.	Complete masterplan	€250k	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC-Parks  <b>Support</b> ● Local Sports Club ● Potential Partners ● DHLGH	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.1.18 KCC- Parks (Castletown)</b>				
Complete a conservation plan for Castletown Woodland and develop a masterplan for the lands	Complete Conservation Plan and Masterplan	€150k	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC-Parks  <b>Potential Partners</b> ● DHLGH ● Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine – Forest Service	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.1.19 KCC- Parks (Wonderful Barn)</b>				
Implement phase one to deliver the masterplan for the Wonderful Barn Park.	Phase one of the Wonderful Barn Park complete	€300k	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC-Parks  <b>Potential Partners</b> ● DHLGH	2025-2026

Implementation Plan Actions: **High Level Goal One**

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.1.20 KCC- Parks (Newbridge)</b>				
Deliver playgrounds in Newbridge Linear Park and Moorefield Park.	Complete delivery of two playgrounds	€180k.	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC-Parks</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newbridge Tidy Towns</li> </ul>	2024-2025
<b>Action 1.1.21 KCC- Parks (Overall)</b>				
Identify appropriate locations for the provision of additional parks and open spaces in the county to meet recreational needs.	Complete identification of sites for additional parks and municipal recreation facilities	€75,000	<b>Lead Partner</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC-Parks</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.1.22 SURF</b>				
Build Safer Communities to reduce alcohol-related marketing and sales in community facilities.	Reduction in alcohol brand advertising in public/community spaces.	Building Safer Communities Celbridge Leixlip MD.	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SURF</li> <li>• Safer Celbridge Leixlip</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community centres</li> <li>• Sports Centres</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.1.23 KCC- Housing and Regeneration</b>				
Barrow Trailhead – Athy. Development of a community-led space along the Barrow with similar projects at other locations including Vicarstown. Potential facilities could include parking, bicycle hire and seating.	Land Purchase completed.  Assessment of land for suitable facilities.  A feasibility study for the KCC pilot project on SuDs design, including permeable paving, will be carried out on site.	€80,000 Community Recognition Fund	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC</li> <li>• Waterways Ireland</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.1.24 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Develop a digital tourism cluster.	Visitor attractions are more accessible.	Interreg Just Transition	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC Econ Dev,</li> <li>• LEO</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interreg Project Partners,</li> <li>• Failte Ireland</li> </ul>	2025-2026

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.1.25 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
To facilitate a range of universally accessible, multi-use and inclusive social facilities within the K-Hub Network of community and enterprise centres.	K-Hub Network will connect people back into their locality and community and stimulate demand for and participation in the local cultural scene.	DRCD KCC	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC-Econ Dev  <b>Support</b> ● CKCN, ● K-Hub Network ● LEO	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.1.26 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
To conduct a feasibility study for a Community Kitchen Social Enterprise in a disadvantaged area.	A business case for the proposed development will be completed.	Leader Community Recognition Fund	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC- Econ Dev  <b>Support</b> ● KCC ● LCDC	2025

1.2 To increase the provision of children’s play facilities, teen spaces, sports fields, civic spaces, outdoor gyms, open space and adult exercise equipment in central locations that are accessible to all and promote social inclusion.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.2.1 KCC- Parks (Leixlip)</b>				
Complete the construction of a new playground in Leixlip Amenities Centre.	Complete delivery of playground.	€300k	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC -Parks  <b>Support</b> ● Leixlip Amenities Centre ● Intel	2024
<b>Action 1.2.2 KCC- Parks (Ballymore Eustace)</b>				
Design and construct a playground in Ballymore Eustace	Complete delivery of playground.	€200k	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC -Parks  <b>Support</b> ● Ballymore Eustace CDA ● Potential Partners Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth	2025-26
<b>Action 1.2.3 KCC- Parks (Bawnogues)</b>				
Construct a new playground in The Bawnogues, Kilcock	Complete delivery of playground	€250,000	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC-Parks	2024-2025

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	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.2.4 KCC- Parks (Celbridge)</b>				
To co-design and deliver a range of outdoor teen facilities for young people in Celbridge as part of the Celbridge Outdoor Teen Facilities Project.	Complete delivery of the pilot scheme.	€300,000	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC -Parks</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYPSC</li> <li>• Celbridge Community Council</li> <li>• Insync</li> <li>• Local Schools</li> <li>• Potential Partners</li> <li>• Local Resident Associations</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.2.5 KCC -Community</b>				
To support community groups and resident associations to apply for grants to improve facilities.	Improved facilities that support increasingly active lifestyles.		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC -Community</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local community and resident groups</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.2.6 Newbridge FRC</b>				
Develop a playground with exercise equipment in Dara Park, Newbridge.	Through positive health promotion, children, teens and adults will have access to equipment promoting wellbeing, social inclusion and intergenerational activities.	Not secured	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newbridge FRC</li> </ul> <b>Support (To be confirmed)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC</li> <li>• Kildare Sports Partnership</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.2.7 Curragh FRC</b>				
To develop a playground area in the Brownstown / Curragh area, which is regularly maintained.	Children will have access to suitable and appropriate play facilities.	A scoping exercise is needed to ascertain the cost.	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curragh FRC</li> </ul> <b>Support (To be confirmed)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC-Parks</li> <li>• Kildare Sports Partnership</li> </ul>	2024-2026



1.3 To support the ongoing development and upgrading of existing library facilities in central accessible locations and encourage their use as key facilitators of community, arts, educational, social and cultural activities.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.3.1 KCC- Community</b>				
To promote Kildare library use among community groups and to utilise libraries as hubs for older people's activities.	Increased awareness and use of libraries.	No cost	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC Community Age Friendly</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kildare Library Services</li> <li>• Community groups</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.3.2 KCC -Library and Arts</b>				
Development of a new library in Clane.	Expansion of services and hours to Clane library.	Kildare Capital Funding	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC-Library Service</li> </ul>	2024-2025
<b>Action 1.3.3 KCC -Library and Arts</b>				
New County Library, Archives and Local Studies at Newbridge.	To preserve and ensure the future of Local Studies and Archives Collections.	Grant Funding & Matched Kildare Capital	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC-Library Service</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.3.4 KCC -Library and Arts</b>				
Progress plans for Celbridge Library Cultural Centre and Community and play Facilities	Plans in place to progress facilities in Celbridge	Grant Funding Matched Kildare Capital	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC-Library Service</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.3.5 KCC -Library and Arts</b>				
New carbon-neutral Mobile Library truck	Expanded Mobile Library service	Grant Funding Matched Kildare Capital	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC-Library &amp; Arts Service</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.3.6 KCC -Library and Arts</b>				
Continue to support County Kildare library and arts implement national programmes and activities.	Facilitation of community, arts, educational, social and cultural activities	Library Revenue budget Creative Ireland Arts Council Dormant Accounts	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC-Library Service</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Partners</li> <li>• Stakeholders</li> </ul>	2024-2025

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1.4 To cater for the needs of all school-going children and young people across the county, particularly targeting high-growth areas, by actively planning for the expansion and building of centrally located schools that support sustainable transport access through continued collaboration with the Department of Education and Children, Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board and other applicable patrons.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.4.1 KWETB</b>				
KWETB will engage with the Department of Education to allocate provision of additional schools/school places where KWETB is the patron body.	Increased school places available		<b>Lead</b> • KWETB	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.4.2 KCC-CYPSC</b>				
To regularly analyse population projections based on Census, housing developments, planning and other datasets to work with DOE to provide adequate school places.	Education provision will align with needs and requirements of the school-going population.		<b>Lead</b> • DOE  <b>Support</b> • KCC • Local schools • Local communities • CYPSC	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.4.3 CYPSC</b>				
To support the implementation of the iScoil Framework for Co. Kildare, providing an alternative accredited education option, where appropriate, for young people 13-16 years who are unable to participate in mainstream education.	Accredited education will be available to young people aged 13-16 years who are unable to participate in mainstream education	Department of Education, Philanthropy, Department of Justice	<b>Lead</b> • Tusla Education Support Service (TESS)  <b>Support</b> • In Sync Youth & Family Services, Extern, • School Completion Programme, schools, • iScoil	2024 - 2026
<b>Action 1.4.4 SURF</b>				
NDS/Support the SPHE programme by promoting continued effective communications between local schools on vaping.	Vaping Supports for Schools through the SPHE programme		<b>Lead</b> • SURF  <b>Support</b> (To be confirmed) • DOE • Healthy Ireland	2024-2025



1.5 To increase the range and types of childcare facilities across the county, particularly in high-growth areas, to enable children to develop equitably and to support parents to return to employment, education/training and caring duties.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.5.1 KCCC</b>				
To agree and promote an integrated approach to childcare infrastructure planning and development in response to the findings of the research commissioned by Kildare CYPSC and Kildare County Childcare Committee.	An agreed inter-agency approach will be in place, with clear roles and responsibilities, to support planning and development of childcare infrastructure.		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCCC</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tusla,</li> <li>• Kildare County Council</li> </ul>	2025
<b>Action 1.5.2 KCCC</b>				
Increase the supply of suitable, accessible childcare places - paying particular attention to increasing community provision of childcare services to meet the needs of children from minority communities in Kildare.	Increased number of childcare spaces available to meet the needs of children and families in Kildare particularly from minority communities.	Possible sources include:  DCEDIY 2024 Building Blocks	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCCC</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DCEDIY</li> <li>• CYPSC</li> <li>• FRCs</li> <li>• Tusla</li> <li>• DSP</li> <li>• KCC</li> <li>• Existing and potential childcare service providers</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.5.3 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Encourage and promote, part time workers back to workforce (promote current 3 days 2 days scheme)	Activation of parents - particularly women - back into work.		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC-Economic Development</li> </ul>	2024-2026



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1.6 To increase the provision and range of healthcare and eldercare facilities/ services across the county, particularly in areas of high growth and where service deficits are identified. These will respond to general healthcare requirements across the lifecycle and to specific health needs such as mental health, addiction and disability.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.6.1 KCC Community</b>				
To fully utilise the Athy Primary Care Centre as a model of age-friendly best practice due to its status as the first age-friendly PCC nationally.	Increased availability of wrap-around services for older people in Athy in the PCC.		<b>Lead:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HSE Primary Care</li> </ul> <b>Support:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kildare Age Friendly</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.6.2 Newbridge FRC</b>				
Expand the Recovery Café in Newbridge FRC.	Greater access for people across the lifecycles to support their health needs such as mental health and addiction.	€50,000	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newbridge FRC</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gambling Awareness Trust</li> <li>• KCC</li> </ul>	2025
<b>Action 1.6.3 Curragh FRC</b>				
Expand the therapeutic services of Curragh FRC and increase the scope of referrals.	Increased access to therapeutic services for children, adolescents, adults and families	€70,000	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curragh FRC</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.6.4 SURF</b>				
Expand the range, availability and geographical spread of problem drug and alcohol services	Complete mapping to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Identifying and addressing gaps in child and adolescent service provision</li> <li>b) ) Identifying and addressing gaps in provision within Tier 1, 2, 3 and 4 services</li> <li>c) Increase the number of treatment sessions provided for stabilisation.</li> </ul>	SURF Operational HSE	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SURF</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HSE</li> <li>• Tusla</li> <li>• Community and Voluntary sector</li> <li>• DSP</li> </ul>	2024-2025

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.6.5 HSE- Health and Wellbeing</b>				
To further embed evidence-based health promotion work through dedicated Health Promotion and Improvement Officers in each Community Healthcare Network.	Increased access to HP&I Programmes and Information within the Networks; Tobacco, training and education in HWB, Making Every Contact Count (MECC), Self-Management Support	HSE	<b>Lead</b> ● HSE	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.6.6 HSE- Health and Wellbeing</b>				
To promote HSE vaccination campaigns with the general public and underserved populations in Kildare	Increased vaccination rates	HSE	<b>Lead</b> ● HSE  <b>Support</b> ● Other organisations ● Local Communities	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.6.7 CYPSC</b>				
To consider and respond to the recommendations from the In Sync Youth Counselling Service review and evaluation.	Agreed approach to responding to recommendations of the review.		<b>(Not agreed)</b> <b>Lead</b> ● In Sync  <b>Support</b> ● Tusla, ● HSE, ● KCC	2025
<b>Action 1.6.8 CYPSC</b>				
To review and update the business case for Integrated Youth Mental health provision to reflect current needs, gaps and priorities.	A clear and strong business case is in place when funding becomes available and/or as evidence of the need to pursue funding.		<b>Lead</b> ● HSE  <b>Support</b> ● CYPSC ● In Sync, ● Tusla, ● FRC Network, ● CKLP ● KCC	2025
<b>Action 1.6.9 CYPSC</b>				
To develop an information resource for parents and professionals in relation to referral pathways for mental health services and supports	Clear information will be available to parents & professionals about mental health services and supports.		<b>Lead</b> ● HSE  <b>Support</b> ● In Sync, ● Family Resource Centre Network	2025

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<b>Action 1.6.10 CYPSC</b>				
To support and promote the inter-agency Minding Me initiative for new and expectant mothers and their supporters, including the Motherhood programme.	A range of in-person and online supports will be available to new & expectant mothers & their supporters.	HSE	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HSE</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tusla</li> <li>• In Sync</li> <li>• Family Resource Centre Network</li> </ul>	2024 - 2026
<b>Action 1.6.11 CYPSC</b>				
To support the implementation of the inter-agency Infant Mental Health Action Plan.	A range of activities will be implemented to support awareness & understanding of Infant Mental Health		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HSE</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCCC,</li> <li>• Tusla,</li> <li>• In Sync</li> <li>• FRC Network</li> </ul>	2024 - 2026
<b>Action 1.6.12 CYPSC</b>				
To promote the development and delivery of services and supports that are trauma-informed.	Organisations and services will have a greater understanding of the trauma-informed approach to service delivery.		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Sync</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HSE</li> <li>• Tusla</li> <li>• KCC</li> <li>• Maynooth University, KWETB</li> <li>• KCC-Slaintecare</li> </ul>	2024 - 2026
<b>Action 1.6.13 CYPSC</b>				
To explore a collaborative inter-agency approach to the local implementation of the Hidden Harm strategy, to include supports for children, young people and families where problematic substance misuse is present.	There will be a greater understanding of Hidden Harm, the impact on children/ young people and the roles & responsibilities of organisations.		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SURF</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tusla,</li> <li>• HSE,</li> <li>• Family Resource Centre Network,</li> <li>• In Sync Youth &amp; Family Services.</li> </ul>	2025
<b>Action 1.6.14 CYPSC</b>				
To provide a range of supportive, developmental and recreational opportunities for neurodivergent children, young people and their families.	Neurodivergent children/young people and their families will have access to a range of supportive, developmental and recreational opportunities.	Child Poverty Plan application pending  Kildare CYPSC Healthy Ireland Fund Sláintecare Healthy Communities	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Resource Centre Network</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tusla,</li> <li>• KCC-Sláintecare, KCCC</li> <li>• In Sync</li> </ul>	2024 - 2026

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.6.15 HSE-Suicide Prevention</b>				
To continue to develop and expand suicide prevention supports and services in line with CfL and future Suicide Prevention Plans.	Improved supports and services for those at risk of suicide in Kildare	HSE	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● HSE, ROSP</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Statutory and Community Partners</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.6.16 HSE- Suicide Prevention</b>				
Develop bereavement supports for children who are bereaved through suicide.	Provision on suite of resources for parents and carers on how to support children bereaved through suicide	HSE	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● HSE</li> <li>● ROSP</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Statutory and Community Partners</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.6.17 HSE- Suicide Prevention</b>				
<p>Complete the following research and implement recommendations as appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understanding Care Transitions for Adults at Risk of Suicide in HSE Community Healthcare Dublin South, Kildare and West Wicklow.</li> <li>- Identifying the needs of individuals who present to emergency departments following self-harm with co-occurring alcohol and/ or drug use, to optimize referral and service provision.</li> </ul>	Improved supports for people who are accessing Emergency Departments with co-occurring Alcohol and Drug use, and improved transitions of care for people who are at risk of suicide.	HSE	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● HSE</li> <li>● ROSP</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.6.18 HSE- Suicide Prevention</b>				
To progress action 6.2.1 in Connecting for Life - Work with relevant organisations to identify and map high risk locations, and introduce preventative measures and additional supports at these locations.	Preventative measures are in place at high risk locations		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-Parks</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● HSE</li> <li>● ROSP</li> </ul>	2024-2026

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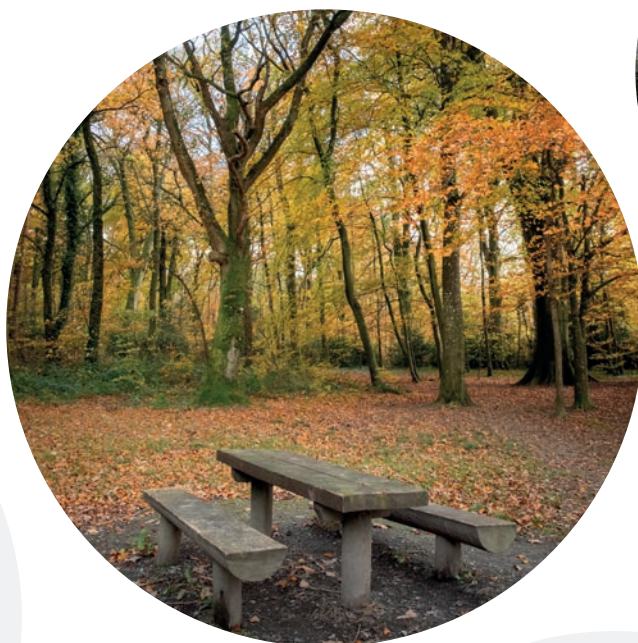
	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.6.19 HSE-</b>				
Clarify current to plan for increased access to low/no cost counselling services. This includes supporting the establishment of Pieta House in Kildare as part of their re-location process.	Increased access to low/no cost counselling in Kildare		<b>Lead</b> HSE- ROSP, MH  <b>Support (To be confirmed)</b> LCDC CYPSC In Sync FRC Counselling providers  Other statutory and community organisations	2024-2026

1.7 To continue to work with central Government, relevant State Agencies, local organisations and communities to support the provision of accommodation and other services for International Protection Applicants and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection from Ukraine and to support their longer-term economic and community inclusion.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.7.1 KWETB</b>				
Provide Further Education and Training (FET), adult learning language and learning support to applicants.	Social inclusion and integration of participants	DFHERIS DE DCEDIY	<b>Lead</b> ● KWETB  <b>Support (To be confirmed)</b>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.7.2 CYPSC</b>				
To support the voice of children, young people and their families seeking International Protection and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection, and develop responses where appropriate.	The needs of children, young people and their families seeking International Protection, and beneficiaries of Temporary Protection are highlighted and responses are developed where appropriate.	Kildare CYPSC IPSS Fund SICAP	<b>Lead</b> ● CKLP  <b>Support</b> ● KCC ● In Sync ● Tusla	2024 - 2026



	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.7.3 Curragh FRC</b>				
Curragh FRC will continue to provide therapeutic supports to International Protection Applicants.	To provide increased therapeutic supports to international protection applicants	€20,000	<b>Lead</b> ● Curragh FRC & TUSLA	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.7.4 KCCC</b>				
KCCC have a Ukraine Information Officer post for 12 months to support families to access information on childcare to support children to be included in ECCE and Childcare services enabling parents to access education and employment.	Support BOTP accommodation centres by providing phone and in-person support to enable families to apply for NCS and access Childcare	DCEDIY funded post for 2024 only	<b>Lead</b> ● KCCC  <b>Support</b> ● CYPSC ● CKLP ● KCC ● LAIT	To end of 2024 (budget dependant 2025/2026)
<b>Action 1.7.5 HSE- Health and Wellbeing</b>				
Continue to link health and wellbeing supports with the National Transit Centre applicants through physical activity and mental health initiatives.	Number of participants at Parkrun  Number of staff at MYWB	HSE-H&WB Budget	<b>Lead</b> ● HSE HWB and DCEDI	2024-2026



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	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.7.6 KCC-LCDC</b>				
Administer and report on additional SICAP funding available to respond to new arrivals.	An agreed plan that is implemented to respond to emergency needs.	€96,000 DCRD 2024  Budget not committed post 2024	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC-LCDC  <b>Support</b> ● CKLP ● KCC- Integration ● Other statutory and voluntary organisations	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.7.7 KCC-LAIT</b>				
To identify, signpost and coordinate the mainstream service providers, NGO, community, and voluntary organisations supporting International Protection Applicants, People with Status, Programme Refugees and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and support collaboration between those organisations through the Community Integration Forum.	Chair monthly meetings of the CIF and hold regular clinics in state provided accommodation centres in conjunction with service providers.  Create directory of state provided accommodation centres.  Create and maintain a directory of services providers, NGO's, community & voluntary organisations.	DCEDIY for 2024.	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC-LAIT  <b>Support</b> ● KCC – Library Services ● KCC-Community ● KWETB/REALT ● Department of Social Protection/Intreo ● Citizen's Information Centre ● HSE Social Inclusion ● Gardai (mainly community policing units) ● CKLP ● KCCC ● CYPSC/Tusla ● Irish Red Cross ● TFI Local Link Kildare South Dublin ● Kildare Volunteer Centre	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.7.8 KCC-LAIT</b>				
To receive and assess applications for the provision of state provided accommodation within County Kildare referred to KCC by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth (DCEDIY) through the International Protection Accommodation Service (IPAS), The Ukraine Accommodation Services and the Local Government Management Agency.	Technical working group (TWG) established in Kildare County Council to assess applications for state provided accommodation. Reports prepared and submitted to DCEDIY and follow-up actions taken.	DCEDIY for 2024.	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC- Accommodation Team (Integration Department)	2024-2026

## Sustainable Economic Development Objectives

1.8 To establish a comprehensive and integrated network of remote working hubs and identify suitable locations and support existing co-working facilities, digital hubs/e-hubs and e-working centres across the county, targeting city-based employers and promoting flexible, local working.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.8.1 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Promote and execute the K Hub Strategy of Hub Development.	A strong network of hubs across Kildare.	KCC Eco Dev team	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev	Q3 2024
<b>Action 1.8.2 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Create and promote remote access to all LEO supports through the Hub Network	Equal access of LEO supports across the county	KCC Eco Dev team	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO & KCC Eco Dev  <b>Support</b> ● Co Kildare Chamber ● CKLP ● Industry owners	Q3 2024
<b>Action 1.8.3 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Host K Hub quarterly meetings	A strong hub network with the information to maximise opportunities	KCC Eco Dev team	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO & KCC Eco Dev  <b>Support</b> ● Co Kildare Chamber ● CKLP ● Industry owners	Q3 2024
<b>Action 1.8.4 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Drive the development of two Green Enterprise Zones (Kilcock and Athy).	Fuel innovation in Kildare by providing the physical and skills environment to choreograph opportunities for green/circular entrepreneurs and their staff to interact with each other.	Just Transition Funding	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev ● Just Transition	Q3 2024

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	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.8.5 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Develop and facilitate the delivery of the Regional Food Innovation and Skills Hub in Athy and provide a programme of transformation educational attainments, skills, and opportunities within the hub.	The delivery of a hub in Athy which will promote entrepreneurship and increase skills within our food and drinks sector.	RRDF funding	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC Eco Dev</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Co Kildare Chamber</li> <li>● CKLP</li> <li>● Industry Champions</li> </ul>	Q2 2024
<b>Action 1.8.6 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Pilot a delivery model for the Craft, Creativity and Design Hub in the Southwells building in Kildare Town.	A suitable delivery model for the Craft, Creativity and Design Hub will be identified.	KCC's own capital funds.	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC Eco Dev</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Crafts Council, Social Enterprise Ireland,</li> <li>● CKLP</li> <li>● Industry Champions</li> </ul>	Q4 2024



	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.8.7 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Develop the Craft, Creativity and Design Hub in Kildare Town.	The design and planning of the Craft, Creativity and Design Hub and funding application will be complete	RRDF funding KCC Creative Ireland	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev <b>Support</b> ● Crafts Council, Social Enterprise Ireland ● CKLP ● Industry Champions	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.8.8 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Develop and facilitate the delivery of the Circular and Textile Design hub in Monasterevin. This hub sets out to establish new design businesses and support existing SMEs, with the purpose of creating employment within the fashion and retail sector of the Mideast of Ireland.	The delivery of a hub which will provide opportunities, promote entrepreneurship and embed circular economy principles in our fashion and retail sector.	RRDF Leader KCC -capital funds	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev <b>Support</b> ● Crafts Council, Social Enterprise Ireland ● CKLP ● Industry Champions	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.8.9 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Upskill fashion designers with digital training on specific machines and design software, i.e., Gerber, CAD, Adobe Suites – ensuring traditional knitting and weaving companies are in step with modern design practices.	Upskilling current workforce in textile industry as a pilot	Creative Ireland Creative Industries Roadmap 2024-2026	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO <b>Support</b> ● KCC ● KWETB ● KCC Eco Dev ● Creative Ireland	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.8.10 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Secure University partners through CFA (Creative Futures Academy) Courses NCAD & IADT	Create stream of digitally skilled workers for industry	Creative Futures Academy	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO <b>Support</b> ● CFA ● HEA	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.8.11 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Facilitate and promote suitable courses apprenticeships for the textile industry.	Upskilling workers who want to work in hands-on textile roles.		<b>Lead</b> ● KWETB ● LEO	2024-2026



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	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.8.12 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Host a roundtable discussion for Key stakeholders in the Kildare fashion industry – how to link with retail Kildare Village, Whitewater, Naas shopping centre, Local stores (Kalu, Gallery 9), supports available from Economic development and LEO for these businesses.	Public consultation – Roundtable for the future of fashion in Kildare.		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEO, KCC Eco Dev</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retail partners</li> <li>• Industry experts</li> </ul>	2024
<b>Action 1.8.13 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Host the first 'Digital Creative Govt/Industry forum' in MERITS	Ensure input in this scheme and become one of the regional partners	Creative Ireland	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEO</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC</li> <li>• Textile Hub &amp; Creative</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.8.14 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Conclude the skills needs analysis and continue to engage with stakeholders in all our industry clusters to identify needs for future programmes and hub development within the county.	Gain an improved understanding of the needs of current and future entrepreneurs	KCC Eco Dev Funds	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC Eco Dev team,</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crafts Council</li> <li>• CKLP</li> <li>• Industry Champions</li> </ul>	Q3 2024
<b>Action 1.8.15 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Create internship programme based in Monasterevin hub, based on the same model as the LCF internship programme.	Pipeline of high-quality Irish internships for college students & skilled design students for Textile Startups		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCAD</li> <li>• Grafton Academy</li> <li>• LSAD</li> <li>• IADT</li> <li>• Queens</li> </ul>	2024-2026



1.9 To promote and support economic development across the county, particularly targeting areas where economic engagement is weak and where traditional economic activity is no longer viable/sustainable, e.g., due to the closure of the peat industry.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.9.1 KCC-Housing and Regeneration</b>				
Emily Square Athy – Comprehensive upgrade of the space, emerging from a car park, removing 28 car parking spaces and resurfacing to provide a multifunctional space for Athy and its environs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Footpath widening and resurfacing</li> <li>Upgrade of street furniture and lighting</li> <li>Replacement of existing trees with a single specimen tree</li> <li>Removal of 28 car parking spaces</li> <li>Reconfigures traffic circulation</li> <li>Sensitive restoration and repositioning of the Maurice Duke of Leinster Drinking Fountain (Protected Structure)</li> </ul>	€3.2m application currently pending EU Just Transition Fund	<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kildare County Council</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Failte Ireland</li> <li>● EMRA</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.9.2 CKLP</b>				
<p>Increase the diversity of economic and entrepreneurial activity and support small-scale tourism and accommodation projects development in Just Transition Areas in line with the Local Development Strategy 9.2, supporting the development of peatland-related activities.</p> <p>Rural businesses will also be supported in line with LDS Strategy 3.1 which seeks to improve the resilience of the rural economy.</p>	Tourism and enterprise activities in former peatland areas will be supported over the lifetime of the LECP.	LEADER	<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CKLP</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-LCDC/LAG</li> <li>● Local communities and businesses</li> </ul>	2024 -2026

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	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.9.3 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Promote Just Transition programmes to grow business in areas where sizeable portions of the economic activity are no longer viable.	Emergence of new businesses and employment opportunities in areas where substantial portions of economic activity are no longer viable.	KCC LEO JFT	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev  <b>Support</b> ● CKLP ● Just Transition ● Failte Ireland	Q2 2024
<b>Action 1.9.4 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Using the K Hub Network, develop County-wide innovation and training centres and programmes in areas where economic engagement is weak and engage skill development and education authorities.	The provision of training which will stimulate entrepreneurship and employment opportunities in areas where economic engagement is weak	KCC LEO JFT	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev  <b>Support</b> ● CKLP ● Just Transition	Q3 2024
<b>Action 1.9.5 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Focussed engagement in areas where economic activity is weak or unsustainable e.g. MD roadshows and targeted Business Advice and access to finance clinics.	Improved awareness and uptake of supports available in areas where economic activity is weak or unsustainable	KCC LEO JFT	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev  <b>Support</b> ● CKLP ● Just Transition	Twice per year per MD 2024-2026

1.10 To facilitate and support the expansion and sustainment of the retail offering in County Kildare

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.10.1 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Develop and facilitate a retail Cluster network for the county.	Improved understanding of retailers' needs for growth and sustainment and to provide targeted training and support.	KCC	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev ● LEO  <b>Support</b> ● Co Kildare Chamber	Q2 2024

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.10.2 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Promote the Kildare Retail Support Scheme (including the SFG, trading online vouchers, Green and LEAN programmes, and retail series)	The provision of targeted supports to the retail sector	KCC	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC Eco Dev</li> <li>● LEO</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Co Kildare Chamber</li> </ul>	Q2 2024
<b>Action 1.10.3 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Support retailers through the promotion and provision of the Shopfront Universal Accessibility, Age Friendly and Retail Window Merchandising schemes.	Improved vibrancy, vitality and accessibility of retail spaces	KCC	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC Econ Dev</li> <li>● LEO</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.10.4 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Support retailers by upskilling training through the Retail Series- a tailored training programme to meet the individual needs of retailers.	Enhanced competitiveness, productivity, growth and resilience for the retail sector	KCC	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC Econ Dev</li> <li>● LEO</li> </ul>	2024-2026 Twice annually
<b>Action 1.10.5 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Animate the Retail Window Merchandising Grant through thematic and seasonal specific schemes, as well as seasonal workshops.	Enhance the streetscape to improve footfall.	KCC	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC Eco Dev</li> <li>● LEO</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Co Kildare Chamber</li> </ul>	2024-2026 Seasonally (3-4 times a year)
<b>Action 1.10.6 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Deliver the annual Pride of Premises awards and gala event	Raise the profile of entrants and reward retailers across several categories, including Shop Front improvements, Accessibility, Age Friendliness, E-commerce and sustainability	KCC	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC Eco Dev</li> <li>● LEO</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Co Kildare Chamber</li> </ul>	2024-2026 Annually

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1.11 To develop and promote Kildare as an attractive and age-friendly retail destination.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.11.1 KCC Econ Dev</b>				
Roll out a county-wide suite of supports for retailers to be age friendly.	Enhanced access for all.	LEO KCC	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC- Econ Dev  <b>Support</b> ● Age Friendly Ireland KCC-Community Age Friendly ● LEO ● Co Kildare Chamber	Q2 2024
<b>Action 1.11.2 KCC Econ Dev</b>				
Support the provision of training and certification in age-friendly practices to businesses in the county	Improved knowledge and adoption of age friendly practices in businesses throughout the county	LEO KCC	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC- Econ Dev  <b>Support</b> ● Age Friendly Ireland KCC ● LEO ● Co Kildare Chamber	2024 (Q3)- 2026
<b>Action 1.11.3 KCC Econ Dev</b>				
Deliver supports for tourism and accessibility improvements	A wider range of accommodation and visitor experiences become accessible	Just Transition (SME fund)	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev ● Failte Ireland	Q4 2024



1.12 Encourage promotion of mixed-use developments and support dwellings over shopfront buildings to regenerate urban living and increase housing availability in towns and villages.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.12.1 KCC- Housing and Regeneration</b>				
<p>Implement the Town Centre First Policy</p> <p>to create town centres that function as viable, vibrant and attractive locations for people to live, work and visit, while also functioning as the service, social, cultural and recreational hub for the local community.</p> <p>Work with property owners to bring properties back into use, administering the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant and, where necessary, addressing vacancy using Compulsory Purchase and Derelicts Sites legislation.</p>	<p>-Reduction in vacancy rates.</p> <p>-Visual improvement in towns and villages.</p> <p>-New opportunities created for the provision of housing</p> <p>-Reduced level of vacancy</p> <p>-Reuse of properties to provide new homes</p>	<p>DHLGH, DRCD KCC</p>	<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-Housing and Regeneration</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● DHLGH</li> <li>● DRCD</li> <li>● Communities</li> <li>● Property Owners</li> </ul>	<p>2024-2026</p>
<b>Action 1.12.2 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
<p>To promote the Shopfront, Universal Accessibility and Age-Friendly Grant Scheme to improve the appearance of shopfronts and commercial properties beneath dwellings.</p>	<p>Enhanced Streetscape and active shopfronts in Kildare’s towns and villages.</p>	<p>KCC</p>	<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC- Econ Dev</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Age Friendly Ireland KCC</li> <li>● LEO</li> <li>● Co Kildare Chamber</li> </ul>	<p>Q3 2024</p>
<b>Action 1.12.3 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
<p>Tmap and communicate available commercial units for retailers and businesses.</p>	<p>Reduced stock of vacant commercial units in towns and villages</p>	<p>KCC</p>	<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC Eco Dev,</li> <li>● LEO</li> </ul>	<p>2024-2026</p>

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	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.12.4 SURF</b>				
Building Safer Communities requires no extended sale of alcohol as increased opening hours impacts urban living.	Increase attractiveness of urban living.	Safer Communities	<b>Lead</b> • SURF	2024/2025



**Sustainable Shared Community Development and Economic Development Objectives**

1.13 To provide high quality, accessible, sustainable and environmentally friendly housing to respond to the varied and strong housing demands in Kildare, particularly responding to those with specialist accommodation needs.<sup>2</sup>

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.13.1- KCC Housing and Regeneration</b>				
Deliver social housing targets outlined in Housing for All	Homes are delivered to people who qualify for social housing.  2024: 409 units 2025: 440 units 2026: 449 units	DHLGH AHBs	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC- Housing and Regeneration  <b>Support</b> ● HDCO ● Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH)	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.13.2- KCC Housing and Regeneration</b>				
Deliver affordable housing targets outlined in Housing for All	Deliver homes at below market price to households who cannot afford to purchase or rent at prevailing market rates  2024:59 2025:55 2026: 55	KCC, DHLGH LDA	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC- Housing and Regeneration  <b>Support</b> ● AHBs ● HDCO ● DHLGH ● Land Development Agency (LDA)	2024-2026

<sup>2</sup> Older people, people with disabilities, homeless people, Travellers, people in need of emergency accommodation and people experiencing domestic violence.



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	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.13.3- KCC Housing and Regeneration</b>				
Develop mixed tenure housing schemes	<p>Housing schemes delivering a mix of tenure types.</p> <p>1) Progress or complete schemes in the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Devoy Park, Naas</li> <li>● Ardclough Road, Celbridge,</li> <li>● Caragh Road, Naas,</li> <li>● Craddockstown, Naas,</li> <li>● Coolaghknock, Kildare,</li> <li>● Rickardstown, Newbridge</li> </ul> <p>2) Consider opportunities for purchase as they arise</p>	<p>KCC</p> <p>DHLGH</p> <p>LDA</p> <p>AHBs</p>	<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC- Housing and Regeneration</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● AHBs</li> <li>● DHLGH</li> <li>● LDA</li> <li>● Public Private Partnerships</li> <li>● HDCO</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.13.4- KCC Housing and Regeneration</b>				
Implement the Traveller Accommodation Programme	<p>Requisite number and type of properties delivered as identified in the Traveller Accommodation Programme – Target 2024 18</p>	<p>DHLGH</p> <p>KCC</p>	<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC- Housing and Regeneration</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● LTACC Committee Members</li> <li>● AHBs</li> <li>● DHLGH</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.13.5- KCC Housing and Regeneration</b>				
Progress the implementation of the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Plan.	<p>Deliver actions laid down in the Plan to improve housing outcomes for social housing applicants who have a disability.</p>		<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC- Housing and Regeneration</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Disability Steering Group Members</li> <li>● HSE</li> <li>● Housing Agency</li> <li>● AHBS</li> </ul>	2024-2026

Action 1.13.6 KCC Housing and Regeneration				
Progress the implementation of the Mid East Regional Homelessness Action Plan and Housing First Plan	<p>Deliver key actions identified in the Plan to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-prevent homelessness</li> <li>-create sustainable services</li> <li>-provide services to households experiencing or at risk of homelessness.</li> </ul>	DHLGH	<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC- Housing and Regeneration</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Homelessness Senior Management Group</li> <li>● Homelessness Forum,</li> <li>● Meath and Wicklow County Councils, Homeless Service Providers</li> <li>● Housing Agency/ Housing First</li> </ul>	2024-2026
Action 1.13.7- KCC Housing and Regeneration				
Delivery of Age Friendly Housing and Implementation of Right Sizing policy as stated in the Kildare Housing Delivery Action Plan	<p>Increased provision of age friendly housing to support people to live independently.</p> <p>Sustainable use of existing social and private housing</p> <p>Right sizing of social tenants and opportunities for private owners</p>	KCC AHB DHLGH	<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC- Housing and Regeneration</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● DHLGH</li> <li>● AHBs</li> <li>● Kildare Age Friendly</li> </ul>	2024-2026
Action 1.13.8- CYPSC				
To identify the supports currently provided to families living in emergency homeless accommodation, including B&Bs and hotels, and consider how any identified gaps can be addressed.	<p>Available supports identified and documented.</p> <p>Gaps and needs identified and documented.</p> <p>Responses developed.</p>		<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-Housing and Regeneration</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● HSE</li> </ul>	2025 - 2026



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1.14 To progress policy outlined in Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 through the provision of appropriate infrastructure to promote sustainable development through facilitating movement to, from and through the county that is accessible to all and that prioritises walking, cycling and public transport.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.14.1 TFI Local Link</b>				
TFI Local Link Kildare South Dublin will work with appropriate stakeholders to ensure that suitable locations will provide access to public transport and sustainable connectivity.	Reduce the dependency on private car ownership to access remote working hubs.	Rural Transport Programme	<b>Lead</b> ● National Transport Authority	2024 -2027
<b>Action 1.14.2 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Conduct the second iteration of the commuter study with the benefit of 2022 Census data collated as part of the LECP process.	To understand the transport use of the working population in Kildare	KCC Eco Dev Initiatives	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev ● LEO <b>Support</b> ● Co Kildare Chamber ● KPMG	Q4 2024
<b>Action 1.14.3 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Develop regenerative tourism transport modes	Increased dwell time for visitors to County Kildare, as well as reduced emissions from visitor transport	Just Transition fund	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev ● Failte Ireland	Q4 2024

1.15 Encourage and support Irish Rail and other transport agencies in the delivery of sustainable transport projects in the county such as DART+ West and Bus Connects projects.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.15.1 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Conduct an Audit on the K hub network and their clients' commute and map them against their proximity to public transport.	Data to inform public transport use and demand	KCC Eco Dev	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev	Q 2 2024

1.16 To continue to develop the infrastructure and use of the Greenways/Blueways/ Peatways and their surrounding towns/villages across the county to support employment, tourism and healthy lifestyles.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.16.1 KSP</b>				
Kildare Sports Partnership will continue to use the Blueway and walking and cycle paths for physical activity programmes.	Increased awareness and usage of the Blueway and walking and cycle paths around the county	Approx €7,500 per annum	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KSP</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sport Ireland</li> <li>● Get Ireland Walking</li> <li>● Waterways Ireland</li> <li>● Cycling Ireland</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.16.2 Local Link</b>				
TFI Local Link Kildare South Dublin will progress plans to launch the proposed Route 888 Athy to Allenwood under the current Connecting Ireland – Rural Mobility Plan for Kildare.	Provide comprehensive public transport connectivity to the Blueway infrastructure between Athy and Allenwood. With specific alignment to Lullymore Heritage Park.	Connecting Ireland Programme	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● NTA</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.16.3 CKLP</b>				
Advance private and community opportunities to support tourism development along the Barrow Blueway through the creation of enhanced visitor attractions and experiences and in local communities in Just Transition Areas, in line with the Local Development Strategy 2.2 and 2.4 and the support for local communities in the SICAP plan.	Tourism, walkways, pilgrim trails and enterprise activities in former peatland areas will be supported throughout the LECP's lifetime.	LEADER	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CKLP</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-LCDC/LAG</li> <li>● Local businesses</li> <li>● Local Communities</li> </ul>	2024 -2026

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	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.16.4 KCC-Econ Dev</b>				
Promote and support the implementation of the Barrow Blueway Placemaking Plan	The Barrow Blueway receives accreditation and is a model of economic development that enhances both the visitor experience and serves the needs of the local community.	RRDF KCC Failte Ireland Waterways Ireland CKLP	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev, ● Waterways Ireland ● CKLP	2025
<b>Action 1.16.5 KCC-Econ Dev</b>				
Develop and connect green transport and mobility corridors as a sustainable transport alternative for local and visitor users.	Greenways, Blueways and Peatways are developed as part of an integrated network and connected via public transport links.		<b>Lead</b> ● KCC  <b>Support</b> ● Waterways Ireland ● CKLP ● TFI Local Link	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.16.6 KCC-Econ Dev</b>				
To scope potential business and tourism ventures along the Greenways/Blueways/Peatways	Opportunities identified and positioned for development along Greenways/Blueways/Peatways	LEO KCC Failte Ireland	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO- KCC Eco Dev  <b>Support</b> ● CKLP ● Failte Ireland	Q4 2024
<b>Action 1.16.7 KCC-Econ Dev</b>				
Train local businesses and operators in proximity to Greenways/ Blueways/ Peatways to realise their potential and leverage broader tourism activities	Entrepreneurs have the skills and knowledge to benefit from their proximity to Greenways/ Blueways/Peatways.	LEO Failte Ireland	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO  <b>Support</b> ● Failte Ireland	Q3 2024
<b>Action 1.16.8 KCC-Econ Dev</b>				
Explore the use of digital tourism to channel visitors through the county via green infrastructure routes	Visitor movement patterns are aligned to Greenways/ Blueways/ Peatways	Interreg, KCC, Failte Ireland	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev  <b>Support</b> ● Failte Ireland, ● Waterways Ireland, ● CKLP	Q4 2026
<b>Action 1.16.9 KCC-Econ Dev</b>				
To animate the Barrow Blueway with a commercial activities hub for micro-SMEs	Visitors will have an end-to-end provision of services such as hike hire/collection/ luggage transfer along the Barrow Blueway	RRDF, KCC, Failte Ireland, Waterways Ireland	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev  <b>Support</b> ● Failte Ireland ● Waterways Ireland Business ● Community ● CKLP	Q4 2026

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.16.10 KCC-Econ Dev</b>				
To develop a Grain Trail route and visitor experience connecting Kildare’s unique food, beverage, cultural and heritage assets	Increase visitor numbers and duration of stay	KCC, Failte Ireland, CKLP	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC Eco Dev</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CKLP</li> <li>● LEO</li> <li>● Food and Beverage Industry</li> </ul>	Q4 2026

1.17 To support the safety of our citizens through the provision of Gardaí, fire and emergency services that are in line with the requirements of a county of our size.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.17.1 Community</b>				
When national guidelines are finalised establish Local Community Safety Partnerships in line with requirements.	Established Community Safety Partnership Plan in place		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC- Community</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Garda Síochána</li> <li>● Statutory &amp; Voluntary orgs</li> <li>● Local Communities</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 1.17.2 CYPSC</b>				
To support the implementation of the Safer Newbridge Initiative, which has three main elements – community crime impact assessment, positive use of community space, and crime prevention through environmental design.	Reduction and prevention of anti-social behaviour and the associated fear of crime.	Community Safety Innovation Fund	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SURF</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● An Garda Síochána, KCC</li> <li>● Tusla</li> <li>● Newbridge Forum</li> </ul>	2024 - 2026



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1.18 To increase high-quality broadband and telecom infrastructure across the county.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 1.18.1 KCC-IT</b>				
Continued active participation and support of the rollout of high-speed fibre with National Broadband Ireland (NBI)	NBI has identified 16,000 premises in the Kildare for the provision of high-speed broadband.	NBI estimate that this will cost up to €53M investment in this new high-speed network in Kildare	<b>Lead</b> ● National Broadband Ireland	Donadea Oct. 2024, Dunboyne /Clonee June 2024, Clane Oct 2024, Curragh Camp June 2024, Baltinglass Dec. Ballylynan in progress 2024 <sup>3</sup>
<b>Action 1.18.2 KCC-Econ Development</b>				
Conduct an Audit of service and assure the K-Hub Network is well-connected and fit for purpose to meet all the broadband, and connectivity needs of its tenants.	A fit for purpose REMOTE hub network	KCC Eco Dev	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev & private hub providers	2024-2026

3 \*Although some of the named locations are outside of Kildare, the majority are in the county.



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**Sustainable Community Development Objectives**

2.1 Through networks, including the Kildare Public Participation Network, Comhairle na nÓg, Older Persons Council, Disability Access Groups, Kildare Traveller Action, Kildare Volunteer Centre, Town Teams and other representative voluntary groups, meaningful engagement will be encouraged and supported to inform local community initiatives, planning and decision-making, as well as to promote social inclusion in line with national policy.<sup>4</sup>

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.1.1 KPPN</b>				
Kildare PPN continues to be recognised as the main conduit between KCC, other statutory/voluntary organisations and the community & voluntary sector. It will continue to increase engagement and support local initiatives.	Through its representatives on the LCDC, SPCs and other decision-making committees, it will continue to have the community voice heard and positively impact decision-making at all levels.  That the community voice is acted upon and considered in decisions impacting communities across Kildare.	Continued commitment from DRCD & KCC.  Funding needs to increase to maintain the current level of engagement.	<b>Lead</b> ● KPPN  <b>Support</b> ● KCC	2024 - 2026



<sup>4</sup> Department of Rural and Community Development, “Guide for Inclusive Community Engagement in Local Planning and Decision Making” 2023

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.1.2 KCC Community</b>				
<p>To lead on the establishment and running, in addition to participation in, a range of multiagency and collaborative forums that includes the active participation and voices of the most excluded, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Kildare LCDC and substructures</li> <li>-Kildare Age Friendly</li> <li>-Kildare Sports Partnership</li> <li>-Kildare Local Safety Partnership (to replace Joint Policing Committee)</li> <li>- Sláintecare Healthy Communities Local Action Group</li> <li>-Kildare CYPSC and substructures (Tusla led)</li> <li>-CHO7 Connecting for Life (HSE lead)</li> <li>-Kildare Bereavement Network (Irish Hospice Lead)</li> <li>-Integration Forum (KCC Integration Team Lead)</li> </ul>	<p>Adherence to statutory requirements with high standards of compliance across all collaborative structures.</p> <p>Shared, agreed planning priorities with other statutory and non- statutory bodies based on the needs of the end user.</p> <p>Successful implementation of plans with collaborative partners</p>		<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-Community</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Statutory and voluntary organisations</li> <li>● Local community representatives</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.1.3 KCC Age Friendly</b>				
<p>To highlight the work of the Age Friendly Alliance and its partners such as HSE, KWETB, TFI Local Link, etc. and support the older persons council in their objectives.</p>	<p>Meaningful engagement and a representative voice elected by older people in Kildare</p>		<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kildare Age Friendly Programme</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.1.4 CKLP</b>				
<p>The priorities and goals of the CKLP Strategic Plan with regard to individuals and communities will be progressed.</p>	<p>Greater engagement and networking</p>	<p>LEADER SICAP</p>	<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CKLP</li> </ul>	2024 -2026

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	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.1.5 SURF</b>				
Support and promote community participation from those with a lived experience of substance misuse in all local, regional and national structures.	Active participation from those with lived experience of substance use in decision-making  Agreed process for SURF-funded services to engage with user participation	SURF	<b>Lead</b> ● SURF  <b>Support</b> ● HALO ● ARAS ● Hope Cottage ● CKLP	2024-2025
<b>Action 2.1.6 KCC-Housing and Regeneration</b>				
Continue to work with and support the Local Traveller Consultative Committee (LTACC)	Quarterly meetings of the LTACC with updates provided in relation to Traveller Accommodation Programme and to inform decision-making on Traveller accommodation.	DHLGH KCC	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC- Housing and Regeneration  <b>Support</b> ● LTACC Committee Members, ● AHBs ● DHLGH ● KTA	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.1.7 KCC-Housing and Regeneration</b>				
Continue to work with and support the Housing Disability Steering Group	Regular meetings of the Housing Disability Steering Group to  Deliver the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People Implementation Plan		<b>Lead</b> ● KCC- Housing and Regeneration  <b>Support</b> ● Disability Steering Group Members ● Housing Agency ● AHBSs ● HSE	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.1.8 KCC-Housing and Regeneration</b>				
Continue to work with the Regional Homeless Forum, Strategic Management Committee and the Housing First National Office of the Housing Agency to deliver Housing First tenancies in the region.	Hold regular meetings of both forums.  Improved coordination of services at a county and regional level.  Delivery of tenancies with wraparound supports.  Twenty-three additional tenancies in Kildare.	DHLGH HSE	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC- Housing and Regeneration  <b>Support</b> ● Forum and Committee Members ● Contractor for delivery of service (currently PMVT) ● HSE ● Housing First National Office	2024-2026



	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.1.9 HSE-Health and Wellbeing</b>				
Continue to provide representation and promote the health and wellbeing agenda with a range of local statutory, community and voluntary groups for the people of Kildare.	Evidence-informed information for input at various levels of engagement with community and voluntary groups.		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HSE HWB</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.1.10 CYPSC</b>				
To support the implementation of a data-driven, evidence-based approach to service planning & delivery such as Communities that Care.	A successful pilot of Communities that Care will be completed with young people, with real-time data available to inform responses to needs.		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SURF</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Sync</li> <li>• KWETB, Maynooth University</li> </ul>	2024 - 2026
<b>Action 2.1.11 CYPSC</b>				
To support the development & sustainability of Newbridge Forum and Comhairle na nÓg, two key participative structures to inform local community initiatives, planning and decision-making.	The voices of young people and local communities in decision-making will be strengthened.	Local Property Tax Fund  Local Authority funding for CNN	<b>(To be agreed)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kildare County Council</li> <li>• CKLP</li> <li>• Newbridge Family Resource Centre</li> <li>• Newbridge Community Development</li> <li>• Tusla,</li> <li>• In Sync</li> <li>• Young people</li> </ul>	2024 - 2026



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2.2 To support people of all ages across Kildare, particularly in newly developing, socially excluded and expanding communities, to meet and engage in social, educational, health, employment, recreational, arts and cultural opportunities through a range of community development, social inclusion, community arts, education, health and other targeted programmes. This will develop local leadership, ownership, inclusion and a sense of pride and belonging in local communities.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.2.1 KCC- Community -LCDC</b>				
To oversee the implementation of the agreed SICAP 2024-2028 tender targeting disadvantaged communities and groups	Successful implementation of annual SICAP plans in line with the agreed contract by targeted working with 72 community groups 859 individuals (2024 KPI)	€1.6m (2024) annually DRCD	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC-LCDC</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CKLP</li> <li>• Other organisations</li> <li>• Local communities</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.2.2 KCC- Community -LCDC</b>				
To oversee the implementation of the agreed Local Development Strategy (LEADER) 2023-2027	Successful implementation of the LEADER plan	€4m grant aid 2023-2029	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC-LCDC</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CKLP</li> <li>• Other organisations</li> <li>• Local communities</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.2.3 KCC- Community LCDC</b>				
To deliver a range of health-related programmes and initiatives in line with the agreed Healthy Ireland submission, based on the Healthy Kildare 2022-2026 plan	Successful implementation of the HI plan, agreed annually, to improve mental health and physical fitness with groups with lower than average health outcomes	Dept of Health Circa €100k project funding annually.	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC-LCDC</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project partners</li> <li>• CYPSC</li> <li>• HSE and other organisations</li> <li>• Local communities</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.2.4 KCC- Community LCDC</b>				
Continue to progress work to deliver the Sláintecare Healthy Community Programme in Athy through a range of seed-funded projects, research, coordinated information targeting people with low health outcomes.	Successful implementation of the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme in Athy, in conjunction with other key partners, to improve the health outcomes in Athy.	Dept of Health LCDC- circa €80k project funding annually	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC-LCDC</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project partners</li> <li>• CYPSC</li> <li>• HSE</li> <li>• CKLP</li> <li>• FRC and other organisations</li> <li>• Local communities</li> </ul>	2024-2026

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.2.5 KPPN</b>				
Kildare PPN will continue to organise Social Inclusion Week. This week highlights events and services targeted at social inclusion and expanding communities across Kildare.	Greater inclusion and a sense of pride in our community	Cost €5000 per annum.	<b>Co Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KPPN</li> <li>• CKLP</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steering Committee with representatives from organisations focussed on Social Inclusion</li> </ul>	2024 - 2026
<b>Action 2.2.6 KCC- Community</b>				
Community workers will continue to support community groups to become empowered and active citizens in their communities. Specific focus will be given to new housing developments targeting excluded communities.	Meaningful participation and development of communities across Kildare.	€80,000 approximately per annum	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC- Community</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local residents</li> <li>• Statutory and voluntary organisations</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.2.7 KCC- KSP</b>				
Kildare Sports Partnership will continue to roll out sports and physical activity programmes, training and education opportunities targeting disadvantaged communities and groups including older adults, teenage women/girls, young people and ethnic minorities.	Increased participation in sport and physical activity amongst people from disadvantaged communities and target groups.	€50,000 per annum	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kildare Sports Partnership</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sport Ireland</li> <li>• Kildare County Council</li> <li>• CKLP</li> <li>• HSE</li> </ul>	2024/25/26
<b>Action 2.2.8 KCCC</b>				
Three new Parent and Toddler groups in Kildare targeting minority groups will be set up.	Increased numbers of parent and toddler groups in Kildare to support parents with children 0-3 paying particular attention to minority communities, e.g. Travelling Community, Roma Community, New Communities in Kildare, children with additional needs and their parents.	DCEDIY Parent and Toddler Grant available to new and existing P&T groups in Kildare  CYPSC and HI funding for Early Learning Initiative Development Officer post and action budget	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCCC</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYPSC</li> <li>• CKLP</li> <li>• FRC</li> <li>• Healthy Ireland</li> </ul>	2024-2026



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	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.2.9 CKLP</b>				
The capacity of community groups, including marginalised communities, will be developed and assisted to develop local area plans over the lifetime of the LECP in line with the CKLP strategic plan.	Stronger communities with clear priorities.	LEADER SICAP	<b>Lead</b> ● CKLP <b>Support</b> ● KCC-LCDC/LAG ● Local communities	2024 -2026
<b>Action 2.2.10 HSE-Health and Wellbeing</b>				
To deliver Health Promotion and Improvement/ HWB services through wide variety of campaigns and interventions that address lifestyle risk factors in line with the National Health and Wellbeing Priority Programmes.	Stop Smoking Clinics Teacher Trainings MECC implementation sites Stronger Together Actions National Campaign awareness SHC Areas	HSE HWB	<b>Lead</b> ● HSE HWB <b>Support</b> ● Partner organisations	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.2.11 CYPSC</b>				
To continue to develop the parentingsupport.ie website as an information hub for parents and professionals who work with them.	Parents & professionals who work with them will be aware of available supports & services.	Kildare CYPSC Parenting Support Awareness Fund	<b>Lead</b> ● In Sync <b>Support</b> ● HSE, ● FRC Network, ● Kildare Library Service, ● KCCC ● Tusla	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.2.12 CYPSC</b>				
To support the sustainability of existing parent & toddler groups and the development of new groups in response to need.	Parent & toddler groups will be available across the county, offering peer support, play, social development opportunities for parents and young children.	Kildare CYPSC Healthy Ireland Fund	<b>Lead</b> ● KCCC <b>Support</b> ● In Sync ● Tusla ● KCC	2024-2026

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.2.13 CYPSC</b>				
To deliver a range of supports for parents to include information, peer support and culturally-appropriate parenting programmes, with a specific focus on migrant parents, parents of children with additional needs, parents from the Traveller/ Roma communities, and fathers.	Parents will have access to a range of information and support throughout the county.	Kildare CYPSC Healthy Ireland Fund	<b>Lead</b> ● Family Resource Centre network  <b>Support</b> ● Tusla, ● Kildare Library Service, ● In Sync, ● CKLP	2024 - 2026
<b>Action 2.2.14 CYPSC</b>				
To support access to arts experience for young children including I AM BABA, Baby Loves Music	Parents and young children will have the opportunity to experience and benefit from the arts.	Kildare CYPSC Healthy Ireland Fund	<b>Lead</b> ● KCCC  <b>Support</b> ● Family Resource Centre Network, ● KCC ● In Sync	2024 - 2026
<b>Action 2.2.15 CYPSC</b>				
To support the implementation of My Place to Play, an initiative for children 0-3 years and their parents, in particular those living in emergency or temporary accommodation.	Parents & young children living in inadequate conditions will be supported to engage and benefit from positive play experiences.	Department of Children, Disability, Equality, Integration & Youth	<b>Lead</b> ● KCCC  <b>Support</b> ● Family Resource Centre Network, ● KCC ● In Sync	2024 - 2026
<b>Action 2.2.16 KWETB</b>				
Roll out DCEDIY grants for young person support under the UBU scheme.	Young people engaged in youth work and youth development activities	DCEDIY	<b>Lead</b> ● KWETB  <b>Support</b> ● Youth organisations ● Youth Groups	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.2.17 CYPSC</b>				
To deliver Safe and Together Domestic Violence training for professionals, in addition to developing a domestic violence and abuse resource for Co Kildare.	Staff in services that are trained and resourced to respond to domestic violence		<b>Lead</b> ● In Sync  <b>Support</b> ● Teach Tearmainn ● Tusla	2024-2026

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2.3 To fully utilise libraries, museums and arts opportunities across Kildare to engage people, particularly those least likely to use them, in order to learn, develop new skills, meet new people, and build strong, inclusive communities.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.3.1 KPPN</b>				
Kildare PPN will promote the use of local libraries for the development of skills and to promote networking and inclusive communities.	Kildare PPN will host a minimum of (3) events in the library showcasing and promoting the use of the library.	Facilitation of workshops.	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KPPN</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kildare Library Service</li> </ul>	2024
<b>Action 2.3.2 KCC Library and Arts</b>				
Develop Skills for Life programme nationally and locally.	Improved basic digital skills, financial literacy & media literacy, business and employment skills, health awareness and sustainable lifestyles and environmental awareness	Library Revenue and Grant Funding	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kildare Library Service</li> </ul>	By Q4 2024
<b>Action 2.3.3 KCC Library and Arts</b>				
Work with the new Integration Team and partners to deliver tailored programming.	Events and literacy & English language supports in response to the Integration Strategy	Library Revenue and Grant Funding	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kildare Library Service</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.3.4 KCC Library and Arts</b>				
Market and promote libraries as social and community hubs	Increased footfall and use of library services	Library Revenue	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kildare Library Service</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.3.5 KCC Library and Arts</b>				
Continue to develop arts and cultural engagement in county Kildare and support of national programmes and activities.	Facilitation of individual and community engagement in arts and cultural activities	Library and Arts Revenue budget; Creative Ireland, Arts Council	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kildare Library Service and KCC Arts Service</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Other strategic partners</li> </ul>	2024-2026

2.4 To promote, encourage and support volunteering and to recognise its role in developing communities across Kildare.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.4.1 KPPN</b>				
Kildare PPN will continue to deliver training programmes and its “Let’s Talk Series”.	Building capacity for community group members in their role as volunteers	€5000	<b>Lead</b> ● KPPN	2024
<b>Action 2.4.2 KCC Community-KSP</b>				
To create a culture where volunteering in sport and physical activity is valued, respected, championed, and supported.	Enable people to become involved as volunteers in sport regardless of age, background, ethnicity, or disability.	Approx €15,000	<b>Lead</b> ● Kildare Sports Partnership <b>Support</b> ● Sport Ireland/ National Governing Bodies ● KCC Community Department	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.4.3 KCC- Community</b>				
To support the training and development of community groups to adhere to good governance.	Sustainable groups and communities that adhere to corporate governance		<b>Lead</b> ● KCC- Community <b>Support</b> ● PPN	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.4.4 KCC- Community</b>				
To support the work of Kildare Volunteer Centre in attracting, training and matching volunteers to local community groups, organisations and initiatives.	Increased volunteer levels		<b>To be confirmed</b>	2024-2026

## Sustainable Economic Development Objectives

2.5 To establish an ongoing awareness of the skills required by local enterprises. This will help educators and trainers to proactively support people into employment opportunities - particularly people and areas experiencing unemployment.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.5.1 Newbridge FRC</b>				
Support the ongoing development of social enterprise in Newbridge FRC, e.g., build on current coffee dock pilot.	Employment opportunities and skills development in social enterprise setting.	€30,000 per annum funding not secured	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newbridge FRC</li> </ul> <b>Support (To be confirmed)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC</li> <li>• CKLP</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.5.2 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Carry out a skills audit to assess existing talent and skills within the county and the skills requirements across the county over the medium term.	Improved awareness of existing skills and future skills requirements for the employers, investors and educational stakeholders	KCC Eco Dev	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC- Eco Dev</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business community,</li> <li>• Co Kildare Chamber</li> <li>• KWETB</li> <li>• Maynooth University</li> </ul>	Q3 2024
<b>Action 2.5.3 CYPSC</b>				
To convene an inter-agency discussion with local partners to explore the barriers to young people's (16-25 years) progression in education, training & employment.	Greater understanding of barriers and roles and responsibilities of organisations.	SICAP	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CKLP</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DSP</li> <li>• In Sync</li> <li>• KWETB</li> </ul>	2024



2.6 To encourage and support businesses across Kildare to become more accessible and proactively employ groups who experience challenges to engage in the labour force, e.g., long-term unemployed, older people, people with disabilities, people with low educational attainment, lone parents, ethnic minorities and Travellers.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.6.1 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
From an employment perspective, to promote the accessibility measures under the Shopfront, Universal Accessibility and Age-Friendly Grant Scheme. This will make businesses across the county more accessible and will mitigate some of the costs of hiring people who experience challenges in engaging in the labour force.	To increase opportunities for people who experience challenges entering the labour force.	KCC	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.6.2 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Engage businesses to improve the understanding of challenges faced in becoming more accessible.	Improved understanding of challenges businesses face in becoming more accessible	KCC	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC- Eco Dev  <b>Support</b> ● Co Kildare Chamber	Ongoing
<b>Action 2.6.3 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Equality, diversity and inclusion training for business owners (Accessibility measures for customers, HR best practice, professional development)	Business owners have the tools and awareness to implement the business case for social inclusion.	KCC  Human Rights and Equality Grants Scheme (Irish Council for Human Rights)	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev LEO  <b>Support</b> ● KCC- Community ● CKLP	Q4 2024



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2.7 To promote local entrepreneurship through models of clustering and support their ongoing development through integrated, accessible support services targeting micro, small business and social enterprises across the county.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.7.1 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Pilot new approaches to promoting local entrepreneurship and new models for engaging new promoters in start-ups.  (including digitisation / delivery of suitable services online/ on-demand) (entrepreneurship 101)	Increased entrepreneurship and engagement of local enterprises throughout the county	EI funding	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO ● KCC Eco Dev	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.7.2 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Provide tailored training and supports to small and micro-entrepreneurs facilitated through clusters	An ecosystem of knowledgeable small and micro-entrepreneurs who have the ability to begin, sustain and compete.	EI funding	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.7.3 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Support Social Enterprise initiation and start-ups through targeted programmes and initiatives.  Provide tailored training for existing Social Enterprises	Social enterprises are supported to help improve their business potential.		<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev  <b>Support</b> ● CKLP – Social Enterprise Network	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.7.4 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Foster collaboration and networking opportunities through cluster initiatives.	Collaboration and innovation throughout the network of clusters.	EI funding	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.7.5 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Facilitate access to mentoring for businesses within clusters.	Improved competitiveness and knowledge for businesses with the network of clusters	EI funding	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO	2024-2026

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.7.6 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Strengthen the local food system including producers and those in local markets and restaurants through training and mentoring supports.	A strong local food system.	EI funding	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.7.7 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Host weekly Business Advice Clinics to provide advice and support from experienced advisors in the early phases of business conception and start-up.	Support businesses across all MDs to start and grow.	LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.7.8 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Prepare and deliver an annual marketing and communication plan. This will include: -The dissemination of a weekly e-zine with details of supports and services. -Active promotion of all LEO supports on social media.	Ensure a comprehensive and informative offline and online presence highlighting all LEO services	LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.7.9 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Host monthly webinars detailing financial supports available to businesses.	Highlight the opportunities for growth through financial supports and assist the establishment and/or growth of enterprises.	LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.7.10 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Create a series of client case studies.	Increase awareness of the supports and services of LEO	LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.7.11 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Promote and programme manage student entrepreneurship initiative.	Educate students on entrepreneurship as a potential career	LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO	2024-2026

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	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.7.12 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Develop and provide access to a high calibre sector-specific expert Mentor Panel.	Make expert consultancy available to micro-businesses	LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.7.13 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Design and develop sector-specific SYOB programmes.	Growth of cluster membership across multiple sectors	LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.7.14 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Devise an annual calendar of business development programming for each cluster including: -Food and Beverage -Craft and Creative -Fashion and Textiles -Women in Business -Retail -Hospitality and Tourism -Equine -Manufacturing -Tech	Facilitate networking opportunities to promote intercompany engagement in cluster networking, communications and sharing of best practices amongst the business community in county Kildare and on a wider basis	LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.7.15 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Design and lead county-wide business competitions giving businesses an opportunity for outstanding achievements in specific strategic areas, championing digital transformation, sustainability, etc.	Recognise outstanding achievements in business and also promote LEO supports and their impact	LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.7.16 CKLP</b>				
Support the development of SMART and innovative business in line with the Local Development Strategy 3.1	Micro, small and medium enterprises and entrepreneurship will be supported in the next two years.	LEADER	<b>Lead</b> ● CKLP <b>Support</b> ● KCC-LCDC/LAG	2024 -2026

2.8 To increase the competitiveness and productivity of small and micro enterprises and support the ambition of local businesses to scale and compete internationally.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.8.1 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Provide opportunities for Small and micro enterprises to compete and expand their reach internationally through export training and funding.	Small and micro enterprises have the support they need to compete and grow internationally.	LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.8.2 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Provide access to grant funding for SMEs in digital adoption, particularly to those with the ambition to compete internationally.	To increase the number of SMEs with the ability to scale and compete internationally using digital adoption.	LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.8.3 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Increase the adoption of retailing online amongst our bricks and mortar retailers	Increased adoption of online trading vouchers within the retail sector.	LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.8.4 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Promote the Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters (TAME) grant support.	Support provided to those researching export markets.	LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.8.5 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Maximise the potential to combine funding opportunities, promoting public and private partnership across business and education.	Provide access to New Frontiers/ BICs/NDRC/other tech accelerator programmes.	LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.8.6 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Provide opportunities for non-tech businesses to collaborate with experts in adoption of new technologies for driving efficiencies and capabilities across multiple sectors.	Unlock the wider effective use of technology to support talent and skills provision, to grow Enterprise	LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO	2024-2026

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	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.8.7 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Work with colleagues in Mid-East Region to develop and fund export-specific training programmes:  -First-Time exporters programme  -Product-specific export development opportunities  -Service-specific export development opportunities (digital exporters)	Increase the number of first-time exporter companies	LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO  <b>Support</b> ● Enterprise Ireland, Carlow IT, MUI, Meath and Wicklow LEOs, Intertrade Ireland	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.8.8 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Ensure businesses are informed on all legislative changes relating to customs	Increase the number of first-time exporter companies.	LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.8.9 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Procure and manage an export advisory panel to ensure businesses have access to 1-1 advisory support	Support businesses to access new international markets	LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.8.10 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
As an EEN hub, lead regional export-specific events and trade missions in support of achievement of national EEN KPIs.	Support businesses to access new international markets.	LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO  <b>Support</b> ● EEN, ● Co Kildare Chamber	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.8.11 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Support businesses employing over ten people and seeking grant aid to develop internationalisation plans	Support businesses to access new international markets.	LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO  <b>Support</b> ● EI	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.8.12 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Collaborate with Co Kildare Chamber to encourage businesses with more than ten employees to avail of lean and sustainability supports	Support businesses to increase productivity and develop their team	LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO  <b>Support</b> ● Co Kildare Chamber	2024-2026

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.8.13 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Subject to feasibility study, re-intensify underutilised land and older industrial estates	Create opportunity for expansion	Government grant schemes KCC	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC-Eco Dev <b>Support</b> ● Co Kildare Chamber	2024-2026

2.9 To promote Kildare as the Thoroughbred County through the discovery, sharing and application of new knowledge that will enhance the health, performance and management of horses.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.9.1 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Launch Equine Innovation Accelerator.	Increased Equine Business startups and scale-ups	KCC LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev LEO <b>Support</b> ● Thoroughbred Country ● Tipperary LEO	Q3 2024
<b>Action 2.9.2 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Establish Equine Stakeholder forum.	A strong equine industry network.	KCC LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev- LEO; <b>Support</b> ● Failte Ireland; Thoroughbred Country	Q3 2024
<b>Action 2.9.3 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Support the equine industry through strategic training	A strong and knowledgeable equine industry	KCC LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev ● LEO	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.9.4 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Develop and market an Equine Tourism Trail (THOROUGHBRED COUNTY EXPERIENCE) featuring Museums at the Curragh and Irish National Stud, the Curragh Plains, Curragh Gallops and Racecourse; Irish National Stud; Stud Farms.	New income generation opportunities for the equine industry	KCC LEO Failte Ireland	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev; LEO <b>Support</b> ● Thoroughbred Country ● Failte Ireland ● Into Kildare	2025-2026

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	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.9.5 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Engage with overseas partners in EC Erasmus Project (Iceland, Sweden)	Improve knowledge of opportunities for the equine industry by observing models of best practice	Erasmus	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC Eco Dev</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erasmus project partners</li> </ul>	Q2 2024
<b>Action 2.9.6 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Ensure benefit is derived from pan-European equine connections	Linkages with EU centres of equine excellence and secure EU funding for collaboration	Erasmus	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC Eco Dev</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thoroughbred County</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.9.7 KCC-Community</b>				
To have Naas Racecourse recognised as the first Age Friendly Racecourse in Ireland and Europe	First Age Friendly Racecourse in Europe	€15,000 approximately	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kildare Age Friendly</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Horse Racing Ireland,</li> <li>• Kildare Older Persons council</li> </ul>	2024-2025

2.10 To encourage and support upskilling, job mobility and enterprise creation management.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.10.1 KCC- Econ Dev</b>				
Deliver skills training in the food and beverage services sector through our Athy Food, Drinks and Skills Innovation Hub	A career pathway for early school leavers is matched with demand in the sector	KWETB, DRCD	<b>(To be confirmed)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC,</li> <li>• KWETB.</li> </ul>	Q3 2025
<b>Action 2.10.2 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Provide access to Priming and Business Expansion Grants to encourage business growth and create jobs throughout the county	Increased business growth and job opportunities	LEO	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEO</li> </ul>	2024-2026



	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.10.3 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Provide training aimed at upskilling people around the county and developing entrepreneurs' skills throughout our hub network	A strong and knowledgeable hub network	LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev ● LEO	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.10.4 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Provide access to New Frontiers/ Business Innovation Centres (BICs) creating a robust marketing plan, testimonials and follow up with Pre-Accell and their journey after (new frontiers, Export Acell, Tangent etc..)	Increased innovation and skill in our entrepreneurs		<b>Lead</b> ● LEO	2024-2026



## Sustainable Shared Community Development and Economic Development Objectives

2.11 To recognise, increase awareness of and embrace minority ethnic groups by listening and responding to their distinct needs. This will promote and support full inclusion in community and economic development across Kildare.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.11.1 KSP</b>				
Kildare Sports Partnership will continue to roll out sport and physical activity programmes and initiatives to ethnic minority groups.	Increased participation in sport and physical activity amongst ethnic minority groups	Approx €20,000 per annum	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KSP</li> </ul> <b>Support:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sport Ireland</li> <li>● KCC Community, Housing and Integration sections</li> <li>● CKLP</li> <li>● Kildare Traveller Action</li> <li>● Organisations working with minority ethnic groups</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.11.2 CKLP</b>				
Work will progress to work with minority ethnic groups in line with yearly SICAP plans and by projects funded through LEADER	Greater inclusion and social cohesion	LEADER SICAP	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CKLP</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-LCDC/LAG</li> </ul>	2024 -2026
<b>Action 2.11.3 KCC-Community</b>				
Continue to promote Africa Day through grant aid	Increased cultural awareness	€7,500 per annum	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-Community workers</li> <li>● Community Groups</li> </ul>	2024-2026



	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.11.4 Kingdom Life House (Athy)</b>				
KLH will develop a mentoring programme specifically for minority ethnic groups in County Kildare. This programme will foster entrepreneurial skills, job readiness, leadership capabilities and community participation. This initiative will be carried out in collaboration with local business/voluntary enterprise.	-Increased numbers of ethnic minority engagement. -Job readiness. -Emergence of new leaders. -Collaboration and support from local businesses and voluntary organisations.	Cost €5000 per annum.	<b>Lead</b> ● KLH  <b>Support (to be confirmed)</b>	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.11.5 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Facilitate Pre-Enterprise training	Minority ethnic groups are empowered to self-employment through support and guidance to overcome cultural barriers.	LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO  <b>Support</b> ● CKLP ● DSP	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.11.6 CYPSC</b>				
To deliver training for professionals in relation to culturally sensitive responses to people from ethnic minority groups experiencing domestic violence	Best practice, culturally appropriate approaches when responding to domestic violence		<b>Lead</b> ● Teach Tearmainn  <b>Support</b> ● Probation Service ● CKLP	2024-2026

2.12 To develop and promote locally based festivals and cultural events across Kildare to support community engagement, pride and inclusion. Larger festivals such as Brigid 1500 will also serve to promote and support Kildare’s tourism potential.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.12.1 KCC-Community</b>				
Brigid 1500 will continue to be a major festival in Kildare building on the work done in 2022/2023	Increased local, national and international participation in events organised as part of Brigid 1500.		<b>Lead</b> ● KCC-Community  <b>Support</b> ● Local Communities ● Failte Ireland ● Into Kildare	2024-2026

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	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.12.2 KCC-Community</b>				
Explore the possibility of a County Wide intergenerational Pride Festival.	LGBTI inclusion throughout the county.	€10,000 approximately	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-Community</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Youth Services</li> <li>● Kildare age friendly</li> </ul>	2025- 2026
<b>Action 2.12.3 CKLP</b>				
Trails, walks and festivals associated with Brigid and other heroes will be progressed over the next two years	Increased tourism opportunities to celebrate Brigid	LEADER	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CKLP</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-LCDC/LAG and other KCC sections</li> <li>● Local communities</li> </ul>	2024 -2026
<b>Action 2.12.4 Curragh FRC</b>				
Curragh FRC will continue to deliver family fun day festival	Annual family-friendly festival.	€2,000	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Curragh FRC</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.12.5 SURF</b>				
More Than That Recovery Festival (Naas Library)	Host the Recovery Festival in Naas Library	SURF Naas MD Festival Grant	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SURF</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Naas MD</li> <li>● Naas Library</li> </ul>	Sept 2024/2025
<b>Action 2.12.6 KCC Economic Development</b>				
Promote local business involvement in festivals and cultural events through the promotion of specific Retail Window Merchandising Schemes such as the Brigid 1500 Window Merchandising Scheme.	More involvement from local business in locally based festivals and cultural events		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC Eco Dev</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.12.7 Economic Development</b>				
Launch a Creative Ireland bursary to create a digital AR Brigid exhibition.	Bursary available		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC- Eco Development</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-Arts</li> </ul>	2024-2026

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.12.8 Economic Development</b>				
<p>Create a Move to the future' TECH in TOURISM –bringing Tech to tourism.</p> <p>Similar to hackathon, one day event to harness ideas for digital tourism around Kildare – digital tours, horseracing apps, digital food trail.</p>	<p>New ideas will be generated to drive tech in tourism within County Kildare</p>	<p>Interreg KCC LEO Digital Europe</p>	<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-Eco Dev.</li> </ul>	<p>Q1 2025</p>
<b>Action 2.12.9 Economic Development</b>				
<p>Hold networking events for the diaspora community to align with significant cultural events such as the Derby Festival, Saint Brigid's Day and broader tourism and business events.</p>	<p>A database reflecting a strong diaspora community.</p>	<p>KCC</p>	<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC Eco Dev</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Co Kildare Chamber</li> </ul>	<p>2024-2026</p>
<b>Action 2.12.10 Economic Development</b>				
<p>To promote and facilitate tourism as one of the key economic pillars of the Counties economy and a major generator of employment and to support the appropriate, balanced provision of tourism facilities , festivals and visitor attractions.</p>	<p>A dynamic Tourism destination and economy</p>	<p>KCC and Grant funds</p>	<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC Eco Dev</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Co Kildare Chamber</li> </ul>	<p>2024-2026</p>
<b>Action 2.12.11 Economic Development</b>				
<p>To carry out an analysis of the supply and demand for tourism related accommodation including hotels, aparthotels, hostels, Bed and Breakfast Accommodation and other short-term letting in County Kildare.</p>	<p>To identify and support the development of the right type of accommodation required by Market Demand in appropriate locations</p>	<p>KCC and Grant funds</p>	<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC Eco Dev</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Co Kildare Chamber</li> </ul>	<p>2024-2026</p>

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Action 2.12.12 Economic Development				
To carry out an analysis of the supply and demand indoor and outdoor markets throughout the County and create a Market Strategy to support the existing retail offer and local produce/ start up enterprise and the circular economy; and to realise their potential as a tourist attraction.	A county wide collective of vibrant indoor and outdoor markets throughout the County supporting the existing retail offer and local produce/ start up enterprise and the circular economy; and to realise their potential as a tourist attraction.	KCC and Grant funds	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC Eco Dev</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Co Kildare Chamber</li> </ul>	2024-2026

2.13 To ensure that the developing smart economy and digital upskilling impacts towns and villages across the county, benefiting all communities - particularly areas and people that are traditionally excluded from technology (e.g., older people, people with low education levels, Travellers).

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
Action 2.13.1 TFI Local Link				
TFI Local Link Kildare-South Dublin will continue to work with communities in the provision of once-off transport services where traditionally excluded groups are provided with transport options to ensure inclusion and participation	Transport links provided that overcome barriers to exclusion	Rural Transport Programme	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● TFI Local Link</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● National Transport Programme</li> <li>● CKLP</li> <li>● KCC</li> </ul>	2024 -2026
Action 2.13.2 KCC-Community				
Provide Digital skills for older people	Digital awareness	€2,000	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kildare Age Friendly</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KWETB</li> <li>● CKLP</li> <li>● Kildare Library Service</li> </ul>	2024-2026
Action 2.13.3 CKLP				
Develop SMART and innovative businesses in local communities in line with the Local Development Strategy 3.1 and the SICAP strategy.	Support micro, small and medium enterprises especially in marginalised & rural communities	LEADER SICAP	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CKLP</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-LCDC/LAG</li> </ul>	2024 -2026

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.13.4 Kingdom Life House</b>				
Digital Literacy: Offer training in basic computer skills, internet use, and digital tools.	Bridging the digital divide and promoting digital inclusion, equipping individuals with the skills necessary for success in today's digital age.	Cost €5000 per annum.	<b>Lead</b> ● KLH  <b>Support (to be confirmed)</b>	2024 - 2026
<b>Action 2.13.5 KCC Economic Development</b>				
Seek funding to undertake a feasibility study on a proposed Green Enterprise Park	To secure funding for a feasibility study	Pobal (Just Transition)	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev	Q2 2024
<b>Action 2.13.6 KCC Economic Development</b>				
Promote and strengthen the Mid East Tech Cluster.  Addition of Create tech and specific programming tackling specific needs of tech Clients. (UX Workshop, MVP workshop, Investment talks)	A strong tech sector in the region	KCC EMRA  Enterprise Ireland	<b>Lead</b> ● LEO ● KCC Eco Dev  <b>Support</b> ● Co Kildare Chamber ● Merits	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.13.7 KCC Economic Development</b>				
Provide targeted training to aspiring entrepreneurs to improve their tech knowledge and adoption through the adoption of digital for Business	A knowledgeable tech-savvy entrepreneur base.		<b>Lead</b> ● LEO ● KCC Eco Dev  <b>Support</b> ● Co Kildare Chamber	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.13.8 KCC Economic Development</b>				
To support Smart Tourism as a vehicle for regenerative economic development.	The tourism sector is equipped to provide visitor information and immersive experiences through new technologies	KCC Just Transition  Interreg  Failte Ireland	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev  <b>Support</b> ● Just Transition ● Interreg ● MOVE partners ● Failte Ireland	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.13.9 KCC Economic Development</b>				
Host information sessions in MERITS - build awareness around PSSF and HSPU funding for CREATECH scaleups.	Future planning for scaling CREATECH clients and next steps for export and support.		<b>Lead</b> ● LEO ● MERITS ● EI	Q4 2024



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	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.13.10 KCC Economic Development</b>				
Mid-East is the new hub location for 'Content Creation' under Digital Creative Industries Roadmap – Utilise content LAB and add into CREATECH cluster. Initial Meeting with content creators in Kildare/Meath/Wicklow	Extend the CREATECH cluster to cover digital content creators, grow cluster	Creative Ireland Digital Creative Industries Roadmap 2024-2026	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● LEO</li> <li>● MERITS</li> </ul>	Q1 2025
<b>Action 2.13.11 KCC Economic Development</b>				
Creative industries are the focus of 'Horizon Europe' fund – under stream 2: Cultural, Creativity & Inclusivity - Host ideation session for CREATECH with special focus on Mid east regional remit Content Creation and all Ireland focus Animation	Engage and support clients in CREATECH industry focus on regional	Horizon Europe 2021-2027	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● LEO</li> <li>● MERITS</li> </ul>	2025-2026
<b>Action 2.13.12 KCC Economic Development</b>				
Host CREATECH workshop and Ideation Day – including Exhibition of local artists for culture night 2024.	Promote Digital artists from Kildare/Meath/Wicklow – encourage collaboration between business in these counties.	Culture Night 2024	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC -Arts</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● LEO</li> <li>● MERITS</li> <li>● KCC Eco Dev</li> </ul>	Q3 2024



2.14 To progress the Kildare Climate Action Plan to embed the principles of sustainability and the circular economy through empowering local people, state agencies and businesses, particularly more vulnerable communities within the county, to make informed, sustainable, circular and climate-positive choices.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.14.1 KSP</b>				
Kildare Sports Partnership will promote positive Climate Action amongst sports clubs and groups.	Increased awareness of the impacts of climate change and the supports available to clubs and groups to positively respond to climate change and sustainability.		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kildare Sports Partnership</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC Climate Action Officer</li> <li>● Sports clubs and groups</li> <li>● National Governing Bodies</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.14.2 KCC-Community</b>				
Actively promote the climate action agenda in priority estates and with community groups by providing tailored training.	Creating awareness	€10,000	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC- Climate and Community</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.14.3 CKLP</b>				
Develop the capacity and awareness of local communities around Climate Action and the social economy in line with the Local Development Strategy (action 10.2) and the Social Enterprise Strategy 2024.	Increased awareness of climate action amongst targeted communities and businesses	LEADER SICAP	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CKLP</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-LCDC/LAG</li> </ul>	2024 -2026
<b>Action 2.14.4 TFI Local Link</b>				
TFI Local Link Kildare South Dublin will continue its collaboration with the Climate Action Team of Kildare County Council to ensure that additional, improved and innovative examples of sustainable mobility options are progressed in the county.	Improved outcomes relating to first mile / last mile public transport solutions such as bike parking facilities and bike share schemes.		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● TFI Local Link</li> </ul>	2024 -2026

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	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.14.5 Newbridge FRC</b>				
Deliver educational programmes through the development of Community Gardens.	Creating a community of climate action participants through development and ownership of community gardens throughout Newbridge. Partnering with the Food Hub, The Dining Room, The Parish Food Cloud to distribute locally grown food. The community will involve children, young adults and adults.	€30,000	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newbridge FRC</li> </ul> <b>Support (to be agreed)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC</li> <li>• KWETB</li> <li>• Community partners</li> </ul>	2025
<b>Action 2.14.6 Curragh FRC</b>				
To enhance the Curragh FRC community garden	Increasing local food growing and provide food for our community fridge.	€15,000	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curragh FRC</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.14.7 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Develop Initiatives for KCC-developed Hubs within the K hub Network that are bedded in the circular Economy principles	Increase the number of Circular economy business opportunities in the county	KCC Eco Dev	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEO</li> <li>• KCC Eco Dev</li> </ul>	Q 3 2024
<b>Action 2.14.8 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Develop the Monasterevin Fashion and Textile hub to be a leader in the circular economy - embedding its principles and practices of reusing waste material into the hubs fashion entrepreneurs.	The delivery of a hub which will provide opportunities, promote entrepreneurship and embed circular economy principles in our fashion and retail sector.	KCC DCRD	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC Eco Dev</li> <li>• LEO</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CKLP</li> </ul>	2025-2026
<b>Action 2.14.9 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Encourage upskilling and training of new entrants to the textile sector with these principles.	A knowledgeable enterprise base engaging in circular economy activities	KCC LEO	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC Eco Dev</li> <li>• LEO</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CKLP</li> </ul>	2025-2026
<b>Action 2.14.10 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Run sessions for upcycling in Textile hub – tourism and community development.	Promoting circular economy and new tourism activities in Kildare		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEO</li> <li>• KCC-Eco Dev</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textile Hub</li> </ul>	2024-2026

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.14.11 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Promote Lean training programmes to businesses throughout the county.	Increased efficiency and less waste in businesses throughout Kildare	LEO	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEO</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co Kildare Chamber</li> </ul>	Ongoing

2.15 To promote and support the full utilisation of public transport and active travel as a means of accessing employment, education, recreation and other day-to-day activities.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.15.1 KSP</b>				
Kildare Sports Partnership will roll out “Learn to Cycle” programmes across Kildare.	Increase in the number of people using bicycles for recreation and everyday use.	Approx €10,000 per annum	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KSP</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC Sustainable Transport and Traffic Management sections.</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.15.2 Newbridge FRC</b>				
Installation of Bike Racks, and repair kits at Newbridge FRC premises	Promoting the use of Bicycles within the community, reducing the number of cars to access the FRC	€5000 not secured application pending	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newbridge FRC</li> </ul>	2024
<b>Action 2.15.3 TFI Local Link</b>				
TFI Local Link Kildare South Dublin will continue its rollout of enhanced and new public bus services under the Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan. This roll-out will include the following services;  Route 129 - Dunlavin to Newbridge  Route 888 - Athy to Allenwood  Route CtN – Celbridge to Naas	Improved connectivity and accessibility to public bus services to access employment, education, recreation and day-to-day activities, and ensuring real and tangible alternatives to car dependency in rural areas.	Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Programme	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TFI Local Link</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Transport Authority</li> <li>• Kildare County Council</li> </ul>	2024 - 2026

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	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 2.15.4 TFI Local Link</b>				
<p>TFI Local Link Kildare South Dublin will continue to monitor, measure and review its existing services to ensure they are delivering the maximum relevance and utility to the greatest percentage of the population possible. Such monitoring will include stop locations, route alignment and appropriate capacity levels. The routes will include;</p> <p>883 Athy to Newbridge</p> <p>821 Newbridge to Sallins Train Station</p> <p>880 Carlow to Naas</p>	Continued delivery of services that meet and where possible exceed minimum standard levels, ensuring continuing and increasing levels of modal shift.	Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Programme	<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TFI Local Link</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Transport Authority</li> <li>• Kildare County Council</li> </ul>	2024 -2026
<b>Action 2.15.5 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
To promote and develop tourism trails that are integrated with public transport	Visitors' journeys will be connected by routes offering active travel and public transport mobility	KCC Waterways Ireland LEO Failte Ireland TFI Local Link	<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC Eco Dev; LEO;</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waterways Ireland; Just transition; Failte Ireland; Local Link</li> </ul>	Q4 2026
<b>Action 2.15.6 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
To review the connections between public transport and hub locations.	Journeys between public transport nodes and hub locations are connected via pedestrian and cycling infrastructure	KCC Just Transition Climate funding	<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC Eco Dev</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Just Transition</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 2.15.7 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
To provide local workspace through the K-Hub network.	Reduced private car transport by commuters	KCC K-Hub network	<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC Eco Dev; Hub network</li> </ul>	2024-2026

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**Sustainable Community Development Objectives**

3.1 To increase the awareness and understanding of local communities to build their capacity for climate action and a just transition for economic and community development, particularly targeting more excluded groups/communities.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 3.1.1 KPPN</b>				
Kildare PPN will continue to run Climate Action Weekend.	Better informed communities on the principles of sustainability, circular economy and climate positive choices.	€2500 per annum	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KPPN</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC Climate Action Office</li> <li>• A range of environmental groups &amp; NGOs</li> </ul>	2024 - 2026
<b>Action 3.1.2 CKLP</b>				
Develop the capacity and awareness of local communities to engage in Climate Action to progress the LEADER-Local Development Strategy 2023-2027 (10.2) and the SICAP plan 2024-2028.	Training and capacity-building programmes for communities will be run in the next two years.	LEADER	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CKLP</li> </ul> <b>Support:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LCDC/LAG,</li> <li>• Local Community Groups</li> </ul>	2024 -2026
<b>Action 3.1.3 TFI Local Link</b>				
TFI Local Link Kildare South Dublin will continue to advocate in communities across Kildare for increased use of all sustainable mobility options within the county. Mechanisms such as community engagement, social media and traditional media platforms will be planned, costed and utilised.	Increased transition to lower carbon emitting modes of mobility.	Rural Transport Programme	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TFI Local Link</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Transport Authority</li> </ul>	2024 -2026



	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 3.1.4 Newbridge FRC</b>				
Support the community of Newbridge in its transition to more sustainable ways of living through Community Gardens.  Develop fruit and vegetable plots in Newbridge “We Grow Project” - benefiting children and families of Newbridge.	Reduce Food Waste - This project will develop shorter food supply chains, educate and promote seasonal eating, reducing food waste and reduction of packaging.	Not secured €30,000	<b>Lead</b> • Newbridge FRC  <b>Support (To be confirmed)</b> • KWETB • KCC • Local Communities	2025
<b>Action 3.1.5 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Activate local projects in the tourism sector to implement regenerative principles into their services and products	Local Communities will access grant aid support.	Just Transition Regenerative Tourism SME fund	<b>Lead</b> • KCC Eco Dev  <b>Support</b> • Failte Ireland	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.1.6 KCC- Climate Action Office</b>				
Engage the local Community of Maynooth in Climate Action through Picnic in the Park.	Successful event with broad community engagement.	LPT  Community funding Sponsorship	<b>Shared Lead</b> • Maynooth Community Council, • KCC- Climate	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.1.7 KCC- Climate Action Office</b>				
Progress the delivery to enhance rehabilitation of former industrial peatlands within the county in line with Ireland’s National Recovery and Resilience Plan.	Hectares of peatland rehabilitated.	Not secured  Bord na Mona  EU Just Transition Fund	<b>To be confirmed</b>  <b>Lead</b> • Bord na Mona  <b>Support</b> • KCC	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.1.8 KCC- Climate Action Office</b>				
Engage with Bord na Móna to explore the appropriate and sensitive diversification of former cutaway peatlands and development of alternative uses such as rewetting and recreational facilities under the brown to green agenda under the National Strategy on Outdoor Recreation.	Support to Bord na Móna to progress up to 70% of bogland for nature and biodiversity		<b>To be confirmed</b>  <b>Lead</b> • Bord na Mona  <b>Support</b> • KCC-Climate	2024-2026

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	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 3.1.9 KCC- Climate Office</b>				
Engage with Bord na Móna to develop a Green Infrastructure Masterplan to inform the delineation of core areas, stepping stones and corridors to support the development of the Bog of Allen Nature Reserve, Special Amenity Area Order and/or National Peatlands Park.	Support to Bord na Móna in sustainable development of Nature Reserve	Not secured Bord na Móna EU JT Fund Other funds as identified	<b>To be confirmed</b>  <b>Lead</b> ● Bord na Mona  <b>Support</b> ● KCC-Climate ● KCC- Econ Dev JT Tourism	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.1.10 KCC- Climate Office</b>				
Support farmers in the shift toward a low-carbon and climate resilient agriculture sector in County Kildare including the diversification of farming practices to increased tillage, horticulture or alternative land uses.	Reducing Agriculture Emissions (tonnes per hectare)	DAFM	<b>To be confirmed</b>  <b>Lead</b> ● Agri. Sector  <b>Support</b> ● KCC- Climate	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.1.11 KCC- Climate Office</b>				
Support innovation in rural economic development and enterprise through the diversification of the rural economy into new sectors and services, including those addressing climate change and sustainability.	New Services/Sectors	Not secured EU Just Transition Fund Community Enterprise funding	<b>To be confirmed</b>  <b>Lead</b> ● KCC ● FDSIG,  <b>Support</b> ● KCC- Climate Enterprise/LEO	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.1.12 KCC- Climate Office</b>				
Continue to work with Maynooth University to support local community-based renewable energy projects and new microgeneration and small-scale generation renewable energy projects.	Total MWh Renewable Supported	Not secured SEAI RESS	<b>To be confirmed</b>  <b>Lead</b> ● KCC-Climate  <b>Support</b> ● Eirgrid Maynooth University	2024-2026

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 3.1.13 KCC- Climate Office</b>				
Agree the relevant actions for Maynooth in the Local Just Transition Plan for West Kildare.	Plan in place, actions commencing	Not secured EU Just Transition Fund Private investment, SEAI Grants, Other identified sources	<b>To be confirmed</b> <b>Lead</b> • KCC-Climate <b>Support</b> • KCC-LEO	2024-2026



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3.2 To support local businesses to become leaders in sustainable energy through the provision of energy efficiency training and supports. This will result in increased competitiveness.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 3.2.1 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
To provide access to and encourage the green for business and energy efficiency grant to businesses throughout the county.	Increased sustainability in businesses throughout the county	LEO	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-LEO</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Co Kildare Chamber of Commerce</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.2.2 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Explore innovative ways of stimulating interest and creating awareness about climate change in the business community. For example: running “Big Ideas” competitions and Hackathons. Sandbox day, innovative ideas for the DZ Maynooth- ‘How to run a smart town’	Greater awareness of climate change in the Kildare business community.	KCC/CARO	<b>Lead-Shared</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-LEO,</li> <li>● KCC Climate MERITS</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.2.3 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Work with CKLP to support and develop adaptation actions in community economies and promote innovation at local level through climate action.	An innovative green economy		<b>Lead-Shared</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC Economic Development</li> <li>● LEO</li> <li>● CKLP</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.2.4 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
To activate local businesses in the tourism sector to implement regenerative principles in services and products.	Local businesses will access grant support for climate justice measures	Just Transition Regenerative Tourism SME fund	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC Eco Dev,</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Failte Ireland</li> </ul>	2024-2026

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 3.2.5 KCC- Climate Office</b>				
<p>Promote greater community and business engagement on climate action, circular economy, energy, water conservation, sustainable mobility and biodiversity through events such as Earth Hour through Community Climate Action Officer, Climate Team and support tools to enable the required behaviour change.</p> <p>Kildare LEO will promote Green Micro, Lean programmes, focused Energy Efficiency Briefing Series and capital programmes demonstrating circular economy principles with a focus on SMEs.</p>	<p>Efficient, effective business.</p> <p>Reduced running costs.</p> <p>Reduced emissions. Climate/sustainable champions.</p>	<p>LEO</p> <p>Climate Action Office</p> <p>LPT</p>	<p><b>(To be confirmed)</b></p> <p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-Climate and LEO</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-Community</li> <li>● CKLP</li> <li>● PPN</li> <li>● Local Businesses</li> <li>● Co Kildare Chamber</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.2.6 KCC- Climate Office</b>				
<p>Resource a dedicated and trained Green Business Officer in Maynooth to support Kildare Local Enterprise Office, KCC Community Climate Action Officer and Town Green Teams.</p>	<p>Behavioural change and skills development</p>	KCC	<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-Climate and LEO</li> </ul>	2025-2026
<b>Action 3.2.7 KCC- Climate Office</b>				
<p>Undertake a feasibility study to develop a low energy community centre in Maynooth as an information hub and possible local Energy Agency.</p>	<p>Completed feasibility study</p>	TBC	<p><b>(To be confirmed)</b></p> <p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC- Climate</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC- Community</li> <li>● PEEDES</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.2.8 KCC- Climate Office</b>				
<p>Commence the replacement of fossil fuel through supports for the development of microgeneration, small-scale and community-owned renewable generation within Maynooth.</p>	<p>Energy security and reduced reliance on fossil fuel.</p>	TBC	<p><b>(To be confirmed)</b></p> <p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PEEDES</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-Climate</li> <li>● ESB</li> <li>● Maynooth University</li> </ul>	2024-2026

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3.3 To progress the implementation of the County Kildare Climate Action Plan with Kildare County Council as leaders in mitigating climate emissions and mainstreaming climate action in conjunction with the Eastern and Midlands Climate Action Regional Office (CARO).

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 3.3.1 KCC- Climate Office</b>				
Support CARO to develop a targeted training plan to support relevant KCC staff on the requirements for sustainable design, green procurement, low carbon construction methods, biodiversity, water conservation, reuse of existing buildings, etc.	Training courses delivered to KCC staff.		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC- Climate and CARO</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● LASNTG,</li> <li>● All KCC Departments</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.3.2 TFI Local Link</b>				
TFI Local Link Kildare South Dublin will work to progress its commitments in the Kildare Climate Action Plan working with relevant bodies to identify optimum locations and provide EV charging points for Public Transport Vehicles in town centres and key points on inter rural bus routes.	Provide sustainable alternatives to current carbon emitting vehicles.		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● TFI Local Link</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kildare County Council</li> </ul>	2024 -2026
<b>Action 3.3.3 KCC- Climate Office</b>				
Identify, train, resource and promote community, education and sectoral business champions in climate action.	Peer-to-peer learning.	Not known	<b>To be confirmed</b> <b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC- Climate</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PEEDES</li> <li>● KCC- LEO</li> </ul>	2024-2026

3.4 Support the Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan to ensure that the public transport network encourages and supports changes in demand for transport, improves regional connectivity, and provides an enhanced alternative to the private car.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 3.4.1 TFI Local Link</b>				
TFI Local Link Kildare South Dublin will continue to plan, deliver and monitor a continued expansion of public bus services in Kildare. An expansion that is supported by an increasing availability of high- quality bus stop infrastructure, and sustainable mobility alternatives such as bike share schemes, car share schemes and active travel infrastructure.	Reduced car dependency and increased sustainable mobility options that encourages and supports modal shifts in transport and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.	Rural Transport Programme. Connecting Ireland Programme Bus Stop Infrastructure Programme.	<b>Lead</b> • TFI Local Link  <b>Support</b> • National Transport Authority • Kildare County Council • ZEVI	2024 -2026
<b>Action 3.4.2 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Support the provision of EVs at all K hubs.	Increased range of public and sustainable transport methods in our hub network.		<b>Lead</b> • KCC Eco Dev	2025

3.5 To progress the objectives in the County Kildare Climate Action Plan to protect and enhance the natural environment and green infrastructure by supporting biodiversity and natural water systems, reducing the risk of negative impacts of climate change, and enhancing the health and wellbeing of all citizens.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 3.5.1 Newbridge FRC</b>				
Installation of Eco Toilet System within the Newbridge Community Garden modelling installations through DCC and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Local Authorities in community gardens and at designated beach fronts.	Development of Eco Toilets for access from community gardens	Not secured €27,000	<b>Lead</b> Newbridge FRC	2025



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	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 3.5.2 CKLP</b>				
Develop the capacity and awareness of local communities around biodiversity and water resources in line with the Local Development Strategy 10.2, which aims to support community ideas which have environmental protection as their focus, in line with the SICAP plan.	Training and capacity-building Programmes for communities will be run in the next two years.	LEADER	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CKLP</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LCDC/LAG</li> </ul>	2024 -2026
<b>Action 3.5.3 KCC-Parks</b>				
Carry out an annual programme of tree and hedgerow planting around the county to increase canopy cover and benefit biodiversity.	Complete and annual programme of tree and hedgerow planting.	€50,000	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kildare County Council -Parks</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.5.4 KCC-Parks</b>				
Continue the reduction in the use of glyphosate and implement reduced cutting regimes in parks, open spaces, and grass verges to benefit biodiversity.	Programme of locations where reduced cutting is used.  Reduced use of glyphosate	€60,000	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kildare County Council-Parks</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.5.5 KCC-Climate Office</b>				
Develop green infrastructure projects, as defined by the EU, including a green infrastructure network for the county that incorporates climate change mitigation and adaptation.	Plan delivered		<b>To be confirmed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PEEDAC,</li> <li>• CCEW</li> </ul>	2024-2026

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 3.5.6 KCC-Climate Office</b>				
Support green infrastructure projects such as those providing linkages to open spaces for biodiversity such as the Carton Avenue Masterplan, the Harbour Field Improvement Works, the Lyreen River, the Rye River, the Royal Canal Greenway or via the Outer Orbital Route, having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as archaeology, European sites, biodiversity and amenity value, and the potential to enhance ecological connectivity.	Green Linkages		<b>To be confirmed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● TMOS</li> <li>● CCEW</li> <li>● NPWS</li> <li>● LAWPRO</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.5.7 ACDAL</b>				
To progress work to develop drainage systems and a new wetlands (WWTP) on site to support the future development of ACDAL as a key centre of community and enterprise development in North West Kildare	Wetland development and potential for expansion of the ACDAL site while protecting the biodiversity and environment	Approximately €350,000-€400,000  Applications to be made to LEADER and other funding streams as they emerge	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ACDAL</li> </ul> <b>Support (To be confirmed)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC</li> <li>● CKLP</li> <li>● Other funders</li> </ul>	2024-2026



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3.6 To promote the design and delivery of environmentally sustainable and energy efficient housing, including through the refurbishment and upgrading of existing local authority housing stock.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 3.6.1 KCC- Housing and Regeneration</b>				
Deliver energy efficient housing stock and continue the energy efficiency retrofit programme of council-owned properties.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Deliver climate-friendly properties.</li> <li>Reduce dependence on fossil fuels.</li> <li>-Acquired turnkey properties and properties constructed by the council comply with energy efficiency standards laid in the building regulations.</li> <li>-Meet Energy Efficiency upgrade targets laid down by DHLGH</li> <li>Show and Tell Demo House</li> </ul>	KCC DHLGH	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC- Housing and Regeneration</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● DHLGH</li> <li>● HDCO</li> <li>● CARO</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.6.2 KCC- Housing and Regeneration</b>				
Progress the Maynooth Town Renewal Plan (Sub Project B) District Heating Exploration project in the historic grid town centre.	Consultation complete with residents and building owners with feasibility study report finalised.	€119,925 URDF Funding/KCC match funding	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-Housing and Regeneration</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.6.3 KCC-Climate Office</b>				
Ensure that all affordable homes made available for purchase or for rent by the Council under Housing for All have a Building Energy Rating of B2 as a minimum.	Increased homes at BER B2	DHLGH	<b>To be confirmed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● HR</li> <li>● PEEDES</li> </ul>	2024-2026

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 3.6.4 KCC- Climate Office</b>				
Ensure that all new residential and commercial buildings constructed comply with the Nearly Zero Energy Buildings (NZEB) of the European Energy Performance of Buildings Directive and the Zero-Emission Building (ZEB) standard once implemented and the pending Office of Government Procurement policy on low carbon construction methods, materials and whole life-cycle analysis approaches in all publicly procured projects	Increased compliance of new buildings		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PEEDES</li> </ul>	2024-2026

3.7 Promote and support the development of eco-tourism, particularly in rural Kildare, to diversify farm income, increase use of the Barrow Blueway and Greenways, and increase employment opportunities in line with planning and environmental considerations.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 3.7.1 CKLP</b>				
Support tourism development along the Barrow Blueway and in local communities in Just Transition Areas in line with the Local Development Strategy 2.2 and 2.4 and the SICAP plan.	Eco and regenerative tourism will be progressed over the next two years.	Rural Development (LEADER) Programme. SICAP Programme	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CKLP</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC</li> <li>• LCDC</li> <li>• LEO</li> </ul>	2024 -2026
<b>Action 3.7.2 KCC- Housing and Regeneration</b>				
Progress implementation of the Barrow Blueway Plan to inform, guide and encourage economic development initiatives for local people and visitors to the area.	Blueway Management Plan Visitor Safety Management Policy and Plan Shared Stewardship	Rural Development/ LEADER programme European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development Europe	<b>(To be confirmed)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County Kildare LEADER Partnership Kildare County Council</li> <li>• Waterways Ireland</li> </ul>	2024-2026

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	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 3.7.3 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Identify sustainable and regenerative economic opportunities through stakeholder engagement with cluster groups.	Cluster groups are engaged in economic development of tourism opportunities	INTERREG Project	<b>Shared Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC Eco Dev Fáilte Ireland</li> <li>• Interreg move project Partners</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.7.4 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Animate sustainable and regenerative tourism and placemaking in the Just Transition Regions of Co. Kildare.	Territories most affected by the transition to a climate-neutral economy are supported to sustain livelihoods.	EU Just Transition Fund Regenerative Tourism & Placemaking Scheme for Irelands Midlands 2023-2026	<b>Shared Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC Eco</li> <li>• Dev</li> <li>• Fáilte Ireland</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.7.5 Local Link</b>				
TFI Local Link Kildare South Dublin commits to progressing the launch of Route 888 Athy to Allenwood under the Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan.	Increased accessibility and connectivity for residents, employees and visitors to the Barrow Blueway	Connecting Ireland Programme	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TFI Local Link</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Transport Authority,</li> <li>• KCC</li> </ul>	2024-2025
<b>Action 3.7.6 KCC-Climate</b>				
Support the tourism industry in the sustainable delivery of the objectives of Ireland's Ancient East Regional Tourism Development Strategy 2023 – 2027 through enabling reductions in the carbon footprint of the tourism sector, supporting creation of transformational green infrastructural assets, and growing sustainable, green and eco-tourism in the area.	Ecotourism Visitors	Not secured	<b>To be confirmed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC</li> <li>• Into Kildare,</li> <li>• Failte Ireland, Tourism sector</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.7.7 KCC-Climate</b>				
Support the agriculture sector in diversifying to sustainable agriculture practices such as the Signpost Programme as well as agritourism and agroforestry practices	Increased hectares for sustainable farming	Teagasc/DAFM	<b>To be confirmed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CPCS,</li> <li>• CCEW,</li> <li>• Agri sector and agents</li> </ul>	2024-2026

3.8 That Kildare will be a leader in low-carbon development, with a focus on sustainable sectors including the circular/green economy, land use diversification and the potential of the bioeconomy, and that this leadership be recognised nationally and internationally

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 3.8.1 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Fully endorse and support the development of the national cluster of Smart Energy technologies incorporating the relevant Kildare companies to encourage the goal of a climate-neutral county	A strong cluster of Smart Energy technologies	SEAI Maynooth Works KCC LEO	<b>To be confirmed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC Eco Dev LEO</li> <li>● K-Hub network</li> <li>● SEAI</li> <li>● Maynooth Works</li> <li>● CARO</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.8.2 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
To promote companies within the green economy with specifically targeted training, as well as a suite of supports	Companies within the green economy have the knowledge needed to build and compete	LEO KCC Eco Dev	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC Eco Dev LEO</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.8.3 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Support Maynooth as Kildare's DZ Town through economic development and LEO commitment to create outreach to support businesses to develop locally	A more sustainable economy within the Maynooth DZ.	KCC; LEO	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC Eco Dev LEO</li> </ul>	Ongoing
<b>Action 3.8.4 KCC- Climate Office</b>				
Promote greater community and business engagement on climate action, circular economy, energy, water conservation, sustainable mobility and biodiversity through events such as Earth Kildare LEO will promote Green Micro, Lean programmes, focused Energy Efficiency Briefing Series and capital programmes demonstrating circular economy principles with a focus on SMEs.		Various sources	<b>To be confirmed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC</li> <li>● CCEW</li> <li>● LEO</li> <li>● PPN</li> </ul>	2024-2026

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	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 3.8.5 KCC- Climate Office</b>				
Implement a wider rollout of segregated brown bin collection systems across the county to capture this resource for treatment in Anaerobic Digestion plants for recovery of biomethane in line with the National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy.	Increased % Households with Kerbside Brown Bin Access	Private enterprise	<b>To be confirmed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC</li> <li>● CCEW</li> <li>● NWCPO</li> <li>● Waste Collectors</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.8.6 KCC- Climate Office</b>				
Support the introduction of bioeconomy infrastructure and initiatives that align with the policies of the Kildare Climate Action Plan and the National Bioeconomy Action Plan 2023-2025.		Private enterprise	<b>To be confirmed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CCEW</li> <li>● Private industry</li> </ul>	2024-2026

3.9 That the Agricultural sector will be supported and will continue to be an important part of the county’s economy while transitioning to reduce emissions and become more sustainable.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 3.9.1 KCC-Climate Office</b>				
Support farmers in the shift toward a low-carbon and climate resilient agriculture sector in County Kildare including the diversification of farming practices to increased tillage, horticulture, or alternative land uses.	Agriculture Emissions (tonnes per hectare)	EU, DAFM Private	<b>To be confirmed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CCEW,</li> <li>● Agri sector</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.9.2 KCC-Climate Office</b>				
Support and promote the Signpost Advisory Programme to support climate and sustainability actions on farms.	Increased numbers of farmers signed up to Signpost Programme	Teagasc	<b>To be confirmed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CCEW</li> <li>● DAFM</li> <li>● Agri Sector</li> </ul>	2024-2026

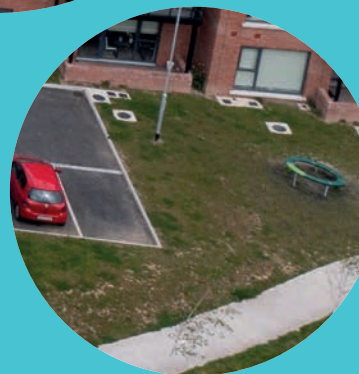


	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 3.9.3 KCC-Climate Office</b>				
Promote the shift to organic farming within the county.	Increased numbers of organic farmers	DAFM, Private	<b>To be confirmed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CCEW,</li> <li>● DAFM,</li> <li>● Agri Sector</li> <li>● IOA</li> <li>● Organic Trust</li> <li>● Teagasc</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.9.4 KCC-Climate Office</b>				
Support farmers in reducing chemical nitrogen fertiliser use by 20% by 2030, increasing the use of protected urea and increasing the uptake of low emission slurry spreading to 90% of farms.	Reduced Chemical Fertiliser Use in the Co. (tonnes)	DAFM	<b>To be confirmed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CCEW</li> <li>● DAFM</li> <li>● Agri Sector</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.9.5 KCC-Climate Office</b>				
Provide technical supports to farming enterprises in the development of biomethane from Anaerobic Digestion, including guidance on planning and environmental protection requirements.	Increased Total Tonnes Waste Treated by Anaerobic Digestion	Government Programme of capital grants for Anaerobic Digestors	<b>To be confirmed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CCEW</li> <li>● Agri sector</li> <li>● GNI</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.9.6 KCC-Climate Office</b>				
N26 Support farmers in reducing the crude protein content of animal feed, increasing the focus on low-methane traits within animal breeding programmes and encouraging processors and farmers to reduce the average age of slaughter to 24 – 25 months from the current average of 26.5 months.	Reduced crude protein content of animal feed	DAFM	<b>To be confirmed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CCEW</li> <li>● Agri sector</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 3.9.7 KCC-Climate Office</b>				
Support the agriculture sector in diversifying to sustainable agriculture practices such as the Signpost Programme as well as agritourism and agroforestry practices.	Increased hectares for sustainable farming.	Teagasc, DAFM, Failte Ireland	<b>To be confirmed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CPCS</li> <li>● Agri Sector</li> <li>● CCEW</li> </ul>	2024-2026

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	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 3.9.8 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
To support agricultural diversification and sustainable rural development across Kildare	Increased farm diversification and economic resilience.	CKLP; KCC; Failte Ireland	<b>To be confirmed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-LCDC</li> <li>● CKLP</li> <li>● LEO</li> <li>● Teagasc</li> <li>● Failte Ireland</li> </ul>	2024-2026

# Implementation Plan Actions High Level Goal Four



**Sustainable Community Development Objectives**

4.1 To fully utilise recently developed strategic plans highlighting the need for additional resourcing to respond to the needs of children, young people, older people, vulnerable communities, Family Resource Centres, Travellers, and other groups.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 4.1.1 KCC-Community</b>				
Respond to opportunities for national and local funding, as they emerge, to progress priorities identified in strategic plans developed by KCC and in collaboration with other organisations	Increased funding to support infrastructure and programme implementation including staffing.	As announced	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-Community-LCDC</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Other sections KCC</li> <li>● CYPSC</li> <li>● Other organisations statutory, voluntary</li> <li>● Local communities</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 4.1.2 KCC-Community</b>				
To continue to identify and secure resourcing for a swimming pool in North Kildare	Funding secured to progress the development of a swimming pool in North Kildare		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 4.1.3 KCC</b>				
Enhance existing IT systems to support decision making and the governance of grant schemes.	User IT friendly system to aid decision making and governance		To be confirmed	2024-2026
<b>Action 4.1.4- KCC- KSP</b>				
Secure additional sports development funding and resources to address the needs of an ever-increasing population.	Increased and improved sport and recreation infrastructure and resourcing	Not secured National funding streams Sports Capital funding Sport Ireland Other funding streams	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC- Kildare Sports Partnership</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sport Ireland</li> <li>● Dept. of TCAGSM</li> </ul>	2024-2026

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 4.1.5 Family Resource Centres- Existing</b>				
Continue to develop and expand the resourcing available to the four existing Family Resource Centres in line with their priorities - including the finalisation of the building extension and fitout of Newbridge Family Resource Centre.	Increased community space, supports and services for children, young people, older people, and vulnerable communities.		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newbridge, The Curragh, Teach Dara and Athy FRC</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tusla</li> <li>• KWETB</li> <li>• CYPSC</li> <li>• KCC</li> <li>• And other funding partners</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 4.1.6 Family Resource Centres- Expansion</b>				
Expand the provision of Family Support Services through the FRC or other identified programmes, targeting the most vulnerable families and communities in Kildare - particularly in West and North Kildare	Two centres working with vulnerable families	To be costed	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC-LCDC and CYPSC</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding partners-</li> <li>• Tusla,</li> <li>• KWETB</li> <li>• KCC</li> <li>• National funding</li> <li>• Local communities</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 4.1.7 CYPSC</b>				
To develop and submit a joint CYPSC/LCDC application under the Local Area Child Poverty Action Plan pilot programme.	Application developed and submitted	Department of Children, Disability, Equality, Integration & Youth  Department of Rural & Community Development	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYPSC-Tusla</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC- LCDC</li> <li>• LCDC/CYPSC member organisations</li> </ul>	2024
<b>Action 4.1.8 KCC-Housing and Regeneration</b>				
Provision of grants to private householders (Housing Aid and Housing Adaptation) to allow for essential repairs to properties and the adaptation of properties to meet the needs of persons with a disability in line with plan priorities.	Deliver scheme of grants in accordance with funding provided by the DHLGH to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Upgrade private housing stock.</li> <li>-Assist people to continue living in their home.</li> </ul>	KCC, DHLGH	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC-Housing and Regeneration</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DHLGH</li> </ul>	2024-2026

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	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 4.1.9 CKLP</b>				
Support the development of consortia, philanthropic funding and networks for new funding opportunities to respond to the needs of the communities in the county - particularly the most excluded.	Increased funding available to CKLP to carry out its work.		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CKLP</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC-LCDC</li> </ul>	2024 - 2026
<b>Action 4.1.10 KCC- Climate Office</b>				
Embed climate considerations in budgeting process, to be an exemplar in green procurement such as through specifying low carbon methods and materials in construction. Consider testing a construction Circular Economy public procurement training clause in the tendering process utilising BUSGoCircular.	Green Public Procurement		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KCC -Climate</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FDSIG,</li> <li>• CCEW,</li> <li>• KCC Enterprise LEO,</li> <li>• Co Kildare Chamber,</li> <li>• TUS</li> </ul>	2024-2026

4.2 To highlight and seek resourcing to expand education provision, particularly targeting secondary provision in the north and high-growth areas of the county. In addition to increasing the number of DEIS schools in the county.<sup>5</sup>

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 4.2.1 KWETB</b>				
KWETB (where patron) will develop and support 2nd level school development with support from the Department of Education	Increased school completions	Department of Education	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KWETB for patron schools</li> </ul>	2024-2026

<sup>5</sup> DEIS stands for Delivering Equality of Opportunity In Schools. It aims to address educational disadvantage by providing additional resources and supports to schools in socioeconomically disadvantaged areas.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 4.2.2 KWETB</b>				
To continue to work with all relevant agencies to highlight the increasing needs for education service provision - particularly in North Kildare	Increased service delivery.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All agencies</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 4.2.3 KCC- LCDC</b>				
Building on the Census 2022 datasets, prepare a short briefing document outlining current DEIS provision in order to identify gaps which will be used to seek increased provision in Kildare.	Briefing document and work to highlight gaps with long term outcome of increased DEIS provision		<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KCC- LCDC</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KCC-Planning</li> <li>CYPSC</li> <li>Education Providers</li> <li>KWETB</li> </ul>	2024-2026

4.3 To continue to highlight the need for ongoing, committed and sustainable resources to reduce social exclusion and to prevent further increases in the gap between affluence and poverty in the county.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 4.3.1 KPPN</b>				
A National Sustainable Funding model is required to continue the ongoing work of the Kildare PPN.	A National sustainable model is in place	A committed budget of €150000 per annum approx	<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KPPN</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KCC</li> <li>DRCD</li> </ul>	2024 - 2026
<b>Action 4.3.2 KCC-LCDC</b>				
Using evidence-based approaches, prioritise existing and advocate for additional resources to target the most excluded across Kildare through programmes such as SICAP, Sláintecare Healthy Communities, LEADER, Healthy Ireland and grant schemes.	Increased resourcing available and a targeted approach to resource allocation		<p><b>Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KCC- LCDC</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statutory and Voluntary sector bodies</li> </ul>	2024-2026



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**Sustainable Economic Development Objectives**

4.4 To promote Kildare as the location of choice for new Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and support existing FDI companies in sustaining and expanding their business.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 4.4.1 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
To continue to strengthen relations with large economies such as the USA, East-Asia, and the EU to promote Kildare as a location for international investment.	A strong relationship which will encourage international investment	KCC Co Kildare Chamber of Commerce	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC- Economic Development <b>Support</b> ● IDA ● Co Kildare Chamber	2024-2026
<b>Action 4.4.2 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Create a Kildare brand with a specific tagline for FDI appeal: Innovate Kildare	Single Brand with clear identifying FDI USP's of Kildare.	KCC	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC-Econ Dev <b>Support</b> ● Co Kildare Chamber	2024-2026
<b>Action 4.4.3 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Identify and lever investment into County Kildare through diaspora engagement and networks.	Develop a database of people with a connection to Kildare which will encourage investment.	KCC	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Econ Dev <b>Support</b> Co Kildare Chamber	2024-2026
<b>Action 4.4.4 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
To continue to engage with FDIs through industry round table forums to inform KCC of the needs of FDIs (or IDA Clients) already in Kildare and encourage other FDIs to locate in Kildare.	Gathering of FDI's with the KCC Chief Executive and Economic Development department	KCC	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Econ Dev <b>Support</b> ● Co Kildare Chamber ● IDA ● FDI community	Q4 2024
<b>Action 4.4.5 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Develop pre-planning protocol for all investment enquiries.	Excellence in customer service provided to all enquiries	KCC	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC-Econ Dev <b>Support</b> ● K-Hub network	2024-2026

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 4.4.6 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Create bespoke digital marketing material to build awareness of commercial opportunity within Kildare.	Suite of Marketing Materials to promote Kildare	KCC	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC-Econ Dev	2024-2026
<b>Action 4.4.7 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Compile, update and publish information on the supply of marketable commercial buildings and zoned sites for potential development in County Kildare.	Relevant Data Base of office and zoned land available	KCC	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC-Econ Dev	2024-2026
<b>Action 4.4.8 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Operate a property inquiry service connecting incoming business to the county with property vendors/ agents.	Incoming entrepreneurs and businesses in operation are connected to suitable properties and LEO services	KCC	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Econ Dev	2024-2026



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**Sustainable Shared Community Development and Economic Development Objectives**

4.5 To utilise the social infrastructure audits carried out as part of KCC Local Area Planning to allocate existing resources and work with Government Departments and Agencies to identify funding opportunities to inform funding applications to support community and economic development across the county.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 4.5.1 KCC- Community LCDC- Enterprise</b>				
Continue to gather and analyse data, with external expert support as required, to develop an IT based system that will fully utilise and build on the Census datasets 2022 and the social infrastructure audits compiled by KCC planning.	Up to date accessible, IT based system to inform resource allocation, programme and infrastructure development		<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-Community LCDC and Econ Dev</li> </ul> <b>Support (To be confirmed)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC-planning and other sections</li> <li>● Other statutory and community organisations</li> <li>● Maynooth University</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 4.5.2 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Identify suitable funding opportunities which could encourage growth and competitiveness in our SMEs.	SMEs suitably funded to grow and be competitive	Private/Public/ EC calls	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC LEO</li> <li>● KCC Eco Dev</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 4.5.3 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Assist businesses with funding calls from Central Government and State Agencies as they arise.	Sectoral future proofing and greater ability to compete	LEO; KCC	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC LEO</li> <li>● KCC Eco Dev</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Central Government and State Agencies</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 4.5.4 KCC- Economic Development</b>				
Continue to communicate with relevant agencies to identify funding opportunities that encourage economic growth within the county.	Sustained economic growth throughout the county	KCC; LEO	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KCC Eco Dev</li> </ul>	2024-2026

4.6 To ensure that the systems are in place to collate and analyse accurate and timely data to inform resource priorities and allocations for business and community development across the county. This includes data to supplement the Haase deprivation index for Kildare.

	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 4.6.1 KCC- Community LCDC and Enterprise</b>				
(Linked to action 4.51) Ensure that deprivation and exclusion related data is regularly gathered and analysed with external expert support as required, to build on the data collated by AIRO Census 2022, the social infrastructure audits compiled by KCC planning, and other sources in an easily accessible online format.	Accurate accessible data focusing on deprivation to inform targeted planning, and resource allocation.		<b>Lead</b> ● KCC-Community LCDC and Econ Dev  <b>Support (To be confirmed)</b> ● KCC-planning and other sections Other statutory and community organisations ● Maynooth University	2024-2026
<b>Action 4.6.2 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
To explore the use of a CRM system to track client interactions and progression pathways that is compatible with Enterprise Ireland reporting systems	Client journey is mapped	KCC; LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev; LEO	Q4 2026
<b>Action 4.6.3 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Utilise GIS or other visualization software to map local assets and data.	Evidence-based decision-making is supported.	KCC; LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev; LEO	2024-2026
<b>Action 4.6.4 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Analyse client data to best inform support actions and promotion	Targeted supported provided to business community	KCC; LEO	<b>Lead</b> ● KCC Eco Dev; LEO	2024-2026
<b>Action 4.6.5 KCC-Economic Development</b>				
Map the K Hub provision and access support structures and proximity to childcare/schools/ doctors/gyms/ETBs – ease of access/collection/ safety.	Activation of parents particularly women back to work	KCC Eco Dev team	● Eco Dev team	Q 3 2024

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	Outcomes	Cost/Source of finance	Lead and Support Partners	Timeframe
<b>Action 4.6.6 SURF</b>				
Ensure that drug support services are contributing to the National Drug Treatment Reporting System including the Drug Related Intimidation reporting	Improved data contributing to improved planning and resource allocation	SURF	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SURF</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NVDA</li> </ul>	2024-2026
<b>Action 4.6.7 HSE- Health and Wellbeing &amp; KCC-LCDC</b>				
Develop an agreed business case for future Sláintecare Healthy Communities sites in Kildare	Potential development of future Sláintecare Healthy Community areas	Dept of Health	<b>Lead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HSE,</li> <li>• KCC-LCDC</li> </ul> <b>Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community partners</li> </ul>	2024-2025

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