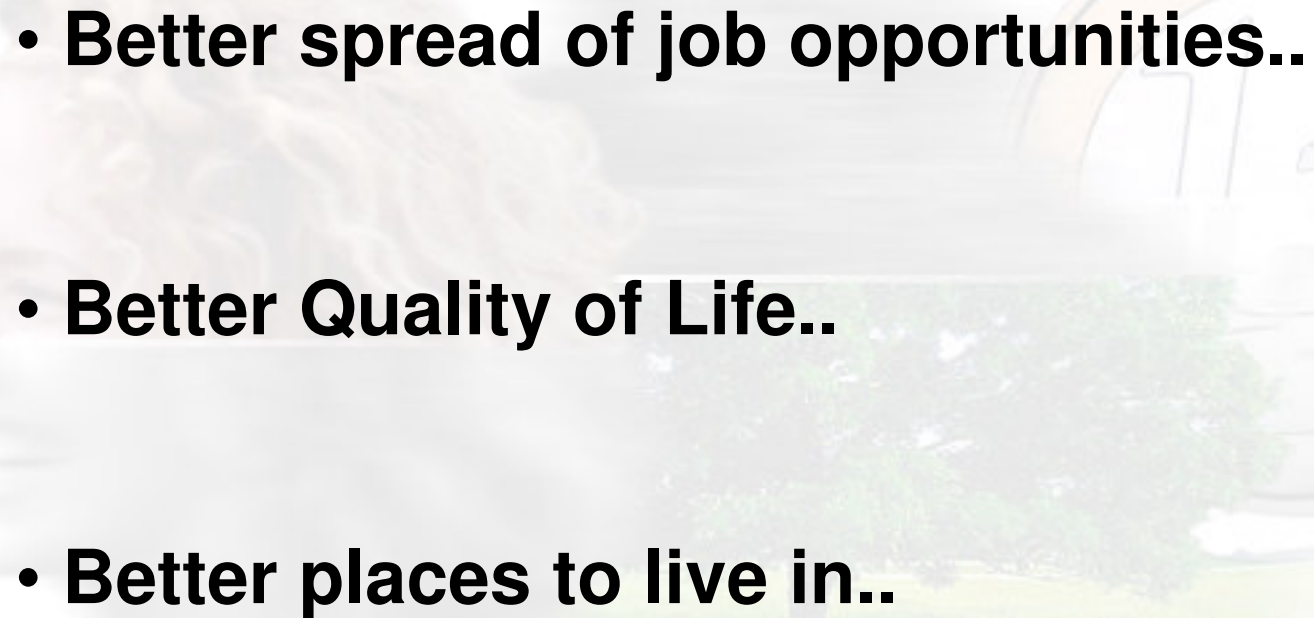


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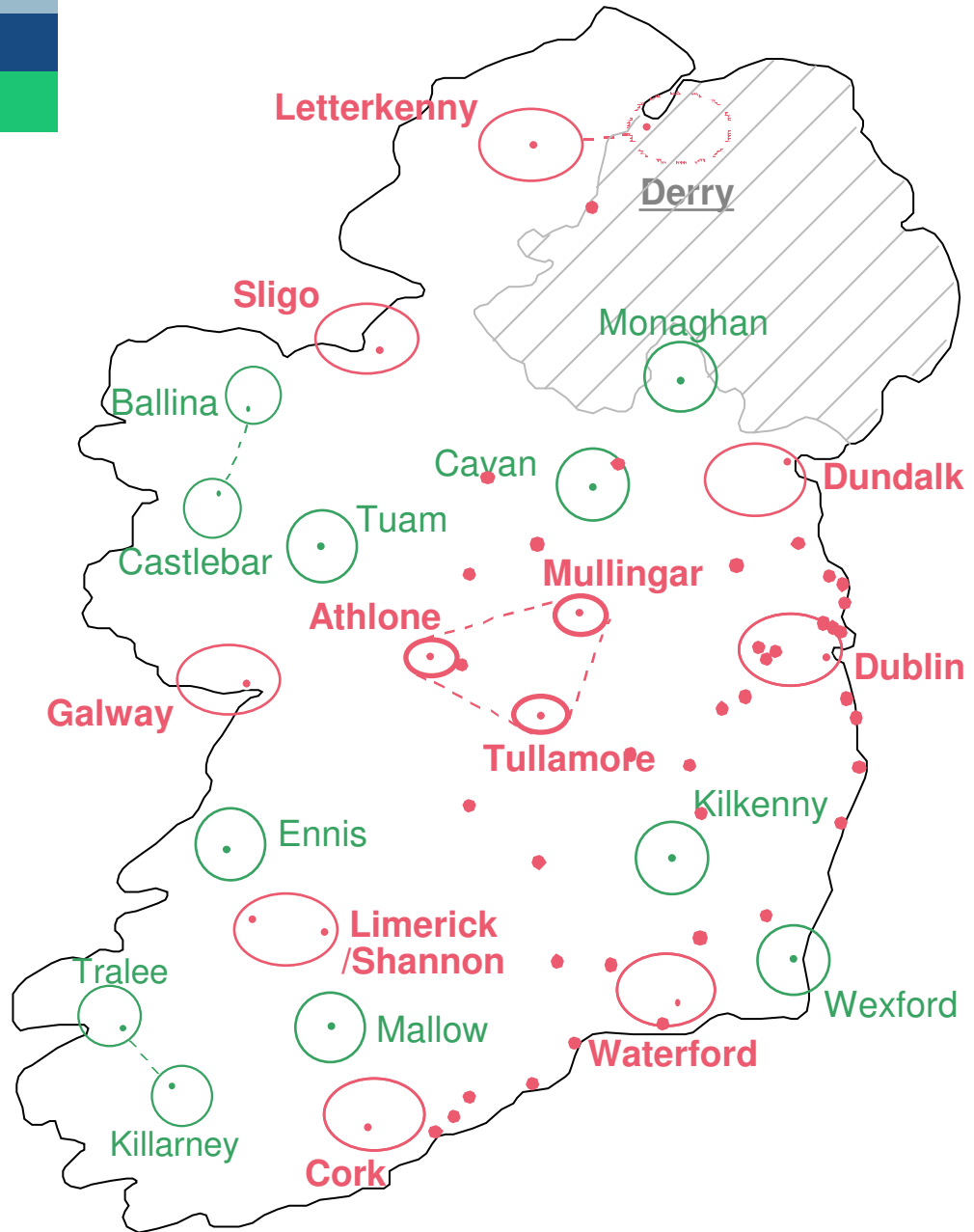
NSS Core Messages....

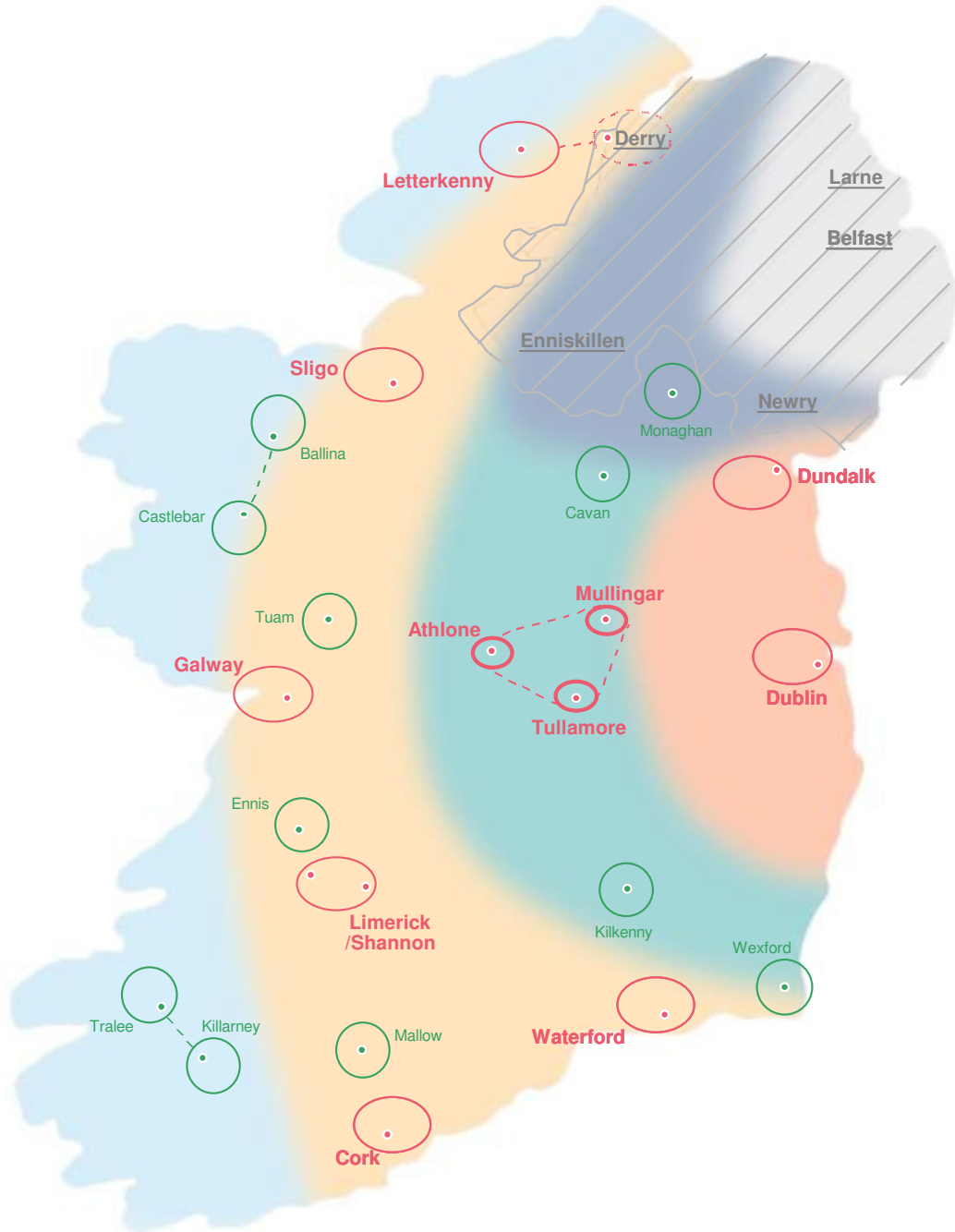
- **Better spread of job opportunities..**
 - **Better Quality of Life..**
 - **Better places to live in..**
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What the NSS will do....

- **Spatial Policy Framework..**
 - **Shape future investment..**
 - **Enhancing quality in planning..**
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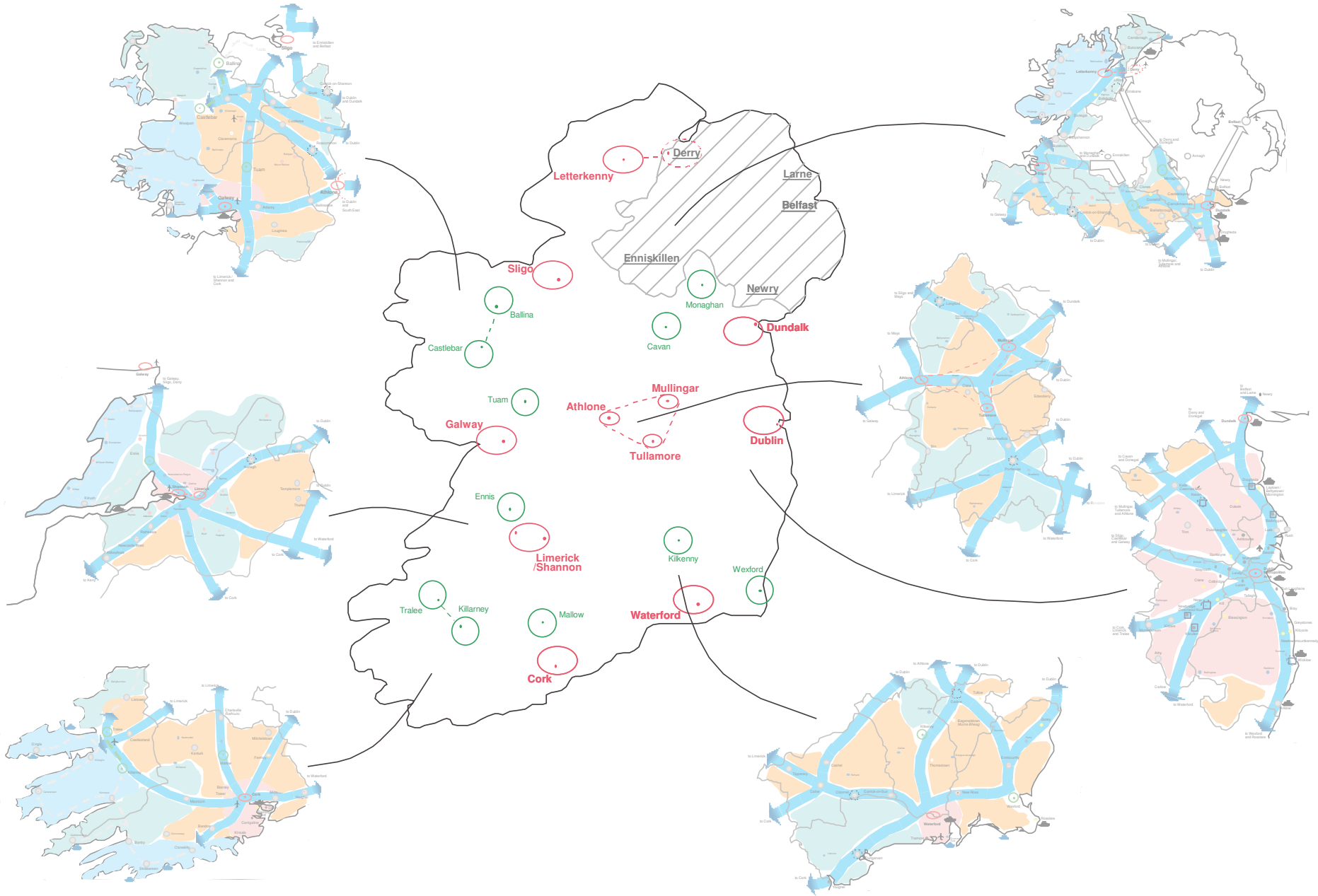


Rural Policies....

- **Rural and Urban partnership in balanced development..**
- **Strengthening rural communities..**
- **Protecting environmental qualities..**
- **Rural Settlement:**
 - **Accommodating the needs of rural communities..**
 - **Areas close to cities/main towns..**
 - **Building up the village structure..**
 - **Areas with a weaker urban structure..**



The National Spatial Strategy and The Western Region



NSS and the Western Region....

- ***Strengthening***
- **Gateways and Hubs**
- **Western arc of urban centres**
- ***Revitalisation***
- **Enhancing rural and smaller towns**
- **Continuing rural diversification process**

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The National Spatial Strategy - Implementation

Implementation....

- **Minister for Environment and Local Government..**
- **Regional Planning Guidelines..**
- **Gateways and Hubs..**
- **Integration into other policies and programmes..**
- **Mid Term Review of NDP..**
- **Within one year..**
- **Within five years..**

