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Social Inclusion

Objectives and Supporting Strategies



SI

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To embed the principle of social inclusion in all policies, practices and service delivery, in recognition of the diversity, equality and right to inclusion of all people

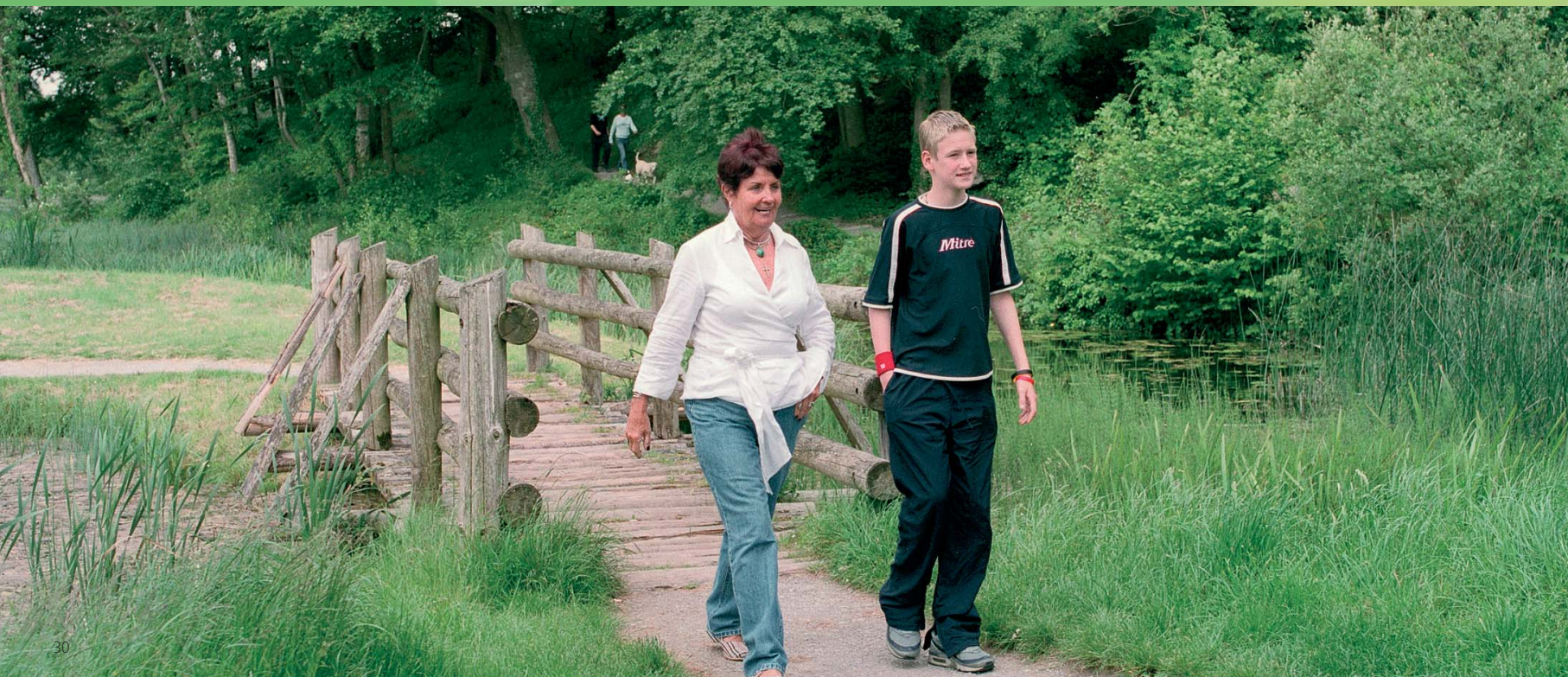
Supporting Strategies

- SI1:** To ensure that Council services and facilities are inclusive and accessible for all, where possible.
- SI2:** To review all activities of the Council so as to assess the likely impact of policies and programmes on poverty and inequality.
- SI3:** To promote awareness of the needs of the socially excluded
- SI4:** To support the objectives of the National Anti-Poverty Strategy by the development of a Local Anti-Poverty Strategy

“To improve the quality of life of the people of Limerick through **supporting the provision of social, community, cultural and recreational initiatives and facilities** in order to ensure a healthy and vibrant community.”

Quality of Life

Objectives and Supporting Strategies



QL 8.2

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To improve the quality of life of the people of Limerick through supporting the provision of social, community, cultural and recreational initiatives and facilities in order to ensure a healthy and vibrant community.

Supporting Strategies

A. Library Service

- QL1:** To act as a focal point for the social, community and cultural life in the county by extending the joys of reading, lifelong learning and discovery to all and promoting the positive and creative use of leisure time.
- QL2:** To support and co-operate with the formal and informal education systems.

B. Arts Service

- QL3:** To continue to operate a comprehensive arts service, specifically in the core areas of programming, special projects, advice and information, grants and bursaries.

C. Health, Lifestyles and Active Communities

- QL4:** To encourage people to adopt a healthy lifestyle and to engage in a wider variety of leisure activities.
- QL5:** To promote participation in voluntary activity and to provide support to communities to enable their full participation in the economic, social and cultural life of the County.
- QL6:** To promote and facilitate, in partnership with the community and other agencies, the development of community and recreational facilities in the county.
- QL7:** To support the objectives of the National Children's Strategy (2000), in consultation with children, in the provision of necessary facilities.

“To ensure that all people of County Limerick have **adequate accommodation** appropriate to their needs”

Housing

Objectives and Supporting Strategies



HS

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To ensure that all people of County Limerick have adequate accommodation appropriate to their needs.

Supporting Strategies

- HS1:** The delivery of accommodation, in as far as is possible, will be undertaken in a co-ordinated manner that is reflective of needs, area preference and is also sustainable and socially inclusive.
- HS2:** To ensure that necessary resources are sought for the provision, maintenance, management and planning of all social and affordable accommodation options.
- HS3:** To ensure that the highest possible standards in design, construction and sustainability will be promoted in the provision of quality housing developments.
- HS4:** To implement, prepare and review the provisions of the Housing Strategy, Housing Action Plan, Traveller Accommodation Programme, Homeless Strategy and various policies having regard to the principles of equality and social inclusion.
- HS5:** To provide and support the provision of accommodation where possible, to cater for persons with specific needs such as persons with a disability, the elderly, Travellers and homeless persons.
- HS6:** To promote, facilitate and support the role of the voluntary sector in the provision of social accommodation.

“To provide and maintain a **safe and effective transportation network within the County**, incorporating the principles of sustainable development, social inclusion and environmentally friendly work practices.”

Transportation

Objectives and Supporting Strategies



RRD

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To provide and maintain a safe and effective transportation network within the County incorporating the principles of sustainable development, social inclusion and environmentally friendly work practices.

Supporting Strategies

- RD1:** To implement in a safe and efficient manner the Multi-Annual Roads Reconstruction Programme on Non-National Roads.
- RD2:** To maintain the Roads Network to the highest possible standard.
- RD3:** To design and construct in conjunction with the National Roads Authority, the Southern and Eastern Regional Assembly, all new roads in a manner which provides for all road users.
- RD4:** To promote road safety awareness in conjunction with other state agencies and to implement and effect safety measures where appropriate.
- RD5:** To continue with the implementation of Traffic Management Systems in towns, villages and city environs where appropriate.
- RD6:** To facilitate and assist other Government Departments and agencies in implementing the National Development Plan, through the development of the roads network.
- RD7:** To encourage, in consultation with relevant agencies, the use of public and sustainable transport systems and provide for same, where possible.
- RD8:** To provide a high quality, efficient and customer friendly Motor Tax service.

“To ensure the provision of adequate water supplies and wastewater disposal facilities in a manner which **safeguards the environment and public health** and underpins the sustainable development of the County.”

Water Services

Objectives and Supporting Strategies



WWS

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To ensure the provision of adequate water supplies and wastewater disposal facilities in a manner which safeguards the environment and public health and underpins the sustainable development of the County.

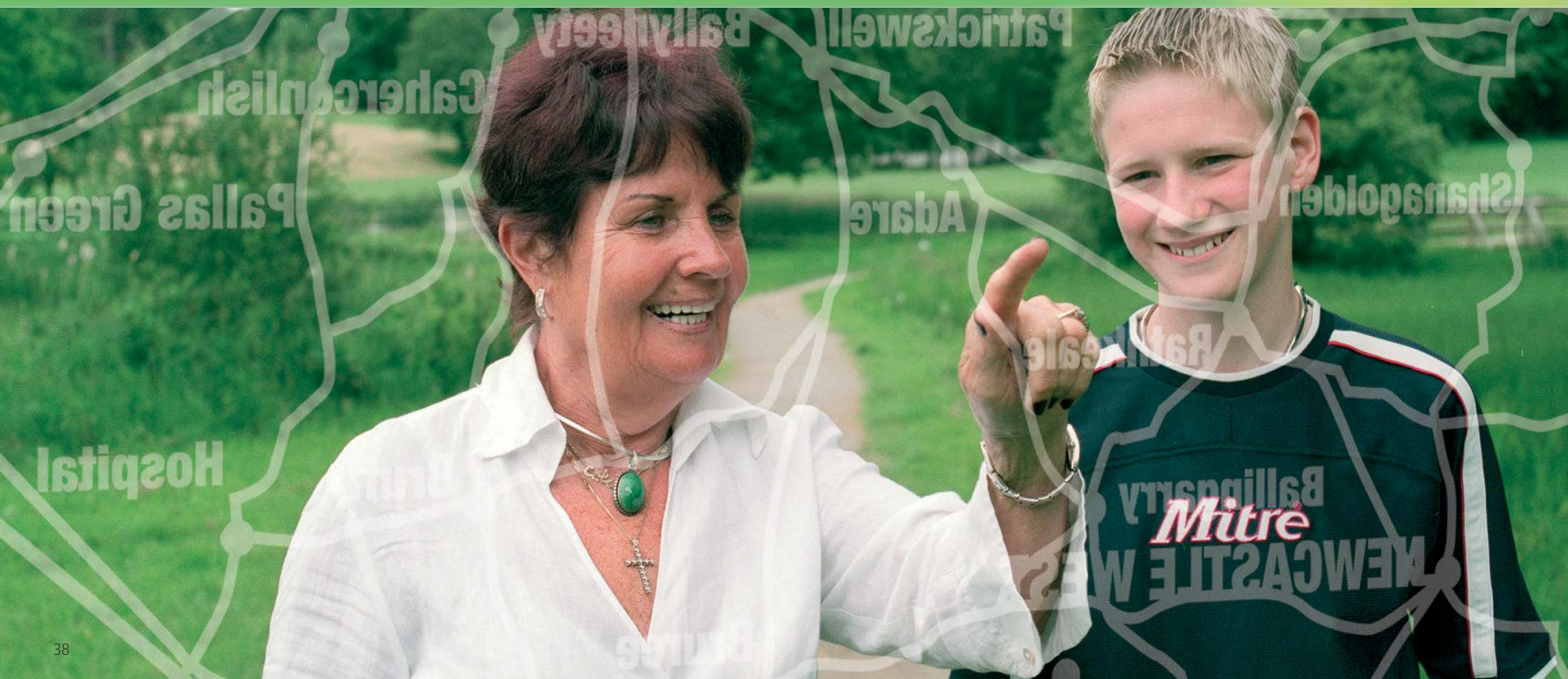
Supporting Strategies

- WS1:** To ensure, in as far as is practicable, that each household shall have access to a potable water supply monitored in accordance with the provisions of the Drinking Water Regulations.
- WS2:** To improve the wastewater infrastructure capacity throughout the County having regard to the requirements of the Water Framework Directive.
- WS3:** To develop the provision of water services infrastructure consistent with the need for water conservation, sustainability and to meet the future demands in the County.
- WS4:** To implement National and EU Legislation including the Water Framework Directive.
- WS5:** To develop initiatives for small towns and villages in order to accelerate the provision of Water Services infrastructure in these locations.
- WS6:** To promote the Rural Water Programme through the provision and enhancement of water services infrastructure by private group schemes.

“To adopt a positive approach to balanced economic development through the **proper planning and sustainable development** of the County.”

Planning & Economic Development

Objectives and Supporting Strategies



PPD

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To adopt a positive approach to balanced economic development through the proper planning and sustainable development of the County.

Supporting Strategies

- PD1:** To continue to promote the development of the County through the review, preparation and implementation of the County Development Plan, Local Area Plans, the County Development Board Strategy and National/Regional/County-wide strategic planning guidance.
- PD2:** To provide an accessible and transparent development control service through the processing of planning applications and development enquiries in an effective and efficient manner.
- PD3:** To develop further the enforcement system for monitoring unauthorised development and maintain appropriate enforcement procedures.
- PD4:** To continue to pursue opportunities for physical, economic, social and community development, through public – private partnership arrangements and the Development Contribution scheme
- PD5:** To continue to improve and enhance infrastructure in Limerick City Environs, towns, villages and rural areas to facilitate social, economic, residential and industrial development.
- PD6:** To continue to support initiatives that strengthen and consolidate the towns and villages in the County in consultation with local communities and businesses.
- PD7:** To improve communication with the public and facilitate easier access to all planning services and to encourage meaningful public participation in the planning process.

“To protect, conserve and enhance the
natural and built environment of County Limerick”

Environment

Objectives and Supporting Strategies



EN

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To protect, conserve and enhance the natural and built environment of County Limerick.

Supporting Strategies

- EN1:** To promote, develop and implement National and E.U. legislation and policy relating to the protection of the natural and built environment, natural resources and habitats.
- EN2:** To actively pursue local policies that encourage waste minimisation, recovery, reuse and recycling through implementation of the Regional Waste Management Plan and the Litter Management Plan.
- EN3:** To promote public awareness of environmentally friendly lifestyles and practices through educational and media campaigns.
- EN4:** To ensure that an effective emergency service is in place for the protection of life, property and the environment by the provision of fire fighting, fire prevention and civil defence services.
- EN5:** To continue to improve the veterinary, animal control and welfare service.
- EN6:** To provide a satisfactory consumer protection service in association with the Food Safety Authority of Ireland.