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Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC

23 January, 2018, Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Railway Street, Navan

Attendees - Councillors:	Cllrs. Alan Tobin (presided), Noel French, Damien O'Reilly, Ronan McKenna, Trevor Golden,
	Apologies: Cllrs. Darren O'Rourke, Joe Reilly, Joe Fox, Tom Kelly, Brian Fitzgerald
Attendees - Sectoral Representatives:	**Apologies:** Frank Harrington, Alan Byrne, Kieran Cummins, Seamus Miggin, Alan Watson, John V Farrelly
Officials:	Jackie Maguire, Kevin Stewart, Seán Clarke, Wendy Bagnall, Mark Harrington, Joe English, Veronica Quinn, Catherine O'Rourke
Meath County Councillors	Cllrs. Jim Holloway, Gerry O'Connor, Tommy Reilly, Wayne Forde, Gillian O'Toole, Francis Deane, Padraig Fitzsimons

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	**Minutes of Previous Meeting** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th November, 2017 were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Damien O'Reilly and seconded by Cllr. Alan Tobin.
2	**To receive the Member's views in respect of Meath County Council's submission on the Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy 'Initial Public & Stakeholder Consultation Issues Paper" for the East Midlands Regional Authority and if thought fit, to resolve to attach recommendations to that report** The Members received a presentation from Wendy Bagnall, Senior Executive Planner, on the main points that would be contained in Meath County Council's submission on the Strategic Issues Paper. The Chief Executive, Jackie Maguire, advised the group that as the deadline for the submission was extended to 16th February, 2018, the presentation would be made again at the February Council meeting. Some of the points raised in the discussion included; • Ashbourne should be added to the Metropolitan Area • Navan Rail needs to remain priority

	• Need to call for delivery of Regional Hospital • Leinster Outer Orbital Route is key to connecting commuter counties
3.	**Any other business** **County Development Plan – Timeline** Wendy Bagnall, Senior Executive Planner and Seán Clarke, A/ Senior Executive Officer, gave the SPC an update on the timeline for the publication of the Draft County Development Plan and advised that there was a slight delay due to the digitisation of maps. Kevin Stewart, Director of Services, advised the group that there was a possibility that the Council would be advised by the Department to stall the process due to the publication of the NPF and RSES, however this would have to be done before a Draft was issued and legislation would be required. Seán Clarke advised the SPC that an online portal would be used for the online submissions. He further advised that the projected date for adoption of the Plan was 3rd December, 2018 and in order to meet this deadline, some timelines in terms of Members' consideration and the Council's preparation of reports, would have to be shortened. **Water Services Guidelines** Seán Clarke informed the group that the Department had published new Guidelines in relation to Water Services that aim to provide advice to planning authorities on the operation framework within which Irish Water must operate to deliver water services. The SPC were informed that the draft Guidelines could be commented on up to and including Wednesday 28th February, 2018. Jackie Maguire encouraged the Members to consider the Guidelines and to make a submission if they deemed appropriate. **Economic Development** Joe English, Senior Executive Officer, paid tribute to 'The Bearded Man', a Meath based company who were supported by LEO and Meath Enterprise and who were highly commended at the National Awards at Local Entreprise Showcase Best Product Awards in the RDS. Tributes were also paid to the vast number of Meath based food producers who have featured on national TV lately.
4.	**To agree a date for the next meeting** It was agreed that the next meeting would be scheduled in line with the CDP review timetable.

The meeting concluded at 11.00pm

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Recommendations to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG)
None