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The Role of Development and Area Plans in Economic Growth and Regeneration

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“The Role of Development and Area Plans in Economic Growth and Regeneration”

9.00 – 9.30	Registration
9.30 – 9.40	Welcome Address Peter Sheridan, CEO Co-operation Ireland
9.40 – 10.20	Overview of the Local Government Reform Process to date & Vision for the Future Minister Mark H Durkan MLA Minister Jan O’Sullivan TD Chair: Peter Sheridan, Co-operation Ireland
10.20 – 11.00	History of the Planning Process North & South ; Overview of Spatial Planning Processes in both jurisdictions Fiona McCandless DoE NI Niall Cussen DOCLG Chair: Peter Sheridan, Co-operation Ireland
11.00 – 11.30	Tea/coffee break
11.30 – 12.10	Development / Area Plans : Experience and Transfer of Learning Chris Boomer DoE NI Liam Conneally, Limerick City & County Council Chair: Professor Greg Lloyd, University of Ulster
12.10 – 1.00	The Practicalities of Operating in the Spatial Planning System Cllr. Anne Devitt, Fingal County Council Cllr. Stephen Hagan, COSLA Chair: Professor Greg Lloyd, University of Ulster

1.00 – 2.00	Lunch
	Sharing Experiences and Building Capacity Parallel Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Role of Elected Members & Officials in the Planning Process - Facilitators: Philomena Poole, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council & Liam Flanigan, Limavady Borough Council
2.00 – 3.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Role of Area / Development Plans in Economic Regeneration & Growth - Facilitators : Joseph Gilhooly, Leitrim County Council & Liam Hannaway, Newry, Mourne & Down District Council Development Planning & Community Planning: Differences & Linkages - Facilitators : Nichola Creagh, DOE NI & Rachel Kenny, Fingal County Council
3.30 – 4.15	Report back from Break-out Sessions
4.15 – 5.00	Final Plenary Session Summary of the day and Future Agenda for Local Government in the area of Spatial Planning Danny McLoughlin, Chair CCMA Liam Flanigan, CEO Limavady Borough Council

Minister Mark H Durkan MLA



Mark H Durkan was announced as the SDLP Minister for the Environment on 16 July 2013. He was elected as MLA for Foyle in 2011 and has been the party's social development spokesperson and health spokesperson. A native of Derry, Mark became a Councillor for the Northland area in 2005.

Minister Jan O’Sullivan TD



Jan O’Sullivan, TD is a member of Dáil Éireann for the Limerick City Constituency. First elected in a bye-election in 1998 she has been returned by her constituents at three subsequent general elections for the Labour Party. Prior to her election as a TD she was a member of Limerick City Council and Seanad Éireann.

Peter Sheridan O.B.E.



Peter Sheridan took up the role of CEO of Co-operation Ireland on the 1st January 2009. Prior to joining Co-operation Ireland Peter was a police officer for 30 years. In September 2009 he was appointed as a Commissioner on the Equality Commission for NI.

Fiona McCandless



Fiona McCandless was appointed Chief Planner in DoE NI in April 2014 and she is responsible for the overall leadership, management and delivery of DOE NI's planning responsibilities. Fiona leads the Planning Group, which comprises Local Planning Division, Strategic Planning Division and Planning Policy Division.

Niall Cussen



Niall Cussen is a Senior Adviser at the Planning and Housing Division of the Department of the Environment Community and Local Government and has responsibility for progressing a range of regulatory, policy and service delivery matters including the implementation of the National Spatial Strategy and Regional Planning Guidelines as well as other thematic policies.

Dr Chris Boomer



Dr Chris Boomer is a Planning Manager in the Department of Environment NI with responsibility for Development Plans. He has nearly 30 years experience in both plan making and development management and has worked in local government in England and Central Government in Northern Ireland.

Liam Conneally



Liam Conneally is Senior Planner with Limerick City and County Council with responsibility for economic development and property and has worked for over 20 years as a professional public servant at local/regional Government level in Ireland. Prior to his current position he held the position of Director of the Mid-West Regional Authority for six years.

Professor Greg Lloyd



Greg Lloyd is Professor of Urban Planning and Head of the School of the Built Environment at the University of Ulster. Greg was Ministerial Adviser to the Northern Ireland Assembly Government on its reform of land use planning (2008-2010) and was a member of the Best Commission on the future of housing in Northern Ireland, which published its report in May 2010.

Cllr. Stephen Hagan



Stephen Hagan is a councillor with Orkney Islands Council, representing the North Isles since 1994. Posts held during that time have included chair of both Orkney Ferries and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. He was then Convener of the Council for 9 years. Currently he is the COSLA spokesperson for Development, Economy and Sustainability.

Cllr. Anne Devitt



Councillor Anne Devitt has represented the Swords ward on Dublin County Council and later on Fingal County Council from 1985 to date. She has participated in the preparation of four County Development plans at seven year intervals during that period. Anne was the first chairman of the Fingal Strategic Policy Committee for Planning and Economic Development and served there for ten years.

Liam Flanigan



Since October 2005 Liam Flanigan has been the Town Clerk & Chief Executive of Limavady Borough Council. He is currently Chair of Solace NI Branch. Prior to this he held the position of Director of Housing Services with Fold Housing Association, responsible for housing/maintenance services and housing policy for the Association.

Danny McLoughlin



Danny McLoughlin joined South Dublin County Council as County Manager in 2013. Prior to this, he was County Manager in Westmeath and then Leitrim. Danny has extensive experience within Local Government, holding a number of positions such as Town Clerk, County Secretary and Director of Service across a number of County Councils.

All-Island Local Authority Forum

The All-Island Local Authority Forum is a strategic partnership of Chief Executives from the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE NI) and County Managers from the County and City Managers' Association (CCMA).

Established in 2002, the Forum works to provide leadership in areas of mutual interest to Local Authorities on both sides of the border, and to support sustainable co-operation between local governments in both jurisdictions through the delivery of key projects.

At a recent Local Authority Forum event, Ministers from both jurisdictions commended the work of Co-operation Ireland and the All Island Local Authority Forum as follows;

“Co-operation Ireland deserves great credit for its peacebuilding work over several decades, and it strikes me that the Local Authority Programme is a real and vibrant example of how to facilitate cross-border co-operation”. Phil Hogan TD, Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government.

And NI Environment Minister, Mark H Durkan MLA pointed out “It is clear that the key aspects of the reform programme, particularly in the Border region, cannot be achieved without close partnership working with our counterparts in the South”.

Further information on the work of the Forum is available at www.cooperationireland.org.

ICLRD

The International Centre for Local and Regional Development (ICLRD) is a North-South-U.S. partnership. It was formally established in 2006 to explore and expand the contribution that spatial planning and development of physical, social and economic infrastructure can make to peace and reconciliation on the island of Ireland, and elsewhere. The ICLRDR has developed out of a unique collaboration between academics and spatial planning specialists from the National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis (NIRSA) at the National University of Ireland Maynooth, the School of the Built Environment at the University of Ulster, the Centre for Cross Border Studies in Armagh, and the Institute for International Urban Development in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Since 1 February 2013, the ICLRDR has been rolling-out its EU INTERREG IVA-funded programme, administered by the Special EU Programmes Body: CroSPlaN II - the Cross-Border Spatial Planning and Training Network. This body of work aims to strengthen the policy and operational linkages between central and local policy-makers and among officials and practitioners involved in spatial planning in the Irish border region. Further information on the work of the Centre is available at www.iclrd.org.

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