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### **Ordinary Meeting**

**2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019, Council Chamber**

**1 Confirmation of Minutes**

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 1st July, 2019

**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 Update by Valuation Office on Revaluation 2019.

5.1.2 To consider the report of the Chief Executive prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014.

For the purpose of resolving as follows:

- a. Vary the basic rate and set a local adjustment factor that will apply for a period of one year from the next Local Property Tax liability date, or
- b. Not vary the basic rate.

5.1.3 To receive a year to date Financial Statement for Meath County Council as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

5.1.4 To approve the raising of a loan of €9,743,690 from the Housing Finance Agency to provide finance for approved house purchase applications, loan restructuring and other housing loan related activities, as authorised by the Housing Acts



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- 5.1.5 To agree by resolution to set dates for the Budget 2020 meetings – proposed date: Monday 25th November (Preliminary Budget meeting @ 10.00a.m. and Statutory Budget meeting @ 1.30p.m.)
- 5.1.6 To note the dates for Municipal Districts to consider and adopt the draft Budgetary Plan.

### 5.2 Planning

- 5.2.1 To receive the Members' views in respect of a proposed development by Eirgrid PLC. (PL09.304862), for development described as proposed 220 kV Gas Insulated Switchgear substation, 2 no. 220 kV underground circuits forming a loop-in/loop-out to the existing Maynooth-Woodland 220 kV Overhead Line and 6 no. 220 kV underground circuits and associated low voltage and communication underground cabling connecting the proposed substation with electricity transformers within the Intel Ireland Facility, and all associated and ancillary site development works, within the townlands of **Bogganstown, Co. Meath** and Ravensdale, Kellystown, Blakestown (North Salt By) and Leixlip, Co. Kildare, the subject of the Chief Executive's Report to An Bord Pleanála of September 2019 (as circulated) and, if thought fit, to resolve to attach recommendations to that report in accordance with Section 37(E) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2018.
- 5.2.2 To receive the Draft Meath County Development Plan 2020-2026 in accordance with Section 11 of the Planning & Developments Acts 2000-2018.
- 5.2.3 To consider a protocol to set aside standing orders for the receipt of notices of motion relevant to the development plan process.
- 5.2.4 To receive the Chief Executive's Report on the proposed Variation No.3 (to give effect to an objective in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Eastern and Midland Region in relation to providing further employment opportunities in Navan through the rezoning of a parcel of land) to the Navan Development Plan 2009-2015, together with the Chief Executive's report on submissions.

Presentation on the report to be made at the September meeting of Navan Municipal District. At the October Council meeting, Members will be asked if thought fit to resolve to make the variation, or to accept the Chief Executive's recommendations with or without further modification, or to refuse to make



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the variation, in accordance with Section 13 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2018.

- 5.2.5 To receive the Chief Executive's Report on the proposed Variation No.1 (to incorporate the key tenets of the Economic Development Strategy for County Meath 2014 – 2022, as they relate to land-use planning) to the Trim Development Plan 2014-2020, together with the Chief Executive's report on submissions.

Presentation on the report to be made at the September meeting of Trim Municipal District. At the October Council meeting, Members will be asked if thought fit to resolve to make the variation, or to accept the Chief Executive's recommendations with or without further modification, or to refuse to make the variation, in accordance with Section 13 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2018.

### **5.3 Corporate Services**

- 5.3.1 To receive the Chief Executive's Report on submissions received during the display period of the draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme and to approve the Strategic Policy Committee Scheme for 2019-2024.
- 5.3.2 To note the appointments to committees, as referred to the Municipal Districts at the Annual Meeting on 7th June.

### **5.4 Community**

- 5.4.1 To approve a replacement member of the Meath LCDC & LAG, Garret O'Brien, representing the Community & Voluntary Pillar of the PPN.
- 5.4.2 To approve a replacement member of the Meath LCDC & LAG, Susuana Komolafe, Afro in Diaspora Centre, representing the Social Inclusion Pillar of the PPN.

### **5.5 Transportation**

- 5.5.1 To enter into an agreement with Louth County Council pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001, whereby Louth County Council will exercise the statutory powers, functions and duties of Meath County Council in relation to the refurbishment and repair works to the Obelisk Bridge in the townlands of Oldbridge, Co. Meath and Tullyallen, Co. Louth which are described in the Schedule to the Agreement.



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- 5.5.2 To enter into an agreement with Louth County Council pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001, whereby Meath County Council will exercise the statutory powers, functions and duties of Louth County Council in relation to a cycle and walking scheme namely the Drogheda to Mornington Greenway linking Drogheda Town through to Mornington which are described in the Schedule to the Agreement.

### **5.6 Environment**

- 5.6.1 To receive the Chief Executive's Report on Submissions received during the display period of the draft Climate Action Strategy "Making Meath Climate Ready" and to resolve if thought fit, to adopt the strategy which incorporates the adaptation plan prepared in accordance with the National Adaptation Framework 2018 and the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015.

## **6 Reports**

- 6.1 Chief Executive's Report
- 6.2 Report from the Corporate Policy Group
- 6.3 Report from the Protocol Committee

## **7 Correspondence**

- 7.1 Correspondence from the National Transport Authority in response to Notice of Motion 9.7 adopted at the July 2019 meeting of the full Council re. Extension of the rail line from M3 Parkway to Navan.
- 7.2 Correspondence on the public consultation on the draft Ministerial Direction relating to the Eastern and Midland Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) 2019-2031.
- 7.3 Correspondence from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in response to Notice of Motion 9.4 adopted at the February 2019 and Item 7.1 at the July 2019 meeting of the full Council re. publication of the review of the Wind Energy Guidelines.
- 7.4 Correspondence from the Department of Health in response to Notice of Motion 9.9 adopted at the July 2019 meeting of the full Council re. introduction of Psychiatric Emergency Response Teams.



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- 7.5 Correspondence from the Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform in response to Notice of Motion 9.4 adopted at the March 2019 meeting of the full Council re. insurance reform.
- 7.6 Correspondence from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in response to Notice of Motion 9.4 adopted at the April 2019 meeting of the full Council re. fast tracking learner drivers' applications.
- 7.7 Correspondence from the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government in response to Notice of Motion 9.6 adopted at the March 2019 meeting of the full Council re. policy on planning densities.
- 7.8 Circular LG 04/2019 – Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government re. Domestic subsistence rates for elected members of local authorities.
- 7.9 Circular Letter: NRPPS 01/2019 - Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government re: Local Government Rates and Other Matters Act 2019 (Commencement) Order 2019 Commencing Technical Amendments to the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).
- 7.10 Circular Fin 05/2019 – Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government re. Provisional Local Property Tax Allocations 2020 – Meath County Council.
- 7.11 Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government re. Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans (RIHL) – Capital Allocation, Updated Reporting Requirements and Amendments to Scheme.
- 7.12 LG 06/2019 - Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government Guidelines for Local Authorities in the Preparation of Corporate Plans for 2019-2024
- 7.13 Circular Letter PL 05/2019 – Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government re. Regulation of Short Term Letting – New Rent Pressure Zone Designations.
- 7.14 Circular EA 1/2019 – Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment re. Community Environment Action Fund (Local Agenda 21).

## **8 Notice of Question**

### **8.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane**



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*"With regard to Japanese knotweed, may I ask the amount of money that Meath Co. Council has invested in the county with a view to eradicating such a harmful plant? Furthermore, are owners of derelict sites on which the knotweed is growing ever informed or does Meath County Council follow up if there are complains made by the general public?"*

### **8.2 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy**

*"What policy and power does Meath County Council have to deal with Hogweed and Ragwort along our roadside verges and on private land."*

### **8.3 Submitted by Councillor Mike Bray**

*"To ask Meath County Council to provide in tabular form the number of HAP applications which are, at present, approved as well as the number and percentage which are drawn down (active) and the number and percentage waiting to be drawn down?"*

### **8.4 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly**

*"How much funding has the NTA provided Meath County Council for new bus shelters / stops in the last 5 years in tabular format?"*

### **8.5 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín**

*"To ask Meath County Council has all of the money stolen from Meath County Council in the 2016 cyber theft incident been returned to Meath County Council and what steps have been taken by the council to ensure that such an event cannot happen again, have criminal prosecutions been undertaken against the perpetrators of this crime and what has been the outcome of these prosecutions? Can the Council detail the full cost of the incident to the council i.e. what has been spent to date on the retrieval of the money?"*

### **8.6 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore**

*"To ask Meath County Council the number of Council owned/controlled housing properties that currently meet Universal Design requirements."*



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### 9 Notice of Motion

#### 9.1 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

*“That Meath County Council provides campervan stopping points (Aires) to make the most of this growing tourism market.”*

#### 9.2 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O’Connor

*“That Meath County Council requests from their pension provider disclosure of what portion (if any) of the pension fund is made up of fossil fuel assets, and to provide an option which does not include fossil fuel.”*

#### 9.3 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O’Connor

*“That Meath County Council when reviewing the rolling capital plan, ensures that Low Carbon designs and investments are prioritised going forward.”*

#### 9.4 Submitted by Sinn Féin Councillors

*“Given the state’s central role in the fight against climate change, that Meath County Council will engage with the relevant departments and other Local Authorities to explore the possibility and practicality of bringing domestic waste collection back into the control of Local Authorities.”*

#### 9.5 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

*“That Meath County Council when undertaking significant works on roads within towns and villages in Meath ensures that there is proper consultation with businesses, community groups and residents, that they also seek to deliver the works in a timely and efficient fashion, that night time work and weekend work should be considered to make this happen.”*

#### 9.6 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore

*“That this Council recognises the key role of public participation in local government as outlined by the 2013 report of the Working Group on Public Participation in Local Government, and also in the Council of Europe’s ‘Code of Good Practice for Civil*



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*Participation in the Decision-Making Process', adopted in October 2009 and to which Ireland is a subscriber; the Council therefore resolves to implement the broadcasting of public meetings of the full Council and Municipal Districts in order to meet the Code's principles of participation, trust, accountability and transparency."*

### **9.7 Submitted by Councillor Alan Lawes**

*"That Meath County Council opposes the roll-out of 5G on health grounds, in light of evidence showing an increased risk of electromagnetic radiation".*

### **9.8 Submitted by Councillor Darren O'Rourke**

*"That this Council writes to the Minister for Justice and Equality, Charlie Flanagan TD, and to the Minister of State for Justice at the Department of Justice and Equality with special responsibility for Equality, Immigration, and Integration, David Stanton TD, calling for the immediate closure of Meath-based Direct Provision Centres and instead, offer residents suitable community-based accommodation and services for children and families."*

### **9.9 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore**

*"That the Council writes to the Minister for Justice and Equality Charlie Flanagan T.D. and the Minister for State for Justice at the Department of Justice and Equality with special responsibility for Equality, Immigration, and Integration David Staunton T.D., calling for the immediate closure of all Meath based Direct Provision Centres and instead, offer residents suitable, community based accommodation and services for children and families."*

### **9.10 Submitted by Councillor Johnny Guirke**

*"In regard to the proposed EU law that would ban the use of lead in shooting and fishing, making over 100,000 shotguns in Ireland obsolete, we call on the government to initiate a robust consultation process with all affected parties including game clubs, farming bodies and conservation organisations before proceeding to support any EU proposals in this regard or enacting any legislation at domestic level."*





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### **9.11 Submitted by Councillor Alan Tobin**

*“This Council calls on Minister for Communications, Climate Action & Environment Richard Bruton to put in place a recycling rebate scheme similar to that adopted recently by the Scottish government in which a deposit return scheme of 20 pence or approx 30cent was enacted for the return to the retailer of one off use plastic bottles & containers, glass bottles & jars and aluminium & tin cans.”*

### **9.12 Submitted by Councillor Damien O’Reilly**

*“I call on Meath County Council to write to the Minister of Transport, Tourism and Sport to provide an urgent review of all bus fares in County Meath and to provide a logical assessment and rationale of the large difference in bus fare prices per KM in comparison to the Dublin Metropolitan Area.”*

### **9.13 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín**

*“That Meath County Council opposes the shocking lack of adequate respite provision for children and adults with intellectual disabilities in Meath. That Meath County Council supports the provision of adequate respite resources for children and adults with intellectual disabilities in Meath and that we call on the HSE to provide the resources to allow the new Talbot House facility in Athboy to be used to offer parents and family respite.”*

## **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

10.4 Schedule of Chief Executive’s Orders – Community

## **11 Any Other Business**

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