



**An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta**
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage

Second Meeting of Planning Advisory Forum

First Revision to the National Planning Framework

Date: 4th October 2023

Location: Iveagh Garden Hotel, Harcourt Street, Dublin 2.

Time: 10.00am

Department Attendees: Minister Kieran O'Donnell; Paul Hogan (Acting A/Sec); Henk van der Kamp (Facilitator); Claragh Mulhern (Acting Principal Adviser); Alma Walsh (Senior Planning Adviser); Colin Fulcher (Planning Adviser); Karen Kenny (Senior Planning Adviser); Laura Courtney (Planning Adviser); Pauline Riordan (Planning Adviser); Michelle Breslin (Planning Adviser); Paul Hession (AP); Turlough O' Brien (AP); Mary Jones (PO); Eugene Waters (AP); Colette McCarthy (HEO); James Fitzpatrick (EO) and Mary Boyne (EO).

Planning Advisory Forum Attendees: Anne Marie Farrelly (County and City Management Association); Dennis Kelly (Northern and Western Regional Assembly); David Kelly (Southern Regional Assembly); Paul Caprani (An Bord Pleanála); Niall Cussen (Office of the Planning Regulator); Anne Marie O'Connor (Office of the Planning Regulator); Mary McMahon (Irish Planning Institute); Niall Byrne (Royal Town Planning Institute); Mark McKernan (Society of Chartered Surveyors); Charlotte Sheriday (Royal Institute of Architects Ireland); Dr. Kieran Feighan (Institute of Engineers Ireland); Katie Kent (Enterprise Ireland); Dearbhla Lawson (Land Development Agency); Aidan Sweeney (Irish Business and Employers Confederation); Conor O'Connell (Construction Industry Federation); Eleanor Treanor (Investment Development Agency); Shane Conneely (Chambers Ireland); Des Cox (Eirgrid); David Clement (National Transport Authority); Cliona Ryan (Transport Infrastructure Ireland); John O'Shaughnessy (Uisce Éireann), Kerrie Sheehan (Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland); Pamela McDonnell (Environmental Protection Agency); Phoebe Duvall (An Taisce); Virginia Teehan (Heritage Council); Attracta Uí Bhroin (The Irish Environmental Network); Gina Kelly (Climate Change Advisory Council); Daithi Downey (National Economic and Social Council); Ciarán McCaffrey (Higher Education Authority); Mary MacIntyre (International Centre for Local and Regional Development); Alistair Beggs (Department for Infrastructure Northern Ireland); Louise Lennon (Irish Rural Link); Tim Cullinan (Irish Farmer's Association); Aislinn Nic

Dhomhnaill (Housing Agency); John Spain (Property Industry Ireland); Karl Kent (Irish Institutional Property); Damien Ryan (Local Authorities Members Association); Kevin Ryan (Community and Voluntary Pillar); Tommy Cooke (The Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Association); Paddy Kavanagh (Irish Congress of Trade Unions); Brendan Allen (ESB Networks); Catherine McGuigan (Age Friendly Ireland); John McGeady (Social Justice Ireland); and Laura Brien (Maritime Area Regulatory Authority).

Apologies: Cllr Nick Killian (Association of Irish Local Government); Clare Bannon (Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly); Professor Mark Scott (Regional Studies Association); Marty Robinson (Inter Trade Ireland); Ciaran O'Connor (OPW); Colin Bray (Tailte Éireann); and Sinéad O'Brien (Sustainable Water Network).

Agenda Item	Summary
Welcome and Opening Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister O'Donnell opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees.
Introduction to the Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was advised the Planning Bill was approved at Cabinet yesterday and an overview would be provided to the Group later in the morning.
Terms of Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The revised Terms of Reference were discussed. A request for additional time to consider the revised Terms of Reference and the minutes of the Inception meeting of the PAF (which took place on 6th July 2023) was agreed to with observations requested by Wednesday 11th October.
Report of the Expert Review Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A summary of the Report of the Expert Group review was provided. An overview of the recommendations from the Expert Group's Report was discussed.
Session 1 – Issues Paper (Part 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A briefing regarding the three topics was provided to the group. The first breakout and discussion session took place regarding: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Climate transition and our Environment; Population and Demographics; Regional Growth and Ambition; Compact Growth Feedback was provided from each of the five tables by a designated rapporteur.
Session 2 – Issues Paper (Part 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A second breakout and discussion session took place regarding <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Digitalisation; and Investment and Prioritisation. Feedback was provided from each of the five tables by a designated rapporteur.
The Planning Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update on the Planning Bill was provided outlining the next steps in the process. The floor was opened up for questions regarding the Planning Bill.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observations and contributions were made relating to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Issues raised; it was noted there was no change, just clarification. - The right to consult, to include local employers as well as developers.
Closing Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister O'Donnell thanked the Forum Members for attending and advised on the next stages including the closing date of 20th October for submissions on the Issues Paper from Forum members. • The next two meetings are scheduled for the following tentative dates: 24th October and 14th November.