An Roinn Sláinte
Department of Health
Office of the Minister



24 July 2019 MSH3501-19

Ms Honor Dunphy Meetings Administrator Waterford City and County Council City Hall The Mall Waterford

Dear Ms Dunphy

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence concerning Ref: HD/AOS/M41.

Yours sincerely

Simon Harris T.D. Minister for Health

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Ms. Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator
Waterford City and County Council
City Hall
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PLEASE QUOTE REF NUMBER ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE.

Our Ref: DES-CU-02872-2019

29th July 2019

Dear Ms. Dunphy,

I wish to acknowledge your recent letter to the Minister for Education and Skills, Mr. Joe McHugh TD in relation to the University of Limerick.

The contents of your correspondence have been noted, however, as this matter is more appropriate to my colleague, Ms. Mary Mitchell O'Connor T.D., Minister of State for Higher Education, I have referred your correspondence to her for her attention and direct reply.

Yours sincerely,

Derek Newcombe Private Secretary Waterford City and County Council Received

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Motion No. 130

An Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna Department of Education and Skills



Oifig an Aire Stáit um Ardoideachas
Office of the Minister of State for Higher Education

Ms. Honor Dunphy,
Meetings Administrator,
Waterford City and County Council,
City Hall,
The Mall,
Waterford.

9 August 2019

Your Ref: HD/AOS

PLEASE QUOTE REF NUMBER ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE

Our Ref: DES-MoSMOC-00737-2019

Dear Ms. Dunphy,

I have been asked by the Minister of State for Higher Education, Mary Mitchell O'Connor T.D. to refer to your letter of 24 July 2019 in relation to the legislation regarding the establishment of technological universities (TUs).

Government policy as set out in the Programme for Government and which derives from the National Strategy for Higher Education to 2030, is to support the creation of TUs as higher education institutes (HEIs) of sufficient size, capacity and critical mass to have a significant impact at regional, national and international level. These regional HEIs will have greater links to industry and will have an enormous impact on the capacity to create and retain jobs in regions. As such, Government will prioritise those institutions which have clear ambitions and plans for the furthering of industry-relevant technological research and education.

The Government has provided the enabling legislation in the Technological Universities Act 2018 for two or more institutes of technology (IoTs) to come together to seek TU status subject to a decision-making process contingent on the meeting of specified eligibility criteria and including assessment by an international advisory panel.

Government also continues to support those consortia of IoTs seeking to achieve TU status under the legislation in terms of significant Exchequer co-funding. The potential benefits of becoming a successful TU are significant in terms of increased reach, international recognition, research capacity building, FDI attraction, skills retention and



creation, regional development, enhanced staff and student experience and opportunities and socio-economic progression. The merging of two or more IoTs will create institutions of sufficient size, capacity and critical mass to maximise those benefits and attract greater investment.

Specifically section 29 of the 2018 Act provides for the making of an application jointly by two or more applicant institutes to the Minister of Education and Skills for an order seeking designation as a TU. Section 38 of the Act provides that an institution and an established TU may also apply to the Minister for such an order.

It remains at the discretion of any individual IoT, as an autonomous HEI, whether or not it chooses to join an existing consortium of institutes seeking TU designation, or to form a new consortium of institutes to progress together towards making an application for TU status under the 2018 Act.

There are no plans to amend the legislation at this time.

I trust this clarifies the position on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Lorcán Ó hAlmhain

Private Secretary to Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD,

Minister of State for Higher Education

An Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government



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14 August 2019

Guidelines for Local Authorities in the preparation of Corporate Plans 2019-2024

Dear Chief Executive,

Please see herewith, updated guidelines for local authorities in the preparation of Corporate Plans 2019-2024.

Preparation of multi-annual Corporate Plans and implementation of associated monitoring and review arrangements are long-standing features of management practice in local authorities in Ireland. The corporate plan serves as the local authority's strategic framework for action over the duration of the plan (2019-2024).

The corporate plan is a central component of the local authority business architecture, linking key elements such as policy, organisation, operational activity, governance, and performance management. Plans are drafted in line with relevant legislation, in particular the Local Government Act 2001, the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and, where applicable, the Local Government Act 2019. Provisions of Section 134 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by the 2014 Reform Act, concerning the preparation of a statement of strategy for the local authority are referred to during the drafting process.

As per Section 134 (10) (a) of the Local Government Act 2001, the Minister may issue

guidelines in connection with the preparation of corporate plans by local authorities and

local authorities shall have regard to such guidelines. While comprehensive guidelines

issued in previous cycles and substantial supplementary guidelines issued in 2014

following the Local Government Reform Act 2014, it is felt that a number of changes have

since occurred and, therefore, it is opportune to update the guidelines to assist local

authorities when drafting their Corporate Plans for the 2019-2024 cycle.

All units within this Department were afforded an opportunity to provide updates and

material for these current guidelines. All Government Departments were also afforded

the same opportunity. Any queries regarding specific areas (such as transport or climate

change, for example) should be referred to the individual Department in the first instance.

NOAC previously reported on the last cycle of corporate plans for local authorities. This

report has been referred to throughout the guidelines, indicating that local authorities

should refer to the NOAC report in terms of previous issues raised, which should be

addressed in the current cycle. Previous NOAC reports can be consulted at

https://noac.ie/noac-reports/.

This circular should be brought to the attention of all local authority officials involved in

the Corporate Planning process as well as the elected council and the Corporate Policy

Group. Enquiries regarding this circular and guidelines may be addressed to the

undersigned.

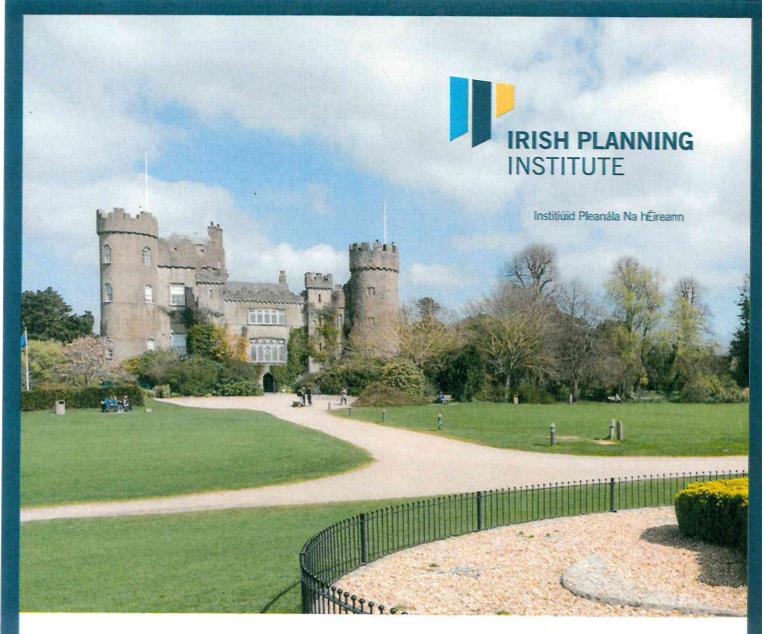
Yours sincerely

Louise Purcell

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Assistant Principal Officer

Local Government Governance and Elected Members



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PRESIDENT'S INVITATION

Welcome to the Irish Planning Institute Autumn Planning Conference 2019.

Regular attendees of our Autumn Planning Conference will note the change of venue to the Grand Hotel Malahide, kindly facilitated with generous sponsorship from Fingal County Council.

Further to the adoption of the National Planning Framework and the Regional Spatial Economic Strategies our Planning System is now charged with the preparation of new Development Plans for each Local Authority setting out the overall planning policies for each local authority for a six year period.

It is therefore timely that following a period of unprecedented change and evolution in the Planning System that this conference should focus on Plan Making – best practice and emerging trends. Our conference will feature important briefings from the Department of Housing. Planning and Local Government and the newly established Office of the Planning Regulator. Significant topics of relevance to the Plan Making process such as Housing Needs Assessment, Climate Change, Age Friendly Housing will all be explored during the Conference. In addition, latest technologies available to Planners for Public Consultation and Environmental Sensitivity Mapping will also be presented at the Conference. Cases studies around Public Engagement in Development Plans will be provided by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and former Winner of the Scottish Awards for Quality Planning – the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park.

This Conference is relevant to all those who interact with the Planning System – Professional Planners in the Public and Private Sector, architects, surveyors and other allied professions as well as Elected Members of Local Government. The discounted early bird booking rate is available for Members and Non Members until 31 August 2019.

I look forward to meeting you and your colleagues in Malahide in October.

Best wishes,

Joe Corr MIPI

President, Irish Planning Institute

PROGRAMME

9.00 10:45	President's Address	Joe Corr MIPI President, Irish Planning Institute
	Chief Executive Welcome	Anne Marie Farrelly Acting CE, Fingal County Council
	Update from Department of Housing Planning & Local Government	Speaker tbc
	Update from Office of the Planning Regulator	Speaker tbc
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	Housing Needs Assessment	Professor William Hynes Future Analytics
11:15 - 12:45	Spatial Planning: Delivering a low carbon and climate resilient future	Breda Maher Eastern & Midlands Climate Action Regional Office
	Age Friendly Housing	Catherine McGuigan Chief Officer, Age Friendly Ireland, Meath County Council

2.00 4.00	Public Engagement in Scotland	Stuart Mearns Director of Planning and Rural Development - Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park Authority
	Public Consultation Local Case Study	Helen Bradley Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council
	Use of Technology in Public Consultation – Citizen Space	Ben Fawkes Commercial Director. Delit
	Environmental Sensitivity Mapping	Justin Gleeson Director: All Island Research Observatory
	Q&A Panel Discussion	

SPEAKERS



JOE CORR

Joe Corr was elected President of the Irish Planning Institute in January 2018. The Swords based town planner has extensive experience in the planning and delivery of residential development of all scales - greenfield and brownfield - and of major infrastructure projects. He has a unique insight on the planning process having also served as an elected Councillor and as Mayor of Fingal. He previously worked in policy development for national government and is a host trainer in career development for international public-sector planners.



ANNMARIE FARRELLY

AnnMarie Farrelly is Interim Chief Executive of Fingal County Council having been appointed by the Minister for Housing. Planning and Local Government following the departure of Paul Reid to become Director General of the Health Service Executive. Originally from Corcreagh, Co Monaghan, she previously worked for Dublin County Council before joining Fingal County Council. She was Fingal County Councils Director of Housing and Community from 2011 to 2015 before serving as Director of Planning and Strategic Infrastructure from 2015 to 2019. She previously chaired the Boards of the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre and the Drinan Enterprise Centre and was a participant on the Senior Executives in State and Local Government programme at Harvard University in 2016.

Professor William Hynes (BSc. MRUP; MSc. MSc (Econ), PhD, MRICS, MSCSI, MRTPI, MIPI, MCILT) is a Chartered Urban and Transport Planner, a Chartered Surveyor, Urban and Transport Economist, and a founder (2010) and managing director of Future Analytics Consulting Ltd.





William is a visiting Professor in the College of Business and Law at University College Cork, and a visiting lecturer at University College Dublin and Dublin Institute of Technology.



DR WILLIAM HYNES



BREDA MAHER

Breda Maher joined the newly established Eastern and Midlands Climate Action Regional Office in 2018 as Executive Officer. Her role is to assist 17 local authorities in the region to drive climate action at both regional and local levels, co-ordinate engagement across the varying levels of government and help build on experience and expertise that exists in the area of climate change and climate action. Having guided local authorities in the preparation of their climate change adaptation strategies Breda is now turning the focus towards practical implementation. As a graduate of DIT and Carlow IT Breda comes from a background of Spatial Planning, Environmental Resources Management and Project Management and is keen to underline the importance of spatial planning as a mechanism through which climate action can be facilitated.



CATHERINE MCGUIGAN

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Catherine McGuigan is the Chief Officer of the National Age Friendly Ireland Programme, a shared service, hosted by Meath County Council on behalf of the local government sector. This municipality led National programme is based on the World Health Organisations (WHO) Global Age Friendly Programme and is operational across all 31 local authority areas in Ireland. The programme is focussed on ensuring Ireland is responsive to the increasing needs of older people and adopting effective local policy approaches to respond to demographic ageing. This process is based on multi stakeholder engagement and over the last 9 years significant progress has been made through this programme in implementing innovative practices that have been responsive to the needs of an ageing society

Catherine is a principal advisor at strategic level engaging with key leaders across public, private and NGO sector and consulting democratically with citizens to reshape the way in which services are delivered. Her expertise lies in strategic planning and promoting collaborative approaches to effective service reform.

Spanning a 25 year career, Catherine's previous backgrounds involved working in the field of TeleCare, TeleHealth, Housing & Community and the provision of remote clinical and non clinical care services to older people who wished to live independently. Catherine is a champion of integrated care services with a vision of promoting independent living and building sustainable environments. She has worked across the public, NGO and private sector with a variety of organisations in which she garnered extensive knowledge of the issues affecting older people and how we plan for demographic change.

Stuart leads on all aspects of Planning, Community Development, Tourism and Built Heritage at Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority. Having joined the Authority in 2009, he has been instrumental in establishing the planning service as a highly regarded operation.

Stuart has led key initiatives to drive collaborative place based projects and strategies across the Park's area. This has included a series of co-design 'charrette' events, the innovative 'LIVE Park' project that delivered the Park's current Development Plan and a bespoke strategy for renewable energy.

Delivery on the ground is a key focus for Stuart and his team, with an impressive range of development or projects now across the Park area. This includes over 38 operational small run off river hydro schemes, securing a significant increase in affordable housing provision, and significant improvements in public realm in the Park's bigger towns of Balloch and Callander.

Other notable achievements include recognition at the Scottish Awards for Quality in Planning for LIVE Park. winning the Overall Award in 2015. Stuart led the Park's team hosting the 2018 European Championships Open Water Swimming at Loch Lomond and oversaw the determination of a Gold and Silver Mine application which secured significant conservation and community benefits. The mine, the first commercial operation of this type in Scotland, started on site in January.

Stuart is a graduate of Strathclyde University and has been working as a Chartered Town Planner over the last 19 years. Prior to this role, he was the Head of Planning & Rural Development at the Park Authority, worked for the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Hawkes' Bay Regional Council in New Zealand and The Highland Council in various planning roles.

Helen Bradley is a GIS (Geographical Information Systems) Officer with Dun Laoghaire- Rathdown Council County and has over 20 years' experience in GIS. Her expertise covers a wide range of GIS applications, with a particular focus on data visualisation, cartography, web mapping and public engagement with location-based information. Prior to working at DLR CoCo, Helen taught GIS at University College Cork.



STUART MEARNS



HELEN BRADLEY



BEN FOWKES

Ben Fowkes is an expert in digital democracy, with a special interest in taking public consultation and citizen participation online. As Commercial Director at Delib, his extensive knowledge of the field allows him to advise government and public service organisations on the best methods and tools for their circumstances. He has helped organisations including The Scottish Government, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, the Government of Northern Ireland. the Environmental Protection Authority of Western Australia, The City of Austin, Texas and the City of Melbourne. He is a regular speaker on digital democracy, and has addressed the European Commission, TedX, the Wellington School of Government and the Open Data Institute.



JUSTIN GLEESON

Justin Gleeson is the Director of the All-Island Research Observatory (AIRO) based in the National University of Ireland. Maynooth (www.airo.ie), Justin is also the project manager of spatial analysis projects at the National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis (NIRSA) and involved in a wide range of other projects with the International Centre for Local and Regional Development (ICLRD) and well as European wide spatial planning projects. Justin's main areas of expertise are in geographical information systems (GIS), demographics, social inclusion, mapping and spatial analysis and improving public data usage and dissemination. Justin has over 12 years experience working within the commercial and research GIS industry in Ireland and the UK. Justin has a BA and MA in Economic Geography from the National University of Ireland, Galway and an MSc in GIS from the University of Leeds, Justin is also currently the Vice President of the Irish Organisation for Geographical Information (IRLOGI) and Board Member of Ordnance Survey Ireland.

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Some of the changes announced in the Budget come into effect immediately. Others take effect from the beginning of January 2020. Many others have to be finalised before coming into effect. Some elements of these measures may change when the Finance Bill is published – this is expected in early 2020. We also cover in some detail how Budgets are altered before the Finance Bill is implemented.

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Friday 11th October 2019

6pm to 7pm- Registration followed by Welcome Address and Official Opening

Saturday 12th October 2019

9am to 10am - Registration followed at-10.15am with

Budget 2020 Overview

11am - Tea / Coffee followed at 11.30am with

Changes in Budget 2020

Lunchbreak at 1pm followed at 2,30pm

Effects of Budget Changes

Sunday 13th October 2019

Conference overview and exploration of topics covered in conference followed by a learning experience analysis.

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A Date for Your Diary

Preliminary Notice

LAMA 2019 AUTUMN TRAINING SEMINAR

Thursday, Friday & Saturday 17th, 18th & 19th October 2019

Venue: The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co Clare

Full details of Seminar will be circulated later

We look forward to your attendance at this Seminar

Learning Objective

Between 5m and 13m tonnes of plastic makes its way into the world's oceans each year and is ingested by sea birds, fish and other organisms, and by 2050 the oceans will contain more plastic by weight than fish, according to research. Scientists warn that some of it is already making its way into the human food chain, with recent calculations estimating that people who eat seafood ingest up to 11,000 tiny pieces of plastic every year. Studies have also found plastic in a third of UK-caught fish, including cod, haddock, mackerel and shellfish.

In 2017, scientists found nearly 18 tonnes of plastic on one of the world's most isolated and uninhabited islands in the South Pacific Ocean. However, making bottles out of 100% recycled plastic uses 75% less energy than creating virgin plastic bottles, and offers an alternative to the throw away culture associated with plastic waste.

Much of Ireland's plastic waste recycling has, until recently, been exported. For instance, China took 95% of Ireland's plastic waste in 2016. However, a Chinese ban on the importation of plastic waste from EU countries in 2018 means that exporting plastic waste is no longer possible. This poses a significant challenge for the country as Ireland is the largest producer of plastic waste in the European Union. This conference will examine ways to reduce plastic waste production in Ireland and the environmental challenge facing individuals, industry and the government if damage to the environment and people's health are to be minimised.

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Friday 25th October 2019

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Saturday 26th October 2019

9am to 10am - Registration followed at-10.15am with

Sources of Plastic Pollution

11am - Tea / Coffee followed at 11,30am with

Ocean Plastics

Lunchbreak at 1pm followed at 2,30pm

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