

Theme 2 Economic Development, Employment and Enterprise

There are 6 actions provided below with their context.

Action 1 - this part of the development plan needs to be tied to the SDGs which are not mentioned in your questions despite being the international standard for sustainability. Every action needs to name the SDGs it impacts. **Action 2 - All actions need targets for which human resources and material resources are committed and time lines set.**

1. How do we address pockets of socioeconomic disadvantage in the city? Social Enterprises need affordable space and incentivisation. Through their progress all socioeconomic cohorts will benefit.
2. How do we spread the benefits of economic growth across all sectors of society? By supporting social enterprises groups from all backgrounds can provide sustainable services and jobs. **Action 3 Social Enterprises need support, they need to be provided space and incentives in the lifetime of this plan.**
3. How can planning policy support the principles of a circular economy in the city? We need to **Action 4 establish at least one hub of social enterprises based in sustainability. This hub needs to be fully established in the life of this development plan.** We have a number of city based SEs who collaborate and are waiting for space and incentives.
4. How can planning policy support decarbonisation of economic growth? **Action 5 establish a comprehensive assessment of sustainable and integrated building opportunities (this must include consultation with the public).**
5. How do we sustain jobs and businesses in the City Centre with competition from online retail? There has been relatively poor support of SEs, we need to address this urgently.
6. How do we realise the economic benefit of our rich cultural, heritage assets and further support the development of the creative economy? **Action 6 Social Enterprises need support, they need to be provided space and incentives in the lifetime of this plan.**
7. What infrastructure is required in the city to support the development of enterprises of all sizes? It needs to be well planned, integrated and sustainable, please see answer to question 1 in theme 8 – energy and infrastructure.
8. What policies can we introduce through the development plan to support a vibrant, diverse and inclusive night time economy in Galway City? Before we do this we need to support local businesses and especially SEs. Galway is renowned for its nightlife already. It is not known for its support of SEs.