



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

Held on Tuesday 30th June 2026 at 5.30p.m.

Attendance

Members

Cllr Yvonne Collins (Chair)
Cllr Paddy Cosgrave
Cllr Daniel Loftus
Cllr Brian Lawlor
Cllr Jess Spear
Sean O'Neill, Development/Construction
Eoin Ahern, PPN

Council Officials

Eoin Burke, Director of Services
Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer
Susan Sinclair, Administrative Officer
Gary Walsh, Senior Engineer
William Byrne, Senior Planner
Padraig Collins, Senior Executive Planner
Siobhan Duff, Senior Executive Planner
Camelia Petre, Urban Designer

Apologies

Cllr Helen Farrell
Declan Hanley (PPN)

Headed Item 1 – Minutes of the February 2026 meeting

The minutes of the February SPC, held on 26th February 2026 were proposed by Cllr Cosgrave, seconded by Cllr Collins and **AGREED**.

Headed Item 2 – County Development Plan 2022-2028:

CDP Variation no. 2 - NPF Implementation

The report as circulated was presented by Mr Padraig Collins, Senior Executive Planner. The presentation focused on:

- Settlement Capacity Audit – Complete October 2025
- Proposed Variation – Published February 2026
- Steps so far: June 2026
- Outcome of Special Meetings: June 2026

- Housing updates
- Next Steps: Material Alterations (MA)

Mr Collins responded to queries raised by Cllr Spear, Cllr Cosgrave, Cllr Loftus and Cllr Collins concerning next steps, governments input into rezoning, environmental reports and graphics and timeline and the report was noted.

Headed Item 3 - County Development Plan 2022-2028: Proposed Variation No 3 - City Edge update

The report as circulated was presented by Ms Siobhán Duff, Senior Executive Planner.

The **presentation** focused on:

- Priority Development Areas (PDAs)
- City Edge update

Ms. Duff and Mr. Burke responded to queries raised by Cllr Loftus and the report was noted.

Headed Item 4 - Clonburris SDZ Non-Material Amendment

The report as circulated was presented by Mr Eoin Burke, Director of Services. The

presentation focused on:

- The purpose of the non-material amendment
- Rationale behind the proposed amendments
- Planning process and current position

Mr. Burke responded to queries raised by Cllr Collins and the report was noted.

Headed Item 5 - Urban Speed Limit Review update

The report as circulated was presented by Mr. Eoin Burke, Senior Executive Planner. The

presentation focused on:

- Purpose of the urban speed limit review
- Legislative and policy basis
- Critical national and local deadlines
- Typical speed limit outcomes
- Approach to speed limits at schools
- Member role in decision making

Mr. Burke responded to queries raised by Cllr Cosgrave in relation to the percentage of bigger cars on the road and speed limits including cycle lanes. The report was noted.

Headed Item 6 - Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) & County Development Plan process

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

The presentation focused on:

- Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES)
- Review of RSES

- Issues raised by SDCC
- RSES and Planning Hierarchy
- County Development Plan

Mr. Collins responded to queries raised by Cllr Collins and the report was noted.

Headed Item 7 - Planning Design Standards for Apartments (Guidelines for Planning Departments)

The **report** as circulated was presented by Mr. William Byrne, Senior Planner. The presentation focused on:

- The background, context and government objectives
- Governance and compliance under the 2024 Act
- Key changes in draft 2026 NPS v 2025 guidelines
- Changing national apartment minimum standards

Mr. Byrne responded to queries raised by Cllr Cosgrave and Mr Ahern in relation to how standards may bring the prices down, District Heating and luxury apartment developments. The report was noted.

The meeting concluded at 6.38pm.