

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

**Minutes of meeting held at 3 p.m. on Friday, 24 February 2017 in Aras Chill Dara, Naas.**

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Suzanne Doyle

Present: Councillors Darragh Fitzpatrick, Billy Hillis, Mark Lynch, Morgan McCabe, Padraig McEvoy, Mark Wall, Mr. Gerry Prendergast, Mr. Brendan Allen

Also Present: Sonya Kavanagh, Director of Service; Peter Minnock, Director of Service; Michael Kenny, Senior Planner; Ken Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer; Jacqui McNabb, Head of Enterprise; Mark McLoughlin, Administrative Officer, Gerard Mackey, Clerical Officer.

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### **1. To consider draft minutes of meeting held on 2 December 2016**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2016 were proposed by Councillor Wall, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and duly adopted.

### **2. Change in assignments of Directors of Services**

Ms. Sonya Kavanagh outlined the change in assignment of Directors with effect from 1 February 2017 as follows:

- Sonya Kavanagh: Economic, Community and Cultural Development
- Peter Minnock: Planning and Strategic Development

The Planning Department will now take the lead on the administration of the strategic policy committee.

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

Peter Minnock, Director of Services advised the members that the County Development Plan 2017-23 will come into effect from 1 March 2017. The Leixlip and Clane local area plans are progressing while initial work will shortly commence on the Athy and Naas local area plans. The forward planning team would continue to monitor the plans with a view to prioritising where necessary.

### **4. Rates Revaluation**

The committee was advised that as this matter would be before the Council meeting on Monday and the members of Kildare County council were circulated with details, it would be better to leave the matter to the Council meeting.

## **5. Draft Work Programme 2017**

The members were circulated with the Draft Work Programme as follows:

- Establish sub-committee to consider the production of a design aid/ guidelines for single rural houses.

*P. Minnock advised the committee that the Council were actively pursuing a number of schemes including an award scheme for good examples of rural design and a scheme for candidate villages for small developments on selected sites.*

- Business research projects – next steps
- Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies

*Noted that Executive are preparing a submission on the National Planning Framework*

- Establish sub committee to oversee economic development objectives of the LECP / Regional Action plan for jobs.

*Noted that Head of Enterprise and Chief Executive officer sit on regional committee.*

- Review Part 8 process

*Noted.*

## **6. Shop Front Scheme 2017**

The members were circulated with details of the scheme – Noted.

## **7. Update from Head of Enterprise**

The Head of Enterprise circulated a report to the members of the committee. Issues covered included:

- Supporting the County Town (Naas)
- Foreign Direct Investment
- Enterprise Support and Development Programme
- Business information and Advisory Services
- Entrepreneurship Support Services
- Enterprise Support Services

## **8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Friday 26 May 2017.