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Opportunities in an Evolving Planning Space

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Planning and Development Act 2024



- Signed into law on 17th October 2024
- Third largest piece of legislation in the State
- Divided into 25 Parts, with chapters under each of these
- Part 3 - Plans, Policies and Related Matters
- Provisions relating to RSES outlined in Chapter 4 of Part 3

Provision of an RSES

- (1) A regional assembly shall, in accordance with this Chapter, make a long-term strategic planning and economic framework for the development of its region,
- (2) The objectives of a regional spatial and economic strategy shall be to support—
 - (a) the implementation of the National Planning Framework, and
 - (b) the economic policies and objectives of the Government.
- (3) A regional spatial and economic strategy shall be in accordance with—
 - (a) the principles of proper planning and sustainable development, and
 - (b) the economic policies and objectives of the Government.
- (4) A regional spatial and economic strategy shall make provision for a period that is not less than 10 years and not more than 20 years.
- 5) A regional spatial and economic strategy shall be materially consistent with national strategies.

Review of the RSES

S30 (1) Not later than 6 months after the publication of a revised or new NPF by the Government, a regional assembly shall commence a review of any regional spatial and economic strategy for its region for the time being in force.

- Awaiting approval and publication of First Revision to National Planning Framework
- Awaiting enactment roadmap from DHLGH
- Sections of P&D Act 2024 enacted in stages
- 18-24 months enactment of P&D Act 2024

Review of the RSES

S30 (3) (a) ensure that the regional spatial and economic strategy for its region is materially consistent with—

- (i) the National Planning Framework,
- (ii) the National Marine Planning Framework, and
- (iii) any relevant National Planning Policies and Measures,

(b) take due account of—

- (i) any relevant National Planning Policy Guidance,
- (ii) matters relevant to the preparation and making of a regional spatial and economic strategy under this Act,
- (iii) the content of any monitoring reports prepared in accordance with *section 35*
- (iv) any relevant strategy of the National Transport Authority, and
- (v) such other matters as may be prescribed



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Contents of the RSES



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- a) the identification of sustainable settlement patterns and transportation strategies in urban and rural areas;
- b) the strategic location of employment-related development and industrial and commercial development;
- (c) a strategy relating to retail matters, including consideration of the location of retail development;
- (d) the location of housing, including provision to meet any national and regional population growth targets set out in the NPF
- (e) a strategy relating to onshore renewable energy
- (f) a strategy relating to climate change adaptation and mitigation
- (g) a strategy relating to marine and coastal matters that facilitates the coordination of land-sea interactions for coastal planning authorities within the region;

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- (h) coastal zone management as a consequence of sea level change, including the identification of strategic infrastructure;
- (i) the provision of transportation (including public transportation), water services, energy and communications networks and waste management facilities;
- (j) the identification of facilities relating to third level education, healthcare and sports of such scale as would serve the region;
- (k) the preservation and protection of the environment and its amenities,
- (l) as appropriate, the protection of the linguistic and cultural heritage of the Gaeltacht;
- (m) a strategy relating to landscape and landscape character that coordinates the categorisation of landscapes, in terms of their capacity to absorb particular types of development, across the region so as to ensure a consistent approach to the protection of the landscape;

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(n) a strategy relating to economic matters that –

- identifies regional strengths and opportunities having regard to economic and employment trends,
- identifies the regional attributes that are essential to enhancing regional economic performance, including the quality of the environment, cities, towns and rural areas, the physical infrastructure, and the social, community and cultural facilities,
- sets out proposals to maintain or augment the attributes referred to above
- identifies the means of maintaining and augmenting overall regional economic performance in accordance with national economic policy;

S29 (13) – Contents of the RSES

- (13) An RSES and a MASP shall include measures to secure the effective implementation and monitoring of the RSES and Metropolitan Area, including—
- (a) an indication of priorities for infrastructure of scale relating to transportation (including public transportation), water services, waste management, energy and communications networks and the provision of educational, healthcare, retail, cultural and recreational facilities
 - (b) an order of priority for infrastructure provision
 - (c) potential sources of funding for infrastructure
 - (d) cross-sectoral investment and actions required to deliver planned growth and development
 - (e) coordination between constituent local authorities, and the cooperation of public bodies
 - (f) the monitoring and reporting arrangements required to measure and evaluate progress in implementing the RSES and MASP



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