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Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC

13 March, 2017, Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Railway Street, Navan

Attendees - Councillors: Cllrs. Joe Fox (presided), Noel French, Brian Fitzgerald, Damian O'Reilly, Tom Kelly, Ronan McKenna

Apologies: Cllrs. Darren O'Rourke, Trevor Golden, Joe Reilly, Alan Tobin

Attendees - Sectoral Representatives: Alan Watson.

Apologies: Frank Harrington, John V Farrelly, Alan Byrne, Seamus Miggin, Kieran Cummins

Officials: K. Stewart, S. Clarke, P. Gallagher, W. Bagnall, I. Lynch, T. King, P. Maguire

Other Councillors in Attendance Tommy Reilly, Sharon Keogan, Sarah Reilly, Caroline Lynch, Gilian Toole and Sharon Tolan

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd January, 2017 were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald seconded by Cllr. Noel French.</p>
2.	<p><u>To receive a presentation on Meath County Council's submission in relation to the National Planning Framework</u></p> <p>The Members received a very detailed presentation from Wendy Bagnall, Senior Executive Planner, on Meath County Council's draft submission relating to the National Planning Framework. The Members commended Wendy on the presentation and how robust the proposed response was. They asked that the following matters could also be included in the response;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An emphasis on Economic Development • The importance of retaining the Metropolitan Area • Worklife Balance and Live Work communities • Commuting times and their effects on the environment and quality of life of our



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	<p>citizens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Broadband Plan• Climate Change including the effects of development on water quality, the environment, waste and coastlines• Support for city status for Drogheda• Emphasis on Tourism• Importance of the Outer Orbital Route• City Status for Athlone• Need to invest in our youth in terms of facilities, education and training centers• Rail connection to Dublin Airport• Upgrade of Navan to Drogheda rail line• Importance of Dublin Port• Develop tidal energy as an alternative to wind energy• Health and well –being of our citizens• Reverse the trend of commuting into the city by bringing the jobs out of the city <p>Kevin Stewart, Director of Services thanked the Members for their input and advised of the extension of time granted to make submissions. He further advised that they needed to notify the Department of their intention to avail of the extension on/before 16th March, 2017.</p>
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The meeting concluded at 11.00am