

# A Business Perspective

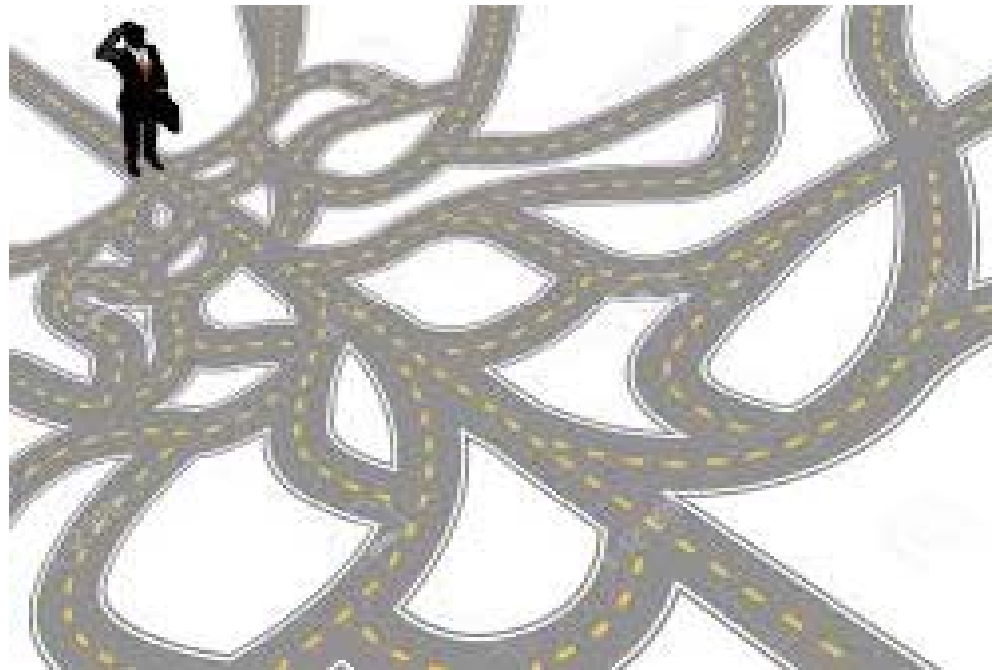
# Put into context

- We think Kilkenny is great ... **BUT** ...
- SE Region is the **Poor Relation** of Ireland!
  - Unemployment rate
  - Early school leavers
  - Engagement with 3<sup>rd</sup> Level Education



# Business choices

- Start up
- Expand
- Relocate



**Why would you choose here?**

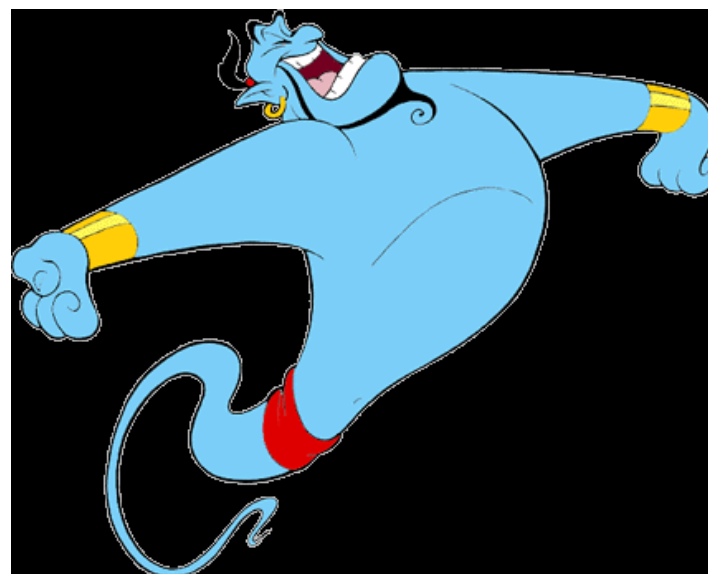
# We don't operate in a bubble

- Who are my neighbours
- Customers
- Suppliers
- Competitors
- Workforce
- Connectivity & supports
- Opportunities to develop



# Wish List

- Housing
- Jobs
- Transport
- Education
- Health
- Environment
- Energy
- Communications



# Local – Regional - National

- The wider perspective
- Do we have all the answers from within?
- Align to Dublin?
- Align to Cork?
- Exports alignment?



# Local

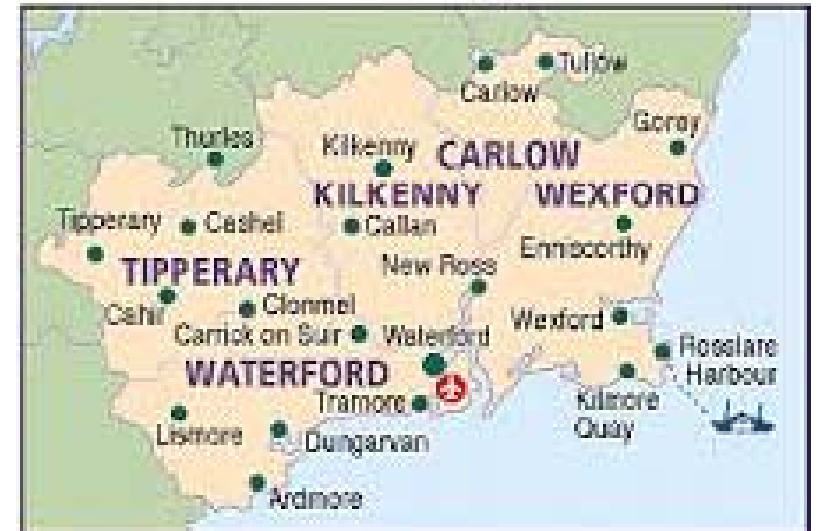
- Complete the Ring Road
- Development of the Abbey Quarter
- Housing developments
- Turn key office space availability
- 3<sup>rd</sup> level education supports



# Regional

- Technical University of the SE
- East – West corridor
- Port Development – Belview & Rosslare
- Regional Airport
- Regional Hospital services
- Regional Tourism
- Broadband

## South East Region






# National

- 1 million extra people,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of whom will be 65 by 2040
- >500,000 extra people at work in high skilled jobs in cities
- Minimum 500,000 extra homes needed
- Environmental challenges (air, water, climate change and move to green energy)

# Have your say

- Uneven development across the country
- The Dublin issues – creaking infrastructure
- Connectivity: Region to Region
- Think Kilkenny / Think SE Region



Your opinion  
Matters