Cork City Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2016 – 2021

## FINAL REVIEW

## Pure Cork An Action Plan For The City



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## Review of Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021- Pure Cork

The outgoing LECP 2016-2021 entitled 'Pure Cork- An Action Plan for the City' was the first plan of its kind and so it was important that a comprehensive review was undertaken to help identify the learnings to be brought forward to improve upon the development and implementation of the new plan. A traffic light review showed how 87% (206 actions), of all actions were completed 10% (24 actions) commenced by behind schedule and only 3% (7 actions) were not started. This demonstrated a very high success rate however, it also highlighted that the majority of these actions were completed after the first two years of the plan. Therefore, the new plan would need to consider a way of evaluating actions regularly to enable new actions to be added over the lifetime of the plan.

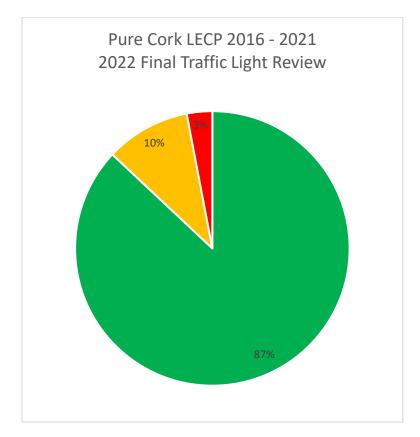


Fig. 4- Piechart showing the results of a traffic light assessment of actions from the LECP 2016-2021 (Green: Completed, Orange: Ongoing but behind schedule, Red: Not yet started)

As well as the traffic light review, an in-person review workshop took place in October 2022 with the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) to facilitate a more qualitative review. This helped us draw together the below list positive outcomes of 'Pure Cork' as well as the challenges and areas that could be improved in the next plan.

**Positive Outcomes:** 

- Very high rate of actions completed
- Helped stakeholders to strategically align, have shared objectives and actions and collaborate
- Mutually supportive economic + community actions
- Helped NGOs secure funding
- Action-driven

- Cross referencing of cross-sectoral actions into one plan
- Positive shift towards evidence based (EB) culture and local authority strategic planning

Learnings for new LECP development:

- Too many High-Level Goals and Objectives made it difficult to evaluate and monitor
- Separate streams for economic & community elements- need integrated approach
- Action compiled from other plans, not strategic
- Actions completed too early on and new actions not added over the lifetime of the plan
- Actions not SMART, did not have KPIs
- Not enough guidance from government departments on implementation, review and monitoring

A graphic harvest was done on the discussions of the day as featured below.





