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Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs SPC

25th January 2021, Attendance via Zoom

19th January, 2021

To: The Chairman and Each Member of the Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs Strategic Policy Committee

Dear Member,

I wish to confirm that the next meeting of the Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs SPC will be held via Zoom on **Monday 25th January 2021 at 11am.**

The Agenda is set out below. I enclose for your attention the minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th September, 2020.

Yours faithfully,

Seán Clarke
Senior Executive Officer

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1. To adopt the minutes of the meeting of the 25th September, 2020.
2. To receive information on the Navan Railway Assessment Study.
The National Transport Authority's (NTA) Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area (2016-2035) adopted in February 2016, considered but rejected an extension of the Rail line to Navan based on insufficient levels of travel demand between Navan and the City Centre and taking into account the then current and employment forecasts.

The NTA have now commenced a review of this strategy to cover the period 2020 to 2041 and as part of this have appointed Consultants to develop an assessment study incorporating a comprehensive business case analysis in relation to the potential extension of the existing rail line from the M3 Parkway close to Dunboyne to Navan.

The Council including the Elected Members and Officials are fully behind the potential extension and will be working constructively with the NTA and their Consultants to ensure the best possible case can put forward in support of the project. In this regard people with the necessary expertise and experience will be retained and assigned to the



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project and covering the following areas: engineering (with particular skills in rail projects), planning, economic environmental/climate change and community.

The review of the transport strategy provides for an extensive consultation process designed to get an understanding on what peoples overall priorities are for the transport strategy and the brief for the Consultants included a requirement to meet with elected members to discuss the scope of the study and how it will be undertaken. In this regard an initial meetings have been arranged for the 28th January and which will be attended by the Cathaoirleach and Chairs of each of the SPCs.

3. To receive an update on progress relating to the Meath County Development Plan.