



## Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

### Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC

**11 November, 2016, Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Railway Street, Navan**

**Attendees - Councillors:** Cllrs. Joe Fox (presided), Noel French, Damian O'Reilly, Ronan McKenna, Joe Reilly, Alan Tobin and Tom Kelly

**Apologies:** Cllrs. Brian Fitzgerald, Darren O'Rourke, Trevor Golden

**Attendees - Sectoral Representatives:** Kieran Cummins, Seamus Miggin and Alan Watson.

**Apologies:** Frank Harrington, John V Farrelly, Alan Byrne,

**Officials:** K. Stewart, M. Griffin, P. Gallagher, J. English, S. Clarke W. Bagnall, D. Caffrey, M. Maguire, C. O'Rourke.

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><b><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 were approved on the proposal of Alan Watson seconded by Kieran Cummins.</p>
2.	<p><b><u>Matter arising from the Minutes</u></b></p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>
3.	<p><b><u>To receive an update on Meath County Council's Marketing Strategy Implementation</u></b></p> <p>The SPC Members received a presentation from Karen Devine and Con Donoghue from Whitelight Consulting in relation to the implementation of the Marketing Strategy for County Meath.</p>
4.	<p><b><u>To receive a progress report on the implementation of the Economic Strategy</u></b></p> <p>The SPC Members received a progress report from Mairead Maguire, Senior Staff Officer on the implementation of the Economic Strategy.</p>
5.	<p><b><u>To receive an update on the forthcoming review of the Meath County Development Plan</u></b></p> <p>The SPC Members received an update on the forthcoming review of the Meath County Development Plan from Wendy Bagnall, Senior Executive Planner. They were advised that the official process would commence on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 with the Strategic Issues Paper and that they should encourage members of the public to get involved with the</p>



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	process.
6.	<p><b><u>To receive an Update on Variation 4 to facilitate the implementation of the Vacant Site Levy</u></b></p> <p>The SPC Members received a presentation from Michael Griffin, Senior Executive Officer on the implementation of the Vacant Site Levy which will require a variation to the County Development Plan. In terms of residential lands he advised that the initial stage of the implementation would be confined to the top 3 tiers of settlement hierarchy where Core Strategy prioritises development and that it would not apply to lower order settlements. While with respect to regeneration lands, these would be largely confined to the town centres of the former Town Council administrative areas.</p>
7.	<p><b><u>To receive an update on matters deferred from the January SPC meeting (National Building Standards &amp; Policy on public lighting in housing estates.</u></b></p> <p>The SPC Members received an update on matters deferred from the January SPC from Michael Griffin, Senior Executive Officer.</p> <p>On the matter of National Building Standards, Cllr. French stated that his point was that a zero energy rating should be an aspiration for the future.</p> <p>On the matter of public lighting in housing estates, the SPC was advised that the Transportation SPC were currently bringing forward a policy on public lighting and therefore this body of work should remain with them.</p>
8.	<p><b><u>To agree a date for the next SPC meeting</u></b></p> <p>It was agreed by the SPC to tentatively schedule the next meeting for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2017.</p>
9.	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>Cllr. Alan Tobin requested a briefing for the Elected Members on the County Development Plan process.</p>

The meeting concluded at 11.10am.