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The Public Participation Network in Galway City

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Glossary of Terms and Acronyms

- DRCD – Department of Rural and Community Development
- GCCN – Galway City Community Network
- GCC – Galway City Council
- GCP – Galway City Partnership
- LCDC – Local Community Development Committee
- LECP – Local Economic and Community Plan
- LG – Linkage Group
- LGBT+ – Lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans+ and intersex people
- PPN – Public Participation Network
- SDG – Sustainable Development Goals
- SPC – Strategic Policing Committee
- UNRCPD – UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

SPC1: Housing and Social Inclusion

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Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed: <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, Clr Terry O'Flaherty proposed.</p> <p>Matters arising to be raised under Agenda items.</p> <p>Ms E Fanning presented Affordable Housing, Capital Updates and Traveller Accommodation Programme updates as per reports.</p> Affordable Housing, Capital Updates <p>Housing Needs Analysis demonstrates that 20.4% of households in the City will have affordability challenges.</p> <p>Affordable purchase and cost rental housing are part of the policy responses.</p> Questions and Responses <p>Clr McDonnell</p> <p>Raised a number of queries in relation to specific sites</p> <p>Have we organised a meeting with the Department?</p> <p>Have we recruited additional posts to enable the Council to deliver on targets?</p> <p>Has the Scheme of Priorities for Affordable Accommodation been developed yet?</p>																	

Mark Lohan

Thanks for the presentation

114 Affordable in process – delivery date in mind?

Leana Mór, Cappagh Road – is this Part 5, 20%; Or Turnkey? More clarity please?

Cllr E Hoare

Emphasised the need for joined up thinking between Housing and Transport Departments in light of recent decisions.

Is there coordination between Housing, Planning and the CEO in relation to correspondence responding to these decisions?

In the Emergency we're in, will the criticality of the situation be reflected in CE's response?

Leana Mór, very concerning trend – developer using turnkey finance, and then going to the market. Notes that this was an RCT issue. Is there something being done by the AHBs to curtail this happening in future?

Cllr A Cheevers

The Pipeline for Social and Affordable is very prevalent to constituents on the East of the City and he is getting a lot of enquiries.

Seeking assurance on schemes being completed in 2024. Do we have clarity yet on the criteria for Affordable Housing?

Over dependent on AHBs and on Developers for delivery. What are we doing to go out and get brownfield sites?

On the social and affordable sites, budget approved for 5 posts. Where are we on this?

Signing of contracts going forward is very important.

K Golden

On behalf of the Housing Linkage Group expresses deep concern in relation to achieving only 50% of target in 2022. While delivery under Housing for All is front loaded, it was loaded to the end of Rebuilding Ireland which coincided with the Covid Pandemic and as such, there was significant under delivery over the period of the Plan.

To be starting again under Housing For All at 50% of target with the deepening Housing and Homelessness Crisis and Emergency is putting huge pressure on people waiting on housing, on staff within the Council and staff in Service Provider NGOs.

Is it the intention of the Council to progress with dorm style accommodation in Seamus Quirke Road?

Concerns have been raised in relation to the dorm style accommodation by Dr Kieran Coleman, Nurse Regina Boyle, COPE Galway, Galway Simon Community and members of the Linkage Group over the last number of years. Further, the Department's guidelines in relation to Emergency Accommodation published last September indicates that one or two bed accommodation is preferable. Will these concerns be taken on board?

Cllr D Lyons

Received commitment from Dermot Mahon here in the Chamber that there would be no more social housing on the Ballymoneen Road, that it would be Affordable..... concerned that there appears now to be a change in this position.

Very disappointed with Respond situation.

Responses

Executive Architect and Executive Engineer appointed. Other posts appointed also, but need to be back filled.

Scheme of Priorities for Affordable Housing still a work in progress

3 sites being refused is a serious set back to targets. The Council is re-strategising in relation to Transport and Connectivity, and developing a combined approach with Housing. Will only progress in future on sites that have a high chance of success in order to try to avoid what has happened in Keeruan and elsewhere happening again.

Merlin Park queries – will take up these queries with the team.

Delivery date for Affordable Housing? Will have a programme with more defined timelines once a developer is appointed, and will update then.

It is not right that a developer could pull out of a contract at the last minute. Different AHBs have different processes so hopeful that this issue will not recur. A matter of getting the wording correct in the agreement.

The entire industry likely to rise to that. The signing of the agreement is between the developer and the AHB.

In response to Cllr Cheevers query in relation to the pipeline, GCC has plans to build more directly. Will need to continue to work in collaboration with AHBs and developers/turnkeys also in order to achieve the targets.

In response to K Golden, agrees that 50% of target housing delivery in 2022 is very disappointing albeit that the target was probably too high in the first instance. Confident we will achieve the full target over the 6 years of the Plan. Expected delivery of 274 in 2023 against a target of 219. It is the intention of the Council to proceed with dorm style accommodation in Seamus Quirke Road. This is within the Department's guidelines. Need space desperately, hence design of Seamus Quirke Road.

Clarification. K Golden agrees that space is needed. However, designing in dorm bedroom spaces in a new building that the City will have for 25-30 years is a retrograde step. She read from the Department's Guidance published last September

Careful consideration should be given to the maximum number of persons sharing bedrooms. Whilst the provision of individual or twin rooms (of a minimum 7.2 sqm or 11.4 sqm respectively) is considered the ideal, this may well not be possible, particularly in the conversion of an existing building

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Ms Fanning agreed to follow up on this after the meeting.

In response to Cllr O'Flaherty, legal advice is that it is not possible to penalise a contractor under contract law.

Liquidated damages are possible, and as such can only recoup losses.

In response to Cllr Lyons – Ballyburke has changed from Affordable to Social. Quality of design will be excellent. Cllr Lyons requests that this would be relooked at, and mix would be revisited.

H Martyn

Brothers of Charity – has gone to site investigation. Issue with Section 183, will come back before Councillors in April.

B Barrett

In relation to Léana Mór, pretenancy training had taken place. However, no one had received an allocation.

Acknowledges that it is hugely disappointing for people who did not get an allocation. It has worked well in the past when pretenancy training was done in advance, and as soon as keys were received the Council could move to tenancing as quickly as possible. In light of what has happened recently, the Council will change this now, which may lead to some delays in tenancing.

H Martyn

Further clarifies that no house numbers had been given, no keys allocated. Tenants are advised not to give NTQ until they have notification of the details of the allocation.

Ms Fanning

In relation to Keeraun, only option now is judicial review. No-one wants to do this. Looking at other options for the sites.

ClIr Cheevers

On Coast Road development, what is mix between City Council and AHB allocations?

Response: Garraí Caol – all GCC.

AHBs have responsibility for delivering cost rentals. They are finding it extremely difficult to make this work.

AHBs have gone back to Department to relook at the Scheme.

A Baret

Since Dec 2021, maximum rent increase allowed under HAP is 2%. The Council consults with Threshold in relation to claims and when legality confirmed, increase of 2% can be processed. Director of Services asked to convey the concern of the Housing SPC in relation to Planning Matters.

Traveller Accommodation Programme

Updates presented as per report. Again, ABP decisions in relation to Keeraun and Headford Road very disappointing.

K Golden queried the number of units delivered in 2022, and the number anticipated over the next couple of years.

Response: 4 years of anticipated TAP

2022 – 0 Units Delivered

2023 – 0 Units Expected to be Delivered

2024 – 5 Units Anticipated

2025 – 4 Units Anticipated

B Barrett

Keeraun and Headford Road a significant setback. Now looking at other options. Reality of 5-6 years to get through the regulatory and planning process. Need to build resilience among the Traveller Community.

Cllr Hoare

Crucial that we make the point to the Department now that the Council is being frustrated in trying to spend TAP monies and deliver housing.

B Barrett

It's not the design that is the issue. It's getting it through the regulatory and planning process. Getting a development through the various stages takes time.

The Council has already made this point to the Department via the Galway Social Housing Taskforce and other fora.

Acknowledges the frustration of the Traveller Community and the Council staff. The Council has emphasised the negative impact of the ABP decisions on the relationships that the Council has built up with the Traveller Community.

Hope to build positively on relationships with LTACC in bringing other sites to fruition.

Update re Croí Cónaithe - Martha

Started accepting applications last December.

5 applications received. None approved as yet. Awaiting further information on all applications.

Acquisition Procedure

Martha will share with everyone electronically after the meeting. Under the SHIP Programme, (Social Housing Investment Programme), the Council can acquire properties. Dermot Mahon had requested that the procedures would be documented, and this is now outlined in these documents.

Cllr A Cheevers – what level of funding is available for SHIP?

Response – no set budget, guidance on ceilings for individual properties. Two properties acquired under this process last year. So far this year, 9 offers on the table. Generally to prevent homelessness when there is an NTQ in place.

Cllr Byrne – do we promote?

Director Barrett – don't promote it actively as do not wish to get involved actively in private market. Aim is to manage it well so as to prevent homelessness, and to balance not promoting additional sales.

Homeless Update

H Martyn delivered report

Housing First – 32 tenancies created in City, 52 in the Region.

14 singles in PEA

25 families between Hub and Corrib Haven

Council has received 397 NTQs since September

- CWR – coming to an end on March 31st. Some good outcomes in CBH. Waiting on funding allocations from Department. Likely to retain 3-4 CBH properties. Clients settling in very well into the Community.
- Seamus Quirke Road - Need another site for Day Centre during build, will go back to Service Providers to work on this.
- Newcastle Road development – positive news that this is progressing
- Significant progress being made in relation to Prevention of Homelessness. Credit to Service Providers, particularly in light of shortage of accommodation.
- New Youth Homelessness Strategy published by Department in November, and this will continue to be an area of focus in Galway.
- In relation to Rough Sleepers on the streets, Councillors have made representations. Non HRC issues continue to prevail. There is some work being done at a national level in relation to a response.
- The Social Housing Taskforce has developed 7 actions in relation to the County area and the City will be working with the County on these.

K Golden

Thanks H Martyn for report.

Acknowledges support of Council for work in preventing Homelessness. In 2018 homelessness was growing faster in the West than in any other region. In Nov/Dec 2022, the yoy increase in homelessness in the West was 3-7%, significantly lower than the National increase of 27-31%. In relation to Youth Homelessness, Galway City Council, Túsla and Galway Simon created a dedicated Youth Service in the City in 2016. The Service worked with 70 young people last year. There was no increase in the number of young people (18-24) in Emergency Accommodation in the West in 2022 while the National increase was 49%. The Department consulted with young people with lived experience of homelessness in Dublin and in Galway when developing the new National Strategy, and Minister O'Brien had written to clients of the Galway Service who had participated in the consultation to thank them for their input.

K Golden expressed the collective concerns of members of the Linkage Group and those working to combat homelessness in the City over several decades in relation to the period ahead.

Demand for CWR beds exceeded supply over the Winter period. This put significant pressure on people looking for shelter, and on teams who had responsibility for admitting or turning away people who were presenting on a nightly basis.

Demand for housing continues to far exceed supply, and that only 50% of the target number of social housing builds were delivered in 2022 is deeply concerning.

The moratorium on evictions is most likely going to expire at the end of March, and lead to a significant upsurge in NTQs.

Landlords are continuing to exit the market, further reducing supply in the private rental market. All of these factors are adding to the pressures on Service Providers, and funding is not keeping pace with the level of increase in demand for Services.

Further compounding the challenges ahead is the increasing likelihood of strike action, due to funding not being provided to Section 39 organisations (including homeless service providers) to restore pay parity with staff in equivalent roles and on the same pay scales in public sector and

Section 38 organisations. If strikes go ahead, there will be a number of risks. First and foremost, ensuring client safety. Further, protecting the dignity of clients in Services that may be picketed, risks to the culture within the sector and risks to fundraising.

The NGOs continue to engage with rough sleepers. Significant progress has been made in reducing rough sleeping through the Housing First Programme. The NGOs have also been engaging with the business community, the Council and the Gardaí in relation to our collective response to people without HRC, and work on a national response is to be welcomed.

Cllr Lyons

Acknowledges that some people do not wish to engage with Services, and the work being done to bring in rough sleepers is to be welcomed.

Cllr O'Connor

Thank you for the presentations and for the work that is being done.

Is there any protection in law to protect the nomadic lifestyle of Traveller and Roma peoples?

Cllr O'Connor to follow up with K Golden following the meeting.

Cllr Cheevers

Requests clarification in relation to 35% discretionary HAP

A Brett clarified that the council has visibility on HAP via the HAP database and they are currently targeting the most vulnerable. The Department has set rigid guidelines.

Cllr O'Flaherty

Thanks the Council and the NGOs for the excellent work being done.

Clarification on progress on retrofit programme. The programme is behind, the Council sought additional resources and they are limited in implementation due to the lack of resources.

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next meeting :

To be confirmed

SPC2: Planning



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Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker) Brendan Mulligan	
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting: 8th November 2022 (a hybrid meeting)	
I láthair / Attendance	
Present:	Online:
Cllr Peter Keane, Cllr Frank Fahy, Cllr Michael Crowe	Cllr Clodagh Higgins (Mayor), Cllr Owen Hanley, Liam Blake, Senior Executive Planner, Ronan O'Reilly,
Brendan Mulligan	Senior Executive Engineer,
In attendance:	Phelim O'Neill, Head of Property, Land Development Agency (LDA)
Patricia Philbin, Director of Services, Caroline Phelan, Senior Planner, Helen Coleman, Senior	Apologies;
Executive Planner, Jim Higgins, Heritage Officer, Simone Watson, Senior Staff Officer,	Derrick Hambleton
Marcella Kilgarriff, Assistant Staff Officer	
Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:	
Minutes and Matters Arising Cllr Frank Fahy expressed his delight with the action taken in relation to the bridge over the Dyke Road and the quality of the work. B. Mulligan noted that the external members of the SPC had been afforded no more opportunity to have an input into the draft development plan that any member of the general public.	
Update on Dyke Road and Sandy Road Regeneration Sites	
Mr Phelim O'Neill, LDA, gave a verbal update on the progress to date on both sites as follows:	
<u>Dyke Road Regeneration Site</u>	
The LDA has progressed the recruitment of a Design Team and has been working with Galway City	

Council in relation to governance and the design brief. It is proposed to redevelop it on a phased basis:

- Residential.
- Commercial/Cultural.
- Potential redevelopment/re-use of the Black Box.

The interactions with the Headford Road Retail Park and the proposed pedestrian bridge linking to the University will be considered.

In terms of programme there was mention of preliminary design and a feasibility study by the end of the year. It is hoped to kick off in Q1. It will need 15 months which will include significant public consultation and consultation with various stakeholders.

Sandy Road Regeneration Site

Much of the baseline work has been done. It involves lands owned by ESB, Galway City Council, Galway County Council and land in private ownership.

Once the Draft Development Plan 2023-2029 is adopted the final checks will be done and a framework for public consultation will be in place early in the New Year.

It will be a substantial development, which will be phased, with residential in Phase 1. The ESB are a willing stakeholder.

Flood Defences Update

Ronan O'Reilly gave an update on the 'Coirib go Cósta' flood relief scheme.

Arup was appointed as consultant in November 2020. The first meeting of the OPW, the Sanctioning

Authority, Galway City Council, the Client and Arup, the consultant, took place in November 2020.

The flood relief scheme will protect against a 1 in 100-year Fluvial (river) Flood event and a 1 in 200-year Coastal Flood event.

The standard process has 5 stages – the 'Coirib go Cósta' scheme is currently at Stage 1:

- The review of the Flood Model is nearing completion.
- A Communication Strategy has been developed – www.coiribgocosta.ie
- The Hydraulic Model will be finalised in the next couple of weeks.

The next steps will be:

- Development of potential options.
- A Public Engagement Day.
- Consider all feedback.

- 3rd Public Engagement.
- Design Preferred Scheme.
- Submit scheme for statutory consent.

The scheme will protect the following areas:

- Caravan Park in Salthill.
- Blackrock Diving Tower and full promenade along Grattan Road and South Park.
- City centre around the Docks.
- Industrial lands at the harbour.
- Huntsman Inn and G Hotel at Lough Atalia.
- Ballyloughane beach and railway line.

A schematic of possible flood defence options was presented.

Examples of flood defences deployed elsewhere in Ireland were presented including;

- Glass walls in Waterford.
- Embankments including Public Amenity such as a 3m cycleway.
- Walls as in Cork with public realm improvement.
- Walls as in Fermoy.

The programme for the works is to be reviewed once the full extent of the works is determined. As it stands now it is expected that;

- An application for statutory consent will be made in mid-2024.
- The scheme will be handed over in 2028/2029.

B. Mulligan requested that the presentation be circulated.

Clr Frank Fahy remarked that it was a great presentation and enquired if flood protection be provided at the Railway Bridge at Lough Atalia. He also asked about the impact on visual amenity at the Promenade – how high will the flood protection have to be?

The Mayor, Clr Clodagh Higgins, observed that flood protection works in Salthill could be a sensitive issue and enquired about the phasing of the works.

Clr Owen Hanley asked if there is engagement with the Active Travel Scheme and if there would be a possibility that hard protection works would deflect flooding to adjacent unprotected areas?

Clr Peter Keane observed that there is a huge opportunity to incorporate walkways and cycleways as amenities as part of the works.

Ronan O'Reilly responded that:

- He is cognisant of the impact on visual amenity.

- The Flood Relief Scheme is being considered with and without the proposed Harbour Extension.

- It is too early to comment on the Phasing of the works.

- Active Travel are engaged with the project.

- Displacement of flood waters is a significant risk and is being given careful consideration to avoid negative impacts on adjacent unprotected areas.

Caroline Phelan, Senior Planner, confirmed that the planners have been fully engaged with the project.

Development Plan – Material Alterations Chief Executive’s Report Update

Helen Coleman said that the Chief Executive’s Report following the public consultation on the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Development Plan had been issued to Elected Members during October. There had been 108 submissions. It is hoped to have meetings with Councillors towards the end of the month and that the plan would be adopted thereafter.

Brendan Mulligan observed that as the GCCN Representatives had only received a copy of the Chief Executives Report on the afternoon of the 2nd November there wasn’t an opportunity to convene a Environmental Linkage Group meeting to consider it prior to the Planning SPC meeting. Instead GCCN had decided to support the following specific submissions and requested that Councillors ensure consistency with the recommendations in these submission in making the Galway City

Development Plan 2023-2029:

1. GLWC-C5-1 Environment Protection Agency
2. GLWC-C5-41 Irish Water
3. GLWC-C5-77 The Office of the Planning Regulator
4. GLWC-C5-81 An Taisce – Galway Planning Committee
5. GLWC-C5-85 Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage – Dev. Appl. Unit
6. GLWC-C5-86 Friends of Merlin Woods
7. GLWC-C5-105 National Transport Authority

The Chair asked Brendan Mulligan to send the request to Marcella Kilgarriff.

Caroline Phelan stated that there isn’t a possibility for the Planning SPC to make a submission at this stage of the plan making process. The Chair has the discretion to bring the matter back to the Council.

Draft Heritage Plan Update

Jim Higgins referred to the Heritage Plan 2030 having been launched. Heritage Officers are charged with developing procedures. They have met but have not produced any guidelines yet. They did indicate that Galway City could proceed with drafting its own Heritage Plan. Jim indicated that he would be in a position to go ahead with a preliminary meeting of the Heritage

Forum by the end of November. He confirmed that Cllr Owen Hanley, Cllr Frank Fahy and Derrick Hambleton from the Planning SPC had previously expressed interest in being involved in the Forum. He went on to list out many names of people who would be involved, including Caroline Stanley, many of whom had been engaged previously. He said many people had expressed an interest in being involved.

He envisaged that it would take 3 or 4 meetings of the Heritage Forum to produce a draft Heritage Plan which would then be put before the Council for approval.

Jim Higgins confirmed that he has asked the NPWS to nominate an ecologist with a particular interest in natural heritage.

B. Mulligan noted that Derrick Hambleton, who was unavoidably absent, would welcome the probability that there would be a meeting of the Forum before the end of the month.

Jim Higgins said that every other Local Authority has a Forum that meets 4 times per year to oversee the implementation of their Heritage Plan and we should have such a forum.

Caroline Phelan said that the City Council wanted to go out to the public to get public feedback before we had the Forum. She said there are some actions ongoing on a continuous basis under the current plan. An advertisement had been placed in the papers for expressions of interest for the last Heritage Plan.

Cllr Peter Keane suggested that perhaps the Council could endorse the proposed membership of the Heritage Forum at the December Council meeting. Jim Higgins will send the list of proposed members to Marcella Kilgariff.

ESB Utility Boxes

Liam Blake explained that there are two classes of exempted development available under Schedule 2 of the planning regulations:

- Class 29: By any electricity undertaker: volume \leq 11m³
- Class 31: By a statutory undertaker providing telecoms: volume \leq 2m³

Cllr Crowe referred to a number of specific utility boxes including one opposite the Hardiman Hotel, in Quay Street, etc., which he described as eyesores. It appeared no aesthetic consideration had been given to them.

Cllr Peter Keane enquired if there were any proposal to make them more aesthetic. Liam Blake said he would look into it but it is constrained by the exemptions under the planning regulations.

Caroline Phelan clarified that the box opposite the Hardiman Hotel is actually an EPA air quality monitor. The City Council has received approval for a Conservation Officer. She would like to advance management plans for the Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs) and perhaps the issue of utility boxes could be addressed as part of that. There are 11 ACA's – the city centre ACA will be the first priority.

Cllr Peter Keane noted that 10 new staff appointments had been sanctioned and hoped to see those being filled in the first half of 2023.

Preliminary Population Results - Census 2022

Brendan Mulligan referred to an email he had sent to Councillors and members of the Executive in which his analysis of Census 2022 Preliminary Results showed that population growth in Galway City Council's functional area was underperforming that of other local authority areas and had achieved only 15% of the growth required to achieve the NPF target population for 2026. Other local authorities in the NWRA Region have achieved between 41% and 88% of their higher NPF population projections for 2026. As a result, the NPF population targets for 2026 and 2031 are probably unachievable. The NPF's population target of at least 120,000 by 2040 may still be achievable but will require something transformational such as Transport Oriented Development facilitated by Very Light Rail.

Caroline Phelan queried the population growth for Galway City of 4.4% since 2016 in B. Mulligan's analysis which was different to that in a LGMA Research paper 'Review of preliminary data published by the CSO' in September which found there had been a growth of 6%. Helen Coleman gave B. Mulligan a copy of the Research Paper as it was not publicly available

Short Term Lettings (STL) Update

Caroline Phelan reported that twenty cases are being pursued under enforcement. Liam Blake explained that the new legislation has put the focus on the platforms. Under the new legislation if a platform advertises a property for STL without permission it will be an offence.

There have not been many applications for planning permission. The policy is to recommend refusal. No permissions have been granted but a couple of decisions are under appeal.

Vacant Sites Update

The Residential Zoned Land Map has been on public display since the 1 st November. This supersedes to some extent the Vacant Sites legislation. No submissions have been received to date.

There are vacant sites which are still liable for levies. In summary:

- There are 6 vacant sites in total of which;
 - o Levy paid in full on 1,
 - o 1 at valuation arbitration,
 - o 1 currently under appeal
 - o Second notices issued to the remainder

Caroline Phelan said that a third notice may be issued before handing the cases over to debt collection.

Work Programme

Patricia Philbin said that a Work Programme cannot be prepared yet as that the Annual Service Plan has not been agreed and the Budget for next year has not been adopted yet. She will make a Work Programme available as soon as possible.

AoB

Cllr Michael Crowe asked what works are being carried out on the bank of the Corrib beside the Dyke Road. It was confirmed that Irish Water had been granted planning permission last year to construct a new water intake and these works relate to that. Cllr Crowe observed that these works are being carried out on a green recreation area and hoped that Irish Water is adhering to the planning conditions and that full restoration will be carried out. Liam Blake confirmed that a number of conditions required proper reinstatement on completion.

In response to Peter Keane, it was confirmed that Galway City Council had recommended refusal of a SHD application at Bóthar an Chóiste. An Bord Pleanála has since refused permission for this development. The City Council has recommended refusal in relation to another SHD development in Westside.

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<p>I láthair / Attendance</p> <p>Present:</p> <p>Cllr Peter Keane, Cllr Niall McNelis Derrick Hambleton, Brendan Mulligan</p> <p>In attendance: Patricia Philbin, Director of Services, Helen Coleman, Senior Executive Planner, Liam Blake, Senior Executive Planner, Kate Moloney, Executive Planner (Development Plan Team), Laurena Mitchell, Senior Executive Officer, Marcella Kilgarriff, Assistant Staff Officer</p> <p>Online:</p> <p>Cllr Clodagh Higgins (Mayor), Cllr Frank Fahy, Cllr Michael Crowe</p>	
<p>Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:</p> <p>Minutes of Meeting of 8th November 2022</p> <p>The Chair took the opportunity to advise the members of the Planning SPC that Caroline Phelan, Senior Planner, has retired. He acknowledged her tremendous service.</p> <p>Cllr Niall McNelis observed that he had attended the meeting online.</p> <p>Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Cllr Frank Fahy and was seconded by Cllr Niall McNelis.</p> <p>Derrick Hambleton inquired if there had been any meeting of the Heritage Forum. Helen Coleman explained that Jim Higgins was absent due to a family bereavement at the weekend. She said he is in the process of pulling together a Forum and it is expected there will be a meeting early this year. There will be an update at the next Planning SPC meeting.</p>	

Brendan Mulligan referred to the analysis of the Preliminary Census Results he had presented at the previous SPC meeting. He had since revised his analysis taking account of the data in the LGMA Research Paper which he had been given a copy of at the meeting. The population of Galway city had reached only 21% of its 2026 population growth target by the Census date. He maintained that Galway city will not achieve its population growth targets for 2026 and 2031 and a transformational change will be required if Galway city is to achieve its population target of 120,000 by 2040. He expressed disappointment that his analysis did not generate any discussion. More detailed data is due from the CSO in April. The Chair will allow the Executive to prepare a report and present it at the next Planning SPC meeting.

Patricia Philbin will get back to Cllr Michael Crowe in relation to the utility boxes.

City Development Plan 2023-2029 – Process & Update

Helen Coleman confirmed that the Development Plan has been adopted and came into effect in January.

The Office of the Planning Regulator recommended to the Minister that a Direction be issued. A Draft Direction was issued which recommended that:

- 15 Material Alterations relating to rezoning should revert back to what was in the Draft Plan and
- Deletion of 11 zoning objectives

The Minister accepted all the Planning Regulator's recommendations except one relating to land at Ragoon which is serviced and within the urban area.

Submissions were invited from the public over a 2 week period – 60 submissions received. The Chief Executive will prepare a Report which will be sent to the Office of the Planning Regulator, the Minister and the Elected Members of the Council before the 3rd March. The Regulator will then consider the Chief Executive's Report and the submissions and will recommend to the Minister whether the Draft Direction should be issued as a Direction or an amended Direction should be issued. An Inspector can be appointed if the Planning Regulator believes that further investigation will be necessary.

A final decision is expected by May at the latest. Printing of the Development Plan is paused while a final decision is awaited.

Derrick Hambleton asked has anyone suggested that the Ardaun LAP be progressed. It is sitting there awaiting services to be ready to go. There is no apparent urgency to deliver on the plan.

The Chair decided that Ardaun will be on the Agenda for the next Planning SPC.

Derrick Hambleton proposed that this committee ask that urgent consideration should be given to Ardaun in the Chief Executive's Report and the infrastructural deficit in any response to the Minister. The Chair seconded this proposal. The CE's Report is due by the 2nd March and should include the Planning SPC's recommendation.

Update on Local Area Plans

The Ardaun LAP will expire in 2024. Its review will be prioritised in Work Plan 2023. Plans are being advanced for the servicing of Phase 1. Plans are being finalised for an attenuation tank. The Martin Junction works will facilitate access. URDF funding is in place for a second access. The Chief Executive has been having discussions with certain landowners.

Once the review of the Ardaun LAP is completed work will commence to advance the Headford Road and Murroogh LAPs . The Headford Road LAP includes lands south of the Bodkin Junction, including the Headford Road Retail Park and Dyke Road.

Cllr Neil McNelis observed that An Bord Pleanála had refused permission for two developments recently due to a lack of adequate transport. He posed the question how do we take An Bord Pleanála's needs into account. There is a Policy Objective in the Development Plan to extend the footpaths on the Headford Road and there are plans for improvements to the Ballymoneen Road. Did An Bord Pleanála not take those plans into account? We have to have definite plans for footpaths and bus services.

Cllr Fahy noted that the preparation of a LAP for Murroogh has been spoken about since he came on to the Council in 2011. B. Mulligan observed that it was in the City Development Plan 2005-2011.

The Chair asked how will the review of the Ardaun LAP be undertaken?

Helen Coleman said that the review will include all aspects including densities, taking account of current guidelines. A brief will be prepared for specialist expertise in relation to the environmental assessments, flood risk, an Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA), Local Transport Plan, etc. There will be stakeholder consultation, a pre-planning consultation, a communication strategy, screening and scoping for environmental assessments, etc.

Helen Coleman envisaged that the statutory process will commence towards the end of the year. There will be a 6 week public consultation and a 6 week period for Councillors to consider the matter. It will take from Easter to September to get a draft plan out.

In relation to the Murroogh LAP, some work has been done on this. How to achieve access to the lands is a huge issue in relation to programming this. Iarnród Éireann is involved because of the railway line and the ATU owns much of the lands.

The Castlegar Area Plan is paused until a decision is made in relation to the N6 GCRR.

B. Mulligan suggested that this SPC should advocate for more staff resources for the Planning Department. Patricia Philbin said that the City Council is recruiting as additional staff have been sanctioned. There is a shortage of qualified planners in Ireland. Cllr Fahy was in agreement with B. Mulligan and Cllr Niall McNelis in relation to the need for more staff. The government is focusing on revisions to the Planning Acts and Regulations but the real problem is resourcing planning.

In relation to the Castlegar Area Plan, Cllr Frank Fahy said the N6 GCRR is a dead duck and cannot happen. There is a need to progress other plans. The City Council needs to put pressure on Irish Water to deliver infrastructure. The Chair said he understands that an application for planning permission by Irish Water is imminent. Cllr Niall McNelis said these matters need to be raised at the next Council meeting. Galway is not being treated as a city but as a 'Leitrim'. The Chair said he would raise the matter. Derrick Hambleton suggested that the Chair should write to the Minister directly.

Regeneration sites progress

Sandy Road (21 acre site)

Helen Coleman said that a multidisciplinary team, led by Reddy Architecture, is preparing a Draft Spatial Framework. It is envisaged that there will be 700-850 new homes, including mixed tenure and intergenerational homes, as well as some commercial space. There will be a meeting of the Steering Committee on the 6th March to consider the draft.

There will be a briefing of the Council staff effected by the relocation of the depot. The ESB will also be relocating its facilities.

It is expected that a Public Consultation will commence by the end of March for 6 weeks. The final Framework is expected to be available by July/August.

Dyke Road

Heads of agreement are being finalised with the Land Development Agency (LDA). The development is anticipated to include 175 residential units and commercial space. The Black Box will remain until an alternative is available.

It is expected that a planning application will be made in 2024 – it will most likely be a Part 10 application to An Bord Pleanála. There is no statutory timeline for Part 10 applications. The Planning Bill proposes to set a timeline.

The Chair will put this matter as an item on the Agenda for the next Planning SPC meeting on the 29th May. The Planning SPC will receive the documents 2 weeks in advance of the meeting.

Briefing on Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT)

Kate Moloney, Executive Planner, Development Plan team, gave a short presentation on the RZLT. The tax, which will be levied at a rate of 3% annually, will be collected by the Revenue Commissioners.

Cllr Frank Fahy asked if all the lands zoned 'residential' in the city are included. The answer was no, only those lands that are serviced or capable of being serviced are included. The tax will not apply to lands currently used for agriculture which continue to be used for agriculture. There is no exemption for lands that are zoned residential but the owners don't want them to be zoned. If a landowner requests a de-zoning of lands zoned 'residential', it would have to go through a Material Alteration (Variation?) process.

Cllr Niall McNelis asked that the presentation be circulated to members of the Planning SPC.

Cllr Frank Fahy stated that landowners are being plagued by auctioneers asking if they will sell land. He asked are developers exempt from the RZLT. The Chair answered no.

ePlanning Project Update

Laurena Mitchell gave a presentation on the ePlanning project. Copies of a 2-page document were distributed at the meeting.

Derrick Hambleton asked if statutory consultees will still be sent hard copies of applications. The answer was no.

B. Mulligan asked if additional administrative resources are in place. Patricia Philbin responded that there are difficulties in recruiting staff. It appears that Local Authority salary scales are not attractive.

Cllr Niall McNelis asked if the IT system has been upgraded and if cyber security has been addressed. Laurena Mitchell answered that it is a national system for which there is centralised responsibility rather than at individual local authority level.

2023 SPC Work Programme

The Work Programme is a schedule of areas of work, some of which will be included on the Agenda for individual SPC meetings.

The Chair confirmed he will take proposals that relate to policy.

Schedule of Meetings for 2023

- 29th May 2023 • 5th September 2023 • 5th December 2023

AoB

Galway MASP

The finalisation of the draft document on governance related to the Galway MASP is awaited. Once it is finalised, a date for a joint meeting of City and County Planning SPCs will be set.

Permission for change of use

Cllr Neil McNelis asked if planning permission is required for change of use of a premises from retail to a food outlet. Liam Blake, Senior Executive Planner, answered generally no, unless it is proposed to have dining/drinking on the premises. The planners would generally resist such a change of use. Enforcement procedures can be used. A retail shop can have a hot food counter to sell food for offsite consumption.

The City Council refused planning permission for change of use from retail to a food outlet on Cross Street due to lack of toilet facilities but, surprisingly, An Bord Pleanála granted permission on appeal.

Helen Coleman observed that there is an objective in the City Development Plan to develop a Joint Retail Strategy with the County Council within one year of adoption of the development plan.

Development Contributions

Cllr Frank Fahy raised an issue about an apparent difference in development contributions between the city and county. Since May 2021 development contributions are based on the floor area of the dwelling – the larger the dwelling, the higher the development contribution.

Utility Boxes

Since it appears that Utility Boxes under a certain size are Exempted Development, Cllr Michael Crowe proposed that the City Council write to the utility providers and ask them to consider aesthetics. The Chair seconded the proposal.

The meeting ended at 10:08

Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile / Date of next meeting :

29th May 2023

Tuairisc/Reporting Template for Galway City Community Network Representatives



Galway City Community Network
Lionra Pobail Chathair Na Gaillimhe

Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	Planning SPC – general report
Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker): Brendan Mulligan	
<p>Key issues dealt with since last Plenary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minister's Draft Direction on the Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029. • The Ardaun Local Area Plan 2018-2024, which is due to be reviewed will be a priority in 2023. • Preparation of Local Area Plans for the Headford Road and Murroogh will commence after the Ardaun LAP review is completed. • The Castlegar Area Plan is paused pending a decision on the N6 GCRR. Cllr Frank Fahy declared the Ring Road is a dead duck and cannot happen. • A multidisciplinary team, led by Reddy Architecture, is preparing a Spatial Framework for 21 acres at Sandy Road. It is envisaged that 700-850 homes, including mixed tenure and intergenerational homes, can be provided as well as some commercial space. It is expected to go to public consultation by the end of March. • Heads of agreement are being finalised with the LDA on the Dyke Road site. It is anticipated that 175 residential units and some commercial space will be provided. The Black Box will remain in use until an alternative is available. A planning application will be made in 2024. Briefing on Residential Zoned Land Tax. Briefing on the ePlanning Project which will enable online planning applications. • SPC Work Programme presented. • Schedule of meetings agreed. 	
<p>Upcoming issues/information to flag to next Plenary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The review of the Ardaun LAP and the Dyke Road development will be on the agenda at the next Planning SPC meeting. • A date for a joint meeting of City and County Planning SPCs will be set once the consultant engaged to look at the Governance of the Galway MASP delivers his report. 	
<p>Any support required from the GCCN membership?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None of the recommendations in the Mediator's Final Report dated June 2021 from the mediation process that Galway City Council and GCCN engaged in, at the invitation of the Chief Executive, have been implemented. 	

SPC3: Economic, Community and Cultural Development



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Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	Economic, Community and Cultural Development SPC
Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	Dominick Whelan
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	9th December 2022 - 2pm
	Hybrid - In-person at Galway City Council and Online (MS Teams)
I láthair / Attendance	
Neil Mc Nelis - Chair & CLLR	Theresa O'Donoghue - Officer
Donal Lyons - CLLR	Thomas Melley - Officer
Noel Larkin - CLLR	TJ Hughes - Officer
Eddie Hoare - CLLR	Dermot Mahon - Officer
Declan Mc Donnell - CLLR	
	Rebecca Jackson - GCCN LECP Pilot DAF Pobal project
Dominick Whelan - GCCN	Breda Fox - Local Enterprise Office
David Hickey - Galway Chamber of Commerce	Valerie - Local Enterprise Office
Brian Barrett - Director of Services	
Gary Mc Mahon - Head of Economic, Community and Cultural Development	Apologies: Fiona Neary - GCCN
Caitriona Morgan - Community Officer	
Ruairi Lehmann - Tourism Officer	
Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:	
AGENDA	
1. Confirmation of minutes of the, Economic, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting held on Thursday 23 rd September 2022	
2. Matters Arising	
3. Leo Update and Presentation by Breda Fox	
4. Presentation from Rebecca Jackson, GCCN on Dormant Accounts Funding – Engagement Project	
5. Tourism Update – Tourism projects and convention Bureau update by Ruairi Lehmann	
6. Community Department Update	
7. Provisional date for SPC meeting 2023	
8. A.O.B	

Adoption of the minutes: Adopted - Eddie Hoare. Seconded - David Hickey.

Matters Arising

- Query regarding the status of the branding development of Galway
- Query regarding the status update on Salthill Tourist Office
- Formation of Committee in relation to Disability Forum committee by DFI
- Galway 2020 agenda is proposed for 1st quarter in 2023

Response

- Regarding Tourist office an active tender is in process for spring 2023
- Branding will be dealt with in the tourism update
- There was a request for both universities to present an update and requests have been made to the Presidents of both ATU and University of Galway

Local Enterprise Update by Breda Fox

- Fully staffed in relation to core services in comparison to last year
- With a key focus on providing information and advice towards manufacturing and producing business
- Local food and craft fair was held last weekend with 50 stands
- 277 businesses supported in 2022
- 23 grant applications with average funding of €3800
- there were 977 applicants in 2021 programme
- 235 mentoring across the year and during shutdowns
- 307 trading vouchers issues
- (Presentation of metrics in presentation)
- 2023 Enterprise Ireland focuses on manufacturing, food processing and a pilot with companies that employ more than 10 people.

Questions

- Noel Larkin
 - People who are looking to start up and business for financial starts. Are banks looking for/ guarantees or is there any system to access initial start up
- Eddie Hoare
 - Are there any job insights and challenges on the 2022 data?
- Response
 - In Relation to startup finance banks will look at a track record in relation to capital loans. Microfinance Ireland (MFI) does not look for start-up capital but is capped at 25,000€ and is provided on a non-guarantor basis.
 - MFI is supported of cash flow and loan applications.
- In working with schools, the aim is to develop a product for sale, advised for the Christmas period and a business report in the new year. A final is held in the new year and the development of business.
- The energy support scheme is accessed through ROS for rebate in comparison to 2021 bills.

LECP Pilot programme

- Introduction by Theresa O' Donoghue
 - Aim of the project to increase engagement of marginalised groups
 - Galway City Council (GCC) and GCCN are coordinating on the project
- Rebecca Jackson of GCCN Introduction
- Beneficial experience in the lived experience
- Community and collaboration process with the output of a positive outlook toolkit.

- The target group is in relation to deaf community, young adults in disadvantaged areas, migrants, women and the travelling community.
- At this stage is the planning and engagement phase
- stakeholders are key to access to migrant groups
- an example of linking in for trans and non binary group
- Objective to make it engaging and reflect the lived experience for the project
- Traveller community, trans, non binary, deaf people, direct provision after Christmas
- The groups were engaged in how they would like to be engaged. The design aids for access to information. On reflection Pobal and how will they evolve in the LECP authors consideration
- The contribution for the plan will reflect
 - equality and inclusion
 - health and wellbeing
 - culture
- The cause and needs for each of these three groups.

Regarding access to cultural spaces in relation to factors that prevent engagement due to housing issues, the deaf community is in need of access to services.

- By using a triangulation model with values lab, the lived experience and re check the learning from the pilot and book of evidence.
- The lack of policy and plans at a local level, the civil society to identify key actions
- Pobal have questions towards the project;
 - Collaboration reflection with GCC
 - Respond to the barriers from the input from marginalised groups

Questions

- Are there any specific access to social spaces that are limiting
- Galway cultural hub and how can marginalised groups access
- The deaf community requires cultural events like arts festivals and there is a knock on effect of access. If you cannot be reflected in society in the wider experience it is not representative.
- How are initiatives can be improved by hidden barriers
- How can encouragement of communities increase participation?
- The council has policies to address this in relation.
- What has been spent to date
- An action would be to encourage more communication and look at detail and depth and exercise and look at how the council can improve and be a welcoming city.
- Always open to disabilities and work with the council

Response from Caitriona

- City Council and LCDC initiatives on funding are building on the work of the public sector duty.
- As it is a work in progress and concern. The outcomes should be assessed in the context of how to improve on outcomes.

What is the sample size

- Amach LGBT+ are a sample size for one community
- Focus groups are being formed and already sampled from groups
- The key part is to ensure participation

Tourism Strategy - Update - Ruairi Lehmann

- Increase in airport capacity demand
- increase in energy and employment issues in the sector

- Current sustainability tourism index is 38
- Carbon emissions calculator is available on Failte Ireland
- DEDP- Destination Experience Development Plan for Gala Dinner Venue.
- Collaboration project with Galway Chamber for shop local
- Destination Towns outdoor museum project
- The appointment of a night time economy advisor is going forward
- Blueway feasibility study is now open until January
- Public spaces fund
- Galway branding is going to tender in new year
- Salthill Park will begin consultation in 2023
- WAW - Wild Atlantic Way Signage is lapse in Galway City and failte Ireland is looking to address this issue.
- New museum and historical signage is underway with the library of Ireland and Lawrence collection
- Access for all and Galway Westend are in collaboration to make the area more friendly and accessible. The hope is to extend this project to other business associations.

Other projects

- Design Team appointed for new water sports hub
- Design team to be appointed for Woodquay project

Short Term Letting register is planned to implemented and awaiting the planning office for direction of the process

Questions

- Eddie Hoare
 - Tourism Task Force chair
 - Timeline in relation to installation of the new electricity supply for events in Eyre Square
- Donal Lyons
 - Is Eyre Square the only access point
 - how can groups access the stages secured for the city
- Dominick Whelan
 - Could the non-for profit sector assist in further sustainable process for the sustainable index
 - Has the council considered working with Aalborg as twin city on the project
- Neil M.
 - Accommodation capacity issues and how can the bed stock will react
 - Are the city planners involved in the process of tourism projects
 - Can the Eyre Square booth sale multi vendors
- Response
 - VAT rate has mentioned by John Ryan is dependent on national policy
 - Power supply in Eyre Square is two thirds completed. Other power locations are being audited in the public realm for parks, festivals and what level of power required is to be determined
 - stages in process is ongoing and the booking with failte Ireland and producers of festivals that will operate it.
 - In regards to GSDI Sustainability. Glasgow and Goteborg have a high return on investment and index and in relation to opportunities that are there, Niamh at the convention bureau is overseeing the operation.
 - Availability for example in relation to how Clare is operating is having a knock on effect on availability but it will be determined by the contractual rates.

- 150,000€ was spent this year on Christmas lighting.

Commendation on Retirement of Breda Fox

- Breda Fox in retiring in 2023 and the SPC wish her well in to the future

Extension of SPC meeting by 15 minutes

- Proposed - Donal Lyons
- Seconded - Dominick Whelan

Community Report - Caitriona

- Report has been circulated
- National fund for community groups for energy costs
- There are three projects awarded funding from DRCD
 - COPE
 - Croi na Gaillimhe
 - Galway Ballybane Centre
- Qtr. 2 presentation to the SPC on information from Healthy Ireland Galway
- Capacity in relation to humanity support and centre and allocation of a team will meet with new refugees

Dates for SPC 2023

- Proposed - Donal Lyons
- Seconded - Dominick Whelan
- Alternate date approved from 3rd March to 10th March 2023

Work Plan for 2023

- proposed - Donal Lyons
- Seconded - Noel Larkin

AOB: None

Gníomhaíochtaí / Action(s) required from GCCN:

Continued follow up on DFI disability Committee

(Continued Follow up on the proposal(s) for disability steering committee)

Follow up on Sustainability of Tourism policies with the community sector.

Follow up on LECP pilot and outcomes

Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile / Date of next meeting :

Friday 10th March 2023 at 2pm

Moltaí breise /Any Other Comments:

Dates for 2023 SPC

- 2pm Fri 10th March 2023
- 2pm Fri 12th May 2023
- 2pm Fri 22nd September 2023
- 2pm Fri 8th December 2023



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Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed: University Of Galway – Presentation by Professor Ciarán Ó hÓgarthaigh, Uachtarán na hOllscoile University of Galway - Presentation by President Questions - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is there continuing development by enterprise Ireland on startup enterprise in the university? - Is there much information in relation to the transport and planning by the university? - Student accommodation, how many beds are now in place and in planning for the future? Answers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In relation to creating a proper space for the city. The key factors are in ensuring economic, housing, community investment, tourism and destination. Community engagement and working with the community. - Funding on Projects to ATU and Portershed. - Ensuring SDG's, placements are our students calling for environment and sustainability. - Human capital including to support entrepreneurship - Practice in relation to feedback and then support transport - The ide or banning parking and if we had public transport we'd be keen to ensure effective transport and work together. - A key piece of public transport, work with walkways such as the greenway project. - Parity is a source of employment by students, we've noted 5% car or 95% other means of transport by students. - How we might work with parties with the campus. 																					

- there are 664 beds with a goal of 1900 beds for students
- Currently there are about 3000 graduates per year. There are two things regarding to manage housing and social housing elements. Which create a student accommodation.
- How to state and social need to create policy.
- Dangan is saturated, Nuns Island we need to be good neighbours. The challenge is about additional space.
- Electric Charging points to be increased.
- Nun's Island for URDF for development.
- Covid delayed our projects plans, the old electric which will act as the new law building. Subject to planning.
- The old for urban and tracks in the other side.
- The Perse building and challenges by conservation. Plenty of ideas and cultural spaces or accommodation.
- The Bish development and public, there are significant funding requirements and work with the community of nuns island.
- The performance space, Houston Film School, cultural spaces the other option is the Baily Allen Hall and O'Donoghue. We need a real size performance space. the balance and tour hall is important.
- The average journey of our students is 140km. - the housing and transport are key for us.
- We need to work together to find solutions.
- This is a lot of space open to the community in Galway.
- Equality is to be open to everybody to come, be it industry and travelling community, the access office. We have projects with SCCUL and Westside.

Question

- One of the concerns, increasing is third level. The issue of increasing international studies and support international community. This is in relation to international student at the expense of opportunity to serve the local community. The name change is a unique factor in this internationalism.

Answer

- Any student in Galway will need to work in an international dimension. The city with the most diverse location. an opportunity was in the role of having authentic student experience. Enterprise Ireland and international exports for interaction is recognised as important factor in Ireland. It's important to challenge the reason to support these values as aspect of opportunity in various ways through different aspects of partners. To evolve the region and to be sustainable.

Follow Up

- There is another matter SFI and need to talk about the creation of an exhibition as a tourism attraction and destination for medical technology. Enright project and urban lab for Leisureland project and various other departments are ongoing.

Failte Ireland DEDP (Destination Experience Development Plan) – Presentation by Mark O'Connell & Margaret Jenkins

- The current launch of destination and experience development plan DEDP, experience plans, we are currently at consultation process.
- A specific plan for Galway City fir visitors and insure stay and extension to the season.
- The wider guidance of Galway city is in relation to quality experience and stablish a process that do inform the process.

- The destination place, mystery shopping for an international benchmarking. Have from best international best practices. The best ideas and engage with the communications and stakeholders.
- Planned development process.
- Opportunity and projects that need to be explored and discuss.
- Perhaps on consultation with various parties.

Questions

- How do we take around about Hotel rooms and value for money for good product. how do we measure that.
- Will it be city and county council.
- What of the extensions to Galway City Museum.
- If we look at Leisureland and refurbishment. We need to allocate attractions a venue, and Leisureland complex an attraction. A city of both languages and cultures.
- What will be the outcome of an destination plan. Others can understand the projects such as we wet weather attractions.
- Do we have collective in community, and tourism, sustainable tourism.
- Motivate sales, vacant shops, is there much interaction in relation to retail and tourism.
- In terms of value in relation to destination attractions, Galway City comes out in a positive light. Access the destination in relation that this is a rare integrity.
- Comments on the Leisureland, one of the first projects. Leisureland comes up and Salthill is a key market for plans and be individual with the council.
- In terms of the Irish language us a key aspect for the city and Connemara.
- The brand will play a key point.
- A progress report to Connemara and Aran islands. The report from the most successful plan to date is another plan is the Limerick DEDP for comparison for Galway City and visitor destination.
- Development and residents across all regions are working on short term accommodation. We are going to lose accommodation due to the new regulations.
- Community development and support through our engagement process through the community across all plans. Failte Ireland use the VICE model.
- The VICE model and work with community sectors in relation to community sectors.
- Supporting the Galway Chamber through the influencer campaign. One of the unique opportunities on over occupied with the destinations.
- In this with the development with the concepts we use community and connections in relations to how to promote local destinations.
- Time frame is 8 months progress for draft in September and October.

Galway City Culture & Creativity Strategy 2023 – 2027

- The development of a cultural strategy for the European capital of culture. The second strategy and beneficial by the department.
- Goal one for the LECP development plans.
- Cultural insights of the expression and creativity. Creative Ireland is about the cultural development in communities and advising their strategy.
- Access and creative community - funding €160,000
- Climate change and access - funding €50,000
- Youth and Children - funding €13,000
- Creative and communities officer in delivering a call for development at projects of year end. For example are working on gaming and building on further projects.
- Under health and wellbeing project. And working with traveller community.

- Project in for a and community project for older people.
- A number of people under climate actions and working in the westside area for a project in 2025.
- Climate Action process.
- Creative communities funding
- Challenges based funding
- Everybody matters
- What are local communities, what are you doing
- The is a first round and during covid and was focus during covid and benchmarking.

Galway / Gaillimh Tourism Brand

- The brand is the next couple of weeks.
- To manage properly in the industry and workshop and benchmark against other destinations.
- Unique Irish identity
- Blas Na Gaillimhe
- We have worked with Gaillimhe na Gaelige is ensuring the language in relation to ensuring visitor experiences the language.

Local Economic and Community Plan – To hear an update.

- 23rd again to template on consultation
- draft plans to ensuring group
- Develop are finalise by QTR 3

Ukrainian Humanitarian Response & Community Update

- Refugees support worker and lead project.
- Support families and refugees to aid in new arrivals
- €1,911,918 awarded for clubs and communities, projects.
- Tangible benefits over the course of 2023-2027
- Capital cost projects have been approved for grant 28,725 on Ukrainian health and development health supports for the refugee committee.
- Initial proposed a suite of projects, if approved and notify once approved by the department

A.O.B

- Language is a value to the opportunity for the city. The role is that the title of Irish language and the role impacts the Irish language planning officer.
- It's included in the work programmes.
- Request for agenda and notices for SPC' to issued two weeks prior to the meeting as per recommendation by the IPA on 9th March 2020, and best practice of three weeks.
- The city council standing order stands at 7 days prior to a meeting.

ATU will present at next SPC on 12th May 2023.

Socruithe déanta / Key Decisions Made:

- Adoption of Galway Tourism Brand (embargo due to current commercial sensitivity)
- Open collaboration with University of Galway and Galway City Council
- Commence DEDP for Galway City Council area

Gníomhaíochtaí / Action(s) required from GCCN:

Follow up on presentation by University of Galway President open call for engagement with community

Follow up on community engagement process in particular to consultative status of community based on Failte Ireland VICE model for Galway City Council DEDP

Further discussion on Cultural and Creativity strategy

Galway Tourism development impact and community engagement

LECP discussion on outcomes expected by QTR3 of 2023

Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile / Date of next meeting :
12th May 2023

Moltaí breise /Any Other Comments:

Further developments in relation to tourism, economic, retail strategy and how they interlink with cultural and creative developments.

The role of developments and impacts on the community sector.

SPC4: Transportation

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Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	Transport SPC
Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	Shane Foran
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	Tuesday 7th February 2023 Zoom and council chamber
I láthair / Attendance	<p>Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Frank Fahy (Chair) • Mayor Clodagh Higgins • Cllr Mike Cubbard online • Cllr Alan Cheevers • Cllr Clodagh Higgins • Cllr Niall Murphy • Cllr Peter Keane • Cllr Noel Larkin not sure • Cllr Colette Connolly Online <p>Community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shane Foran GCCN • Pat Hardiman Confirm <p>Chamber of Commerce:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenny Derry <p>In Attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Greene DoS • Uinsinn Finn • David Grealley • Colm Shaughnessy • Brendan Gallagher
1. Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:	<p>Minutes and matters arising</p> <p>Shane Foran – GCCN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restate request that the access controls report be directed to Green Schools <p>Presentation on Overpasses/Pedestrian Bridges</p> <p>David Grealley - Council Executive:</p> <p>(Says he is familiar with Kilmore junction in Tuam)</p> <p>Cllr Peter Keane:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Galway Transport Strategy not much progress • Need to get real about not allowing people to cross the road where they want to • Balance competing interests • Can we get pedestrians across the roads with out stopping traffic? • Can people not go 50m out of the way? • Can you come in here with a solution - angry tone? • Not coming up with any solutions • Closure of cross street closed bridge west bound? • "Perfect desire lines" "visual impact"

Cllr Alan Cheevers:

- Have obsession with traffic lights
- 20 sets of traffic lights between
- Need to take it seriously
- What is the cost of these pieces of infrastructure?

Cllr Colette Connolly:

- Not correct that SPC called for report
- Record that did not ask for this
- Find it astounding that did not acknowledge that ABP ruled out the proposed pedestrian bridge over to church
- Discussion over pedestrian experience - schools are looking for improved access

Exchange between chair and Cllr Colette Connolly – FF SPC did seek report

- Could we go over the distance for the ramps?
- We should prioritise the deficit in pedestrian provision

Shane Foran – GCCN:

- Good presentation - very useful exercise not sure about the locations proposed for these footbridges

Cllr Niall Murphy:

- Seeks clarification on the desire lines

Cllr Frank Fahy (Chair):

- Juries lights are at the wrong location
- Pedestrian lights responsible for traffic all the way back to Moneenageisha
- Can take an hour to get from one side of the city to another
- Closed cross street so O'Brien's bridge is redundant
- Should look at sensors on the lights
- Railings needed

Responses

David Greally - Council Executive:

- Can provide costs

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive:

- Not assessed planning landowner ship
- Martin roundabout there is provision for underpass
- In relation to ramps 140m needed
- Re: Seamus Quirke Road
- Ramps need to be on the desire line
- RE Jurys looking could look at that

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive:

- Have strategic traffic coming across bridge because quincennial bridge
- Lot of traffic has no business in city just using it as a route.
- Reality nobody is going to walk 140 m out of their way several times
- Others will just cross the road
- Value for mobility impaired
- Policy some of the policies in relation to DMURS were strengthened

Cllr Frank Fahy (Chair):

- Dock road
- Discussion about sensors on lights
- Put bus lane on dock road

Cllr Colette Connolly:

- Is the engineer familiar with the ruling re SQR?
- Are they changing the pedestrian crossing?

Shane Foran – GCCN:

- For balance argues that traffic in current state because city has prioritised traffic over pedestrians
- Been on the SPC for nearly two decades
- Recall one of the earlier debates was over the crossing at University Road many observers were of the view that it was in the wrong place.
- People still cross the road at Wards Shop

Cllr Frank Fahy (Chair)

- Cameron's (Newcastle Post Office), Jurys, GMIT crossings are at the wrong locations

Presentation on E chargers overview of Electric Vehicle infrastructure

Colm Shaughnessy - Council Executive:

John McCarthy – Arup Consulting Engineers:

- Mentions trip hazard due to cables on footpath anti trip mats
- Ban by 2035 on sale of new ICE vehicles
- Parking bays - massive value
- What happens if you put a charger in a bay?
- Energy availability

Questions

Cllr Niall Murphy:

- No money for charging points in last city budget
- What became of that?
- Is there any budget in 2023?
- What are Galway City Council doing
- Taxi specific charging points
- Drivers subsidised to purchase the tax
- Cable across the footpath??

Cllr Colette Connolly:

- Looked at discussing with the private entities Dunnes??

Cllr Frank Fahy (Chair):

- Taxis cannot send electric vehicles out of town batteries don't last long enough

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive:

- Just starting process
- How can we make it more attractive to buy electric cars

- Who should we focus on?
- There was money in the draft budget.
- Don't want to be directly involved in providing charging

Colm Shaughnessy - Council Executive:

- Funds taken out of the budget at the last minute
- Where can we look?
- ESB vs Galway City Council?
- Additional grant funding in recent documents
- Do see more taxi drivers
- Want to hear about these problems
- Cables
- It is a problem? Do put in ducts?
- Alternatives - car sharing hubs
- Alternative to 40-50 cables
- Location - early stages - where is the demand?
- Have we discussed with private car parks? We haven't.

Clr Frank Fahy (Chair):

- Taxi drivers are charging EVs during the day because they work at night?
- Cannot avail of night rate charging

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive:

- Sees a mixture where house will have two types of car ICE and electric.
- Charging points 35,000 to install??
- What if someone wants to put in their own charge point in an estate with communal parking??
- Do they have "ownership" for the parking space??
- New EVs much more efficient
- Want people to charge at night

Shane Foran – GCCN:

- Do we need lampposts moved from behind footpaths? To road edge? To cater for dual use as chargers?

Kenny Derry – Chamber of Commerce

- Surprised at low numbers of charging points
- Uses public transport where he can
- Needs significant uplift even with cost 35K
- How will it be funded?
- Need significant uplift in numbers and locations
- Need them and need quick charging.

Pat Greene (DoS):

- Where do we need to start?
- How do we prioritise if?
- Public piece is what the development plan covers
- Current map city centre focussed what about the west
- Electric car barely viable on public charging

John McCarthy – Arup:

- Every 60km there will be provision??
- Looking at sports clubs for communal charge points??
- How can we create a policy environment??

Shane Foran asks about lampposts

- Lampposts Chargers are only able to output -- 7 kilowatts

Items for agenda of next meeting

Mayor Clodagh Higgins:

- Proposed that invite minister for transport to address the SPC

Kenny Derry – Chamber of Commerce:

- Chamber writing to Ministers to apply pressure
- Chamber inviting minister to speak

CLlr Alan Cheevers:

- Endorses Mayors suggestion
- Minister does not want us to have a by pass
- NTA says no public transport options on the cards until 26 27
- Talking about traffic - Minister does not want a ring road - but other projects take 3 year
- Comments about green councillor
- Stagnated without these options without a bypass

CLlr Peter Keane:

- Be cautious about writing to An Bord Pleanala
- If climate action plan decision will be difficult
- ABP will need to ask both local authorities
- If emissions need to come down
- Can try to solve the science or try to solve the legislation
- Look at legislation -
- ABP will find it very difficult.
- Need to look at national climate action plan
- Focus more on legislation

CLlr Niall Murphy:

- Suggest review of the GTS.
- Would we have the ring road by 2026 2027?
- Solve the science - do we want the ring road no matter what?
- Are we prepared to suffer consequences of climate damage
- Need to focus on things that are going to reduce submissions.

CLlr Frank Fahy (Chair):

- Wants decision?

CLlr Colette Connolly

- Don't think any minister is going to come
- Park and ride? No encouragement

- Like an update on the proposed pedestrian crossings GMIT, Wards Shop, Raven Terrace, Jurys
- Have made motions in the past for free school transport

CLlr Frank Fahy (Chair)

- Have been advocating church car parks for drop off points

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive:

- Traffic calming policy document for CLlr Mike Cubbard

CLlr Alan Cheevers:

- Martin roundabout - amount of money over budget??

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive:

- Will reply to CLlr Connolly directly
- Better for SPC to focus on policy.

CLlr Peter Keane:

- Response times on faulty junctions?

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive:

- Bothar na Treabbh = priority one
<Something about response times>

CLlr Frank Fahy (Chair) :

- Something about a tweet about lights being fixed by Tuesday
- Pat Greene - Director of Services: Follow up on that
- CLlr Frank Fahy (Chair) did not think well sign posted

CLlr Alan Cheevers:

- In a situation where lights go down can we use temporary lights?

CLlr Frank Fahy (Chair):

- New lights at build out on Tuam Road (Trappers)
- No room left to legally overtake a cyclist
- Has that junction been designed so he does not have to stop for cyclists?
- Thinks it will cause more problems than it designed to solve
- Has to be balance between cyclists and pedestrians.

CLlr Frank Fahy (Chair): Currently am able to over take

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive:

- There for the safety of the pedestrian

Shane Foran – GCCN:

- I have requested a copy of the Road Safety Audit for that crossing.
- Document supplied is heavily redacted
- I would question if Road Safety Audit has been correctly carried out in accordance with guidelines.

CLlr Frank Fahy (Chair):

- Asks for copy of audit report

SPC5: Climate Action, Environment, Recreation and Amenity



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Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	Brendan Smith		
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	Tuesday 22 nd February 2023 Zoom and council chamber		
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Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed: Matters arising <p>a. Waterways Stakeholders Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eleanor Hough requested once again that the Waterways Stakeholder Group be reinstated as promised by city council and the delay in doing so is unacceptable. She asked about the Blue Spaces Strategy, agreed at previous SPC meetings. Patrick Greene responded that Blueways were covered by CFRAMS, River Basin Management Plan and the BlueWays plan, to wait and see what they came up with. Establishment of a River Ways Trust was discussed at a recent LAWPRO meeting. • Brendan Smith pointed out a similar waterways themed group met for many years under the auspices of Galway City Development Board and collectively undertook many actions that benefited the city and its waterways 			

b. Vacant Position of Tree Officer

All three GCCN reps questioned why the Tree Officer position had still not been filled by early 2023 as promised at the previous SPC meeting. Patrick Greene responded that 8-9 Community Wardens were appointed ahead of the Tree Officer.

c. Kissing Gates Audit

All three GCCN reps questioned the failure by council to provide a comprehensive update on the Kissing Gates audit as promised at the previous SPC meeting, the reasons the council gave for not having it available and that they as community representatives would continue to request it. Brendan Smith asked the members of the SPC and officials to take part in a group walk of the number of the sites where the kissing gates are located in order to assess their accessibility. Sharon Connolly responded that kissing gates were being examined on a case by case basis and that a meeting would take place with NTA in next few weeks.

d. Items for Inclusion in the Agenda

Brendan Smith asked the chairperson and the director present how can members get items included onto the agenda. This is because he had written requesting that the promised Community Wardens for Parks and an SPC input's into the Galway City Development Plan be included as agenda items. These items were not included and no reason why was given.

Director Patrick Greene stated that there was no problem for the Draft Galway City Development Plan to discussed at a SPC last year if he was so asked. Brendan Smith said that that was factually incorrect as he had requested that the SPC formally debate the plan and to make inputs and that this was refused by officials at a previous meeting.

Agenda

2023 Work Programme

Brendan Smith said that whilst the Work Programme states that Updates on all masterplans will be given as they are being progressed, members do not which masterplans are being progressed and which are not. He gave the example of the masterplans for both Terryland Forest Park and Merlin Woods- they had been over a number of years included in the annual work programmes with funding being allocated. But they have never happened. Patrick Greene responded that councillors already receive information on progress in quarterly reports etc.

Presentation on E chargers overview of Electric Vehicle infrastructure

By Colm Shaughnessy – Galway City Council and John McCarthy – Arup Consulting Engineers.

Main points:

- Ban by 2035 on sale of new ICE vehicles
- 37 charging points in the city
- Cabling challenges
- Equitable pricing

Presentation on Galway City Council Green Spaces Strategy

By Emma Oldroyd Arup Consulting Engineers

Strategy will according to Emma provide a coordinated framework for the planning and management of natural and recreation facilities, networks and interventions across the city. It will build on the 2008 Recreational and Needs Analysis study and will include the consideration of projected impacts of population growth, climate change and biodiversity action.

Aim is to deliver net-positive outcomes for the community, economy and the environment.

Community and Stakeholder Engagement is promised.

GCCN pointed out the need for the Strategy to engage communities who have contributed so much to protecting and enhancing the natural environment with the city.

Caroline Stanley brought up the destruction of multiple trees by the HSE on their lands in Merlin Woods without any consultation. Lisa Smyth said that trees were on privately managed land, will try to engage with HSE re management of woodlands.

Brendan Smith raised the issue of the failure by city council to put in place the agreed three fulltime wardens into city parks as voted through by the Galway City Council councillors. He also expressed concern over the loss of natural habitats near Terryland Castle by the laying down of water pipes and ancillary activities.

Caroline Stanley stated on the urgent need to protect city parks from any encroachment by built development whilst Brendan Smith pointed out that city councillors knowingly voted to zone lands in the draft development plan for built development that lay within flood plains.

Socruithe déanta / Key Decisions Made:

Issues were debated and presentations made but no decisions made per se.

Gníomhaíochtaí / Action(s) required from GCCN:

To review the role of the SPCs in the draft development plan process. SPCs are losing the opportunity to make inputs into the plan.

To get three properly trained wardens designated for the council parks as per vote of Galway City 2021.

Writing to chairperson of the SPC requesting that GCCN get copies of the reports/updates on the

Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile / Date of next meeting :

TBC

Galway Childcare Committee



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Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	Galway Childcare Committee
Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker): Marian Maloney	
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	March 2023
Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent and Toddler Groups: A deadline for receipt of progress reports for Parent & Toddler grants 2022 was the 1st of March. 20 P&T groups received grants in 2022 and we are in the process of ensuring all files are up to date to enable the smooth processing of P&T grants for 2023. We have supported 2 more P&T groups to reopen since Covid-19, our targeted P&T social media advertising may have played a part in the groups reaching out for support to re-open. The 2023 Grant opened on the 10th March and all P&T Groups have been informed. Children First: There were two Children First training sessions completed this year, one in Clifden and one in Tuam. There are two more training sessions planned for 2023 in March (Gort) and May (Ballinasloe). Children First training was delivered to all staff of Galway Childcare Committee on the 8th of February. All staff completed the Children First e-learning programme before attending the training. Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Training: GCC received funding to deliver six 15-hour Diversity, Equality and Inclusion (DEI) training sessions in 2023. There are currently four DEI trainers in GCC. These sessions will be delivered in a range of locations throughout 2023. Galway Traveller Movement Collaboration: There is another 4-week session commencing in April in Loughrea Library, facilitated by Galway Childcare Committee in collaboration with GTM. These sessions aim to encourage ECCE participation and raising awareness of childcare subsidies, and an introduction to play resources for children aged 0-6 linking to Aistear. Stay & Play: GCC organised and attended 9 Stay and Play sessions for Ukrainian parents and children at six locations in Galway city and county including: Oranmore, Carraroe, Liosban, Connemara, Athenry and Westside. Good relationships between the GCC team, parents and children continue to be strengthened with strong play preferences by children for play with blocks, play sand, dens, trains, and cars. 	

Galway Sports Partnership



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Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	Sports Partnership AGM
Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	David Kennedy
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	Via Zoom 30 th January 2023
<p>Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed: GCCN Reps in attendance, Chris Hickey & David Kennedy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apologies for change of date• Minutes of last meeting delivered and accepted.• Jason updated all on a “sports box”. It looks like the cost including transportation will come in about €21k per box, seeking funding to purchase extra boxes.• Very detailed operational plan being sent up to Sports Ireland, agreed, but the group believed it was too details but JC explained that this was they want!• Subgroups have to be dealt with regarding smaller ideas and will only have 1 or 2 from steering committee, this will be dealt with in March.• Next meeting; AGM in March 8th possibly, need to ensure quorum is available.	

Local Community Development Committee

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Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	Local Community Development Committee
Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	No report received
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	March 1 st 2023, Council Chambers, City Hall
Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:	<p>AGENDA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Welcome and Introductions2. Confirmation of the minutes of the Galway City LCDC meeting held on 14th December 20223. Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) I. Approval of SICAP Annual Plan 2023-Documents attached IL Annual Performance Review of SICAP 2022 & SICAP Annual Progress Report 2022-4. Community Support Fund - Approval of LCDC Subcommittee recommendations5. Community Recognition Fund 20236. Local Economic and Community Plan7. Galway City LCDC Annual Report 20228. Update on Galway City Ukrainian Community Response9. Any Other Business

Joint Policing Committee

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Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	Joint Policing Committee meeting
Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	- No report
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	The first meeting of the year will take place on <u>Monday 24th April 2023 at 11am</u>
I láthair / Attendance	-
Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed: -	
Gníomhaíochtaí / Action(s) required from GCCN: -	
Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile / Date of next meeting :	19th June 2023
Moltaí breise /Any Other Comments:	Remaining 2023 dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday, 19th June 2023 at 11.00a.m.• Monday, 16th October 2023 at 11.00a.m.• Monday, 4th December 2023 at 11.00a.m.• Public Meeting: Monday, 20 th November 2023 at 7pm, venue TBC

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Galway City Partnership

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Western Regional Drugs Task & Alcohol Taskforce

No report

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Gníomhaíochtaí / Action(s) required from GCCN:	
Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile / Date of next meeting :	
Moltaí breise /Any Other Comments:	