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Ordinary Meeting

4th September 2017, Council Chamber

Presiding

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Gerry O' Connor

Councillors Present:

Councillors Joe Bonner, Sinéad Burke, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Seán Drew, Eimear Ferguson, Brian Fitzgerald, Pádraig Fitzsimons, Enda Flynn, Wayne Forde, Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, David Gilroy, Trevor Golden, Johnny Guirke, Wayne Harding, Jim Holloway, Suzanne Jamal, Tom Kelly, Sharon Keogan, Nick Killian, Caroline Lynch, Stephen McKee, Ronan McKenna, Paddy Meade, Maria Murphy, Claire O'Driscoll, Maria O' Kane, Damien O' Reilly, Darren O'Rourke, Bryan Reilly, Joe Reilly, Sarah Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Seán Smith, Alan Tobin, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole.

Apologies:

Officials in attendance:

Chief Executive: Jackie Maguire

Directors of Service: Kevin Stewart, Fiona Lawless, Barry Lynch

Meetings' Administrator: Olive Falsey

Senior Executive Officers: Dara McGowan, Larry Whelan, Fiona Fallon

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 3rd July 2017.

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 3rd July 2017 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Planning meeting held on 19th July 2017.

The minutes of the Special Planning meeting held on 19th July 2017 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**.



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2 Matters arising from the Minutes

No matters arising.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- Former Councillor Ann Dillon-Gallagher, Phyllis Mooney, Finance, and Camilla McCluskey, Motor Tax, on the death of Eleanor Gallagher Blues.
- Jarlath Flanagan, Water Services, Angela Dunne, Finance, and former employees Henry Flanagan and the late Seán Flanagan on the death of Clarisse Flanagan.
- Paul Aspell, Water Services, on the death of his mother Mary Aspell.
- The family of the late Conal Kavanagh, former Wicklow County and Town Councillor.
- The family of the late Dan O'Connell, Ashbourne who was Fianna Fáil's strategist in County Meath.
- Richard Faulkner, Fire Service, on the death of his brother.
- Sympathy was extended in regard to the recent deaths of homeless people.
- Councillors also remembered the 100th anniversary of the death of Thomas Ashe on 25th September, 1917.

Congratulations were extended to:

- All those involved in the following recent events:
 - The commemoration ceremony in Belgium for Meath poet Francis Ledwidge.
 - The Royal Meath Show, Trim.
 - The Guth Gafa International Documentary Film Festival, Kells.
 - The recent 1798 commemorative event.
 - Johnstons' Music Festival, Slane.
- Meath Minor Hurling team on reaching the All Ireland B Final.
- The staff of Meath County Council who provided assistance during the water crisis in East Meath.



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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 approve the raising of a loan of €3,000,000 from the Housing Finance Agency to provide finance for approved Housing Loan applications from members of the public, as authorised by the Housing Acts 1966-1992

Approved on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy**.

- 5.1.2 To receive an update report on the Management Accounts for the half year ending June 2017.

Fiona Lawless, Head of Finance, noted that the Council's budgetary figures were on target for 2017.

Noted by the Councillors.

5.2 Community

- 5.2.1 To approve the new member of the Meath LCDC, Dorothy Kerrigan, representing the Health Service Executive.

Approved on the proposal of **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**.

- 5.2.2 To receive details of and approve the allocations under the Community Facilities Scheme 2017, as recommended by the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting on 28th July 2017.

Approved on the proposal of **Councillor Claire O' Driscoll** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

5.3 Planning

- 5.3.1 To receive the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Part 8 of the



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Planning & Development Act 2000–2017 and the Planning & Development Regulations 2001–2017 on the proposed Meath Civil Defence Headquarters and Training Centre at Mullaghboy Industrial Estate, Athboy Road, Navan, Co. Meath (P817007).

Received and noted on the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

5.4 Environment

5.4.1 Changes to Household Waste Collection Charges as per Circular WP04.17.

Larry Whelan, Senior Executive Officer, made a presentation which included information on the changes to the Household Waste Collection Charges announced on 27th June 2017. Councillors were also advised of the planned information and awareness campaign, which will include demonstrations in shopping centres and recycling centres, a cinema advertising campaign, social media threads and a 'Stop Food Waste Programmes' in conjunction with schools.

6 Reports

6.1 Chief Executive's Report

Councillors sought clarification on a number of other matters in the Chief Executive's report.

The main issues raised and discussed included:

Housing:

- Update requested on the HAP scheme.
- The vacant homes submission and if a response had been received on the staffing proposal.
- A question re funding for land acquisition.
- Request for a breakdown of homeless figures i.e. the details of the reasons for the homeless status of individuals.
- A request for a measurement of the achievements in relation the Council's Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness.
- The 16 houses in Bettystown, and the funding for Alverno Court refurbishment project were welcomed.

Transportation:



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- Issues in relation to the Inner relief road in Ratoath contract were raised, and the manner in which it was managed in terms of the timely delivery of the project.

Community:

- Update requested on the Leader programme and the application process.

Environment:

- Information on the costs in relation to Tymoole landfill requested.

Water Services:

- Assistance of Meath County Council staff commended during the water outage in East Meath.
- Upgrade of pipe from Dunshaughlin to Ratoath urgently needed.

The Chief Executive and the Management Team provided responses on all matters raised.

6.2 Report from the Corporate Policy Group

The Meetings Administrator advised that the Corporate Policy Group reviewed the agenda of the full Council meeting and received information on the particulars of some items.

The CPG noted reports from the following SPC meetings: Environmental SPC held on the 4th July and the Transportation SPC held on the 16th July.

The CPG also received a briefing on the draft proposed Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme, which will be circulated and put before the full Council at the October meeting.

The proposed dates for the LPT, Municipal District, Preliminary and Statutory Budget meetings were noted as follows:

- Monday 11th September - LPT - 1.30pm
- Thursday 2nd November – Municipal Districts – Ratoath, Ashbourne and Navan
- Friday 3rd November – Laytown/Bettystown, Trim & Kells
- 27th November – Preliminary and Statutory Budget meetings

6.3 Report from the Protocol Committee

The Meetings Administrator advised the meeting of the recommendations in regard to the following items of correspondence:

- Correspondence from **Cllr. Caroline Lynch** in regard to the arrangement entered into by other local authorities for the live streaming of Council meetings. It was agreed that this would be investigated further.
- Correspondence i.e. a motion from **Cllr. Sinéad Burke** calling on the Council to present fire fighters with a 1916 commemorative medal. It was agreed that this motion would be referred to the National Directorate of Fire and Emergency management.



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The Protocol Committee approved a list of conferences relevant to the business of the Council.

The above recommendations were approved by the Councillors.

7 Correspondence

- 7.1 Circular PL 5/2017 – Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government re. Interim Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Statutory Plans, Renewable Energy and Climate Change and Wind Energy Development Guidelines 2006 – Update on Review.

Noted by the Councillors. **Councillor Seán Drew** raised a number of issues in relation to the correspondence and Kevin Stewart, Director of Services, provided a response.

- 7.2 Correspondence from the Department of Justice and Equality in response to Notice of Motion 9.10 adopted at the June 2017 meeting of the Full Council re. introduction of new gambling laws.

Noted by the Councillors.

- 7.3 Circular Fin 05/2017 – Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government re. Provisional Local Property Tax Allocations 2018 – Meath County Council.

Noted by the Councillors.

- 7.4 Correspondence from the National Transport Authority in response to Notice of Motion 9.6 adopted at the July 2017 meeting of the Full Council re. use of Leap Cards to pay for toll roads.

Noted by the Councillors.

- 7.5 Circular PL 7/2017 – Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government re. Vacant Homes Action Plans.

Noted by the Councillors.

- 7.6 Correspondence from the Department of Rural and Community Development re. Local Improvement Scheme 2017.

Noted by the Councillors. Following a number of queries in relation to the scheme, Dara



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McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, and John McGrath, Senior Engineer, provided information and clarification on the matters raised.

- 7.7 Correspondence from the HSE in response to Notice of Motion 9.8 adopted at the June 2017 meeting of the Full Council re. additional funding for Meath Alzheimer Society Day Centres.

Noted by the Councillors.

- 7.8 Correspondence from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in response to Notice of Motion 9.5 adopted at the July 2017 meeting of the Full Council re. defective residential developments.

Noted by the Councillors.

8 Notice of Question

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“During 2016, how many stray horses were seized / euthanized in Meath and at what cost to Meath County Council?”

Response

Control of Horses Annual Return 2016	
Number of horses reported	85
Number of aborted calls	3
Number of horses seized	80
Number of horses reclaimed by owner	18
Number of horses rehomed	3
Number of Horses Euthanized	57
Number remain in pound at year end	2
Net Cost to Meath County Council	€44,915

Noted by the Councillors.



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8.2 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

“When will the LCDC sanction the first payments of grants by Meath County Council to Leader applicants and when will these grants be paid by the Council?”

Response

No payment claims have been submitted to date for LEADER projects approved under the festival target call of which three festivals have now taken place.

Once a claim is submitted to the LEADER Implementing Partner (IP) the following procedure is required:

The claim submitted is assessed and uploaded to the LEADER system by the IP, checks are then required to be carried out by the administrative staff within the Community Section. When completed and approved, Pobal is required to carry out Article 48 checks and then submit to the Department for payment of claim to the Financial Partner/Local Authority. In turn this payment is paid to the promoter/applicant for the project.

Noted by the Councillors.

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Nick Killian

“Can the CEO outline the amount of funding that Meath County Council allocated to the Local Government Management Agency for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017?”

Response

The amount of funding that Meath County Council allocated to the Local Government Management Agency for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 is as follows:

Year	EURO
2015	448,366
2016	591,006
2017	590,000

The LGMA acts as a conduit for Local Authorities for the provision of information requests, reports etc. to the various Government Departments and agencies such as:

- Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (DHPLG)



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- Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport
- Department of Justice and Equality
- Department of Finance
- Department of Public Expenditure and Reform
- National Oversight & Audit Commission
- Housing Agency
- Office of Government Procurement

It aims to meet the needs of Local Authorities in delivering on the public sector reform agenda in the local government sector and assists Local Authorities in the implementation and measurement of change, and supporting, in general, enhanced performance by the local government sector.

The range of services delivered on a statutory basis to Local Authorities includes:

- advisory services to Local Authorities to assist and co-ordinate the business of these Local Authorities;
- services as required in the Industrial Relations (IR) and Human Resource Management (HR) area;
- services as required for the purpose of coordinating and securing compatibility in, the use of Information and Communications Technologies (ICT);
- advice and assistance in relation to the Library service;
- services for meetings of Local Authority Chief Executives and such other support services required by the County and City Management Association (CCMA);
- services as required as Registrar of Public Lending Remuneration;
- advice, information and assistance required by the Minister of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government;
- Advice and training in relation to Freedom of Information, Data Protection and communications.

Noted by the Councillors.

8.4 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

*“Does Meath County Council collect data on **RTAs** within the county? If data is collected what information is recorded?”*

Response

The RSA and the Gardaí are the primary agencies involved in gathering RTA information. The RSA have a unit which analyses RTA information and informs their road safety strategies and public information campaigns. They also have an online mapping-based system containing details of RTAs where there were injuries between 2005 and 2013. This information is publically available on their website (www.rsa.ie). The information collected includes:



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- Severity
- Year
- Vehicle type
- Day of week
- Time of day
- Speed limit
- No. of casualties – minor
- No. of casualties – total

In addition to this, Meath County Council and the Gardaí gather some additional information in relation to fatal RTAs such as weather conditions, number of vehicles involved and circumstances of the accident.

Noted by the Councillors.

8.5 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

“Please clarify how many anti-social tenants has Meath County Council evicted from social housing units in the county since 2007?”

Response

Meath County Council, as a Housing Authority, can seek an order for possession of a house when a tenant breaches his/her tenancy agreement.

A tenant, joint tenant or a member of a tenant's household engaging in anti social behaviour and /or in the sale or supply or distribution of a controlled drug, are deemed a breach of tenancy.

The procedures for seeking an order for possession are set out in Meath County Council's Anti Social Behaviour Policy, in line with the provisions of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 2014, and involve the issuing of Notices of Breach of Tenancy and/or Statutory Warning Notice in the first instance. In cases of persistent breaches of tenancy, despite the issuing of warnings, and subject to sufficient evidence, Meath County Council will proceed to seek a possession order.

In certain cases of anti social breaches, there are also breaches of tenancy due to rent arrears, and the matter for possession is pursued on the grounds of rent arrears rather than anti social behaviour.

Furthermore, in certain cases, where tenants are advised that the Local Authority intends to commence legal proceedings to repossess the house, pre-emptive surrenders of the properties occur.



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Meath County Council obtained possession of four houses since 2007 where there has been dual breaches of tenancy of anti social behaviour and rent arrears, and the matter was pursued on the grounds of rent arrears; one possession based exclusively on anti social behaviour, and seven pre-emptive surrenders occurred.

In general, breaches of tenancy cease in most cases upon investigation and do not re-occur. In more serious cases, the Housing Department will seek the involvement of other statutory agencies to try and address family and social issues. Clear verifiable evidence and witnesses prepared to give evidence are required in order for any case to advance to legal proceedings.

To date for 2017, 10 verbal warnings, 8 first Breach of Tenancy Notices, 3 second Breach of Tenancy Notices and 4 Statutory Warning Notices were issued. One Exclusion Order was obtained in the District Court on the grounds of anti social behaviour.

Noted by the Councillors.

8.6 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“What is the total number of three-bed houses in social housing stock in Co. Meath including all recent acquisitions and, of that total, how many are currently under-occupied / Cad é an méid tithe sóisialta 3-sheomra codlata i sealbh Comhairle Chontae na Mí gach sealbhú nua san áireamh, agus as an méid sin, cé mhéad dóibh atá fó-líonaithe?”

Response

It is estimated that two thirds of Meath County Council's total housing stock, which comprises 3,056 units in total, are 3 bed units. However, it is not possible to quantify the number of these units that are currently under-accommodated.

The Housing Department recognises the importance of stock management in respect to maximising the appropriate occupation of units, in the first instance, through the appropriate allocation in order to avoid a unit being under-accommodated, and secondly, avails of every opportunity that it becomes aware of to facilitate 'downsizing' of tenants to more suitable properties, within the tenant's local community or preferred area of choice.

Noted by the Councillors.



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9 Notice of Motion

9.1 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."

(Amended motion: *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 subject to the approval of the Laytown Bettystown Municipal District"* **(deferred from June meeting)**

Following a short debate and advice from the Chief Executive, the amended motion as proposed by **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Kelly**, was withdrawn.

Following further debate and advice from the Chief Executive, the original motion as proposed by **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson** was put to a roll call vote as follows:

Councillor	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Cllr. Joseph Bonner	For			
Cllr. Sinead Burke	For			
Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	For			
Cllr. Francis Deane		Against		
Cllr. Sean Drew		Against		
Cllr. Eimear Ferguson	For			
Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald		Against		
Cllr. Pdraig Fitzsimons		Against		
Cllr. Enda Flynn	For			
Cllr. Wayne Forde		Against		
Cllr. Joe Fox	For			



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Cllr. Noel French	For			
Cllr. Michael Gallagher				Absent
Cllr. David Gilroy		Against		
Cllr. Trevor Golden		Against		
Cllr. Johnny Guirke	For			
Cllr. Wayne Harding		Against		
Cllr. James Holloway	For			
Cllr. Suzanne Jamal	For			
Cllr. Tom Kelly		Against		
Cllr. Sharon Keogan		Against		
Cllr. Nick Killian		Against		
Cllr. Caroline Lynch	For			
Cllr. Stephen McKee		Against		
Cllr. Ronan McKenna		Against		
Cllr. Paddy Meade		Against		
Cllr. Maria Murphy	For			
Cllr. Gerry O' Connor	For			
Cllr. Claire O' Driscoll		Against		
Cllr. Maria O' Kane	For			
Cllr. Damien O' Reilly		Against		
Cllr. Darren O' Rourke	For			
Cllr. Bryan Reilly		Against		
Cllr. Joe Reilly	For			
Cllr. Sarah Reilly				Absent



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Cllr. Tommy Reilly		Against		
Cllr. Sean Smith		Against		
Cllr. Alan Tobin	For			
Cllr. Sharon Tolan	For			
Cllr. Gillian Toole	For			

Result: For: **19**; Against: **19**; Absent: **2**

On the casting vote of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Gerry O' Connor (**For**), the motion was duly adopted.

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

"That Meath County Council put compulsory purchase orders on vacant buildings in order to provide homes and reduce dereliction."

Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered.

The potential of vacant units, including derelict vacant units, as a mechanism to deliver social housing units, while simultaneously facilitating a dual objective of urban renewal in certain instances, is acknowledged.

The Housing Department has completed an initial analysis of the vacant and derelict property data for the County, with a view to employing a targeted approach in the uptake of the Repair to Lease and/or Buy to Renew Scheme for appropriate properties for social housing.

The use of Compulsory Purchase Order powers with regard to vacant/derelict units under Housing legislation (conferred by Section 76 of the Housing Act 1966, and the Third Schedule thereto (as amended by the Planning & Development Act, 2000)) to purchase same, will be duly examined in this context

The Rebuilding Ireland: Action Plan for Housing & Homelessness, contains a number of actions pertaining to existing vacant housing stock, including a pending National Vacant Housing Strategy.

A submission has been made to the Department for the funding of dedicated staff resources under the auspices of this pending Vacant Homes Strategy. It is proposed to establish a dedicated Vacant Homes Unit with the objective of maximising the use of existing building stock (vacant and derelict sites) within the County, through the aforementioned initiatives.



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Based on the supporting information provided, and the correspondence received, **Councillor Noel French** requested that his motion would be noted

9.3 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden

“For Meath County Council to prepare a document for the consideration of the members detailing the following:

The revenue generated and the operating cost of paid parking across the county and per Municipal District.

The annual cost of paid parking bye-law enforcement across the county and per Municipal District.

The cost implication (€/%) to Commercial Rates if parking charges were to be abolished with the retention of enforcement for time limits and illegal parking.”

Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered.

Meath County Council Parking Section will prepare a report and present the contents to the Transportation SPC.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**.

A lengthy debate took place on the matter. **Councillor Alan Tobin** requested that the report would also be presented to the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC. **Councillor Noel French** requested that the report would be circulated to all Councillors. **Councillor Gillian Toole** requested that the report would be submitted to the National Transport Authority. The motion was unanimously adopted.

9.4 Submitted by Councillor Damien O’Reilly

“I call on Meath County Council to contact every land owner with residential zoned lands in urban settlements along the Dublin Meath Border, requesting details if they intend to facilitate the development of these lands during this housing crisis as per the parameters of the current County Development Plan.”

Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered.

The review of the County Development Plan is at an advanced stage and it is anticipated that a draft will go on display later this year.

The future growth scenario for the county will be informed by population and housing targets and the settlement hierarchy set out in the RPG’s (to be replaced in due course



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with Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies). An evidence-based Core Strategy will be prepared using up to date data including CSO regional population projections and available housing data. The location and quantity of residential zoned lands will be informed by the Core Strategy and the principles of sequential sustainable development. It will be open to any person to make submissions on the adequacy or otherwise of zoned lands as part of that process.

The Council will also shortly advance a Variation to incorporate the provisions of the Vacant Sites Levy legislation into the CDP. This will allow us to consider zoned lands for inclusion in the register of vacant sites and in due course to levy unused lands as appropriate.

The Council is engaged in pre planning on a number of key residential sites in the areas referred to and we have received enquires under the new Strategic Housing Developments legislation (100+ houses). That also provides information in relation to the intention of landowners / developers holding these zoned lands.

It is not clear what further purpose would be served by taking the action set out in the motion and in any event it is believed that the reliability of information obtained in such an exercise would be open to question.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Damien O' Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**

Following a debate on the motion, **Councillor Joe Reilly** proposed an amendment, as follows:

"I call on Meath County Council to open a consultation process with land owners with residential zoned lands in urban settlements along the Dublin Meath Border, with the objective of encouraging the owners to develop their lands during this housing crisis as per the parameters of the current County Development Plan."

Councillor Damien O' Reilly seconded the amended motion, and it was duly adopted.

9.5 Submitted by Councillor Damien O' Reilly

"I call on Meath County Council to tender for a security company to provide swift security services on call as needed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to deal with illegal occupation of social housing units and to deal with anti-social tenants as needed in prompt timeframes."

Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered.

The provision of security services relating to the Housing function has been procured and is availed of.



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The scope of services provided include periodic patrols of vacant units deemed to be at risk of illegal occupation, 24/7 static security when required, and the accompanying of Housing staff in the execution of their statutory function in relation to anti social behaviour or illegal occupation, as the situation requires.

The Housing Department must adhere to the procedures as set out in the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 in dealing with illegal occupations and cases of anti social behaviour.

Any reports of attempted unlawful entry to a vacant property or an incident of serious disturbance should be made immediately to An Garda Síochána.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Damien O' Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**.

A lengthy debate took place on the motion and **Councillor O' Reilly** agreed that, based on the supporting information, the motion would be noted.

9.6 Submitted by Councillor Sinn Féin Group

“Recognising the efforts of Meath County Council and commending the hard work of all those involved in resolving the recent major water shortages in the county, this Council calls on Irish Water to carry out a full assessment of the county's critical water infrastructure and to provide this information to elected members and officials at the earliest opportunity / Á áithint iarrachtaí Chomhairle Chontae na Mí agus moladh a thabhairt don dian-obair a rinneadh ar mhaithe le réiteach na géarghanntanais uisce a bhíodh ann sa chontae le déanaí, glaonn an Chomhairle ar Uisce Éireann lán-imscrúdú a dhéanamh ar bhonneagar uisce criticiúil an Chontae agus an t-eolas seo a thabhairt do na baill tofa agus na hoifigigh chomh luath agus is féidir.”

Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered.

Meath has a very extensive water and wastewater infrastructural system consisting of over 350 facilities and over 2,500 Km of pipe network serving more than 150,000 residents and approximately 6,000 businesses.

On an ongoing basis, through our day to day operation and maintenance of this infrastructure and our integral involvement with Planning and development within the county, Meath County Council Water Services Department continually monitors the performance, condition and capacity of the various water and wastewater schemes within the county and use this knowledge and information to identify capital investment needs and to inform investment strategy.



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In the period from 2000 to 2012 the Council secured very substantial Water Services capital investment, in the order of €600m., which has benefitted the county hugely in terms of facilitating continued development and growth, improving service and quality and helping to protect the environment.

However, continued further capital investment is required and in this regard the Council is working closely with Irish Water to highlight capital investment needs and to secure the funding required to ensure continued infrastructural and service improvement and to facilitate the ongoing planned development and growth of County Meath.

Some of the capital projects that Meath County Council is currently progressing in partnership with Irish Water are:

- Navan & Mid Meath Water Supply Scheme (c.€30m)
- Countywide Watermain Rehabilitation Scheme – Phase 2 (c € 6m)
- Kells / Oldcastle WSS upgrade (c. €2m)
- Kells Sewerage Scheme (c. €7m)
- Enfield / Johnstownbridge WWTP upgrade (c. €3m)
- Stamullen Sewerage Scheme (c. €3m)
- Dunboyne / Clonee WSS (c. € 3m)
- Stamullen Water network upgrade (c. €1m)
- Ashbourne Water network upgrade (c. €1m)
- Drumconrath WTP upgrade (c. €0.5m)
- Nobber/Drumconrath/Ballivor WWTP's upgrades (c. €1m)
- Kentstown WWTP (c.0.5m)
- Kilmessan WTP upgrade (c. 0.6m)

In addition, there are more than 100 other improvement projects being progressed, ranging in size from €5,000 to €250,000.

In the aftermath of the recent trunk main burst near Staleen WTP, Irish Water is currently undertaking an assessment of all such critical trunk watermains nationally. The Council is participating in this exercise and would expect to secure additional investment to replace certain critical water mains in Navan and East Meath.

If agreed at the September meeting of the Council, Water Services will forward this Notice of Motion to Irish Water on behalf of the Councillors.



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The motion was proposed by **Councillor Eimear Ferguson** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Keogan**. Following a lengthy debate and, based on the supporting information provided, the motion was noted.

An extension of time of 10 minutes was agreed on the proposal of the **Cathaoirleach** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding**.

9.7 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“To call on the Minister to outline the Department's budget for the HAP scheme for 2017 and 2018 and to allow HAP tenants to continue to accrue time on the social housing list while awaiting a transfer? D'fhiafródh Sinn Féin den Aire breac-chuntas a thabhairt ar bhuiséad na Ranna don scéim HAP i 2017 agus 2018? agus cead a thabhairt do thionóntaí HAP am a chur le chéile ar liosta feithimh tithíochta an Údaráis Áitiúil fad is atá siad ag fanacht ar aistriú.”

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Caroline Lynch** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Reilly**. Based on the information provided by Barry Lynch, Director of Services, the motion was noted. Councillor Lynch requested that the information would be communicated in writing to Councillors and to tenants.

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

10.1 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Transportation

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

Noted by the Councillors

11 Any Other Business