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Special Planning Meeting 14th September, 2012, Council Chamber

Members Present:

An Cathaoirleach, Niamh McGowan

Councillors Sirena Campbell, Shane Cassells, Eugene Cassidy, Jimmy Cudden, Francis Deane, John V Farrelly, Jimmy Fegan, Brian Fitzgerald, Joe Fox, Oliver Fox, Jim Holloway, Noel Leonard, Tracy McElhinney, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Joe Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Joe Bonner, Nick Killian, Bryan Reilly, Suzanne Jamal, Eoin Holmes .

Apologies: Cllr. Anne Dillon-Gallagher, William Carey, Wayne Harding and Catherine Yore.

Officials in Attendance:

County Manager: Brendan McGrath

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

Senior Executive Officers: Michael Griffin

Senior Planner: Pat Gallagher

Senior Engineer: Nicholas Whyatt

Planning Staff: Fiona Redmond, Deirdre Fallon, Orla O'Brien, Lynda Thornton & Jill Jacob

'To receive the Manager's report in respect of submissions and observations received as a result of the display of the Draft Meath County Development Plan 2013 – 2019 in accordance with Section 12 (1) (b) of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000-2011.

Michael Griffin, Senior Executive Officer reminded all Councillors of their obligations under Part 15 Ethical Framework for Local Government Service and to their statutory obligations under the Planning Act

Brendan McGrath, County Manager introduced the Managers report, the procedure to be followed during the meeting and confirmed that the Manger's Report has been prepared in compliance with the SEA Directive. He highlighted submissions received from the DOE, NTA & Dublin & Mid East Regional Authorities and explained the importance of the corporate document.

Fiona Redmond, Senior Executive Planner gave a presentation to the Councillors explaining the process to date in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan, the structure of the Draft Development Plan, the contents of the Managers Report and the next steps in the process.

Pat Gallagher, Senior Planner discussed the Core Strategy and referred to the increase in population, reconfiguring Meath, creation of a new economic reality, delivery of jobs, the Greater Dublin Area, retail leakage, National Spatial Strategy and Sustainable Heritage.

Deirdre Fallon, Executive Planner gave a brief overview of some of the issues raised and Manager's recommendations arising from the submissions received from the DOECLG and the Dublin and Mid East Regional Authorities.

Nicholas Whyatt, Senior Engineer, Planning / Strategic Infrastructure gave a brief overview of the submission received from the NTA



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An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Niamh McGowan invited comment from Councillors and advised that detailed comments should be set aside for the series of special meetings to be held on the week commencing 24th September.

Members thereafter highlighted a number of issues which they will raise at the special planning meetings. The Manager welcomed these comments and invited members to familiarise themselves with the document before the next meeting.

Michael Griffin, Senior Executive Officer then explained the procedure for the submission of Notice of Motions advising inviting members to submit motions by Thursday 20th September.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Niamh McGowan agreed that the next meeting will commence at 2.00pm on 24th September, 2012.