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Cork 2024 - Delivering the National Planning Framework

Cork City Council and Cork County Council

Submission to the First Revision of the National Planning Framework

This submission is a Joint Initiative by Cork City Council and Cork County Council. Prepared on a 'whole of Cork' basis, this submission proposes an evidence-based strategic approach that builds on current National Planning Framework Policy and existing capacity, to deliver on behalf of Cork, the Region and State.

Cork City Council and Cork County Council strongly support the Project Ireland 2040 process as providing the potential to address the significant spatial, societal, economic and environmental issues facing Ireland and are committed to playing their role in ensuring the success of the NPF. The NPF currently supports the sustainable development of Cork City and County with ambitious growth targets recognising the significant capacity of Cork to contribute towards more balanced development in the State. In particular, Cork City and its Metropolitan Area are identified to be more significantly scaled and compact, acting as the driver for the southern region, effectively complementing the economic strength of Dublin. It is critical that the NPF review continues to support Cork City and County by increasing commitment to and alignment with national funding and implementation priorities. This increasing commitment can realise Cork's significant potential in fulfilling its intended role in the NPF.

Cork City Council and Cork County Council welcome many aspects of the Draft Revision that continue to support the delivery and key aims of *Project Ireland 2040* including more balanced distribution of growth across all of Ireland's regions, increased emphasis on managing climate transition, the need for greater alignment between the NPF and the NDP and the investment plans of the statutory infrastructure providers, the importance of Land Activation and Active Land Management, the important role of the National Biodiversity Action Plan and the EU Nature Restoration Law and the forthcoming National Restoration Plan.

This Joint Submission is a roadmap for sustainable growth across all of Cork. The unique capacity of Metropolitan Cork, a plan-led, integrated economy and property market with a strong and vibrant Cork City at its heart, to drive escalated rates of economic and population growth to an international scale is central to the Cork proposition;

however, the Joint Submission also recognises the capacity and strategic importance of all the County, including rural communities.

We are satisfied this Joint submission offers a means of maximising opportunities and responding

to the challenges Ireland will face over the coming decades. We are further satisfied this submission presents a considered, evidence-based case for continued and enhanced national level strategic policy support for Cork as the complimentary location to Dublin as an international driver of growth and the location best positioned to drive growth in the Region through collaborative leadership. Uniquely the Cork proposition has the capacity to continue to deliver effective regional development that will endure over the longer term, a proposition that merits a long-term commitment by Government to the alignment of enabling policy initiatives and investment priorities.

We are confident that the proposals set out in this Joint Submission will deliver on behalf of Cork, the Region and the State and in this context, we look forward to the opportunity of working with our community, our collaborators in the Region and Government Agencies.

Sincerely,

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