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# VISION FOR COMMUNITY WELLBEING

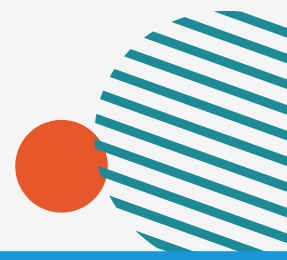
NAAS MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

# VISION

# FOR COMMUNITY WELLBEING



This vision is based on the findings from a comprehensive consultation process which included an in-person consultation held in McAuley place on September 14th 2023 coupled with the results of an online survey that followed. The process ensured that every opportunity was given to ensure maximum participation. Several key recommendations emerged to shape the community wellbeing vision for Naas Municipal District. Creating a community wellbeing vision necessitates a holistic approach addressing various aspects of Health, Economy, Social Development, Environment, and more. This comprehensive vision encapsulates a balanced approach, striving for a prosperous and harmonious community within the Naas MD area.





## HEALTH (PHYSICAL AND MENTAL)

We envision a Naas MD where every resident enjoys equitable access to high-quality healthcare, promoting physical health, mental well-being, and preventive care. Our community will foster active lifestyles, safe environments, and mental health programmes, ensuring a healthy and vibrant population.

## ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

We envision a sustainable Naas MD that prioritises environmental preservation, conservation, and renewable energy adoption. Our community will strive for carbon neutrality, waste reduction, and green infrastructure, ensuring a harmonious coexistence with nature for generations to come.

## VALUES, CULTURE AND MEANING

Our vision for Naas MD centres on a community that cherishes and promotes shared values of respect, empathy, and compassion. We will embrace our cultural diversity, honouring traditions while embracing progressive attitudes, instilling a sense of purpose and belonging for every individual.

## ECONOMY AND RESOURCES

Our vision is a thriving Naas MD economy that encourages sustainable growth, innovation, and inclusive opportunities for all. We will promote diverse industries, support small businesses, and prioritise resource management to ensure long-term economic stability while safeguarding our environment.



## SOCIAL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

We would like a connected and cohesive community in Naas MD, where inclusivity, equality, and diversity are celebrated. Our community will provide opportunities for education, skill development, and social engagement, fostering a sense of belonging, understanding, and unity among its residents.

## PARTICIPATION, DEMOCRACY & GOOD GOVERNANCE

In Naas MD, we aspire to uphold a participatory democracy that values transparency, accountability, and citizen engagement. We aim to encourage active involvement of residents in decision-making processes, fostering a sense of ownership and trust in local governance, promoting a better future for all.



# RECOMMENDATIONS

A number of strong themes came to the fore during the consultation and recommendations from attendees are as follows:

## Health and Wellbeing:

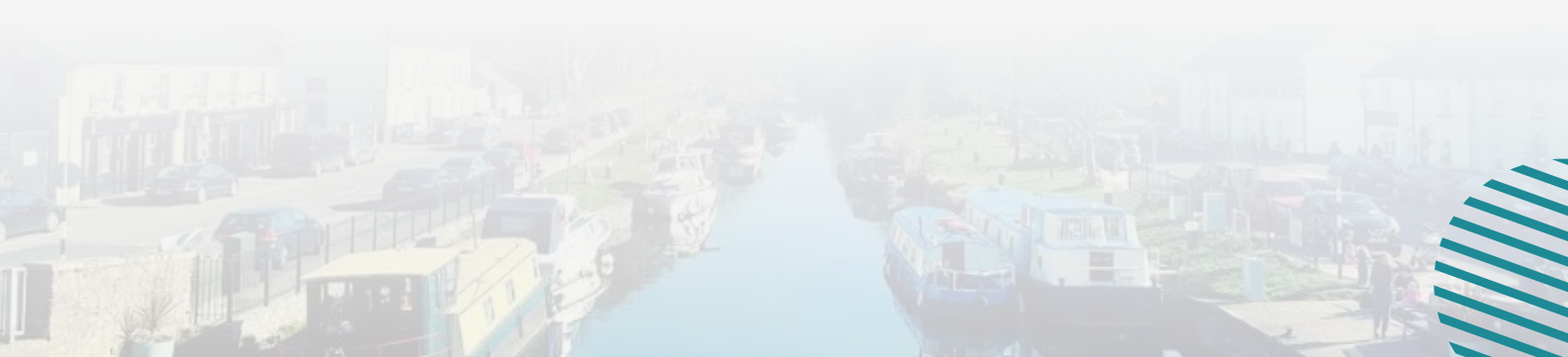
- Establishment of a comprehensive, accessible healthcare system focusing on both physical and mental health.
- Improved mental health and addiction prevention services, especially for the youth.
- Active promotion of community-based initiatives encouraging physical activity and healthy lifestyles.

## Community Enhancement:

- Nurturing a strong community identity through heritage celebration and unifying activities.
- Leveraging technology to enhance connectivity and opportunities in rural areas.
- Ensuring transparency and inclusivity in community meetings and decision-making processes.

## Sustainable Development:

- Commitment to a seamless transition to renewable energy sources.
- Community-led waste reduction initiatives and efficient resource use.
- Priority on the development of green spaces and active travel infrastructure.



# RECOMMENDATIONS

## Environmental Protection

- Establishment of a National Peatlands Park in Kildare.
- Implementation of robust measures to protect watercourses from pollution and agricultural runoff.
- Alignment of all policies and initiatives with the UN Sustainable Development Goals for environmental sustainability.

## Support for Local Enterprises:

- Streamlined supports for local businesses, reducing bureaucratic obstacles.
- Enhancement of public transport facilities to ensure accessibility and convenience for all residents.







# CONCLUSION

Our Wellbeing Vision for the Naas Municipal District encapsulates a holistic and intertwined approach to sustainability, community enhancement, comprehensive healthcare, environmental protection, and robust support for local enterprises, ensuring a harmonious, healthy, and sustainable future for all our residents. Addressing these priorities will require collaboration between community members, the local authority, and relevant stakeholders, working together to realize this vision for a thriving and sustainable town.

