Statement on South Dublin Draft Local Economic and Community Plan

The formal statement on the South Dublin Draft Local Economic and Community Plan was approved at the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly meeting on 13th November 2015.

INTRODUCTION

The Local Government Act 1991 (Regional Assemblies) (Establishment) Order 2014 (S.I. 573 of 2014) came into effect on the 1st January 2015 establishing the new Regional Assemblies. The Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly, has twelve constituent local authorities split into three Strategic Planning Areas (Dublin, Eastern and Midland). The functions of the new Regional Assemblies include the formulation, adoption and implementation of Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies (RSES), management of EU Operational Programs and implementation of national economic policy.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

The Regional Assemblies' role in the LECP process is set out under Section 66C of the Local Government Act 2001, in particular section 66C 2(c) and 3(c) which states that the consideration of an LECP by the Regional Assembly shall relate to its consistency with (i) the core strategy and the objectives of the development plan of the local authority concerned, (ii) any Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy or, as appropriate, Regional Planning Guidelines (RPGs) that may apply, and (iii) between the economic and community elements of the Plan.

CONSISTENCY

South Dublin County Development Plan 2010-2016: The draft LECP demonstrates consistency with the core strategy and the objectives of the Development Plan and it is recognised that the LECP will be implemented alongside the South Dublin County Development Plan.

Greater Dublin Area Regional Planning Guidelines 2010-2022: The draft LECP is considered to be consistent with the RPGs and regionally significant plans, such as the Regional Action Plan for Jobs, have been included in the draft LECP.

Economic and Community elements of the LECP: The draft LECP inherently demonstrates consistency between economic and community objectives. Goal 12 on education and training has an economic development and a community element with objective 2, on opportunities for young people from disadvantaged communities, having a strong integrated focus.

CONCLUSION

The Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly considers, in line with Section 66C of the Local Government Act 2001, that the South Dublin Draft LECP satisfies the requirements in terms of consistency with the core strategy and the objectives of the South Dublin County Development Plan, consistency with the RPGs and the integration and coordination of the economic and community elements of the plan.