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Notes submitted to recent special meeting of this SPC to discuss latest draft of Wexford LECP.

The draft LECP is very extensive covering, as it does, all bases. Well done!

Our success in following words with actions rather than good intentions may not be so easy. That said, it is important to have something to aim for. The flexibility included in the plan is good whereby the success of policy can be reviewed and, if necessary, changes made as required.

Overall, job well done. I have noted a few comments/observations below.

#### SCOT

##### Opportunities

The development of a new SETU campus in Wexford may lead to the county retaining a greater % of graduates through new start-ups and the employment of those graduates in existing southeast-based enterprises.

##### Constraints / Threats

Climate change: erosion/flooding will impact on infrastructure - roads, rail, housing, business; milder and wetter Winters will have a deleterious effect on built structures; longer periods of drought will impact on agriculture/food production.

A greater long term effect of climate change (along with increased geo-political tensions, uneven/slowing global economic development, trade protectionism) will be a possible big rise in inwards migration.

##### Constraints

Under development of Wexford's tourism offering (better nurturing of key festivals/events; addressing shortage of hotel beds and camping/glamping sites; building on county's stock of greenways, walkways, cycle ways; development of water-based activities; greater focus on uplands)

##### Goals (under whatever appropriate headings)

- More local producer markets
  
- Development of large-scale 'bring' centres near urban centres for recyclables/reusables, ideally with small spin-offs.
  
- Transport  
short/medium term: look at developing regular shuttle train service Gorey-Dublin.  
long term: develop twin track rail connection Rosslare-Dublin and Rosslare-Waterford, designed for passenger and freight.

General ...

Global economy

Potential for big headwinds going forward - economic, climate and geopolitical with potential to cause major disruption nationally and globally. Consider including a separate chapter on Crisis Management!