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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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Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	Housing and Social Inclusion SPC
Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	Karen Golden, Aimee McGee
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	27 May 2022 - Galway City Chambers
I láthair / Attendance:	
<p>Cllr. D. Lyons, Galway City Council (Chair) Ms P. Philbin, Director of Services, Housing Department</p> <p>Cllr. M. O'Connor, Galway City Council Mr. D. Mahon, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department</p> <p>Cllr. D. Mc Donnell, Galway City Council Ms. H. Martyn, Administrative Officer, Housing Department</p> <p>Cllr. T. O'Flaherty, Galway City Council Ms. M. Fallon Ward, Administrative Officer, Housing Department</p> <p>Cllr. E. Hoare, Galway City Council Ms. M. Fallon Ward, Administrative Officer, Housing Department</p> <p>Cllr. M. Cubbard, Galway City Council Ms. M. Fallon Ward, Administrative Officer, Housing Department</p> <p>Cllr. A. Cheevers, Galway City Council Ms. M. Fallon Ward, Administrative Officer, Housing Department</p> <p>Cllr. E. Hoare, Galway City Council Apologies: Cllr. I. Byrne, Galway City Council</p> <p>Mr. M. Lohan, Trade Union Representative</p> <p>Ms. K. Golden, GCCN Representative</p> <p>Ms. A. McGee, GCCN Representative</p>	
Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:	
<p>The minutes from the last meeting dated 11th March 2022 were proposed by Cllr. D. Mc Donnell and seconded by Cllr. E Hoare.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Homeless Report & Update / Housing First</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minimum standard inspections on PEA – not currently being carried out by GCC. Concerns can be raised to Housing Department through Galway City website, then referred to COPE for follow up. ▪ Alternatives for Glen Oaks – GCC currently advertising and seeking tenders for Cold Weather Response for winter 2022 / 2023. Tenders due June 2022. ▪ Modular Homes – There is no time limit on services offered, HAP will also be sourced where possible through Homeless HAP Team. Some allocations through CBL. ▪ PEA Concerns in Galway City were acknowledged; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 15 units under student accommodation ▪ NTQ's are becoming a day to day concern. 	

- 9-10 families are currently in homeless hub.
- Westside modular housing is full
- Corrib Haven is full.
- Traveller task force trying to seek solutions.
- Housing First - GCCN welcomed advocacy on behalf of Galway City Council to increase targets. Request for update on 1-bed units from Department – motion has been adopted but no reply from Department to date.
- GCCN advocated that we do not return to dorm style accommodation for Cold Weather Response.

Youth Homeless Strategy

Karen Feeney from Galway Simon provided an update on the Youth Homeless Strategy. She outlined the importance of a multi-disciplinary approach and noted that since the inception of the Youth Service, they have engaged with a number of young people. They have provided intensive interventions and have helped a number of young people secure long term housing. The various levels of supports were also outlined to include Psychology Service, Occupational Therapy, and Health Supports to name but a few.

- Youth service worked with 35 young people under the age of 25 in 2021.
- Concerns were raised regarding the shortage of accommodation available. An increase in hidden -homeless was outlined along with students being required to couch surf. It was queried if there was any data to back up the note of couch surfing, noting that this has a negative knock-on effect on these individuals.

Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy

Dermot Mahon provided an update on the ASB Strategy, noting that changes have been outlined in red. It was noted that to progress a case for eviction through the courts the Local Authority is required to provide a significant level of evidence to back up their claims so it can be difficult.

Main concerns raised regarding:

- ASB not being dealt with appropriately.
- Caravans are parked illegally on schemes and not being removed.
- Unauthorised occupiers were also noted as a concern along with instances of domestic violence.
- Voids within the city becoming targets for ASB.
- Tenants with a history of ASB being transferred from one scheme to another.
- Need to appoint another Tenant Liaison Officer
- Is there collaboration with Gardaí?
- Dangerous, unleashed dogs
- Illegal dumping
- Criminal investigations

Responses:

- The definition of ASB is very tight and so makes it difficult to obtain evidence under this. Sometimes the Local Authority will pursue possession orders for rent arrears where possible rather than anti-social behaviour as it is easier to evidence.
- Since 2014, the legislative power for Local Authorities changed with the introduction of the "right to appeal", which has made it extremely difficult for Local Authorities to pursue possession orders. Since then, zero possession orders have been received from the courts.
- Caravans – it was noted that illegally parked caravans are not specifically a housing issues, however the Local Authority do follow up with this. It is deemed to be a breach of tenancy rather than anti-social behaviour.
- Unauthorised Occupiers – This also falls under Breach of Tenancy and tenants are made aware. If anti-social behaviour occurs as a result, it then proceeds through the courts.
- Domestic Violence - processes are in place whereby barring orders and exclusion orders can be obtained through the courts.
- Voids - CCTV are installed in voids to prevent ASB and protect the void.
- Senior Housing Estate Liaison Officer – Position was filled, but person left. Recruiting again.
- Transfers due to ASB – ASB is not grounds for a transfer. Transfer will be considered on advice from Gardaí or if there a threat to life. Often when transferred ASB issues do not follow.
- Gardaí – regular meetings between Gardaí and Local Authority.
- Dogs - Tenancy agreement and tenant's handbook list breeds of dogs not permitted. The Dog Warden follows up where necessary. If persistent non-compliance then it is a breach of tenancy which will be dealt with through the formal process.
- Illegal dumping - Currently dealt with by Environment Department as it is a breach of the bye-laws. Housing Department to highlight this in the Strategy as tenant responsibility.
- Criminal activity at a property – will be dealt with by Gardaí and they will prosecute individuals. Local Authority will not automatically evict a tenant from property due to criminal activity involvement, a process has to be completed to secure possession of the property and may need to go to Court to evict.

Strategic Plan for People with a Disability – Q1 2022 update

Dermot Mahon provided an update on this and noted that the steering group have been meeting on a quarterly basis to discuss. It was also noted that the department had requested updates on this at each SPC meeting. The staff were complimented for this report and progress to date.

- Capital Funding – Department announced in April 2022 that property acquisitions may re-commence.
- Old Ballybane Road – 6 disability units to be provided within scheme of 58 units planned.

- Cost of construction was raised as an issue. Department have introduced a mechanism to share the burden of construction costs due to rising inflation. C It is intended that they may fund up to 70% of the increases costs. Currently working on schemes with fixed price contracts. Schemes that are going to tender will be sent to the Department for approval. It was noted that there is much difficulty trying to get contractors to commit to the costs. Department are fully aware of the issues.
- Merlin – at procurement stage and due to go to tender.
- Ballybane site – negotiations still ongoing. Progressing very slowly.

AOB

- Update provided on challenges facing Ukranian Refugees:
 - It was noted approx. 150 people in Glenoaks, 120 Corrib Village, 50 in Westwood student accommodation and 18 in a B&B in Salthill. This accommodation was not arranged by GCC.
 - Acknowledgement and thanks given to Galway Simon, COPE Galway and volunteer centre for their work to date.
 - Students returning – Ukranian families to be relocated from Corrib Village and Westwood.
 - Pledged accommodation was being inspected
- Kiltullagh House – planning permission granted and appealed to An Bord Pleanala. Awaiting outcome. Insurance claim submitted including rebuild costs.
- Advances Purchase scheme – 1 expression of interest received.

Short Term Lets – concerns raised on low availability in Galway City, request update on any changes to rules on short term lets, given the current housing crisis situation

Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile / Date of next meeting:

30th September 2022

SPC2: Planning



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Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	Derrick Hambleton (online), Brendan Mulligan
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	14th June 2022 (a hybrid meeting)
I láthair / Attendance	<p>Present:</p> <p>Cllr Peter Keane (Chair), Cllr Michael J. Crowe, Cllr Noel Larkin, Cllr Frank Fahy (online), Cllr Imelda Byrne (online), Cllr Owen Hanley (online), Cllr Niall McNelis (joined at 9:15am by phone)</p> <p>Derrick Hambleton (online), Brendan Mulligan</p> <p>Patricia Philbin, Director of Services, Emma Silke, Administrative Officer, Caroline Phelan, Senior Planner, Helen Coleman, Senior Executive Planner, Liam Blake, Senior Executive Planner</p> <p>No apologies noted.</p>
<p>Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed: Meeting started at 8:30am.</p> <p>1. Minutes and matters arising</p> <p>The minutes were adopted.</p> <p>Cllr Imelda Byrne raised the matter of Short-Term Lettings and the shortage of staff to address the problem. Patricia Philbin, Director of Services, responded that the Council had received approval to recruit 3 additional staff as part of the Office of the Planning Regulator Review. No additional staff have been recruited to deal with the Short-Term Lettings and Vacant sites as yet.</p> <p>2. Discussion on Joint SPC Meeting</p> <p>B. Mulligan observed that it was a good idea to have a joint meeting. Those present had been given a dose of reality by the representatives of the Northern & Western Regional Assembly and Irish Water.</p> <p>D. Hambleton expressed the view that the city is going to stand still until the lack of wastewater capacity issue has been sorted out. It has been known since 2006 that additional capacity will be necessary and until that is provided development will be constrained. Political support from TDs will be necessary to address this.</p>	

Peter Keane's view was that it was a good idea to have the joint meeting and welcomed the information provided by the NWRA which was very relevant. He was very disappointed in the content of the Irish Water presentation and particularly disappointed with the proposed upgrade at Merlin which will not be in place until 2023/2024. He invited comments from the others present – no Councillor or member of the Executive made a comment.

Peter Keane suggested that another joint meeting would be held and 10:00am on the 13th September was provisionally suggested.

3. Update on the 3 Castles project

Jim Higgins, Heritage Officer and Ann Marie Cusack, Executive Architect, attended with Fergal McNamara, 7L Architects. Fergal McNamara, who led the multi-disciplinary team that worked with the contractor on the project gave an update on the project.

Phase 1 works on Menlo Castle, which involved removal of ivy, have been completed with minimal damage to the building. The temporary fence around the castle will remain in place until it is at a stage equivalent to that of Merlin and Tirellan castles now.

Phase 2 is currently underway which involves works to the remains of the tower house, the oldest part, and part of the spine wall. Bat surveys will be undertaken in the next few weeks.

Phase 3, the next most important, is subject to tender, funding and contract. Phases 4 and 5 are subject to funding. Funding is capped at €85,000.

4. Public Realm Feasibility study on Tirellan and Merlin

Fergal McNamara presented a case study on Carlingford Castle in Co. Louth. This was an OPW project funded by Fáilte Ireland. Works had been ongoing on it for 10 years before he became involved. It is a royal castle in an Anglo-Norman village. The construction of a former rail line resulted in the removal of part of the castle. The intention was to enable it to be opened to the public and it also involved landscaping works. It hasn't been possible to achieve full universal access.

Tirellan Castle is a 17th century replacement of an earlier castle. As it is today, it is only half of its original length – it lost a gable in 1984. It is located just outside the Public Realm study area. There isn't a brief for the next stage yet. There is an opportunity to create a special place beside the castle.

Fergal McNamara commented that, to its credit, the nearby housing scheme had taken Merlin Castle as its focus. There is an opportunity to create a garden and retain the best of the trees within the bawn. It would be possible to achieve access to the two lower rooms but it will be more difficult to achieve access to the higher level.

Discussion

B. Mulligan enquired if it would be feasible and desirable to roof Merlin Castle. Fergal McNamara expressed the view that a strong rationale would be needed to justify the investment and it would be necessary to speak to the Department as soon as possible. In his opinion, there is value in the castle without a roof. Access would always be restricted – would the additional investment be justified?

D. Hambleton expressed the view that there is a tremendous opportunity for the public in the lands around Menlo Castle but there isn't a plan to realise it.

Cllr Frank Fahy welcomed the presentation. He had initiated the project. Funding had been put by every year since 2015. He would like to see Merlin Castle roofed at some stage. As his family has been in Menlo since the 1640s, Menlo Castle is his preferred castle. The sum of €130,000 was set aside last year which has leveraged other funding.

Cllr Peter Keane congratulated Cllr Fahy and others for putting money aside and thanked the Executive for their work. He asked when are going to bring them to the level of Carlingford Castle? Jim Higgins concurred and asked why stop here? At Tirellan Castle only half the ground plan is evident. In 2014 consideration was given to raising the walls to create an enclosure for events. A dugout canoe had been found in the river near the castle. It would be possible to roof Merlin Castle he said. Many castles, in both private and public ownership, have been roofed. Having removed the ivy, it is evident that Menlo Castel is in worse condition than first thought. He agreed with Derrick Hambleton about the opportunity presented by the surrounding lands, bawn, walls and towers, etc. The other two castles have been consolidated into a safe condition but Menlo Castle needs more work.

Jim Higgins agreed that it is necessary to identify a use for Merlin Castle. Great work is being done by the Friends of Merlin Woods. It would be a shame not to roof the castle. He would prefer to see the window on the ground floor restored with the entrance at first floor level.

Cllr P. Keane was of the opinion that the presentation should be given to the full Council, perhaps at the September meeting, with a view to seeking support to bring the restoration of the castles to a further stage.

5. City Development Plan Briefing

Caroline Phelan, Senior Planner, gave an update on the schedule which had commenced in January 2021. The Chief Executive's Report following the public consultation stage on the Draft Development Plan will be issued to Councillors this week and will be made available online next week. Councillors will then have the opportunity to propose amendments to the draft plan.

B. Mulligan enquired if the Planning SPC would be afforded the opportunity to consider the Chief Executive's Report and observed that the Planning SPC had not been afforded an opportunity to engage in the development plan making process to date. Cllr Peter Keane observed that there will be little time for a Planning SPC meeting between now and the end of July as several Council meetings are scheduled at which the Chief Executive's Report will be considered.

Cllrs Larkin and Crowe and the Senior Planner referred to the process laid down in the legislation. B. Mulligan observed that the role of the Planning SPC, also under legislation, is intended to be the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy. Cllr Peter Keane undertook to consider holding a Planning SPC meeting in September at which stage the material amendments to the Draft Development Plan could be considered.

6. OPR Report briefing

Patricia Philbin, Director of Services, gave an overview of the Office of the Planning Regulator's Review and said a highly effective rating had been achieved. [In fact, the top rating of **'highly effective'** was achieved for its Planning Enforcement function only, while an **'effective'** rating was achieved for most other functions. Its 'Own-development' function achieved a **'some improvement needed'** rating. The following is taken from the OPR Review Report: *"The general finding of this report is that the planning department's performance is effective for the most part."*

The report acknowledged that the planning team was small and, because it is an urban local authority, was dealing with more complex developments. It noted that the invalidation rate of applications for planning permission was much lower than the national average.

The report included 19 recommendations to be implemented. Caroline Phelan said these are being implemented on a phased basis given Covid constraints and the priority of the development plan.

Cllr Owen Hanley observed that perhaps there was an opportunity to expand ecological and heritage expertise on staff. There is to be a briefing on proposed resources at the next Council meeting.

7. Development Contribution Levies and Vacant Sites updates

Emma Silke, Administrative Officer, responded to Cllr Owen Hanley that the new Development Contribution Scheme had seen contributions increase from €2.036m to €3.2m. In relation to the 6 Vacant Sites, one owner has paid the levy due, a determination is awaited in relation to another vacant site and a reminder has been sent to the other 4 vacant site owners.

8. Agenda for the next meeting

Draft Development Plan update following consideration by Councillors of the Chief Executive's Report.

Cllr Crowe requested that on-street Utility Boxes (ESB) be on the agenda. He observed that some are designed like "bar counters". He enquired do they go through the planning process. If they are below a certain volume they may be 'exempted development'. Liam Blake, Senior Executive Planner, will report to the next meeting.

The Work Programme for 2023 – B. Mulligan believes it will be too late then to consider the draft Work Programme for 2022.



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9. Any other Business

D. Hambleton reminded the meeting that new guidance for the formulation of Heritage Plans was due to be issued this month and that it had been stated at a previous meeting [10th December 2021] that “*Whether or not that guidance issues, it is proposed to go ahead with seeking expressions of interest in joining the Forum.*” The Senior Planner reported that after the last Heritage Officers’ meeting the Officers had decided to set up a sub-group to determine the appropriate methodology. She said she could get Jim Higgins to let D. Hambleton know what is happening.

It was agreed to put the Heritage Forum on the Agenda for the September Planning SPC meeting. The meeting closed at 9:50am.

**Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile / Date of next meeting :
7 September 2022**

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Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	Brendan Mulligan - Chartered Engineer, a GCCN Rep on Galway City Council’s Planning SPC
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	26 May 2022 (A hybrid meeting)
I láthair / Attendance	
Galway City Council:	Cllr Peter Keane, Chair - Planning SPC
All remotely -	Cllr Michael J. Crowe, Cllr Clodagh Higgins, Cllr Owen Hanley
Apologies from:	Cllr Frank Fahy, Cllr Noel Larkin and Marian Spelman, Galway Council of Trade Unions
In attendance:	Patricia Philbin, Director of Services – Planning, Housing, Economic Development & Culture, Caroline Phelan, Senior Planner, Helen Coleman, Senior Executive Planner and Emma Silke, Administrative Officer

Other City Council staff were present who were not introduced.

GCCN Reps: Derrick Hambleton and Brendan Mulligan
Galway County Council: Cllr Michael Connolly (remotely), Chair - Planning, Environment, Agriculture and Emergency Services SPC

In attendance: Michael Owens, Director of Services - Planning & Sustainable Development and Corporate Services.

County Galway PPN Reps: Aodán Mac Donncha and Mark Green

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Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:

Peter Keane chaired the meeting. He observed that this joint City and County Planning SPC meeting was taking place in the context where no amalgamation of Galway City and County Councils is to happen at this time or is likely to happen at any time in the future.

Presentation by Representatives from the Northern & Western Regional Assembly (NWRA)

David Minton, Director, John Daly, Economic & Sustainable Development Officer and Frank Flanagan, Chartered Engineer, Senior Executive Planner, attended in person.

David Minton explained that the purpose of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) is to provide for urban-led regional development and includes the Galway Metropolitan Area Spatial Strategy (MASP). The NWRA advocates on behalf of the Region and leads on Biodiversity and Climate Action. The European Regional Development Fund (€350m) is ending and will be replaced by a new fund (€211m).

The focus at this meeting will be on the Galway MASP. There was no MASP when the original National Planning Framework (NPF) was published – the MASP was introduced in the RSES. MASP is used by most modern OECD countries. David referred to the Bilbao Case Study of metropolitan planning - the NWRA have partnered with Bilbao. The people of Bilbao see themselves as being Basque. They have adopted a bottom-up approach to municipal planning.

It was critical that Letterkenny, Sligo and Athlone were included in the RSES as Regional Growth Centres. Galway city doesn't have the same influence in the NWRA Region as Dublin has in the East Region but it has great potential.

Biodiversity, Innovation and Climate Action are key drivers. The Galway MASP is a key engine for growth.

The population growth target in the RSES for the Galway city is to achieve a minimum growth of 23,000 by 2026 – a population of 103,000. The NPF minimum

target population to be achieved by 2040 in Galway City and Suburbs is 120,000+. Tuam and Ballinasloe are Key Towns.

David said that “now is the time to have a conversation about how we can best make the MASP work.”

He referred to a second Case Study – the Cork Area Strategic Plan (CASP) – as another example of a bottom-up approach to municipal planning. It commenced in 1990 and was jointly sponsored by Cork City and County Councils. Cork is thriving! Governance is by a multi-agency committee which meets quarterly.

John Daly, Economist, then spoke about trends in the implementation of the Galway MASP. The target was to deliver 50% of all new homes that are targeted within the MASP. Within the city between 2016 and 2021, progress to date has been above that target.

The target for the Galway MASP is to grow the population by 27,500 by 2026 and a further 14,500 by 2031, relative to the population in 2016. The absolute numbers of new housing completions in the MASP are fairly low ranging from 151 in 2016 to 377 in 2021 – total of 1,640. Based on these numbers and, using an average household size of 2.58, it implies a population growth since 2016 of only 4,226 versus a target MASP population growth of 27,500 by 2026. We are already halfway through the 2016-2026 period. We need to build up the MASP more.

There is an opportunity to use vacant and derelict commercial units in the MASP - 801 in September 2020 and just under 600 vacant and derelict residential units - 82% of these vacant units are in Galway City & Suburbs.

John showed a graph of the difference between disposable income per capita in Galway versus the state average for the period 2000 – 2020. The disposable income per capita in Galway in 2020 was €2,000 lower than the state average in 2020 having been slightly higher than the state average in 2009 and 2010. The gap in disposable income per capita is on an increasing trend.

John announced that a Regional Development Monitor Hub to show if ‘Balanced Regional Development’ is being achieved, will be launched in Q2 of 2022. It will have 60 socio-economic indicators across 4 themes and will be available to all online.

The 4 themes are:

1. Our People and Places
2. Our Green and Sustainable Future
3. Our Region’s Economy and
4. Our All-island Perspective

David Minton brought the NWRA’s presentation to a conclusion by saying that “we don’t want three or four visions for Galway – we want One Vision!”

He then posed the question “Who is going to lead that One Vision?”

Cllr Niall Mc Nelis asked who leads the Cork Area Strategic Plan (CASP) and what funding is there for it?

Derrick Hambleton warned that whoever leads the vision for Galway mustn't leave the community out. He also made the point that there is a lack of awareness of the NWRA.

Cllr Owen Hanley suggested that we need European investment.

Brendan Mulligan observed that there is significant private investment being made in Galway but that there is a lack of public sector investment. An overall vision is missing.

Caroline Phelan noted that the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) is adopting the ESRI's projections of population which are incredibly conservative and are totally out of kilter with the NPF's targets. The OPR is asking Galway City Council to reduce the population targets in the Draft Galway City Development Plan. The OPR is refusing to meet with Dublin City Council re population targets and there are also problems with Cork City Council.

Cllr Michael Connolly, Galway County Council, pointed out that Galway city is also dependent on communities in Clare and Mayo. Galway is underfunded – the strategy may be in place but the funding is not. Cork and Limerick are getting the funding but Galway is not. The MASP in Bilbao reinforced the local governance structure rather than undermining it.

David Minton said we need one shared vision that everyone can buy into. Galway city is the only reason that the Northern and Western Region is not categorised as an 'Underdeveloped Region'.

Caroline Phelan referred to a vacuum – no legislative basis for the MASPs and there is a lack of guidance and support.

David Minton mentioned that Kilkenny & Carlow are mobilising, as is Limerick. There is a unique opportunity for Galway City and Council to come together.

John Daly agreed with Derrick Hambleton's observation that there is a lack of awareness of the NWRA.

Cllr M. J. Crowe supported the point that Caroline Phelan made about the OPR's view in relation to population projections and found some of the OPR's submissions to be perplexing.

Michael Owens, Director of Services, Galway County Council noted that the new County Development Plan has just been adopted. He expressed the view that delivering the MASP requires a joint approach. The City & County Councils have engaged with the Department in recent days.

The NWRA's representatives left the meeting at this point.

Presentation by an Irish Water Representative

Niall Tuke, Asset Investment Manager, Irish Water joined the meeting remotely at this point and gave a presentation on the current capital investment plan - 'Revenue Control (RC) 3 Capital Investment Plan 2020-2024'. The Water Services Strategic Plan is the key document. An investment of €5.3bn is proposed for 2020-2024, 58% allocated to wastewater and 42% to water.

The next Regulatory Control (RC) Period will be 2025 - 2029. A significant level of investment will carry over from the current investment plan. Investment will continue to increase up to the 2030s. The needs and interventions to form the priorities for RC 4 are under review. A Stakeholder Engagement Plan is in development.

After the presentation Derrick Hambleton noted that there had been no mention of Galway at all. Going back to 2006-2009, reports had recognised the need for a second wastewater treatment plant on the east side of the city. He enquired if there was any update on this.

Brendan Mulligan referred to the ongoing problem of discharges from Storm Water Overflows during relatively low intensity rainfall events.

Niall Tuke responded that there are a number of projects. The Galway Strategic Drainage Study will look out to 2075. Scoping will commence in 2023 and will be complete in 2024. This will address servicing development in Galway east. It is being referred to as 'Additional Capacity for Galway' rather than the Galway East WWTP. The Mutton Island WWTP has a capacity of 170,000 p.e. while the current loading is approximately 100,000 p.e. The Drainage Study will validate the incoming flows and will also address the SWO's and he acknowledged An Taisce's submission on the Draft Galway City Development Plan.

As regards the Drainage Area Plan, data gathering has been completed and model building is underway. Solutions will come out of that in 2023 which will inform the RC 4 Capital Investment Plan.

The SWO's issue will hopefully be addressed over the coming years, Niall Tuke said.

Brendan Mulligan expressed concern about the lack of urgency in advancing plans to meet the needs of the NPF population targets for Galway and to address the current SWO problem.

Niall Tuke responded that a new WWTP would take 10 years from 2024 to deliver with the best intentions. Work will be prioritised over the coming period once the Drainage Area Plan is complete. These things take time. Irish Water is taking a national view addressing significant strategic issues. It is programming actions in relation to Galway to develop the solutions.

Cllr Peter Keane noted that Galway City Council had adopted the Ardaun LAP 4 years ago to address housing need. He asked is it the case that we can't invite planning applications for Ardaun until the study is completed in 2024 and

thereafter implemented? Will it be years before we can see housing being developed in Ardaun?

Niall Tuke responded that an upgrade to the network is planned. The design of a new “balancing tank” will be completed this year and it is proposed that it will be built in 2024.

Michael Owens, Director of Services said, that from a county perspective, there are recurring themes in restriction of development due to a lack of Wastewater Treatment Plants in settlements in the county. Athenry specifically and other settlements, such as Mountbellew, that couldn't be developed. There are problems in Connemara that are preventing the addressing of population decline.

Niall Tuke responded that Irish Water is awaiting approval from An Bord Pleanála for a wastewater treatment plant for Mountbellew. There is a Small Towns and Villages scheme to address growth problems – approximately 40 towns are involved.

Niall Tuke left the meeting at this point.

Any Other Business

Derrick Hambleton suggested that there be regular joint City and County SPC Meeting every 6/12 months. Cllr Peter Keane thought this was a good idea and suggested that maybe every 3rd SPC meeting could be a joint meeting.

Cllr Owen Hanley asked that the Galway Airport Site be on the agenda for the next meeting.

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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:	Hybrid - In-person at Galway City Council and Online (MS Teams)
I láthair / Attendance	
<p>Council: Neil Mc Nelis - Chair & CLLR Donal Lyons - CLLR Noel Larkin - CLLR John Connolly - CLLR Clodagh Higgins - CLLR Eddie Hoare - CLLR Declan Mc Donnell - CLLR</p> <p>Sectors: Fiona Neary - GCCN Dominick Whelan - GCCN David Hickey - Galway Chamber of Commerce</p>	
<p>Executive: Patricia Philbin - Director of Services Brian Barrett - Executive Officer Gary Mc Mahon - Arts Officer Caitriona Morgan - Community Officer Conor Kelly - Economic Officer Ruairi Lehmann - Tourism Officer Helena Deane - WDC Regional Enterprise Programme Manager Johnny O'Reilly - CEO of Macnas</p> <p>Apoligies: Geri Slevin - Trade Union Representative</p>	
Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:	
Agenda	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirmation of the minute's 2. Matters Arising 3. Update from Community Department 4. Western Regional Enterprise Plan Presentation 5. Local Economic Community Plan Update 6. Update on Tourism Projects 7. Macnas Presentation 8. AOB 	
Adoption of the minutes	
Adopted - Donal Lyons, Seconded - Dominick Whelan	
Matters Arising	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Salthill Tourist Office Tendering - LECP Plan Implementation Plan 	
Community Development Update - Caitriona Morgan	
(Presentation of Report)	
Question - Donal Lyons	

Question - Eddie Hoare - What is the status of the refugees in Corrib Village

Question - Neil Mc Nelis - Is the Covid Community Call still open?

- Is there awareness of the Healthy Ireland Programme?

- Congratulations to all the participants of the Mayor Awards

Response - Caitriona Morgan

- Work is ongoing with Tusla in relation to the rehoming of refugees. With Pop up centres for

information available. There is a pilot of eight weeks in which this is the fourth week. To promote

programmes and supports that are available.

- Covid Community Call is still in place despite lower demand.

- Corrib Village is a recent addition and is coordinated by iPas, which the local authority is not involved.

NUIG is the lead coordinator, and the local authority is assisting to provide supports and logistics to NUIG.

- NUIG has been invited to join the forum in supporting refugees.

- Communities and Guidelines are available in relation to supports from the funds. It is based on operations.

Response - Gary Mc Mahon

- In relation to the grant for St. Patricks Band Hall and the band. There is work to rease out how the Bank Hall would count as a community center for funding and to work around how to best place the center for funding in being considered.

Response - Patricia Philbin

- iPas is the coordinator in relation to rehoming refugees from Ukraine. Services such as food vouchers are provided at the Westwood and Corrib Village sites.

Update on Regional Enterprise Plan - Helena Deane

(Provision of PowerPoint presentation)

Question - Niall Mc Nelis - who sits on the structure?

Response - on the working group is Patricia Philbin and on the steering group is the CEO Brendan Mc Grath.

Question - Eddie Hoare

- What funding channels are being secured through Europe?

- Are there any sources of funding to look at Blue Energy?

Response from Helena Deane - There are European innovation systems and emergent industry calls. There are multiple calls of funding.

Response - Brian Barrett

- There is a Port Development in relation to Hydrogen and Fund opportunities.

Question - Donal Lyons

- Is there any tie in relation to the Galway City Credit Union Programmes. Spaces that could be used for cross sectoral at local levels.

Response - Helena Deane

- The initiative is driven by Enterprise Ireland

- There are challenges in sourcing spaces, for arts, and policy developments.

Response - Brian Barrett

- The port has a substantial part to play in economic development. Innovation for off shore. There are models in relation to the development of the port.

- There is also a drive from an initiative of Creative Ireland to drive from Ardaun at Galway Film Centre.

- To create game development and commercial game development.
- There's also the Corrib Blueway, Feasibility funding for supports. ERDF funding for objectives in the social enterprise area.
 - Drives from the new ATU and Innovation Spaces and Life sciences.

Question - Dominick Whelan

- Where does Social Enterprise fit in relation to this plan and in coordination with the European Union Funds?
- How do you see Food development FDI being created, is this like the Glenisk plan for developments in FDI?

Response - Helena Deane

- The WDC is currently developing a separate social enterprise plan. It's not in this plan but I am aware that the European Union is developing calls in this sector.
- Enterprise Ireland Programmes are in place to support FDI developments.

Question - Neil Mc Nelis

- Who is the driver for MASP, Blue and Wind? Are there any MEP's involvement or engagement?

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Update on Local Economic Community Plan (LECP) - Brian Barrett

(Presentation of Report and package).

- The development of this is crucial to the authority's action plans
- What can Galway capitalise on in relation to national plans like the NDP and others.

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Question - David Hickey

- What tools and resources are available to the City Council?

Question - Dominick Whelan

- There is a five-page letter in relation to the issues of the paper from the perspective of social inclusion and prevent exclusion. This will be forwarded to the Executive to consider the problems with the report and aim to prevent any failure to include in the process.
- In addition, though this report is ready there are issues in relation to making this document OCR ready if the pilot project is to have any effect. It would be right to get it done right the first time.

Response - Brian Barrett

- Well it is the aim of the executive not to exclude people in this key process.
- In relation to OCR, we are learning in this process so if we have to do it again, i consider that a win in our case as it's a new process and want to learn the process.

Update on Tourism Projects - Ruairi Lehmann

(Presentation of Tourism Update)

Question

- Is there any update regarding the project in Cappagh park?
- Is the Watersports project going to planning or is in design stage?
- Outdoor living is extended until November. is the national legislation or the local authority need to address issues.
- Working with the Gardai and residents, in each area. Extra resources needed in other areas. Will there be different applications to develop this further.

Response - Ruairi Lehmann

- Businesses can be addressed with providing access to each business where possible.

- Applications are based on 254 planning, every applicant or business is available to apply.

Question

- Regarding changing spaces in the sports hub, is it necessary or possible to ensure accessibility to water is.

Response - Ruairi Lehmann

- Expressions of ideas are welcome for the projects.

Response -

- Regarding Leisureland and Park and Public consultation is part of the process and to work with Urban Labs. The aim is to engage youth, university and how the consultation process will progress. Thoughts and responses into this long-term project and how the we can progress part or the progress of decisions.

Response(s) -

- Regarding the Woodquay park its aim is to work with consultants and especially residents are the lead partners to ensure a successful project.

- Regarding Salthill Outdoor living, work is underway with the transport department in working with locals and businesses to progress the matter further.

- Regarding Brand Development, at the moment the consultation and workshops are at the beginning of the process and to implement the plan. The aim is to have the plan in place by October.

- Regarding the Museum and the development has been delayed and is under process.

- Regarding tourism offering is in place.

- Regarding Salthill Park development, with future developments. Engagement through process with the urban lab and aim to engage in this long-term plan.

Therefore its fundamental in developing cultural developments or as a project. The aim to generate the most out of it.

Response -

Regarding the Aqua development in Cappagh Park 15M had been set for it's development and is it viable?

- The business case is being redeveloped to reflect the rising costs of building. This is to ensure the development can be supported by the department.

Macnas Presentation by Johnnie O'Reilly

(Presentation on Macnas)

- What Macnas is looking for, the ask?

- 2022 will be a special event for October 2022.

- In 2023 it is planned to return to the traditional parade.

Macnas requires a new space of about 10,000 Sq. FT.

It costs 376,000 to develop the Macnas programme.

46,000 in additional costs.

AOB

none

Close of Meeting

- Adjourned

Socruithe déanta / Key Decisions Made:

Continued support for Ukrainian refugees in the city.

LECP plan and Pilot will be delivered just need to work with the key partners to deliver success. Executive will work with the Social inclusion workgroup to ensure effective supports.

Expected Full Tourism Developments Review in the Autumn of 2022.

Support for the Hydrogen and Blue Energy research facility

Consideration for Outdoor Living in 2023.

Consideration for further supports for Macnas.

Gníomhaíochtaí / Action(s) required from GCCN:

Monitoring of the development of the LECP and collaboration on the issues highlighted by social inclusion work group.

Monitor Tourism projects that are in alignment with norms of public consultation.

Note on developments of the Galway City Port.

Consider supports for Macnas.

**Dáta don chéad
chruinniú eile /
Date of next
meeting :**

**Friday 23rd of September 2022 at 2pm
(TBC: Due to possible conflict with NWRA dates)**

Moltaí breise /Any Other Comments:

Plan for Galway City Arts Grants for 2023 are due to roll out in Late Autumn 2022, and may catch art organisations off guard due to change in dates, To be reviewed in September 2022.

Social Enterprise Strategy and local authority targeting funds for the development of a social enterprise space.

Ongoing developments across the city over 2022 need to prepare to ensure collaboration and successful models in relation to the Galway City Development Plan and LECP.

LECP requires further development to ensure accountability of plans and projects that are achievable of the local authority.

SPC4: Transportation



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<p>Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:</p> <p>Agenda Circulated</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of meeting Tuesday 10th May 2022 Matters Arising & Matters Of Accuracy National Cycling Network Strategy (Verbal Update & Discussion) Galway BusConnects – Cross City Links – Newcastle Road to Dublin Road (Report to Follow) Update on recent Department Circulars & Programme Toilets facilities for bus drivers (discussion) Work Programme 2022 Agenda for the next meeting & Work programme update AOB <p>1. Minutes of meeting Tuesday 10th May 2022 (Meeting start @ 9:35)</p>					

Proposer - Alan Cheevers, Seconder -

Matter of Accuracy - Niall Murphy

- Clarification about the wording of the minutes misrepresenting the discussion and decision.

Cllr. Niall Murphy:

- Wording on 30km/h by laws was not suggesting that the existing 30km/h motion be put aside

Cllr. Mike Cubbard:

- Siobhan McKenna Road and Browne Roundabout was expecting a report

Question - Pat Hardimann

- Lighting at Ardilaun Road

Question - Alan Cheevers

- Request to prioritise legal agreement for lighting and crossing so there are no delays.

- Cllr. Alan Cheevers: - Legal issues with Liam Mellows lights (Renmore?)

- application made to NTA - ask that it be made a priority - need same level of lighting in Ballyloughane as in South Park

Question - Colette Connolly

- Report on Brown report for this meeting stated in minutes - parking in loading bays to be raised at Joint Policing Committee (JPC) - report on Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) to be compiled for this meeting. When is next JPC?

- Cllr. Frank Fahy (Chair): Will seek to put on the (JPC?) Agenda

- Illegal parking in loading bays was to be brought u at the next JPC meeting.

Question - Frank Fahy

- Cllr. Frank Fahy (Chair): Buses parking on Bothar Bhreandain Ui Either (bus lane?) - parking during the day - being used as a parking bay - Burkes, Citylink and Go bus - unacceptable in his view - is there enforcement in relation to community wardens?

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- Unacceptable when trying to promote public transport

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- Cllr. Frank Fahy (Chair): Documents for SPC

- Cllr. Frank Fahy (Chair): Item 3 public lighting budget was underestimated. (Minutes say by EU700K)

Responses from executive

Pat Greene (DoS):

- Liam Mellows not taken in charge - Colm Shaughnessy? is looking into lights.

- Enforcement report – Pat Greene will follow up on that

Cllr. Frank Fahy (Chair):

- Not even using parking lights or hazard warning lights

Pat Greene (DoS):

- Enforcement with tour buses has been a challenge but it is also good to see them back.

Cllr. Frank Fahy (Chair):

- Camper Vans are using bus spaces in the Dyke road.

Pat Greene (DoS):

- Energy savings coming from LED lights - otherwise costs would be higher

Uinsinn Finn (Engineer):

- Seeking agreement from Cllr. Niall Murphy on what was said in motion -

Cllr. Niall Murphy:

- Whole point of motion was to have separate by laws

Uinsinn Finn (Engineer):

- Can deal with that at the council meeting. Do you want sentence taken out or amended?

- These are the draft minutes can be amended now and adopted as the minutes.

Cllr. Niall Murphy:

- Seems like the word standalone was not understood.

Uinsinn Finn (Engineer):

- Proposes amended wording to minutes

Cllr. Frank Fahy (Chair):

- Can we have separate by laws?

Uinsinn Finn (Engineer):

- Can have separate by laws but this is not their preference. Proposes changed wording

Cllr. Frank Fahy (Chair): - Amend the minutes

Uinsinn Finn (Engineer):

- Browne roundabout crossing council have engaged consultant – crossings at Browne (Corrib Park), Liosbaun, Tuam Road. No update on Siobhan McKenna Rd

- Have finished LED retrofit - saw energy prices going up anyway - pay for itself in 9 years.

Cllr. Colette Connolly:

- Did he say 448 tickets on Eglington Street and 50? for Salthill?

Cllr. Mike Cubbard:

- Siobhan McKenna Road - can someone meet with him about traffic calming?

Shane Foran (GCCN):

- Where is 3rd crossing mentioned? Tuam Road?

Cllr. Frank Fahy (Chair):

- Buses drivers sitting in buses - how does that prevent tickets - people in cars were in getting tickets.

Uinsinn Finn (Engineer):

- Confirms numbers of parking tickets - does not have numbers for paid tickets - goes to court if not paid - several court dates a year.

- Someone can meet Cllr. Mike Cubbard at the Siobhan McKenna road

- New crossing locations Tuam road at Trappers Salthill at Blackrock - Liosbaun at forest park exit.

- Browne: Had plans for whole roundabout.

- Stopping can be an infringement - might come down to definitions

Pat Green (DoS):

- Liam Mellowes waiting for feedback.

Question - Peter Keane

- Complaints about the Kirwan Junction. Stated that this was a policy forum and we should introduce designs that facilitate traffic but also isn't dangerous to pedestrians

Question - Frank Fahy

- Stated that he was also getting complaints about the Kirwan junction and that pedestrians are taking their lives into their hands and running across the junction because it can take 10 minutes to cross the junction.

- Stated that there were also issues with the lights / junction design at Jurys Inn. Said it is a "pathetic design" (emphasis on pathetic from the chair).

Question / Proposal - Peter Keane

- Said there were issues with the junctions Seamus Quirke Road and Jurys Inn and proposed that the GCC staff prepare a report on the possibility of installing "flyovers" at the junctions. Stated that "I do not accept that these would disenfranchise people with disabilities or cyclists", and that they were installed in other locations?

Cllr. Peter Keane:

- Is there a reluctance to consider overpasses - for ensuring pedestrian safety - disastrous Kirwan design prioritising pedestrians - both can benefit by improvements in design - references Kirwan - various points along Seamus Quirke road - we should talk about introducing solutions for improving traffic flow - should be getting people over road or under roads instead of stopping traffic.

Cllr. Frank Fahy (Chair):

- Endorse comments - comments regarding Kirwan - it has increased rat running - pedestrians and cyclists ringing him taking too long to cross road.

(FF or PK – name unsure)

- Pedestrian crossing at Wolfe tone - pedestrian lights at Jurys hotel cause gridlock - should be sensors to cancel lights - causing mayhem.

Cllr. Colette Connolly:

- lights should change automatically

Cllr. Frank Fahy (Chair):

- Kirwan can take 10 minutes to cross the road - priority is geared to N6 - how can we spend EU6 million and have to wait 7 minutes to get a light? Very poor planning.

Pat Hardiman (ICTU):

- Cross Street has to be open during the day when outdoor dining is over.

Uinsinn Finn (Engineer):

- Can add overpasses to the work program - Cross Street approved to be part of the pedestrian area.

Cllr. Peter Keane:

- Request investigation of improved crossing through getting pedestrians and cyclists over had or underneath. See flyovers at urban centres through-out Europe.

- Short term fixes - proposes that, Seconded by Cllr. Frank Fahy (Chair):?

Cllr. Colette Connolly:

- Bord Pleanála ruled against over bridge at Seamus Quirke Road.

Proposal - Paul O' Donnell

- Requested that people with disabilities and cycling groups be engaged through the GCCN in preparing the report.

Response - Peter Keane

- Expressed that he was not happy with the additional proposal and objected engaging with members of the public.

Cllr. Peter Keane: Get report first then have a discussion

Cllr. Peter Keane: Lets have discussion after report – looking for symbiotic solution so that traffic can flow and people can cross road.

Responses - Uinsinn Finn

- Started that he was concerned about the staff resources to develop the report.

Question - Frank Fahy

- Seconded / requested report??
- Cllr. Frank Fahy (Chair): Agreed that report be circulated

Response - Unisinn Finn

- Agreed to prepare a report for the next SPC Meeting.

Proposal - Paul O' Donnell

- Proposed that the draft report be circulated at least 2 weeks in advance of the next SPC meeting so that the GCCN reps can engage with interest groups in the GCCN such as people with disabilities and cycling groups so that feedback on the report can be brought to the next SPC meeting from affected communities.

Seconded - Colette Connolly

Comment - Pat Hardimann

- Report should be sent to sectoral reps like the chamber of commerce.

10:21am - Minutes Adopted.

3. National Cycling Network Strategy (10:21)

Introduction -Mr Michael Lally (Engineer)

June July / TII charged to bring back plan on National Cycle Network - mainly relates to national network. Will advise;

Observation - Shane Foran (GCCN):

Thanked the chair for holding over the discussion from last meeting

Previously had National Cycle Network proposals under NRA version - ended up with sections of cycle track that start and end in the middle of nowhere - used example of cycle track between Kinvara and Ballinderreen.

This committee should specify that if council is spending money on cycle network schemes they should link clear destinations - e.g. school to GAA/soccer pitches, shopping centre to housing estate.

4. Bus Connects

Presentation from Colm O'Riordan (Engineer)

- Central core inner orbital route - is for moving of traffic -
- 2nd element cross city link
- Cross city link - speaks to slide
- Submitting to An Bord Pleanala at the moment
- Bus gates used to limit traffic.
- Photo montages
- Already submitted to ABP 9th September
- CPO process to follow

Cllr. Colette Connolly:

- Will there be loading bays? How will people access city hall?

Cllr. Niall Murphy:

- Raised crossings ? Who will have priority? How many buses will there be?? Public realm under ambitious. Questions about bus gates and timings of bus gates

Cllr. Frank Fahy (Chair):

- Originally meant to come through hospital (UHG) - where is that now - is that dead in the water? How are we going accommodate church goers - elderly? College Road B&Bs - how is access to be maintained?
- CPO proposed for thirty pieces of land - has consultation already taken place?

Paul O'Donnell (GCCN):

- Public consultation held on 5th May - discusses different ways of reducing traffic - raised issue of crossings that do not create pinch points?
- What kind of changes going to be made to mitigate that risk by narrowing roads?

Colm O'Riordan (Engineer).

- To access city hall after 7 am need to come in Moneennagiesha
- No loading bay on Eglington street - wider footpaths
- Raised crossings- will come back to Cllr. Niall Murphy

Cllr. Frank Fahy (Chair):

- Raised crossing have no basis in Irish law - "courtesy crossing" for want of another word

Colm O'Riordan (Engineer) -

- How many buses? 5 bus routes
- Bus gates designed to restrict through traffic
- Hospital route still in the GTS - this project starts at the front gate of the hospital

- College road B&Bs will still have access

Uinsinn Finn (Engineer):

- Kirwan example - has to be high level of consideration given to flow of traffic
 - Strategy gives priority to public transport traffic to be displaced onto black network.
 - Pink route - Bothar Bhreandain Ui Either to become 2-way
 - Engaged with householders who will lose houses at junction of Dyke road and Botha Na mBan.
 - Taking out house on corner at county hall
 - Route through the hospital: Brief that went out to consultants did not include the hospital - did develop options to come through hospital - will be looking at this as a separate project.
 - Speed limits: Design speed is 50km/h - safety audit done for 50km/h area is within the proposed 30km/h zone
 - 8 week window for submissions to An Bord Pleanala
- Cllr. Colette Connolly:
- Is there a fee to submit to ABP? Existing loading bay at Centra to be removed? What about traffic coming around square from Victoria Place?
- Pat Hardiman (ICTU): Toilets for bus drivers?
- Shane Foran (GCCN):
- Was the issue of pinch points addressed?

Uinsinn Finn (Engineer):

- Cllr. Colette Connolly question quite detailed can come in and talk to team activetravel@galwaycity.ie

Colm O'Riordan (Engineer)

- Current proposal is that there will be a bus corridor at the top of Eyre Square

Uinsinn Finn (Engineer):

- There will be a turning circle at the Meyrick for traffic coming from Merchants road. Overall there will be changes to taxi bays.
- Pinch points: Three metre lane widths - at University road - says it will be an improvement because reducing traffic
- 50 euros to make a submission.

Toilet facilities for bus drivers

Discussion on whether or not this is a transport issue issue

Work Program

Cllr. Colette Connolly:

- Wants footpaths and pedestrian crossings

Paul O'Donnell (GCCN):

- Propose the work program be developed with targets and responsibilities

Uinsinn Finn (Engineer): - Its your program

Cllr. Frank Fahy (Chair):

- School streets road markings coming off - can we have Menlo on school streets?

Uinsinn Finn (Engineer):

- Can have school streets - on agenda

Pat Hardiman (ICTU):

- Parking in Shantalla - ambulances blocked - two streets with pay and display - residents only.

Cllr. Colette Connolly:

- Residents only vs pay and display?? City council previously sought legislation for residents only parking.

Cllr. Niall Murphy:

- Is GTS review going to happen without reference to SPC?

Pat Greene (DoS):

- NTA driving the review - lead out by them completely
- SPC can bring forward to NTA

Any Other Business

Shane Foran (GCCN):

- Re Tuam road crossing can consultants look at lights at Riverside.
- Lights behave strangely when people use crossing.

Socruithe déanta / Key Decisions Made:

1.1 From Matters Arising from Meeting 8th February

- Frank Fahy, as Chair, will raise illegal parking in loading bays at the next Joint Policing Committee Meeting on behalf of the Transport SPC and request a response.

1.2 From matters arising

- Proposed that a draft report on the idea for flyovers over the junction at Jurys Inn be circulated at least 2 weeks in advance of the next SPC meeting so that the GCCN reps can engage with interest groups in the GCCN such as people with disabilities and cycling groups so that feedback on the report can be brought to the next SPC meeting from affected communities.

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Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting: 25-05 -22	
I láthair / Attendance:	
<p>Cllr. M. O'Connor Present: Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. T O'Flaherty, Cllr. C Connolly, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. J Connolly, Cllr. D McDonnell, Cllr. N. Murphy, Mr. B Smyth, Ms. E. Hough, Ms. C .Stanley, Mr. P. Greene, Director of Services, Ms. S. Connolly, A/Senior Engineer, Mr. D. Redington, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Ms. H. McDonagh, Administrative Officer, Mr. P. Batty, Executive Engineer, Mr. P. Glynn, Executive Engineer, Ms. S. Carroll, Executive Scientist, Ms. L. Smyth, A/Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Ms. P. Kearney, Bio-Diversity Officer, Mr. R. Lehmann, Tourism Officer, Mr. D. Healy, Staff Officer, Ms. C. Jennings, Assistant Staff Officer. Absent/Apologies: Mr. J. Callan, Sr. Executive Engineer, Mr. C Ryan</p>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master Plans Southpark and Kingston - lack of resources to continue them • Ball Walls - review of decision • Update on Cemetery • Waterways Forum - still not being considered • Tree Officer update • Kissing Gates under review by NTA • Community Wardens Parks to be included in their role but not specifically for Parks • Climate Change Energy Bureau Update ARUP doing a baseline study and ongoing on decarbonisation zone - Westside consultation still to take place with all stakeholders GCCN • Draft Casual Trading Bye Laws • Blueway Feasibility Study by Tourism Officer: The project is fully funded by Failte Ireland, the funds are €875k • Item 7 and 8 deferred to next meeting 	
Socruithe déanta / Key Decisions Made:	

- Draft Casual Trading Bye Laws to go out to public
- Global Mayors covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy voted not to sign up as of yet due to lack of resources and the differing ways of working

Gníomhaíochtaí / Action(s) required from GCCN:

- Threats to biodiverse areas due to re-zoning or specific zonings lack of care for biodiversity loss or climate change
- Continue to call for Biodiversity and Climate emergency
- Seek a meeting with biodiversity Officer once appointed
- Increased level of outdoor drinking and anti-social behaviour during COVID lockdown
- Kissing Gates
- Support National Parks City
- Follow up on Staff Resources cannot fulfil policies without staff
- Blueways strategy concerns
- Concerns should be raised about the participatory work before any decision is taken especially as a green way strategy could be based purely on a economical means rather than a holistic benefit to the city to wildlife and communities

Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile / Date of next meeting : 28th Sept 2022

Moltaí breise /Any Other Comments:

No time for policy discussion, policies cannot be implemented by the action of the council and councillors

Climate Action, Environment, Recreation & Amenity SPC

September 28, 2022 Meeting: Summary of main points (full report to follow)

- **Waterways Stakeholder Group:** GCC to convene meeting of Waterways Stakeholder Group as requested by GCCN, date to be confirmed
- **Ball Walls:** Consultation with local communities to take place re development of Ball Walls around the city. Part 8 application required.
- **Community Wardens/Park Wardens:** Terms of reference will be circulated, if agreed by HR
- **Glyphosate:** Minimal use by Park Dept. for control of invasive species, according to EU Directive Sustainable Use of Pesticides. Will follow up on use by other Depts., concerns re recent report on high spending by GCC on Glyphosate.
- **Access Control/Kissing Gates:** The proposed **audit** will go ahead in conjunction with GCC Transport Dept. on approval from NTA, to be completed by next SPC meeting, with input from recent map prepared by @DaCor_ie circulated on Twitter
http://umap.openstreetmap.fr/en/map/barriers2galway_811538#13/53.2717/-9.0424

GCC will prioritise review of access to South Park and Terryland Forest Park and will look for appropriate solutions on a case by case basis. Safety audits will be required.

Funding can be facilitated by Transport Dept. for non-NTA projects, based on NTA guidance.

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Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	Fiona McDonagh-Delaney and Joanne Laffey (interim rep)
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	<p>Council: Caitriona Murray, Sheelagh, Michelle, Brian Barrett, Brendan McGrath, Gary Mc Mahon, Aisling Colreavy</p> <p>Community: Fiona McDonagh-Delaney, Joanne Laffey, Owen Hanley, Breda Fox, Ann (HSE), Martin O'Connor</p> <p>In Attendance: Francis Kane - guest presentation</p>
I láthair / Attendance	
Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:	
<p>1. Issues with Minutes from previous meeting Raised by Fiona</p> <p>No notation was made on minutes of Declan Brassil requesting the book of evidence would be submitted and accepted by Brian Barrett for the LECP. <i>"LCDC Social Inclusion Sub-Group & the Galway City LECP: Implementing the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty. Assessment of Equality and Human Rights Issues & Evidence Book"</i></p> <p>No notation made of the request for written report on timeline and overall process of Brian's current LECP programme.</p> <p>Informed the minutes are an overall summary of the meeting, Caitriona confirmed they will consult notes taken from the previous LCDC meeting and amend the minutes accordingly.</p> <p>2. LECP Update</p> <p>Brian Barrett gave a verbal presentation on the LECP so far. Fiona requested a written report on same. Summary: 106 submissions in total, 69 individual and 7 organisations – Pleased with the result.</p> <p>End of September the submissions from the pilot scheme will be added.</p> <p>Issues raised will be benchmarked and matched to funding programmes.</p> <p>Present to LECP Advisory Steering Group 3rd week of October, to the LCDC November and the SPC in December.</p>	

Ahead of other national local authorities and want to keep momentum and finish on target.

Owen Hanley requested information of who is on the LECP advisory Steering group; 2 reps from LCDC Elaine Harvey & Breda Fox, 2 reps from SPC Neil McNeilis and Dominic Whelan, as well as Caitriona Murray Chief officer. Caitriona advised that the advisory steering group has met 2/3 times already and is guiding and working. Breda Fox noted that she has not attended any meeting to date and was not aware she was a member.

Owen also enquired could external expertise be members of the LECP advisory steering group, similar to other programmes. Advised by Caitriona it was not possible under LECP guidelines.

3. Healthy Ireland reports by Aisling Colreavy

Update given.

Healthy Ireland Round 4 funding is expected October 2022, cover from 2023 – 2025.

The Healthy Communities Programmes has four main themes:

- HFME
- Physical Activities
- Social prescribing
- Parenting
- May also include alcohol abuse and obesity

Interest in the Community Cafes initiative was expressed by several attendees and Aisling will roll out these programmes when requested.

4. SICAP Update

- i. GCP Crowley Audit on SICAP funding for fiscal year 2021 underway. Run from August – end of September. Results will be reported to GCC and LCDC, hopefully by year end.
- ii. Pobal Annual Engagement Meeting taking place 6th of October with Pobal, LDC & GCP. Social Inclusion data analysis

5. Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme Presentation Francis Kane

Francis gave a presentation, slides and figures higher than ones circulated in the previous week. Caitriona noted updated presentation will be circulated after the meeting.

Fiona queried if there is any data collected at intake regarding the gender, sexuality or ethnicity and/or migrant status. This information would indicate if further awareness of the programmes needs to be disseminated to groups experiencing marginalisation in the community, if they are not being represented in his case load. Currently this data is not being gathered and Francis will bring the point to the national organisation.

Martin O'Connor queried if there was an assessment built into the programme i.e. is it just a referral service, is there feedback or assessment on effectiveness. Questioned does he have a power of influence on matters brought to him, especially between the case and the GCC.

6. Galway City Ukrainian Community Response Forum

Brian Barrett gave an oral update. To date there are 48k Ukrainian programme refugees, with 37k seeking accommodation. 3400 in Galway city and county (distribution not known, approx. 1200 in city centre)

Pre summer there were 7300 requests for school places, no figures of requests from September yet.

No comprehensive figures from government of exact number of Ukrainian refugees in the city.

106 are in shared accommodation and 36 in vacant properties

Currently 800 a week into the country and expected to reach 50-60k by Xmas

Four support worker posts have been filled in the city; 1 fulltime and 3 part time (all employed by GCP and includes 2 translators).

1.5 \$ GCC and 2 x .5 \$ SICAP

EU funding support is in 6 month cycles that began March 2022.

GVC 2 staff to work with community organisations to promote Ukrainian inclusion.

Elaine raised the concern about no Vacant Housing Officer appointed in the GCC and surely if the position was filled it would be useful for assisting with housing concerns in the city. She brought it to Brian's attention there are currently 30 vacant premises in Ballybane alone at the moment.

Brian was unaware of the vacant post and will make enquiries on the matter.

A.O.B.

- Save the Date for the 18th of November Community response to Domestic Abuse seminar.
- 17th – 23rd October is Social Inclusion Week and any enquires for event can be directed to Cliona Clancy in GCC
- 26th September is positive aging week
- 23rd September is Culture night, all details available on line. Gary Mc Mahon (arts officer) noted that no events will be held online this year. ALL events are in-person.

**Dáta don chéad
chruinniú eile /
Date of next
meeting :**

Next meeting has been rescheduled; new date is the 9th of November at 3pm

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:	September 2022
<p>Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:</p> <p>Support for Ukrainian families We are supporting families looking for childcare and afterschool places. Staff have been facilitating Stay and Play sessions with children and their families in local libraries and some accommodation centres.</p> <p>Parent & Toddler 2022 P&T grants opened in May with a new strand for an additional session and a buggy walking session which allows for extra funding for groups. Many groups have notified us of Ukrainian families joining and have opted for either an additional session, a buggy walking group or both.</p> <p>Galway Traveller Movement (GTM) Early Years Project 2022 GTM requested our support with a project to encourage ECCE participation. We met for four sessions in Ballinasloe library with Development Officers from GCC and GTM. Our focus was the introduction to play resources for children aged 0-6 linking it to the preschool and full day care curriculum (Aistear Early Years Curriculum Framework). We also had an opportunity to build on relationships with parents and discuss preschool, full day care and childcare subsidies available for working parents and those who are engaging in further education or training. GTM would now like to mirror this project in Ballybane library and we have invited Music Generation Galway City to collaborate also.</p> <p>Merlin Woods Community Garden Picnic GCC were invited by Healthy Galway City to collaborate with ARD Gardening Group and ARD Women’s Circle and Galway City Partnership to host a <i>Safe food</i> Community Food Initiative (CFI) event as part of the Merlin Woods Community Garden Picnic on Sunday 28th August from 2 – 4 pm. This was a free, family-friendly event to promote community togetherness and promote awareness of healthy eating in a relaxed and enjoyable setting. The sun shone and the event was well attended by many from the community and beyond. We had an opportunity to showcase the benefits of play for children with hands on experiences with water, sand, plants and other natural resources.</p> <p>Refugee Resettlement support A Development officer in GCC is a member of the Galway Refugee Resettlement Interagency group. We have recently been in</p>	

contact with support workers, finding childcare spaces in Loughrea, Tuam and Ballinasloe. So far, places have been successfully secured in Tuam and Loughrea.

Information sessions GCC staff attended three *Make the Link Information events* in early September which had huge turn outs. These took place in Tuam, Ballinasloe and Clifden. Information was given out about the finding childcare, National Childcare Scheme, Childminding and childcare courses.

Building Blocks

Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Roderic O'Gorman, announced a €10m Capital Grant for the Early Learning and Childcare Sector on the 1st of September. The *Building Blocks - Improvement Grant* is part of a wider Building Blocks Capital Programme for Early Learning and Childcare under the National Development Plan. There is €10 million announced under the grant.

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Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	Brendan Mulligan
Meetings attended since last Plenary in April 2022: Three meetings attended.	
Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local Area Employment Services Tender• Support for Ukrainian refugees• CEO recruitment process• Return of staff to office following easing of Covid restrictions• AGM held on 21st June 2022	
Upcoming issues/information to flag to next Plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GCP submission to the next LECP• Appointment of new CEO	
Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile / Date of next meeting 28 September 2022	

Western Regional Drugs Task & Alcohol Taskforce



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Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	Tommy Flaherty
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	15/09/2022
Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:	
<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>A small number of ammendments were made to the minutes</p> <p><u>HSE Drug Service</u></p> <p>An update from the HSE Drug & Alcohol service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been an increase in cocaine use which has been reflected in the referrals to the services. Cocaine use increases and decreases with good and bad economic times and this may be one of the reasons for the increasing use of cocaine in the community. • In relation to referrals there has been a small increase in referrals to the OST clinic. • An application for extending the Galway Alcohol Service to replicatre the Galway Alcohol service in Mayo/Roscommon & Galway county is being submitted. <p><u>An Garda Siochana</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Garda update available for this meeting. <p><u>Alcohol Forum</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This group is working on increasing the profile of the forum. There was an event in May and also last week with the Galway City Partnership. The theme focussed on elderly people and the impact of alcohol and later life. The event was hosted by Marian Rackard. Orla stated that it is good to link with other services for events increasing the profile of the event offered. Orla stated that we need to consider providing an event on peer influence. Orla stated an event in relation to older people and alcohol should be run 	

as part of the 2022 awareness week in November. The event would be a partnership with the linkages that are already present.

- Deirdre Finnerty stated that there is an age alliance and social inclusion event on in Mayo from October 10th to October 14th. In Roscommon there is an action age group with Roscommon County Council. It would be important to work with Comhairle Na Nog in Galway, Mayo and Roscommon. Orla stated that she will link with these organisations in relation to the forum. A question was asked about where older people go to if they have injuries from falls etc after the close of Roscommon hospital. These people are cared for in Castlebar, Ballinasloe and Galway.

Family Support Update

Maria Power gave the update from family support.

- The Family Support service is working with 30 families in Galway, Mayo and Roscommon.
- NVR program including children to parent violence is taking place on the 6th of October in Westside Galway. The Family Support Workers have completed Naloxone train the trainer with staff from Simon, Cope and the Drug and Alcohol Service. Naloxone Training is taking place on September 20th in Ard, 27th September in Castlebar and October 5th in Westside.
- Alcohol Related Brain Injury training is taking place on September 27th. The trends shows an increase in Cocaine and Alcohol use affecting family activity in relation to clients seen by the family support service. Parents and partners of the person with addiction are seen by the service. Online resistance training is taking place with Carol Burke and Denise Duggan.
- The WRDATF website has an updated section on family support where suitable clients can avail of appropriate information and guidance.

Community & Voluntary Sector

- A discussion took place in relation to the LECD (Galway) and final consultation. This is a key role in identifying gaps in the city development board. Deirdre Finnerty stated that Mayo will be accepting submissions in relation to the LECD in the coming weeks and she will notify the WRDATF.

Chairperson Update

- There is €200'000 funding available for all Task Forces through the (CSEF) Community Services Enhancement Fund fund. The funding proposal is for under 18's Counsellors and Family Support Worker.

- The monies will pay for 3 under18's Counsellors and 1 Family Support Worker for Roscommon.
- It was explained that this was the best value, target and best fit for the monies. The staff employed will be HSE. If we get the funding it will be part of the CSEF/ HSE budget. This is early prevention.
- The funding for 2022 is pro rata€200'000 for each full year. In 2022 the monies drawn down will be €150'000 to 2023. The idea would be to leverage the existing admin staff. To support these workers

Current updates:

- PTPT linkage with 3rd level institutions including NUIG. These courses include Social Care, MSc social care, and BA in Child, Youth and Family.
- 25 social workers will start training on PTPT on Tuesday. The WRDATF need to look at the external demands on capacity and facilities online.
- Stay Safe Stay Sober is run with the secondary schools for people who get the Junior Cert results. This is also an opportunity to discuss Planet Youth surveys in Oct.
- Training continues online. These include Community Addiction Studies, Alcohol Related Brain Injury training, Tobacco Vaping & Drug Use training.
- fUrtehr work is ongoing with 3rd level institutions to determine and meet their needs both students/staff).. WRDATF are in the process of meeting ATU staff, and Healthy Campus staff. And Family Support offerings.

SAOR Roll out

- SAOR 2 is in the process of being rolled out nationally.
- A larger programme is coming out. And it was suggested to the members of the Task Force that they should go onto HSE land and do a short SAOR training course to become accustomed with the model of brief intervention.

Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile / Date of next meeting :

Thursday October 20th at 1030am in Galway City.
Venue to be decided.

Galway City Alcohol Forum

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Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	20 September 2022																		
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3. Protect children and young people	
a. Capture changes or breaches of Public Health Alcohol Act and raise issues as appropriate with relevant authorities e.g. alcohol % adverts on bus	All members HSE, WRDATF
b. Develop communication and advocate for the provision of alcohol free events into policies, plans and funding mechanisms by local statutory agencies e.g. Galway City Council, GRETB, HSE	 HSE, WRDATF
c. Develop and promote communications on key priorities in consultation with national alcohol programme e.g. Home drinking, exposure to alcohol, availability and access, marketing	
4. Support and Treatment	
a. Provide and promote SAOR training targeting services in Galway City	WRDATF, all members HSE HP&I
b. Promote Making Every Contact Count E- learning Training Programme with HealthCare Professionals including the 30 minute module on alcohol	 WRDATF, all members
c. Raise awareness on alcohol related brain injury	HSE, WRDATF, all members
d. Provide information about supports and treatment services	 HSE, all members
e. Promote ask about alcohol as go to resource in relation to the provision of alcohol related information for the public	

Alcohol and Growing Older Event

Review of Alcohol and Growing Older event was reviewed, and it was deemed a success as it was also run in conjunction with another event.

Supporting Children and Adolescents

Planning for this event has taken place and a sub committee has been identified to work on it. It will look at the challenges of peers connectedness encouraging earlier initiation of alcohol.

Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile / Date of next meeting:

8th November 2022

Joint Policing Committee

Meeting held on 20th June – Report to follow.

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Comhairle na nÓg

GCCN vacancy still open on this committee - No report.

Galway Sports Partnership

Report to follow.

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