



STATEMENT ON DRAFT GALWAY LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN 2024-2030

The Northern and Western Regional Assembly at its meeting of 15 November 2024, in accordance with the powers set out in Section 66C 2(c) and 3(c) of the *Local Government Act 2001* (as amended) and following consideration of the Draft Local Economic and Community Plan (DLECP) for Galway County have determined that the DLECP is generally consistent with:

- (i) The Core Strategy and Development Objectives of the Galway County Development Plan 2022 - 2029 and
 - (ii) The Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2020-2032 for the Northern and Western Region.
- (1) The Plan could be enhanced in its consistency with the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2020-2032 through the clear recognition (beyond Sec. 3.2) of Tuam and Ballinasloe as distinct from the other major settlements in Galway County, owing to the fact these places are identified as Key Towns within Chapter 3 of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2020-2032, which commits Spatial and Economic Policy to recognise same, and adopt measures which will assist in accelerated development for both towns in demographic and employment growth.
 - (2) With regard to (1) above, consideration be given to the introduction of the Population Growth to Employment Growth ambition to reflect the ratio of 2:1 (Population / Jobs) outlined within the National Planning Framework and Regional Strategy for the main settlements in Galway, with particular focus on the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy Key Towns of Tuam and Ballinasloe.

The Assembly in considering this matter had regard to the guidance set out in the Local Economic and Community Plans Guidelines 2021 and the report presented by the Director of the Assembly in relation to the preparation of the plan that confirms:

- a) that the Economic elements of the DLECP are generally consistent with the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and the Galway County Development Plan;
- b) that the Community elements of the DLECP are generally consistent with the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and the Galway County Development Plan: and
- c) that the Economic and Community elements of the DLECP are consistent with each other.
- d) Consistency would be enhanced by incorporating Conclusions 1 and 2 above.

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Director

DATED this 15th day of November 2024

