

County Wicklow Public Participation Network

Representative Reporting Template

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| PPN Rep Name | Tessa Stewart | Other Reps who feed into this report (if applicable) |
| Committee Name | Planning SPC | |
| Date of Meeting | 1st March 2022 | |

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| Other Attendees at Meeting | <p>Cllr. Edward Timmins; Cllr. Shay Cullen; Tessa Stewart; Jim Wood; Conor McCarthy; Cllr. Sylvester Burke</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Cllr. Erika Doyle, Cllr. Patsy Glennon, Michael Byrne</p> <p>In attendance (WCC):</p> <p>Breege Kilkenny, Director of Services; Marc Devereux, Senior Engineer; Christine Flood, Senior Executive Officer; Jackie Carroll, Senior Executive Officer; Sorcha Walsh, Senior Planner; Merlin Ovington, Administrative Officer; Ciara Ruane, Assistant Staff Officer</p> |
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| Agenda Item | Notes | Outcome /Decision | Action required. |
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| Receive presentation on Town Centre First Policy | <p>Presentation on the Town Centre First Policy, which aims to create town centres that function as viable, vibrant and attractive locations for people to live, work and visit, while also functioning as the business, service, social, cultural and recreational hub for the local community. A brief discussion ensued, with some concern expressed by members regarding the role of the Town</p> | | |

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| | <p>Teams and the perceived erosion of the role of the Elected Member.</p> <p>The members were advised that the Town Teams and the Elected Members work together collaboratively. The review will assist in identifying where there are issues and inconsistencies throughout and will also set out clear Terms of Reference.</p> <p>It was noted that there will be one Town Regeneration Officer per local authority and the Council awaits further clarification on the new post.</p> | | |
| <p>Planning and Development</p> <p>Development Management – Update on Maritime Area Planning Act 2021</p> | <p>Presentation on the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021. The new planning system will operate in the maritime area that will extend from the high water mark to the outer limit of Ireland’s continental shelf and include the territorial seas and the Exclusive Economic Zone. The serious resource implications for Planning staff were discussed also in this regard and in light of the other legislation in the Planning area.</p> | | |

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| Forward Planning – Update on Co. Development Plan 2022-2027 | <p>Over 300 submissions were received and CE report has issued to the members. It was noted that the submissions are more complex and much more substantial than previous. There are statutory timelines for review and adoption of the plan and it is assumed that the plan will be adopted in July (depending on the outcomes of the Special meeting)</p> <p>New guidelines are due to be published and regarding serviced zoned land, this must comply with the population targets.</p> | | |
| Review of Burial Ground Policy | <p>There are capacity issues in some Burial Grounds and there is a move towards Columbarium Walls and Ash Plots. Regarding the Bye-Laws and policy in this area it was acknowledged that there is no ‘one fits all policy’ and previous attempts to set universal policy had failed.</p> | | |
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| Date of Next Meeting | Schedule of Meetings 2022 – the following dates were agreed for 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="display: inline-block; margin-right: 100px;">• June 7th <li style="display: inline-block; margin-right: 100px;">September 6th <li style="display: inline-block;">December 6th |
| Signature of PPN Rep | Tessa Stewart |

