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Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC

29th May, 2018, Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Railway Street, Navan

Attendees - Councillors: Cllrs. Alan Tobin (presided), Noel French, Damien O'Reilly, Trevor Golden, Tom Kelly, Brian Fitzgerald

Apologies: Cllrs. Darren O'Rourke, Joe Reilly, Joe Fox, Ronan McKenna,

Attendees - Sectoral Kieran Cummins, John V Farrelly

Representatives: **Apologies:** Frank Harrington, Alan Byrne, Seamus Miggin, Alan Watson

Officials: Jackie Maguire, Kevin Stewart, Pat Gallagher, Seán Clarke, Wendy Bagnall, Mark Harrington, Pdraig Maguire

Meath County Councillors Cllrs. Jim Holloway, Gerry O'Connor, Tommy Reilly, Gillian O'Toole, Francis Deane, Sarah Reilly, Sinead Burke, Paddy Meade

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd January, 2018 were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Noel French and seconded by Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald.</p>
2	<p><u>To receive an update on the Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy (RSES) and the Metropolitan Strategic Plan (MASP)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Members received a presentation from Wendy Bagnall, Senior Executive Planner, on an update of the RSES and MASP process. She advised that Meath County Council were seeking to have Ashbourne, Ratoath and Dunshaughlin added to the Metropolitan Area based on a number of key factors including; • No review of the Dublin Metropolitan Area boundary was carried out as part of the NPF • Boundary has remained largely unaltered since 2004 • Meath currently has 1 centre in the Metropolitan Area – Dunboyne • Our neighbouring counties of Kildare and Wicklow combined have 6 centres in the Metropolitan area, Kildare with 4 centres and Wicklow with 2 centres.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Centres within the Metropolitan area are part of the national gateway for employment and residential growth and therefore get a higher percentage growth allocation• Ashbourne and Ratoath's proximity to the airport• Ashbourne, Ratoath and Dunshauglin, being closer to Dublin City Centre than other centres that currently fall within the Metropolitan area• The 2010 Regional Planning Guidelines acknowledged that Ashbourne was 'transitioning towards Metropolitan character' <p>The Members thanked Wendy for the presentation and the Chair for opening the meeting to the full Council on such an important matter. They expressed their concerns for the future of the County in terms of population growth and development. The Cathairleach of the Council was requested to arrange a special meeting with Members of the Oireachtas to impress upon them the importance of these centres being placed in the Metropolitan Area. The Cathairleach advised that a meeting with the Oireachtas Members was taking place on Friday 31st May and this would be raised at the meeting. He also gave a commitment to push for a meeting to deal with this matter separately.</p> <p>The Members asked that the draft minute and presentation be sent to all Members so that they were aware of the importance of the matters being discussed.</p>
3.	<p><u>Any other business</u></p> <p>Forward Planning Work Programme</p> <p>Due to the pausing of the review of the Meath County Development Plan 2019-2025, Wendy Bagnall gave the Members an update on the proposed work programme which included the following items;</p> <p>Complete Suite of Economic Variations</p> <p>Variation 1 of Trim Development Plan</p> <p>Amendment 1 to East Meath Local Area Plan</p> <p>Strategic Variations of CDP 2013-2019</p> <p>Slane Bypass</p> <p>Ratoath – completion of LIHAF road etc</p> <p>Ashbourne Public Park site</p>



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	<p>Navan Development Plan</p> <p>Variations for Strategic roads and employment uses</p> <p>Master Plans for County Hall site etc.</p> <p>Public Realm Plans</p> <p>Ashbourne, Athboy, Oldcastle, East Meath</p> <p>Members were reminded that the principle considerations for variations to the current County Development Plan will be whether they are strategic, necessary, urgent and of county wide importance such as to justify making it a special case. The programme of works is also dependent on resources and the timeline in recommencing the Meath County Development Plan 2019-2025 process.</p> <p>Visit to Cary</p> <p>The Members received an update on the recent visit to Cary from the SPC Chair, Cllr. Alan Tobin and from the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Gerry O'Connor.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>To agree a date for the next meeting</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 27th June at 10am.</p>

The meeting concluded at 11.45am

Recommendations to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG)

None