# **STRATEGIC PLAN**

2022-2025

SUPPORTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN IRELAND BY DRIVING INCREASED





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### INTRODUCTION

This document contains the SBCI Strategic Plan for 2022-2025 and has been prepared in accordance with section 1.16 of the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies. It is a midpoint refresh of the SBCI's five-year Strategic Plan 2020-2025 and was prepared after extensive engagements with our key internal and external stakeholders, the SBCI team and Board.

The SBCI has developed itself as a flexible, adaptable, and innovative provider of solutions and policy measures to address failures in the SME credit market. This remains a critical feature of the organisation and requires us to continuously develop our capabilities, as well as solutions that are aligned with the SME environment.

The strategy of the SBCI and our business model have evolved to reflect changing market conditions, the policy priorities of our stakeholders and the financing needs of SMEs. We have expanded our range of supports and on-lending partners to provide SMEs with better access to long-term, lower cost finance and drive competition in the market for SME lending. We will continue to work on delivering the Government's policy objectives where market gaps exist, while expanding our range of supported products and on-lending partners as part of this strategy.

As we look ahead to the coming years, we will build on our considerable progress by offering a wider range of supports both to the SME sector and the development of the economy, while maintaining the ability to respond to market dislocation and deliver government policy measures.

In formulating this strategy update, the SBCI reflected on its progress to date and the changes in the market environment, including our values, purpose and vision, to create a clear strategy to deliver on our mandate.

The Strategic Plan is the product of the SBCI's formal process for setting strategy, appropriate objectives and goals, and targets against which performance against plan can be clearly measured. The strategy will be reviewed annually to monitor its progress and resource requirements. The details of each material initiative will be brought to the SBCI Board for review and approval.

### WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

Arising from the mandate entrusted to the SBCI, our focus is on supporting economic development in Ireland by driving increased access to finance. Our strategy for the coming years, as detailed in the following sections, will facilitate this long-term focus.

The successful implementation of this strategic plan will see the SBCI deliver the following:

- Provide, and promote the provision of, additional credit in a prudent manner in the State, in particular to SMEs
- Design or contribute to the design of credit facilities which consistently address the financial needs of borrowers, in particular SMEs, be they related to growth, investment, or other needs
- Promote competition in the SME credit market by encouraging an increase in the number of providers of finance in the State and the entry of new credit providers
- Contribute to the diversity of finance available in the State
- Source international funding to facilitate lending
- Provide finance to projects which promote the economic development of the State

In addition to our mandate assigned by Government, we recognise that climate change is a critical issue facing Ireland. We will support Government's climate action commitments by identifying and implementing products and initiatives aimed at addressing climate change and reducing our carbon footprint as an organisation.



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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

The SBCI Board's primary responsibility is to provide clear strategic guidance and direction to the organisation.

Helping businesses access the finance they need to grow is vital to our continuing economic recovery and sustainable growth thereafter. Because Irish businesses found their options constrained when seeking funding, the Irish government set up the SBCI to make finance markets for businesses work better, enabling the sector to prosper, grow and build economic activity.

The SBCI has made strong progress since its formation, and throughout 2021 our suite of supports provided low- cost, flexible working capital support to counteract and mitigate the effects of the Covid-19 restrictions and the resultant loss of trade.

The Government's €2bn Covid-19 Credit Guarantee Scheme is operated by the SBCI and supports businesses as they tackle the challenges posed by the pandemic. The €330m Brexit Impact Loan Scheme (BILS) was launched in October 2021 and offers SMEs access to longer term, variable rate loans. The Scheme also continues to offer unsecured lending on loan amounts up to €500,000.

We are continuing to develop our relationships with both existing and new on-lenders, adding Close Brothers, Microfinance Ireland and a number of credit unions as SBCI partners during 2021. These new partners are key to achieving one of the SBCI's core aims, which is to increase competition and provide additional choice of lenders to the SME sector in Ireland. An additional €50m of funding was provided to existing onlenders (SME Finance & Leasing and Fexco Asset Finance) in 2021.

This update to our strategic plan lays out our vision for the SBCI, which is to support economic development in Ireland by driving increased access to finance. Under the three impact themes of Increasing access to finance, Promoting Sustainability and Enabling SMEs to Grow and Prosper, we set out the key deliverables and enablers to achieving this vision, and the standards we will assess our performance against.

We are fully focused on continuing to innovate to support Irish businesses, and through the dedication of the SBCI team led by June Butler I am confident that we will play a critical role in improving the financing options available to businesses in Ireland, helping to make a real difference to their success and growth in the wider economy.



# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

In developing our corporate strategy for the next three years, we have sought

to ensure that we can deliver on our existing mandates while maintaining and developing our ability to meet gaps in the credit market and any additional roles that may be assigned by Government.

The rapid response to Covid-19 through a variety of Government initiatives, and the innovation and resilience of Irish business owners, meant that the economic impact of the pandemic was less severe than would otherwise have been the case. The post pandemic economy will be different from the pre-pandemic one. However, while a number of sectors were particularly badly hit and some SMEs ceased trading, it has been encouraging to see the emergence of new start-up businesses and existing businesses seeking opportunities to scale up.

As the economy transitions into the post-pandemic phase and the uncertainty on the long-term impact of the crisis in Ukraine materialises, our job is to help businesses during the recovery period and beyond, strengthening the economy in the process. Our focus and the way we work will continue to change as a result, but we are emerging from the pandemic more resilient and capable than ever, ready, and willing to help more Irish businesses to prosper and grow.

Over the past year, the change in the Irish banking market has accelerated, policy priorities have evolved, and the SBCI has expanded its remit and operations - particularly in response to Covid-19. Because of these changes in the

external environment, we undertook a review of our strategy, to produce a refreshed strategic direction. This will help us ensure we are best positioned to respond to the challenges and opportunities ahead. We have been reviewing our longer- term strategic direction and considering how best to lay the foundations for the economy that will help Irish businesses to thrive over the coming years.

Working closely with the Department of Finance and wider stakeholders, we have updated our mission and strategy to reflect the impacts of the key changes in the external environment and their impact on Irish businesses. Our key strategic pillars are: Increase Access to Finance, Promote Sustainability and Enable SMEs to Grow and Prosper.

Our market insights, SME finance expertise and delivery capabilities will ensure that we will work to address future gaps as they emerge. We look forward to using our unique position in the market to support businesses further as they recover and return to growth once more.

As we plan for the future, we are very conscious that we are operating in an environment of significant uncertainty. The Covid-19 pandemic has not yet fully played out, the Brexit situation still has some uncertainty associated with it, and more recently the short-term inflationary impact of the Ukrainian crisis on energy costs is having a major impact on business margins. At the same time, Irish businesses need to invest in innovation

and digitisation. Our updated strategy will ensure that we remain focussed and committed to supporting growth, prosperity, and the transition to sustainability by driving competition, enabling innovation, and improving access to finance in the Irish credit market.

JUNE BUTLER

Chief Executive

## **OUR JOURNEY**

12,593
Total Irish SMEs Supported

December 2014 €200m

December 2014 €200m to Bank of Ireland

**February 2015** €200m to Allied Irish Banks

> October 2015 €51m to Finance Ireland

**November 2015** €25m to Merrion Fleet (closed July 2017)

### November 2015

Additional €200m of funds to Allied Irish Banks

**December 2015** €75m to Ulster Bank SBCI PROGRESS TO YEAR END 2021

\* NOTE: Due to the Covid-19 emergency, €200m was diverted from the BLS to the new Covid-19 WCLS.

2016

€544m

Total SBCI Supported Lending May 2016 €40m to First Citizen Agri Finance

**June 2016** €45m to Bibby Financial Services Ireland

**November 2016** €70m to Fexco Asset Finance

**January 2017** €150m Launch of ACLS Scheme

March 2017 ACLS Scheme fully allocated

June 2017 Completion of bank on-lending

October 2017 BLS announced

in budget speech



22,965

Total Irish SMEs Supported

2017

€920m

Total SBCI Supported Lending

**ACSL** - Agri Cashflow Support Loan Scheme **BILS** - Brexit Impact Loan Scheme

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Covid-19 CGS - Covid-19 Credit Guarantee Scheme

**Covid-19 WCLS** - Covid-19 Working Capital Loan Scheme

FGLS - Future Growth Loan Scheme



2021

€2,800m

Total SBCI Supported Lending February 2021 €30m to Close Brothers Limited

October 2021 €330m Launch of BILS

October 2021 Additional €40m to Fexco Asset Finance

> October 2021 €30m to Microfinance Ireland

**November 2021** Additional €10m to SME Finance & Leasing

46,000

**Total Irish SMEs Supported** 

**January 2020** €50m to Capitalflow **March 2020** €200m Launch of Covid-19 WCLS\*

**April 2020** €17.5m to SME Finance & Leasing

July 2020 Additional €500m to FGLS

**September 2020** €2bn Launch of Covid-19 CGS

November 2020 €50m to Permanent TSB 2020

€2,271m

Total SBCI Supported Lending ° C

37,355

**Total Irish SMEs Supported** 

20 €1,4

2019

€1,435m

Total SBCI Supported Lending March 2019 €300m Launch of FGLS

June 2019 Bibby Financial Services Ireland launch of "Trade Finance Product" as part of SBCI €70m funding facilities

August 2019 Moody's assigned first-time A2 issuer rating to the SBCI

**September 2019** €50m facility to KBC Bank

29,716

**Total Irish SMEs Supported** 

March 2018 €300m Launch of BLS May 2018 Additional €25m to Bibby Financial Services Ireland July 2018 Launch of 2017 CGS

October 2018 FGLS announced in budget speech

**December 2018** Additional €75m to Finance Ireland

2018

€1.052m

Total SBCI Supported Lending



26,061

Total Irish SMEs Supported

### **OUR ORGANISATION**

The Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland (SBCI) is a statutory body established in 2014 to ensure that SMEs in Ireland have access to stable, lower-cost, long-term funding options. The SBCI Board is accountable to the Minister for Finance.

As a state-owned promotional institution, and in common with our European peers, the SBCI has become an integral part of the business finance framework. By supporting and helping to develop an effective credit market for SME finance, the SBCI ensures that SMEs have access to finance in both positive and negative market conditions. The SBCI provides credit to SMEs through its on-lending partners, ensuring that the benefit of its support is delivered to the SME borrower and not its on-lending partners.

Our purpose is to improve the structure of finance markets for Irish businesses, so that it is easier for these businesses to get the finance they need. This helps businesses prosper and builds economic activity in Ireland.

That is why:

We work to

# increase the supply of finance

available to businesses where markets fail to function.



We strive to create a

# more diverse and vibrant finance market

for businesses, with a greater choice of options and providers.



The SBCI brings expertise and supports to enhance the SME finance markets. Understanding markets and the needs of Irish businesses allows us to design programmes to help finance markets work better.

Our route to market is through established as well as newly emerging finance providers. Our SME supports are available through partnerships with 35 on-lenders.

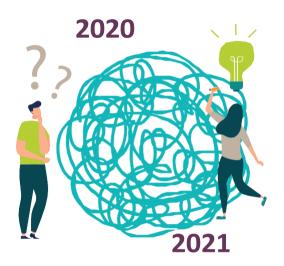
### **HOW THE SBCI WORKS**



The SBCI plays a key role in increasing access to finance for Irish SMEs. During 2021, the SBCI was effective in rapidly deploying supports at scale to help SMEs impacted by Covid and Brexit, providing them with a greater range of options

to access low-cost, competitive finance and giving them increased certainty to facilitate planning with confidence. During 2021 the SBCI delivered €529m to 9,645 SMEs through its risk-sharing and liquidity operations.

### **EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENT**



2020 and 2021 were exceptionally challenging years for the Irish economy and Irish society in general. The impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic had major implications for businesses, their employees, and the sustainability of the economy, resulting in the provision of unprecedented levels of State supports to offset the impacts on businesses across the country.

The SBCI was key to the delivery of a number of these State and European supports. Working closely with the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment (DETE), the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) and the European Investment Bank Group (EIB Group), the SBCI was ideally placed to use its experience in the delivery of loan schemes to provide additional lending to businesses impacted by Covid-19.

# Market Analysis and External Environment

Irish SMEs faced unprecedented challenges and uncertainty during 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic

and the subsequent effects of lockdowns, social distancing measures and forced closures. The impact of Brexit and supply chain delays present additional uncertainty for SMEs. The labour market clearly illustrates the impact Covid-19 had on the Irish economy throughout 2021, with the unemployment rate peaking at 22.4% in April 2021 before falling steadily in the second half. 46% of EU firms responded to the pandemic by engaging with some level of digitisation. The adoption of digital technologies by EU firms is now growing which will assist SMEs with their recovery in this changed business environment.<sup>2</sup>





The impact of Covid-19 was not uniform across the economy with the pharmaceutical and IT sectors largely

unaffected, and in some cases benefiting from Covid-19. This performance of foreign multinationals based in Ireland has seen revised GDP growth estimates increase by a cumulative 13.5% for the year 2021<sup>3</sup>. The Irish domestic economy has rebounded strongly, with modified domestic demand increasing by 6.5% for 2021 and forecast to grow by 7.1% in 2022. While the economy is performing beyond expectations, new challenges have arisen, and SMEs are now facing labour market shortages with demand for wage increases due to rising inflation. Irish inflation is now running at a 20-year high of 5.3% while, in the US, it is over 6%, the highest level since 1982.

The conflict in Ukraine has introduced further volatility into an already uncertain market. With the US considering a ban on Russian oil imports, high energy prices have increased even further and are likely to remain elevated for some time which will result in price pressures for Irish SMEs and consumers during 2022 on all products and services.

Another challenging factor in Ireland is the contracting banking market with the recent announcements of KBC and Ulster Bank exiting the market. The average interest rate for SME loans <€250,000 in Ireland was 4.74% in 2021 compared to the Euro area average of 1.89%. The contraction of the banking market removes competition, and research indicates that loan interest rates are significantly lower in more competitive markets.

In summary while the economic rebound from Covid is now well under way, as we head into 2022 the outlook is still clouded with fresh risks from new variants of Covid, concerns about a slowdown in global growth, inflation uncertainty, the war in Ukraine and more trade friction from Brexit. All of these directly impact SMEs and were key considerations in the direction of the SBCI's strategy. Given the increased pace of change, the SBCI will continue to closely monitor the environment to ensure that we adjust our strategy to align with the needs of the SME sector and government policy.



- 1. Central Statistics Office (2022), Monthly Unemployment December 2021.
- Central Statistics Office (2022), Quarterly National Accounts Quarter 4 2021 and Year 2021 (Preliminary).
- 3. Central Bank of Ireland (2022) Quarterly Bulletin 2022:1.
- 4. European Investment Bank (2021), Investment Report 2021/2022.

### Market Analysis and External Environment - continued



### **Climate Action**

In the SBCI, we work to ensure that we are continually aligned with developments in our external environment. Climate change is a major concern, not only in Government and our local communities, but also for SMEs. Addressing climate change through supporting Government initiatives, and in our day-to-day activities, will be an important part of our strategy. Climate Action is a key priority for the SBCI and in recognition of this the SBCI is currently developing two schemes in this area.



### **Consumer Retrofit Scheme**

The SBCI was included in the Government's Climate Action Plan 2021 as a potential source of smart finance, and in this regard, we are engaging with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) and other stakeholders, including the European Investment Bank, to develop a residential retrofit loan guarantee scheme for homeowners and small landlords. The residential retrofit loan guarantee scheme will form an integral part of DECC's national retrofit plan and support the achievement of its targets of upgrading 500,000 homes to a BER of B2 and installing 600,000 heat pumps by 2030.



### SME Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme

In addition to the Retrofit scheme, the SBCI is developing a loan scheme focused on increasing businesses' investment in energy efficiency measures, such as heat pumps, solar and building upgrades. The SBCI aims to increase the availability of longer-term flexible funding at a reduced cost to encourage businesses to invest in improving their energy efficiency.



### **Digitisation**

New enabling and disruptive technologies are changing work practices and shifting labour market expectations, which have transformed the business landscape. From artificial intelligence to automation and big data, modern economies are evolving and developing more efficient ways to deliver. A key part of SBCI's strategy is to develop our digital capabilities to enable us keep pace with these business changes.



### An evolving Business Model

Our environment is dynamic and fast moving, and the SBCI must be cognisant of the challenges and opportunities this presents. The SBCI and its business model has evolved to reflect the changing market conditions, the policy priorities of our stakeholders and the financing needs of SMEs. We have consciously developed as a flexible, adaptable, and innovative provider of solutions and policy measures to address failures in the credit market. This remains a critical feature of the organisation and requires the SBCI to continuously develop its capabilities and innovative solutions that are aligned with the SME environment.

### Strategy Risk Management

As we seek to deliver our strategy, we must also be aware of the potential risks. The SBCI complies with the risk management provisions of the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies (2016).

As we plan for the future, we are very conscious that we are operating in an environment of significant uncertainty. Alongside our principal risks, we are therefore mindful of wider contextual elements, known or emerging, which could impact our ability to deliver against our priorities, as well as our objectives more broadly.

#### Risk Assessment



The SBCI Strategic Risk Assessment is a comprehensive assessment of the principal risks facing the SBCI across all its business activities. We identify the principal risks from across a wide range of categories including Economic, Geopolitical, Market Risk and Operational Risk (including technology and cyber security). The SBCI Strategic Risk Assessment provides the context to facilitate the management of the serisks in an informed and proactive manner. The outcome of the discussion and decision-making regarding the appropriate responses to strategic and emerging risks feed back into our strategic planning.

### Outlook - Areas of Strategic Uncertainty

Alongside our principal risks we consider key areas of risk that could impact our ability to deliver against our strategic priorities and objectives.

### **Economic Uncertainty**



Although we currently see improvements in the Irish economic performance, downside risk remains given the growing economic impact of the war in Ukraine, potential for further disruption due to Covid-19 variants, possible further issues arising from the UK's withdrawal from the EU, emerging issues such as labour and supply-chain shortages, and other unknowns.

#### **Competing Priorities**



There may be times when we need to re-prioritise our objectives given impact, resource, and budget considerations, as well as evolving government policy goals. In the area of our new ESG objective, for example, government policy will continue to develop as action accelerates to support climate change targets.

# OUR STRATEGY, VISION & MISSION

The strategy of the SBCI is to support the development and maintenance of an effective market for the provision of credit to SMEs in Ireland, while maintaining its ability to respond to major market dislocations and the policy delivery needs of government.

The SBCI is focused on three impact themes:



# **Increase Access to Finance**

in support of the development of the broader SME credit market

2.

# Promote Sustainability

where the SBCI will develop financing solutions to address the challenges posed by climate change to SMEs and the broader economy

3.

# **Enable SMEs to Grow & Prosper**

where we will deliver innovative products and ancillary supports to SMEs to support their development

Our initiatives utilise Government and European supports and are designed to address failures in the market, to provide finance to SMEs including farmers, or when there is a policy requirement and where this supports economic development and enhanced competition. They are designed and delivered by the SBCI's own team and in partnership with its broad set of institutional relationships in the Irish market.

#### **Vision and Mission**

Recognising the SBCI's role in delivering policy initiatives for the SME market, the SBCI's vision is: Supporting economic development in Ireland by driving increased access to finance.

Our mission is to support growth, prosperity, and the transition to sustainability by driving competition, enabling innovation, and improving access to finance in the Irish credit market.



# OUR PURPOSE, CORE COMPETENCY & VALUES



### Our Purpose

To improve the structure of finance markets for Irish businesses, so that it is easier for them to get the finance they need.

This will help businesses prosper and build economic activity in Ireland. That's why:

- We work to increase the supply of finance available to businesses where markets don't work well
- We strive to create a more diverse and vibrant finance market for businesses, with a greater choice of options and providers



### **Our Core Competency**

The SBCI brings its expertise and EU/Government supports to enhance the SME finance markets. Understanding markets and the needs of Irish businesses allows us to design programmes to make finance markets work better.

A feature of the SBCI is its ability to rapidly establish or refocus business activities to respond to gaps in the credit market. This requires the SBCI to continually develop its core competency which will a key function of our strategy enabling pillars.

### **Our Values**

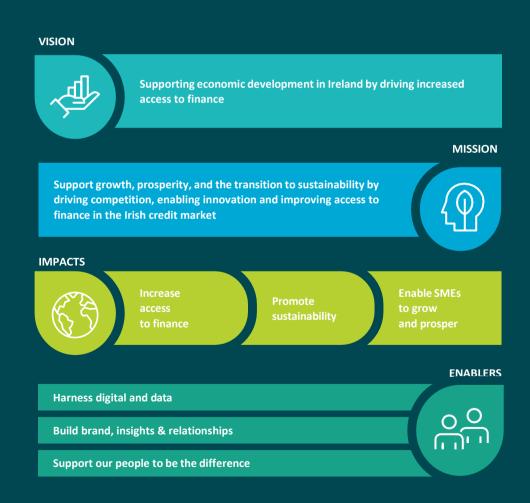
The SBCI team is fundamental to the achievement of our goals. Our core set of values and approach to developing the SBCI business continues to be relevant to enable the team to develop and deliver our strategic goals.



### **OUR STRATEGY**

The strategy of the SBCI is to support the development and maintenance of an effective market for the provision of credit to SMEs in Ireland, while maintaining its ability to respond to other major market dislocations and the policy delivery needs of government.

Our strategy is grounded in our mission to support growth, prosperity, and the transition to sustainability by driving competition, enabling innovation, and improving access to finance in the Irish credit market.



### **IMPACT THEMES**

The SBCI's updated strategy is focused on three impact themes that are closely aligned to government policy, market trends, the needs of Irish businesses and the SBCI mandate. Our three impact themes are:

#### **Access to Finance**

The SBCI aims to support a fully functioning credit marketplace by providing optimal products through all available channels and providers. We will do that by:

- Increasing the supply of and access to finance where markets do not work well
- Creating a more diverse finance market, with greater choice and providers

 Being a key channel for EU and Government supports for businesses



### **Promote Sustainability**

The SBCI will focus on supporting the creation and development of new markets for the finance of climate action measures such as energy efficiency in the first instance, and address market failures in existing markets to enable Ireland to meet its climate targets. To achieve that ambition, we will:

- Be a 'Responsible Business Advocate', obtaining and living ESG credentials
- Leverage and channel Public policy and ecosystem supports to develop credit products
- When building our products, we will apply an ESG lens to support Climate and Social initiatives where required



### **Enable SMEs Grow and Prosper**

We will provide SMEs with easy access to a suite of supports, both financial and non-financial, and via digital channels to support their development. We will do that by:

- Delivering a pipeline of product innovation to support growth
- Providing market and research insights to highlight challenges and opportunities in the market
- Guide SMEs to useful services and tools that support their growth plans through a digital platform



### **KEY ENABLERS**

The SBCI's supports utilise Government and European backing and are designed to address failures in the market to provide finance to SMEs, including Primary producers (farmers and fishers). Our people along with other enabling pillars are the foundation upon which our strategy depends.

### **Digital**

The SBCI will put digital at the centre of everything that we do through continuous development of a best in class customer hub and utilising digital tools. To achieve this, we will:

- Develop our digital capability to deliver an end-to-end digital journey for SMEs and our On-Lenders
- Simplify our processes to increase our capacity to deliver on our objectives
- Develop our data and analytics capability to provide access to data and analysis to support our decision making

#### Awareness of the SBCI

The SBCI has developed its expertise and delivery mechanisms to provide stakeholders and policymakers with the ability to create products that address gaps in the credit market for SMEs. We are building our reputation among stakeholders and the market as being an SME Champion.

To continue that development, we will:

- Continue to leverage our data, research, and credit capability to provide evidence-based insights to inform stakeholders and influence the creation of market supports
- Continue to promote our brand awareness among SMEs so that they are aware of the benefits of our products

### **People**

We will invest in our people by developing the skills of the future through continuous learning, innovating through hybrid working and creating an inclusive and diverse workplace. We will do this by:



- Living our values and continuing to develop an inclusive culture
- Creating a workplace where colleagues feel valued and supported
- Investing in future skills and lifelong learning for our colleagues



# ANNUAL PLANNING PROCESS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

To support the achievement of our strategic goals, the SBCI will complete an annual planning process to formulate targets and deliverables for the forthcoming year. This process will be conducted in parallel with the annual budgeting process to ensure alignment of organisational resources with targets and deliverables. The proposed annual targets and deliverables will be submitted to the SBCI Board for approval and the Minister for Finance for review. Our Annual Planning Process incorporates the following key aspects:

### **Annual Strategic Review**

Our strategy themes and enabling pillars have been translated into goals and a roadmap for the SBCI over the life of this strategy. In the context of the changing environment in which we operate, it is important to ensure the business goals remain aligned with the external environment. An annual strategic review will be conducted to identify any changes which require realignment of our goals and prioritise the various organisational initiatives for implementation over the coming year.

### **Risk Management Framework**

The SBCI ensures that it manages its risk profile within its agreed risk appetite, that material risks are identified, management of risks is monitored, and that suitable and effective risk management arrangements are in place, alongside clearly defined and delineated roles, and responsibilities.

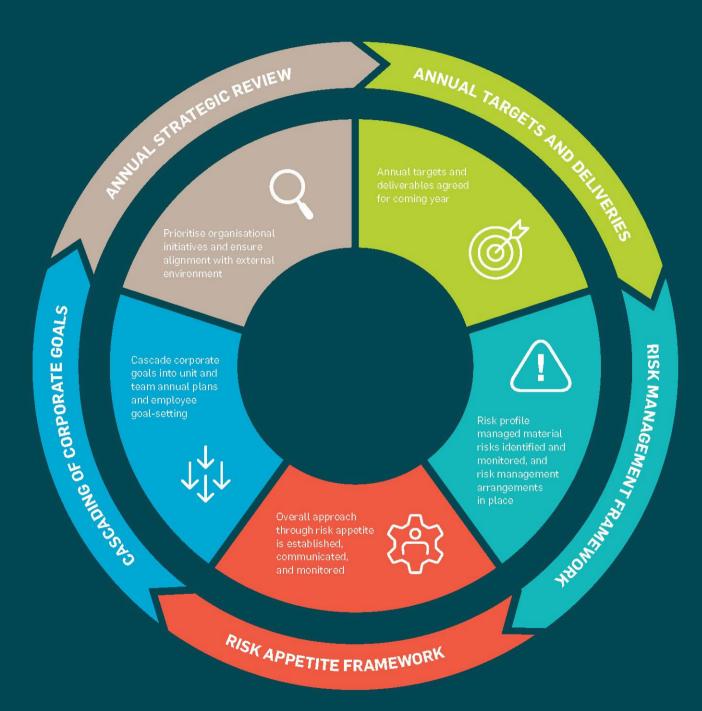
### **Risk Appetite Framework**

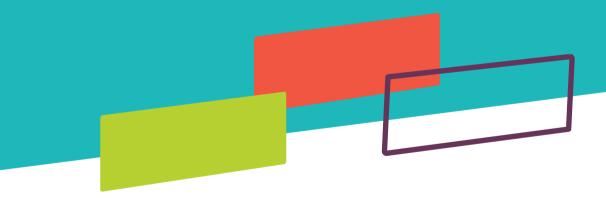
This is the overall approach through which SBCI risk appetite is established, communicated and monitored. It includes risk appetite statements and key risk indicators, while outlining the roles and responsibilities of those overseeing the implementation and monitoring of the Framework.

### **Cascading of Corporate Goals**

Following approval by the SBCI Board of the annual targets and deliverables, each business function will cascade these within their teams. The business functions will ensure these are disaggregated into team annual plans and individual employee goal setting.







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