

Conference Report Sheet

<b>Councillor Name</b>	Declan Flanagan
<b>Conference/Seminar Name</b>	Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies
<b>Conference/Seminar Topic</b>	General discussion around Regional and Economic Spatial Strategies from the perspective of the local Representative
<b>Venue/Location</b>	Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar
<b>Date (s) of Conference</b>	19 January
<b>Brief Summary</b>	
<p>A number of important issues were raised including</p> <p>A)Ireland's current three Regional Assemblies and a discussion around the important work they have undertaken to date.</p> <p>B)The recent publication of drafts of the first ever Regional Economic and Spatial strategies</p> <p>C) The impact of these strategies on City and County Development plans throughout the country</p> <p>D) The input and feedback that local Representatives will have on the plan which will be finalised in early 2019</p> <p>E)Members raised concerns around aspects of the existing spatial plan around the country and that there is no joined up thinking in terms of planning for towns and villages</p> <p>F)It was felt that there needs to be much more feedback taken on board from local representatives when devising an Economic strategy for a region</p>	
<b>Feedback</b>	
<p>Will this just be another report gathering dust or will it have the desired affect in pioneering Saptial Strategy for the next number of years</p> <p>Will directly elected members have direct powers in terms of devising Spatial plans for a city/region in the county</p>	

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Declaration	
I certify that I attended the above-mentioned Conference/Training Seminar.	
Signed by	Date
Dickson Flowering	20/1/19