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Special Planning Meeting 11th April 2012, Council Chamber

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Eoin Holmes presided.

Members Present:

Councillors Sirena Campbell, William Carey, Shane Cassells, Eugene Cassidy, Jimmy Cudden, Francis Deane, Ann-Dillon Gallagher, John V Farrelly, Jimmy Fegan, Brian Fitzgerald, Joe Fox, Oliver Fox, Jim Holloway, , Noel Leonard, Tracy McElhinney, Niamh McGowan, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Seamus O'Neill, Joe Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Catherine Yore.

Apologies: Joseph Bonner, Wayne Harding, Suzanne Jamal, Nick Killian, Jenny McHugh, Bryan Reilly.

Officials in Attendance:

County Manager: Tom Dowling

Directors of Service: Brendan McGrath, Kevin Stewart, Tadhg McDonnell, Des Foley, Fiona Lawless

Meetings Administrator Ger Murphy

Senior Executive Officers: Michael Griffin

Senior Planner: Pat Gallagher

Senior Engineer: Nicholas Whyatt

Planning Staff: Fiona Redmond, Caroline Power, Deirdre Fallon, Orla O'Brien, Aoife Kennedy, Loreto Guinan, Jill Chadwick & Jill Jacob.

Consultants in Attendance:

Brady Shipman Martin: Thomas Burns, Robert Edge & Aimee Powderly

Scott Cawley: Paul Scott

Downey Hynes Partnership: Dr. William Hynes & Stephen Purcell

1. To receive Draft County Development Plan 2013-2019 in accordance with Section 11 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2011

Michael Griffin described the development plan legislative process; advising that it forms part of a comprehensive suite of higher order plans with mandatory content and consultation provisions.

He confirmed that the *working draft of the County Development Plan 2013-2019* was being presented to the members at the meeting. The formal Draft County Development prepared in accordance with Section 11 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2011 shall be presented to members at a meeting on 18th April. The formal draft plan would be supported by Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment and will include an Environmental Certificate.

Michael confirmed that members shall be restricted to considering the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development plan relates to the statutory obligations of any local authority in the area and any relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or and Minister of the Government.

Michael advised the members of their obligations under Section 15 of the Local Government Act 2001, Ethical Framework for the Local Government Service, He confirmed that it is the responsibility of each member of the Council and its communities (elected and non-elected) to familiarise themselves with the provisions of the Act and the National Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members.



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2. **Introductory statement by the County Manager**

The County Manager introduced the County Development Plan 2013-2019 referencing its importance to the sustainable development of County Meath.

3. **Overview of the Draft County Development Plan 2013-2019**

Fiona Redmond, Senior Executive Planner, presented an overview of structure and content of the County Development Plan 2013-2019.

4. **To receive a presentation from SEA/AA Consultants, Brady Shipman Martin Re: Strategic Environmental Assessment/Appropriate Assessment, an Appendix of the Draft County Development Plan 2013-2019**

Robert Edge, Brady Shipman Martin outlined the purpose and scope of the Strategic Environmental Assessment process to the Plan.

Paul Scott, Scott Cawley outlined the purpose and scope of the Appropriate Assessment process to the Plan.

5. **Core Strategy – Chapter 2**

Pat Gallagher, Senior Planner discussed the Core Strategy, being a new element of the County Development Plan process introduced in accordance with Section 10 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2011. The Core Strategy is an evidence based requirement aligning population and housing targets from the RPGS with an appropriate quantum of zoned land, having regard to other considerations such as appropriate densities, sequential development existing and planned infrastructural provision and defined settlement hierarchies.

The Core Strategy identifies 3 themes, sustainable communities, sustainable economy and sustainable heritage and sets out the core principles of the Plan.

6. **To receive a presentation from Planning & Housing Consultants, Downey Hynes Partnership. Re: Housing Strategy, an appendix of the Draft County Development Plan 2013-2019**

Dr. William Hynes presented an outline of the Housing Strategy Appendix 4 to the County Development Plan.

7. **Rural Development – Chapter 10**

Michael Griffin outlined the content of chapters 10 and 11 dealing with Rural Development and Development Management and Guidelines.

8. **Questions & Answers**

Councillors welcomed the Pre-Draft County Development Plan 2013-2019, thanked all the presenters and noted the contents.

Brendan McGrath, Director of Services, Planning & Transportation advised of the arrangement of informal workshops for Tuesday, 17th and Wednesday, 18th April 2012 so that Councillors could be fully apprised of key policies contained within the Draft Development Plan.

The Cathaoirleach thanked all present and closed the meeting.