

Summary of points raised by Members at workshop on “Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy Issues Paper”

Public Consultations Stage 1 - Workshop

On 8th January 2018

It was requested at the workshop that the following items be included in the submission from GCC at this stage in the consultation process

- Clarification on where support funding would come from
- Growth of the City and the requirement of low carbon technology centres/facilities
- Noted that issues with broadband in rural areas needed to be resolved
- Employment & set up companies were still subjected to challenges.
- SME's not mentioned in the issues paper, requested that their importance be acknowledged.
- A large music/concert venue was required to enable Galway grow to metropolitan level.
- Deficit of public health & mental health care facilities need to be provided through out region.
- Provision of sporting facilities including public swimming pools important facility for region.r.
- Housing an urgent issue throughout the area.
- School transport & public transport should be a priority in the submission
- Links to rural areas along with a regional train system should be addressed as an importance element to meet both local and regional needs and afford commuting opportunities to the City.
- Support for SME's & funding steams should be made available for supports such as insurance.
- Cities marine assets was need to be utilised for amenity value and to promote the City
- Funding steams for such projects critical
- Infrastructure required to service housing and commercial needs
- The strategy in the City Development Plan should be the basis of the submission.
- Metropolitan area a strategic a priority for the city and especially for Galway City Council .
- The decision on the proposed amalgamation of the County & City Councils & its effect on the submission is critical as without the confirmation of the amalgamation /not there may be a a waste of resources invested in the proposed metropolitan plan. (MASP)
- Social housing in particular a critical issue and transport infrastructure to serve all.
- Address impact of traffic particularly during school and school cycles.
- Generally the provision of health care should be a consideration in the submission
- The provision of Art /Cultural infrastructure is a major issue of concern. There is a potential to have municipal/grouped facilities too for sports which could include for the provision of a major concert hall.
- The National Framework submission requested to be incorporated into GCC submission on RSES & priority should be given to the interest of Galway City
- Requested need for double tracking rail as far as Athlone.
- The importance of Galway Port should be explored.
- The N6 ring road's importance for the city/county needs to be stressed.and its link with the growth of the city.
- Delivery of smart health care in the region. Is important as Galway is the only acute hospital in the region

These points will be incorporate into the full submission From Galway City Council to be submitted by Feb. 9th