

# **CHAPTER 1**

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### **1.1 Statutory Context**

This Draft Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017 has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations, 2004 and Article 6 of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC.

This Draft Development Plan sets out the spatial framework for the city within the context of the National Development Plan, National Spatial Strategy, National Climate Change Strategy, Regional Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area and Transport 21. The key provisions of the national and regional development frameworks and also the relationship between these higher level policy frameworks and this development plan for the city, are set out in Appendix 2.

Taking account of the development framework set out in higher level regional and national plans, the proposed strategy for Dublin promotes the consolidation of the city, maximising efficient use of land and integrating land use and transport, within the context of an over-arching philosophy of sustainability and quality of life factors.

### **1.2 Consultation**

The preparation of this plan included pre-draft consultation with communities throughout the city, infrastructure providers, sectoral groups, statutory agencies and adjoining local authorities. The pre-draft public consultation extended over a ten-week period with the launch of an Issues Paper 'Your City, Your Say'. The consultation strategy included a number of public information and workshop events and an on-line discussion thread to encourage as much public engagement as possible. A total of 695 written submissions, together with the opinions and comments arising from the ten public consultation meetings, two sectoral meetings and comments posted on the on-line discussion thread, and other meetings held, were taken into account when formulating the Draft Development Plan.

The number of submissions and contributions reflects a high-level of interest in the future of the city. Dublin City Council hopes that this level of active involvement will continue throughout the entire plan-making process and will follow through to implementation of the final Plan.

In considering the views expressed by the public at the pre-draft stage, the Elected Representatives proposed a total of 316 motions giving the Manager direction as to what strategic and policy issues to include in the Draft Development Plan. Following consideration of the Draft Development Plan prepared by the Manager, the Elected Members proposed 554 motions for amendments to the Draft Plan. All changes agreed by the City Council have been incorporated into the Draft Plan.

The adoption of the Plan is a reserved function of the Elected Members under the Planning and Development Act 2000.

### **1.3 Implementation**

The numerous strategies, policies and objectives in the City Development Plan cannot be delivered by the City Council alone; rather as part of the shared vision and responsibilities, the plan is to be implemented by a number of agencies at the city, city region and national level. The successful implementation of a significant number of the policies and objectives of the plan will necessitate on-going collaboration and a sense of goodwill across a range of agencies and stakeholders. Dublin City Council will actively engage with the relevant agencies and undertake a leadership role to

progress and secure the implementation of the Plan. Monitoring mechanisms will be put in place as a check-and-balance to ensure effective sustainable delivery and also to allow for greater transparency on the progress made in the implementation of the Plan (See full details in Monitoring and Implementation Section).

#### **1.4 Form and Content of this Development Plan**

The written statement sets out the aims of the Council for the proper planning and sustainable development of Dublin City. The Housing Strategy and the Retail Strategy for the City are contained in Appendices 3 and 4 respectively, and the Record of Protected Structures for Dublin City is contained in a separate volume. The plan sets out the Core Strategy and the detailed policies and objectives, which the Council wishes to achieve in the six years of the Plan, under the Sub-Strategies. It is within the framework of the plan that public services will be provided and investment decisions made

The Zoning Maps give a graphic representation of the proposals in the Plan, indicating land use and other objectives of the Council. In particular, the maps contain the details of local objectives. They do not purport to be accurate survey maps from which site dimensions or other survey data can be measured.

Should any conflict arise between the written statement and the maps, the written statement shall take precedence.