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To whom it may concern,

The Transition Galway 2030 Vision document is available in pdf form at
<https://avisionforgalway2030.files.wordpress.com/2015/12/vd-bookleta4interactive.pdf>

In April, 2013 Transition Galway hosted the ‘Galway Visioning Day’ at a local school. The event was launched by the Mayor of Galway City and was an opportunity for the public to share their ideas to create a plan for a low-carbon, sustainable Galway City by the year 2030. Similar plans have been produced for Kinsale, Co. Cork, Totnes in England and many other places around the world.

Phase two of the process happened between March and May 2014, when the group invited the people of Galway to a series of open, free, public visioning events.

The booklet was released in November 2015 and the Mayor and President of the Galway Chamber of Commerce were invited speakers at the event. The launch was also covered on Irish TV, the Irish Times and a number of other news sources.

The contents can also be accessed via the website <https://avisionforgalway2030.wordpress.com>. The website also features a series of films summarising each of the 8 sections.

In each section of the document there is first an explanation of the challenges we face. Also the subheading of each solution outlines which organisations or groups are seen as the change makers to implement that solution.

We hope that this document will in some way go towards creating a better, more resilient Galway and Ireland by 2030. The ideas in the document transposed to many locations and indeed many of the ideas are at National rather than regional level which require Government support to implement.

Regards,

Kieran Cunnane, Caoimhín Ó Maolallaigh, Claire Byrne, Bernard McGlinchey, Coralie Mureau and Mary Greene on behalf of Transition Galway.

FYI the categories and subcategories of solutions are as follows:

ARTS & CULTURE

Galway Craft Gallery
Environmental Film Screenings
Galway Environmental Film Awards
Making Festivals, Events and Venues Greener
Neighbourhood Festivals
Collaboration between Artists and Engineers
An Environmental Festival for Galway
Commissioning Environmental Documentaries
Re-establish a Social Space
Promotion of the Irish Language
A Vibrant Local Media
Actively Creative Citizens
Greater Engagement between Artists and Community Groups
Sustainable Themes, Materials and Methods in Art
Eco-fashion
Promote Local Artistic Talent
Use Public Spaces More Creatively
More Outdoor Performance Spaces
Postcards from 2030
Ethical Design/CoCreators

ECONOMICS

A Truly Sustainable Economic System
Green Jobs
Education & Research on Alternative Economics
Steady State Economy

COMMUNITY & EDUCATION

Galway City Council becomes a Council in Transition
A Vibrant Local Democracy
An Expanded Local Agenda 21 Scheme
Community Celebrations
Green Events
Support Intentional Communities
A Vibrant Voluntary Sector
Poster Booths for Community Events
A Resilient Youth
Emphasis on Practical Education
More Distance Learning
Environmental Education Broadcasting
Intergenerational Learning
Community Day for All
Education in the Community
Green Educational Infrastructure & Practices
More Lifelong Education
Education in Sustainability
Jobs in Urban Sustainable Food Production
Galway Sports Day/Week
Green Pastimes

ENERGY

Low Energy Lifestyles
Energy Efficiency
Centre for Practical Sustainability for Galway
Energy Storage

Social Enterprise

More Fairtrade

Divestment from Dirty Industries

A Strong Ethical Banking Sector

Shorter Working Week Models

Alternative Methods of Trading

A Local Currency (Corribs)

Make Ecological Limits Central to Decision Making

Cap and Share

The “Natural Economy of Life”

Financial Services for a Sustainable Local Economy

A Sustainable Ocean Economy

Focus on Wellbeing

Localisation

A Green Chamber of Commerce

Share Economy

Green Procurement

Green Taxes, Grants & Other Supports

Green Production & Services

Climate Change Mitigation & Adaption

FOOD & WATER

A Sustainable Water Supply System

Sustainable Fishing

Sustainable Aquaculture

Biodiverse Farms

Sustainable Healthy Diet

Support Slow Food

Combined Heat and Power

Novel Use of the Gas Grid

Compressed Air Technologies

Energy Efficient New and Existing Buildings

An Oil-Free Galway by 2030

Electric Vehicles (EVs)

Energy-producing Gyms

Single Wind Turbines in the City

Stoves Instead of Open Fireplaces

Clean Solid Fuels

Tidal and Hydro Energy

Fuel Poverty Alleviation

Energy Research, Collaboration and Outreach

Bioenergy

Solar Power Potential – Solar Thermal & PhotoVoltaic (PV)

Autoproduction

Micro-Generation Energy Co-Ops

Financing Local Low Carbon Energy Projects

INFRASTRUCTURE

A Revolution in Public Transport

Good Planning and Quality Urban Design

A More Compact City

Mixed-Use Planning

New Medium/High Density City Centre Developments

New Housing along the Rail Line and a New Suburb

Re-skilling in Food Production

Reintroduction of Draught Animals

New Outdoor Markets

A 7-Day Indoor Food Market for Galway

More Mixed Farms & Smallholdings

Intensive Organic Market Gardening

Urban Food Gardens & Agriculture

Stronger Local Organic Dairy Sector

Re-skilling in Food Production

Openness to Alternative Growing Ideas

Permaculture Design/Natural Farming and Organic Farming

More Local Food Processing

Sustainable Beverages

Research into Sustainable Agriculture

A Strong Local Food Distribution System

Animal Food and Feed

Human Sewerage as a Resource for Use on Productive Land

Growing Hemp and Flax

Food Growing in a Changing Climate

Expand the “Made in Galway” Brand

Locally Grown Flowers

Sustainable and Api-centric Beekeeping

Agroforestry

Local Plant Varieties and Rare Breeds

Galway Sustainable Garden Awards “Dig Your Lawn Awards”

Community Tree Nurseries

New Purpose-Built Student Housing

New Suburban Village District Centres

A Walking-Friendly City

Multiple-Use of Facilities

An Integrated Transport System

Inter-Model Transport Hubs

Suburban Rail for Galway

Fully Reopen the Western Rail Corridor

Improve Existing Rail Services

A Light Rail System for Galway

A World Class Bus Service

A Truly Cycling-Friendly Galway

More Cycling & Walking Trails

Expand Galway Bike Scheme

Greener Motoring

Revitalise the Canals

Quality Green Public Areas

Biodiverse Landscaping

Green Building Design

A Sustainable Water Supply System

A Flourishing Terryland Forest Park

A Thriving Merlin Woods

Local Climate Change Adaptation

Ruralisation

Ecological Burials

Ruralisation

INNER TRANSITION

Pause

Quiet Spaces

Natural Hospital Food

Looking at Values

Dreams and Visions

Quality of Life

WASTE

Makerspaces

A Fab Lab for Galway

'Give Boxes' for Galway

Flea Markets & Car Boot Sales

Used Goods Websites

Charity Shops

Home & Business Waste Auditors/Consultants

Ecological Cleaning Products

Reusing Cooking Oil

Cloth Nappies

Composting & Wormeries

Continued Education & Public Awareness

Environmental Footprint Rating of Products

More Renovation and Repairs

Waste Segregation in Fast Food Outlets

Research & Development into Sustainable Manufacturing, Production and Services

Tackling Litter

WASTE (continued)

Less Materialism

Greater Producer & Retailer Responsibility

Less Packaging

Compostable Packaging

Taxes on Packaging

Public Drinking Water Dispensers

More Refillable Containers

Refundable Deposits on Beverage Containers

Greater Durability and Upgradeability in Products

Reusing Electronics in Developing World and Disadvantaged Areas

6-Day Recycling Centre

More Bring Bank Centres

Better Recycling in Apartments

Pay By Weight Waste Collection

Frequent City-wide Hazardous Waste Collection

Construction and Demolition Waste Recycling and Reuse

Unused Medicine Waste Collection

A Resource Recovery Park for Galway

Zero Waste and 'Cradle to Cradle'

Open Source Ecology

More Fixing/Repair Cafés

More Men's Sheds

A Rediscovery Centre for Galway

Compost Toilets

Plant-based Wastewater Treatment

Anaerobic Digestion