

# **Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee**

**DRAFT Minutes of meeting held in Aras Chill Dara, Devoy Park,  
Naas on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

## **Present:**

Councillors, Suzanne Doyle (Chair), Billy Hillis, Morgan McCabe, Pdraig McEvoy and Mark Wall. Mr. Gerry Prendergast (Business Pillar)

## **Also Present:**

Sonya Kavanagh (Director of Service), Peter Minnock (Director of Service), Michael Kenny (Senior Planner), Ken Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officer)

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### **1. To consider draft minutes of meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2016**

The minutes of the meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2016 were taken as read; proposed by Cllr. Hillis, seconded by Mr. G. Prendergast and adopted.

### **2. Part 8 Process (Local Authority Own Developments)**

There was some discussion regarding the mapping / availability of information for Kildare County Council's own developments as they are not available on the IPlan system. The Planning Department acknowledged the deficiency and undertook to review this particular issue.

There was also some discussion around the level of consultation engaged in. It was felt that the public consultation and consultation with the members should be in excess of what is stipulated by legislation. Alternative forms of consultation should also be considered to make it easier for members of the public to participate in the consultation process. The time frame allowed should also be sufficient to ensure engagement with all stakeholders. All of the points raised were noted by the Planning Department.

### **3. Update on Economic Development Actions - LECP**

S. Kavanagh gave an update in to the Economic Development Actions. Ms. Kavanagh gave the members a preview of the short videos that she has commissioned to promote the County. She also advised the members that a video brochure would be created to promote the County and to be used by way of corporate gifts.

### **4. Update on County Development Plan**

M. Kenny gave the members an update regarding the County Development Plan process.

### **5. Draft Childcare Policy**

The wording of a draft submission was circulated to the members and it was agreed that the submission to the County Development Plan should be made with a small change, i.e. where it is stated “within new and existing residential developments” should be changed to read “convenient to new and existing residential developments”. This was agreed by the Committee.

### **6. Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies**

S. Kavanagh gave the members an overview of the new Regional Authority Structures and the impending Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies. There was some discussion regarding the time frame for these strategies and the impact that they may have. It was agreed that further information is needed in order to determine what level of input Local Authorities will have (both the Executive and the Elected Members).

The next meeting of the SPC is due to take place at 3pm on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2016. The Chair thanked all of the SPC members for their contribution and the meeting ended.