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Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC

25 October, 2017, Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Railway Street, Navan

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

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

Attendees - Sectoral Kieran Cummins

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

Officials: Jackie Maguire, Kevin Stewart, Seán Clarke, Wendy Bagnall, Pat Gallagher, Mark Harrington, Pdraig Maguire, Mary Loughran, Irene Lynch, Alison Lynch

Meath County Councillors Cllrs. Joe Bonner, Jim Holloway, Suzanne Jamal, Gerry O'Connor, Gillian Toole, Francis Deane, Pdraig Fitzsimons, Tommy Reilly, Caroline Lynch, Sharon Tolan, Paddy Meade.

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th September, 2017 were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Trevor Golden and seconded by Cllr. Joe Fox.</p> <p>The Members welcomed Cllr. Alan Tobin to the Chair and in turn, the Chair thanked his predecessor Cllr. Joe Fox. Cllr Tobin also took the opportunity to thank the outdoor staff on their work during Storm Ophelia.</p>
2	<p><u>To receive the Member's views in respect of Meath County Council's submission on the National Planning Framework and if thought fit, to resolve to attach recommendations to that report.</u></p> <p>It was agreed prior to the meeting to invite the Full Council to the SPC in order to receive their views on the National Planning Framework.</p> <p>The Members received a detailed presentation from Wendy Bagnall, Senior Executive Planner, on the key points of the National Planning Framework. The Members commended Wendy on the content of the presentation and made the following comments;</p>



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- Concern at the emphasis on the direction of future population growth away from the East Midlands region.
- Meath should continue to pursue the inclusion of Ashbourne, Ratoath and Dunshauglin in the Metropolitan Area.
- Need to reinforce the message put forward in our submission on the Strategic Issues Paper.
- Need to be stronger in calling for a rail to Navan and a firm commitment for the construction of the Leinster Outer Orbital Route.
- Promotion of Meath as a 'Live/Work/Play' County
- Continued call for a Regional Hospital
- Highlighted the importance of villages and revival of our villages.
- Need for a balance between community and economic development
- Need for major improvements in broadband
- Promotion of educational campus initiative which should also be used for other integrated services
- Essential to look at housing and re-commission buildings which have been idle for sometime
- Highlighted the important role the voluntary sector play in society
- Need to examine where commuters actually work and invest in the infrastructure to those areas
- Concern over the health implications and quality of life caused as a result of commuting
- Need for transport costs to be lowered to encourage public transport
- Need to place an emphasis on Direct Provision
- Need to build and invest in our communities
- Need to plan for 'step-down' living and developments suitable for the older generation
- Need to revitalize Town Centres and incentivize investment in town centres



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Importance of promoting a Tier 1 port in Gormanstown• Importance of a rail service to the airport and extension of DART services to Drogheda <p>Kevin Stewart, Director of Services highlighted that the NPF will be delivered through the RSES and the National Investment Programme and that it was a plan for the future generation who may not even be born yet.</p>
3.	<p><u>To receive the revised timeline on the review of the Meath County Development Plan 2019-2025.</u></p> <p>The Members were advised that Draft Meath County Development Plan 2019-2025 will be placed on public display on 19 February, 2018 for a period of 10 weeks until 2 May inclusive. Seán Clarke, Acting Senior Executive Officer, advised the Members that a new consultation portal would be used for the draft plan and encouraged Members to use and encourage their constituents to use the portal.</p>
4.	<p><u>To agree a date for the next meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th November, 2017 at 10am and the Chair advised that he would be inviting the Full Council to this meeting as the agenda items are of interest to all Members.</p>

Recommendations to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG)

None

The meeting concluded at 12.30pm