

Title of Report:	Donegal County Council Consultation: County Donegal Development Plan 2024-2030 - Ministerial Notice of Intention to issue a Direction
Committee Report Submitted To:	PLANNING COMMITTEE
Date of Meeting:	28th August 2024
For Decision or For Information	For Information

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Cohesive Leadership
Outcome	Our elected members work collaboratively and make decisions on an evidence led basis and in line with its policies.
Lead Officer	Principal Planning Officer

Budgetary Considerations: Not applicable in this case	
Cost of Proposal	
Included in Current Year Estimates	
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals. Not applicable in this case.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To present correspondence from Donegal County Council (DCC) regarding two key statutory developments in respect of its County Development Plan (CDP) 2024-2030.

2.0 Background

2.1 DCC wrote to the Council on 10th July 2024 (see Appendix 1) advising of the following:

- The CDP was adopted by Members on 16th May 2024, taking effect from 26th June 2024.
- Also on 26th June 2024, DCC received a notice from the Minister of State for Local Government and Planning pursuant to Section 31 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (As Amended) advising of his 'Intention to Issue a Direction to DCC regarding the CDP'.

2.2 So, on the 26th of June 2024 the County Development Plan 2024-2030 came into effect except those parts of the plan affected by the Draft Ministerial Direction.

2.3 The key documents relating to these can be viewed at:

<https://donegalcountycouncil.sharefile.eu/share/view/sf65c2ebd081b46b4abe4b98a4ec4a377>

3.0 Summary of Ministerial Direction Notice

3.1 The Minister has formed the opinion that:

- DCC in making the Development Plan, failed to implement recommendations made to it, as planning authority, by the Office under section 31 of the Act;
- The Plan, as made, fails to set out an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area;
- The Plan is inconsistent with national and regional policy objectives specified in the National Planning Framework (NPF) and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Regions (RSES); and
- The Plan, as made, is not in compliance with the requirements of the Act.

4.0 Consultation Response

4.1 The closing date for comments on the Minister's Intention to Issue the Direction was 18th July 2024. The Council's response is attached at Appendix 2.

5.0 Recommendation

5.1 **It is recommended** that the Planning Committee note the content of this report and the response issued by the Head of Planning on behalf of the Council.

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Letter from DCC re CDP 2024-2030

Appendix 2: CC&GBC Consultation Response to DCC

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Ref: CPU/281

10th July 2024

To: Prescribed Authorities

Re: Coming into Effect of County Donegal Development Plan 2024-2030; and Ministerial Notice of Intention to issue a Direction to Donegal County Council

A Chara,

I write to advise of two key **statutory** developments in respect of the County Donegal Development Plan 2024-2030.

The Plan was adopted by Members of Donegal County Council on 16th May 2024 and has effect from 26th June, 2024. In accordance with Section 12(12) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (As Amended), a copy of the Plan can be viewed at the link below. Associated maps not contained in the main document, and the SEA Statement are also available at this link: <https://donegalcountycouncil.sharefile.eu/public/share/web-sf65c2ebd081b46b4abe4b98a4ec4a377>

On 26th June 2024, the Authority received a notice from the Minister of State for Local Government and Planning pursuant to Section 31 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (As Amended) advising of the Minister's *Intention to Issue A Direction To Donegal County Council regarding the CDP*. Relevant documents may also be viewed at the above link.

Mise le meas,

Paul Christy,
Senior Executive Planner,
Central Planning Unit,
Directorate of Community Development & Planning Services.

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Appendix 2: CC&GBC Consultation Response to DCC



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Date: 16th July 2024

Tel: 028 7034 7137

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Donegal CDP 2024-2030: Ministerial Notice of Intention to Issue a Direction

Thank you for your letter, dated 10th July 2024, in relation to the above.

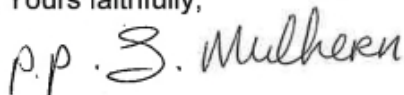
I wish to respond on behalf of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

The Council notes the contents of the Ministerial Notice of Intention to issue a Direction, dated 26th June 2024, and the suite of associated documents, accessed via the link provided in your correspondence.

The Council wishes to make no comment in relation to these.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries regarding this.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Denise Dickson
Head of Planning