

**Policy Forum for Ireland Keynote Seminar: Priorities for implementing ‘Project Ireland 2040’:  
the National Planning Framework, long-term investment, and meeting the needs of businesses  
and communities across Ireland**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018

Venue: Central Dublin



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair’s opening remarks**  
**Maria Bailey TD**, Chair, Joint Committee on Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Key issues in delivering ‘Project Ireland 2040’: setting national priorities, guiding regional development and planning for population growth**  
**Eoghan Murphy TD**, Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 9.45 **Shaping Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies: the NPF, economic development and priorities for implementation**  
**David Minton**, Director, Northern and Western Regional Assembly
- 9.45 - 10.40 **Tackling the challenges to linking Ireland’s cities and regions and supporting regional growth: transport infrastructure, digital connectivity and engagement with business**  
**Caroline Spillane**, Director General, Engineers Ireland  
**Helen Hughes**, Director of Professional Services, Transport Infrastructure Ireland  
**Helene Graham**, Independent Telecommunications Consultant  
**Aidan Sweeney**, Senior Executive - Government, Enterprise and Regulatory Affairs, Ibec  
**Deirdre Nagle**, Senior Planning Lawyer, Mason Hayes & Curran  
Questions and comments from the floor with **David Minton**, Director, Northern and Western Regional Assembly
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair’s closing remarks**  
**Maria Bailey TD**, Chair, Joint Committee on Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government
- 10.45 - 11.15 Coffee
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair’s opening remarks**  
**Eoin Ó Broin TD**, Member, Joint Committee on Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government
- 11.20 - 11.45 **Delivering long-term infrastructure projects: priorities for planning, investment, and energy and climate change**  
**Dr Phil Hemmingway**, Head of Department, Low Carbon Technologies, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland  
Senior representative, construction  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 - 11.55 **The challenges for local government in implementing the NPF**  
**Mícheál Mac Donncha**, Ardmhéara Bhaile Atha Cliath/Lord Mayor of Dublin
- 11.55 - 12.45 **Meeting local needs: priorities for planning, housing and economic development**  
**Craig McLaren**, Director of Scotland and Ireland, Royal Town Planning Institute  
**Michele Connolly**, Partner, KPMG  
**Deirdre Frost**, Policy Analyst, Western Development Commission  
**Peter Hynes**, Chief Executive, Mayo County Council and Chair, Land Use and Transportation Committee, County and City Management Association  
**John O’Connor**, Chief Executive, The Housing Agency  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Mícheál Mac Donncha**, Ardmhéara Bhaile Atha Cliath/  
Lord Mayor of Dublin
- 12.45 - 12.55 **Keynote closing remarks**  
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Department for Housing, Planning and Local Government**
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair’s and Policy Forum for Ireland closing remarks**  
**Eoin Ó Broin TD**, Member, Joint Committee on Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government  
**Roger Greer**, Associate Producer, Policy Forum for Ireland