**Planning & Building Control SPC**

**Minutes of Meeting of 6th September 2018**

**In the Chair:** Cllr Jim Moore

**Present:** Cllr. Anthony Donohoe, Cllr. Willie Fitzharris Cllr. Robert Ireton, Mr. Danny Forde, Mr.Anthony Neville, Mr. Tony Larkin, Mr. Diarmuid Houston, Mr. Tony Nolan, Ms Helen Frayne

**Apologies:** Cllr Oisin O’Connell

Cllr. Jim Moore welcomed colleagues, Cllr. Larry O’ Brien, Cllr. Pip Breen & Cllr. Oliver Walsh , representatives on the Southern Regional Assembly to the meeting.

The Senior Planner gave a brief outine of the National Planning Framework. A number of key areas were identified and discussed including Population Growth and the need to address regional disparities; Economic Growth – sites identified as economic drivers e.g Trinity Wharf need to be highlighted to more easily access funding . Other Red Line issues identified and discussed included the upgrading of Rosslare Port to Tier 1 to include Belview; Oylegate to Rosslare upgrade ; the urgent need for a University in the region and the upgrade of the Rosslare to Dublin Railway . It was noted that this main economic route was not included in the plan.

Through the Chair the SPC asked the Regional Assembly Representatives present to covey the sentiments of the Senior Planner and Executive to the Assembly.

The Chairman thanked the Regional Assembly Representatives for their attendance and they left the meeting.

The normal business of the meeting then resumed.

Minutes and Matters Arising

On the proposal of Cllr. Robert Ireton, seconded by Cllr. Willie Fitzharris the minutes of the SPC meeting held on 4th April, 2018 were approved.

Matters Arising: No matters arising

Update on the RSES

It was agreed that this matter was sufficently cover in the discussion with the Regionsl Assembly Representatives.

Planning & Development (Amendement) Act 2018

The Senior Planner gave a brief outline of the main provisions of the Act including :

* NDF is now legislated for.
* The CDP has now been halted and will restart within 13 wks of adoption of the RSES
* More flexibilty to Planning Authorities – time to build can be reduced or extedned
* Power for the Minister to revoke a permisison
* Changes in the timeline for Taking in Charge of Estates

The Senior Planner answered a number of queries from the members.

Irish Water Investment Plan 2020 – 2024 Consultation

Consulation Papers and Wexford County Council’s response were circulated to the members. The Senior Planner outlined the content of the response which was prepared by both the Planning & Water Services Depts. The Senior Planner stressed the importance of the response as the plan determines where investment will be.

A brief discussion took aplce and members queries were answered.

Any Other Business

The Administrative Officer in response to a query from the Chairman advised that the new Planning & Development ( Amendment ) Act may have implications for planning enforcement due to the timeline reduction from 7 to 4years for Taking in Charge of estates. The Director of Service noted on a practical level this would mean moving to enforcement earlier. It was noted that a Developer cannot sell houses in a development in enforcement

In response to a members query regadring the Building Control System the Director of Service confimred that the Authority’s Building Control system was complete and compliant wih legislation.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the committee be held on Thursday, 15th November, 2018

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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