

**MINUTES OF LAND USE, PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION
HYBRID STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON THURSDAY 13TH MARCH 2025 at 5.30p.m.**

**PRESENT**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** |  |
| Cllr Yvonne Collins (Chair)  | Eoin Burke  | Director of Services |
| Cllr David McManusTeams | Mary Maguire | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr Helen Farrell Teams | Hazel Craigie (Teams) | Senior Planner |
| Cllr Jess SpearTeams | Chris Shanahan  | Administrative Officer |
| Cllr Niamh FennellTeams | Susan Sinclair | Administrative Officer |
|  | Fiona Campbell | Administrative Officer |
|  | Farhan Nasiem | Sen Exec Engineer |
|  | Padraig Collins | Sen Exec Planner |
|  | Orlaith Maguire  | Road Safety Officer |
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| Business Commercial |  |  |
| Development / ConstructionSean O’NeillTeams |  |  |

HI – December 2024 Minutes

The Minutes of the December (November deferred )2024 SPC, held on 3rd December 2024 were Proposed by Cllr J Spear, seconded by Cllr D McManus and **AGREED**

**H2– Update on Speed Limit Review**

The report as circulated was presented by Mr Farhan Nasiem, Senior Executive Engineer

The presentation focused on

* Collision Speed – Fatality Risk
* Update on Phase 1 (Rural) Speed Limit Review
	+ All 80km/h signs on Rural Roads in SDCC replaced with a speed limit of 60km/h and operational from 7th February 2025.
* Commencement of Phase 2 – Urban Speed Limit Review
	+ 30Km/h to apply where there is significant presence of venerable road users
	+ Some exceptions leading to 20Km/h and 50Km/h
	+ Urban roads with high design speed may have higher Km/h
* Determination of speed limits in urban areas – Arterial / Link/ Local
* Urban speed limit implementation –
	+ Step 1 – Identify urban speed zones
	+ Step 2 – Identify locations where other than 30Kh/m should apply
	+ Step 3 – make Byelaws

Mr Nasiem’s presentation concluded with illustrative examples, and he responded to raised regarding publicity / education campaign.

### **H3 – Regulation and use of eScooters**

The report as circulated and presented by Ms Orlaith Maguire, Road Safety Officer

The presentation focused on:

* Recent legislation – Road Traffic and Roads Act 2024
* New class of vehicle legitimised – Personal Powered Transporter (PPT)
* eScooters – a new and novel mode of transport
	+ Restrictions and prohibitions – speed capacity and weight
* Recent media campaign
* Analysis of Fixed Charge notices issued since implementation
* Analysis of incidents involving eScooters
* Analysis of detention of vehicles

Ms. O. Maguire and Ms. M. Maguire responded to queries raised regarding regulation / incident claims and use in public parks.

**H4 – A guide to Planning Enforcement**

The report as circulated was presented by Ms. Mary Maguire, Senior Executive Officer

The presentation focused on the following:

* Statutory Basis
* Planning enforcement – what it is and is not, and when enforcement action can be taken
* Unauthorised development / structures/use
* Processes and procedures, incl timelines as set out in legislation and regulation
	+ Warning Letter S152 / Enforcement Notice S154
* 7 Year Limit – how this is determined
* Summary Prosecution – Time limits – 6 months

Ms. Maguire and Mr Burke responded to queries raised regarding application for retention permission on foot of enforcement action.

### **H5- Update on implementation of ePlanning**

The report as circulated was presented by Ms Fiona Campbell, Senior Executive Engineer.

The presentation focused on

* A new and more efficient customer-focused service
	+ Citizens Portal / PrePlanning / Enhanced workflow / National Planning Portal
* Analysis o f% of eplanning applications received since launch – 80% for 2025 to date
* Advantages of the portal for inhouse stakeholders
* Advantages of portal for external stakeholders

Ms Campbell responded to queries raised.

### **H6- House Extension Guidelines**

The report as circulated was presented by Mr Padraic Collins, Senior Executive Planner.

The presentation focused on

* Objective of County Development Plan **Policy H14, Objective 2**
* **New** guide to reflect the practical application of the County Development Plan,
* Reflect updated interpretations with regard house extension designs and alterations.
* How to use the guide
* Strategies for home improvement
* Built form principles
* Design optimisation
* Statutory Process
* Additional guidance

Mr Collins responded to queries raised.

**H7 Tallaght LAP (Tallaght Town Centre LAP 2020-2026)**

The report as circulated was presented by Mr Padraic Collins, Senior Executive Planner.

### The report focused on:

* Background to the LAP – made in 2020, Tallaght Town Centre LAP 2020-2026
* Context of the LAP & County Development Plan – both for 6 years
	+ LAP to 2026
	+ CDP to 2028
* Need for an extension to the LAP to 2028
* Process to extend LAP
* Future LAPs and new CDP
* Thursday 27th November 2025

Mr Collins and Mr Burke responded to queries raised in relation to types of development required / boundary area / brownfield challenge / timelines.

 The meeting concluded at 7.00pm.