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### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***12<sup>th</sup> June 2017, Council Chamber, at 2.30p.m.***

#### **1 Confirmation of Minutes**

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Planning meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

#### **2 Matters arising from the Minutes**

#### **3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

#### **4 Disposal of Land in accordance with Statutory Notices circulated pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001**

#### **5 Statutory Business**

##### **5.1 Finance**

5.1.1 To receive a report on the Management Accounts of Meath County Council in respect of Q1 2017.

#### **6 Reports**

6.1 Chief Executive's Report

6.2 Report from the Corporate Policy Group

6.2.1 To consider and approve the following CPG recommendations in regard to the Transportation SPC.

- A number of Priority 3 roads are recommended for formal inclusion in the Winter Gritting Schedule this season.



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- Recommendation to adopt a Draft policy on unauthorised sale of vehicles on public roadside.

6.3 Report from the Protocol Committee

### **7 Correspondence**

7.1 Circular EA 1/2017 – Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. Local Agenda 21 (LA21) Environmental Partnership Fund 2017.

7.2 Correspondence from the Department of Health in response to Notice of Motion 9.6 adopted at the April 2017 meeting of the Full Council re. Medicinal Cannabis.

7.3 Correspondence from John Halligan, Minister of State at the Department of Education in response to Notice of Motion 9.1 adopted at the May 2017 meeting of the Full Council re. School Transport.

7.4 Correspondence to DHPCLG – re. Drogheda Boundary Review Committee Report & Implementation.

### **8 Notice of Question**

#### **8.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French**

*“That Meath County Council advise how many abandoned vehicles have been removed and destroyed by Meath County Council in the last 3 years and give a breakdown of the costs involved?”*

#### **8.2 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Keogan**

*“How many Gateway staff did Meath County Council take on in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016? How many of these men or women were offered interviews for full time/part time employment following these placements?”*

#### **8.3 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin**

*“Were the previous bills for commercial customers of Meath County Council for the supply of water into the premises only or did they include waste water? If not have commercial water customers seen a doubling of their bills?”*



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### 8.4 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly

*"Given the commitment to spend €1,154,000 on public lighting in our current Capital Investment Programme, can the Chief Executive outline the process and criteria for determining new lighting application?"*

### 8.5 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

*"To ask the Chief Executive for the following information:*

*The total amount of financial support given to Meath County Council from Jan 1st 2016 to Dec 31st 2016 for the work of following housing areas:*

- *Social Housing Construction*
- *Social houses purchases through acquisitions budget*
- *Maintenance and refurbishment of existing social housing stock*
- *Housing grants for adaptations and renovations*
- *New schemes introduced in this period and budget with them*
- *Total budget for homeless services*
- *Total budget for HAP*
- *Funding made available to Meath for purchase of land*

*An an féidir an t-eolas a leanas a chur ar fáil dom:*

- *An méid iomlán de thacaíocht airgeadais a thugadh do Chomhairle Chontae na Mí ó 1 Eanáir 2016 – 31 Nollaig 2016 ar oibriúcháin sna reimsí tithíochta seo:*
- *Tógáil Thithíocht Shóisialta*
- *Ceannacháin Thithíocht Shóisialta tríd an gciste éadála*
- *Cothabháil agus Athchóiriú tithíochta atá ann cheana*
- *Deontais tithíochta d'oiriúnaithe agus athnuachaint*
- *Scéimeanna nua a chuireadh i bhfeidhm sa tréimhse agus buiséad seo agus cathain*
- *Buiséad iomlán do seirbhísí dhaoine gan didéan*
- *Buiséad iomlán do HAP*
- *Cistiúcháin a chuireadh ar fáil do Chomhairle Chontae na Mí ar mhaithe le talamh a cheannach."*

### 8.6 Submitted by Councillor Darren O'Rourke

*"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm what actions she is taking to ensure that no homeless family currently facilitated by the Council in hotel or B&B accommodation is still in that accommodation after the 1st July target date set by the current Minister for*



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*Housing; will she also state what contacts she has had from the Department with assistance in that regard / Ceist a chur ar an bPríomhfheidhmeannach na gníomhaíochtaí atá á thógáil aici lena chinntiú nach mbeidh teaghlach gan didéan atá ag fanacht i B&B nó óstán (faoi chúram na Comhairle) fós sa lóistín sin tar éis an 1 Iúil – an spriocdháta a chuireadh i bhfeidhm ag an Aire Tithíochta Reatha, an féidir léi a léiriú chomh maith aon teagmháil a bhí aici leis an Roinn maidir le seo.”*

### 8.7 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

*“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the operation of the Gateway scheme by Meath County Council including the number of persons involved, the number who went on to secure permanent employment with Meath County Council, the work carried-out; and the implications for Meath County Council now that the scheme has ceased / Ceist a chur ar an bPríomhfheidhmeannach tuairisc a chur ar fáil maidir le feidhmiú an scéim Gateway ag Comhairle Chontae na Mí mar aon leis an méid daoine atá bhainteach léi, an méid a bhfuair fostaíocht bhuan le Comhairle Chontae na Mí, an obair a rinneadh agus na himpleachtaí do Chomhairle Chontae na Mí anois agus an scéim thart.”*

### 8.8 Submitted by Councillor Johnny Guirke

*“To ask the Chief Executive to provide the following information: The total amount of financial support given to Meath County Council from Jan 1st 2016 to Dec 31st 2016 for the upkeep of following road sections: National primary road routes, Regional roads, county roads / Ar mhaithe le cinntiú, cur i gcoinne agus ar dheireadh, fadhb an chistiúcháin ísil a bhronntar ar Chomhairle Chontae na Mí ag na ranna rialtais áirithe, a réitiú, an féidir an t-eolas a leanas a chur ar fáil dom: An méid iomlán de thacaíocht airgeadais a thugadh do Chomhairle Chontae na Mí ó 1 Eanáir 2016 – 31 Nollaig 2016 ar cothabháil na míreanna bóithre a leanas: príomhbhóithre náisiúnta, bóithre réigiúnacha, bóithre chontae.”*

### 8.9 Submitted by Councillor Sinéad Burke

*“To ask the Chief Executive what negotiations have taken place between the CE and the Dept of Local Government to bring the staffing of Meath Co. Co. in line with Councils of similar size and population? / Na hidirbheartaíochtaí atá ar siúl idir an PF agus an Roinn Rialtas Áitiúil ar mhaithe le foireann Chomhairle Chontae na Mí a chur ar chomhleibhéal le comhairlí den toghas agus daonra céan?.”*



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### 9 Notice of Motion

#### 9.1 Submitted by Councillor Gillian Toole (deferred from May meeting)

*"That Meath County Council, Transport Infrastructure Ireland & the National Transport Authority collaborate and expedite the implementation of an efficient and sustainable transport management plan for South Meath."*

#### 9.2 Submitted by Councillor Sinead Burke (deferred from May meeting)

*"That Meath County Council writes to Minister for Housing, Planning Community and Local Government, Simon Coveney, asking him to immediately suspend the Help-to-Buy scheme in light of increasing evidence provided by the newly released CSO figures that indicates the scheme is adding to increases in the price of houses. Go scríobhfadh Comhairle Chontae na Mí chuig an Aire Tithíochta Simon Coveney ag iarraidh air an scéim Help-to-Buy a chur ar fionraí láithreach i bhfianaise atá ag méadú as na figiúirí nua-eisithe ón POS a chuireann in iúl go bhfuil an scéim ag cur le costas tithe."*

#### 9.3 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

*"To call on Meath County Council to liaise with community groups involved with old graveyards in relation to the erection of columbarium walls."*

#### 9.4 Submitted by Councillor Claire O'Driscoll

*"That Meath County Council will guarantee a specific amount of funding under the 'Housing Adaptation Grant' for those with Autism Spectrum Disorder where a purpose built sensory room would greatly enhance their quality of life."*

#### 9.5 Submitted by Councillor Claire O'Driscoll

*"That the redevelopment of the library at Navan will seek to include measures to deliver more appropriate services to children with autism including the provision of confined spaces with cushions as provided in the library in Dun Laoghaire or a sensory room as provided in Mohill library in Co. Leitrim."*



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### **9.6 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde**

*"Can I call on the Executive that for future concerts at Slane, that the Council engage with the promoters of the concerts to ask Meath River Rescue to patrol the waters along with the Meath Civil Defence for public safety."*

### **9.7 Submitted by Councillor Brian Fitzgerald**

*"This meeting of Meath County Council calls on the Chief Executive to vigorously pursue the Dept. of Housing Planning Community & Local Government and any other relevant agencies to have Meath County Council refunded the full 75% grant for the following roads: R 150, R 154, R 161, R 158, as a sum in excess of €15m. is still outstanding that currently is being met from the Council's own resources."*

### **9.8 Submitted by the Kells Municipal District Councillors**

*"We the Kells Municipal District Councillors call on the HSE for additional funding for Meath Alzheimer Society Day Centres as current funding is not sufficient to keep the facility open in the long term."*

### **9.9 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin**

*"The Council calls on the Government, as a matter of urgency, to clearly ask the Chinese Government to lift the ban on Falun Gong and a release of all Falun Gong practitioners from detention in China."*

### **9.10 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde**

*"Can I call on the Executive to write to the relevant Minister to introduce the new gambling laws / Legislation as soon as possible."*

### **9.11 Submitted by Councillor Seán Smith**

*"That Meath County Council requests the National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics (NCPE) and HSE to approve the administering of Translarna to individuals with Duchenne's Muscular Dystrophy."*



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### **9.12 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin**

*"In light of an alarming increase in both burglary and theft in Meath compared to 2016, I call on this Council to write to the Minister for Justice asking to immediately increase Garda numbers and resources in all 3 divisions in the County (Ashbourne, Navan and Kells) and that if these resources are not forthcoming or available, that the Defence Forces Army Rangers wing is brought in as an additional resource for night time patrol and check point duty."*

### **9.13 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy**

*"That this Council supports the "Stop Targeting Kids" Campaign organised by Irish Heart Foundation and calls on the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment to protect children's health through strict controls, particularly on digital marketing, by introducing a comprehensive statutory system of regulation for online unhealthy food and drinks marketing directed at children."*

### **9.14 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Tolan**

*"For Meath County Council to call on the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, to recognise Laytown, Bettystown, Mornington and Donacarney as individual villages for the purpose of the Town and Village Renewal Scheme."*

### **9.15 Submitted by Sinn Féin Councillors**

*"That Meath County Council calls on the Irish Government to develop a comprehensive White Paper on Irish Unity."*

### **9.16 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch**

*"This Council writes to the Minister for Health calling for the Fair Deal scheme criteria to be changed without delay to facilitate care in people's own homes / Aontaíonn an Chomhairle seo le litir a scríobh chuig an Aire Sláinte ag impí air go n-athródh critéir an Fair Deal scheme gan moill ar mhaithe le cúram daoine ina dtithe féin a h-éascú."*

## **10 Schedule of Chief Executive & Approved Orders (For Information Only)**

### **10.1 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Transportation**



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10.2 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Environment

10.3 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Housing Construction

10.4 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Community & Enterprise

**11 Presentations by other Bodies/Statutory Agencies**

**12 Any Other Business**

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