

Preamble

This report was prepared for the local authorities in the Greater Dublin Area and the Department of the Environment and Local Government, in conjunction with the regional authorities, to provide a coherent strategic planning framework for Development Plans and for the provision of major transportation, sanitary services and other infrastructure.

The report was prepared by a team of consultants under the direction of a Steering Committee, a Technical Working Group and a Local and Regional Authority Members Committee.

The Strategic Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area were prepared for the local authorities in the Greater Dublin Area and the Department of the Environment and Local Government, in conjunction with the regional authorities. The report, which sets out the preferred direction for land use and transportation in the Dublin and Mid-East Regions in the period up to 2011, was prepared by a consortium of consultants.

STUDY BRIEF

The brief for the study calls for the preparation of Strategic Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area comprising:

- A broad planning strategy for the area, including recommendations on the general location of residential, commercial and industrial development. This is essentially a spatial strategy.
- Guidelines on the making of relevant policy, including the review of Development Plans, by the local authorities and other statutory agencies.
- Recommendations on major investments, including sanitary services, transportation and other infrastructure, required for the implementation of the planning strategy.
- A longer-term vision to provide a context for the planning strategy and to highlight certain longer-term infrastructural issues that may require to be considered during the timescale of the Strategic Planning Guidelines.

THE GREATER DUBLIN AREA

The Greater Dublin Area comprises the Dublin and Mid-East Regions and therefore incorporates Dublin County Borough and the Counties of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal, and South Dublin (Dublin Region) together with the counties of Kildare, Meath and Wicklow (Mid-East Region) (see Map 1 - Greater Dublin Area). This is the area most immediately affected by the growth and development of Dublin.

The term 'Dublin' is used in the report in a general sense to refer to the urbanised, built-up area centered on the city of Dublin. It has no administrative significance.

STEERING ARRANGEMENTS

The preparation of the Guidelines was directed by three groups:

1. A Steering Committee comprised of senior executives from each of the local authorities, together with representatives from the Department of the Environment and Local Government, the Department of Public Enterprise and the Dublin Transportation Office. The Committee also included the directors of the two regional authorities.
2. A Technical Working Group comprised of senior technical and administrative officers from each of the local authorities that worked closely with the consultants in the preparation of the Guidelines.
3. A Local and Regional Authority Members Committee, comprising public representatives from all of the local authorities and regional authorities in the Greater Dublin Area, including the Urban District Councils. This committee was consulted on a number of occasions during the preparation of the Guidelines.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

This main report is supported by a volume of Technical Appendices that includes a Baseline Planning and Trend Sub-Report which draws together and summarises the baseline material used in the preparation of the Guidelines.

The Executive Summary of the Guidelines is also presented as a separate document.

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