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Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs SPC

25th January 2021, Held via Zoom

Attendees - Councillors: Cllrs. Pdraig Fitzsimons (presided) Alan Tobin, Aisling Dempsey, Brian Fitzgerald, Joe Fox, Elaine McGinty

Apologies: Cllrs. Stephen McKee, Aisling O'Neill, Sarah Reilly, Tommy Reilly

Attendees - Sectoral Gary Plunkett

Representatives: **Apologies:** John Curran, Kieran Cummins, Sean Boyle

Officials: Larry Whelan, Des Foley Seán Clarke, Pdraig Maguire, Wendy Bagnall, Majella Farrell, Aoife Fegan

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><u>To adopt the minutes of the meeting of 25th September 2020</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2020 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. J. Fox and seconded by Cllr. B. Fitzgerald.</p>
2.	<p><u>To receive information on the Navan Railway Assessment Study;</u></p> <p>Members of the SPC where provided with a background to the Navan Rail Assessment Study by Larry Whelan, A/Director of Services whereby he advised that, 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 project and covering the following areas: engineering (with particular skills in rail projects), planning, economic environmental/climate change and community.</p> <p>The review of the transport strategy provides for an extensive consultation process</p>

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	<p>designed to get an understanding on what people's 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 meeting has been arranged for the 28th January which will be attended by the Cathaoirleach and Chairs of each of the SPCs.</p> <p>Contributions were also made by Des Foley, Director of Services, Pádraig Maguire, Senior Planner and Wendy Bagnall, Senior Executive Planner.</p> <p>Members welcomed the update and gave their support to the new study.</p>
3.	<p>To receive an update on progress relating to the Meath County Development Plan</p> <p>Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer provided an update to the SPC on the progress of the Meath County Development Plan advising that the meetings were being carried out remotely in line with Covid guidelines and that Settlements Tiers 3-5 were awaiting the consideration of the Members before any material alterations were placed on public display.</p>
4.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Members asked with regards to the number of planning applications being dealt with in accordance with previous years. The following statistics were presented and it was highlighted that these figures did not include SHD, SID or Part 8 applications;</p> <p><u>Total No. of Applications received</u></p> <p>2018 – 1594</p> <p>2019 – 1845</p> <p>2020 - 2114</p> <p><u>Total No. Relating to One off Houses</u></p> <p>2018 – 495 – One Off Applications</p> <p>2019 – 623 - One Off Applications</p> <p>2020 – 886 - One Off Applications (to week ending 04/12/2020)</p> <p>Members acknowledged the volume of work the planning department is dealing with at present and conveyed their appreciation.</p>
5.	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be Confirmed

The meeting concluded at 12.00pm



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Recommendations to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG)

- None