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### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***7<sup>th</sup> October 2019, Council Chamber***

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

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 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 Planning**

5.1.1 Having considered 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, 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.

5.1.2 Having considered 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, 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.

5.1.3 To agree by Resolution to set a date for a Special Planning Meeting to receive



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the Chief Executive's Report on the Notices of Motion submitted by the Elected Members in relation to the draft County Development Plan (Special Planning Meeting: Thursday, November 7, 11am)

### **5.2 Corporate Services**

- 5.2.1 To adopt the revised Standing Orders for Meath County Council.
- 5.2.2 To appoint the three external members (Tom McGuinness, Geraldine Tallon, Kate Williams) to the Meath County Council Audit Committee in accordance with Section 122 of the Local Government Act, 2001 as amended by the Local Government Reform Act, 2014.
- 5.2.3 To adopt a Protocol on Deputations at Municipal District Meetings.
- 5.2.4 To appoint the sectoral nominees as members of the Strategic Policy Committees and to approve the membership of the Strategic Policy Committees

### **5.3 Community**

- 5.3.1 To receive a presentation on the Age Friendly Shared Service
- 5.3.2 To receive a presentation on and to note the Meath Digital Strategy

### **5.4 Housing**

- 5.4.1 To Adopt the Draft Traveller Accommodation Plan 2019-2024.

## **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**



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- 7.1 LG 07/2019 – Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government re. Adjustment to Elected Members' Representational Payment from 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2019.
- 7.2 Circular 28/2019 – Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government re. Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans (RIHL) – Arrears Management and Notification of Updates to Reporting Requirements.
- 7.3 Correspondence from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and the National Transport Authority in response to Notice of Motion 9.12 adopted at the September 2019 meeting of the full Council re. bus fares.
- 7.4 Correspondence from the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG) regarding training on "The Planning Process, the Elected Member and the Office of the Planning Regulator".

### 8 Notice of Question

#### 8.1 Submitted by Councillor Darren O'Rourke

*"Given the recent demand for increased population at Navan and Dunshaughlin to 'justify' the extension of the Dunboyne rail line to Navan, to ask the Council if they have revisited or intend to revisit, with Irish Rail and the Department, the case for their originally preferred route east of Dunshaughlin, or similar alternatives, on the basis that it would immediately increase the potential catchment for the line and strengthen the case for expediting the project?"*

#### 8.2 Submitted by Councillor Mike Bray

*"To provide the average turnaround time for refurbishment of local authority housing units before allocation to new tenants in each Municipal District."*

#### 8.3 Submitted by Councillor Alan Lawes

*"Can Meath County Council provide how many improvement and prohibition notices it has issued to Landlords in 2017, 2018 and so far in 2019?"*

### 9 Notice of Motion



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### 9.1 Submitted by Councillor Sean Drew

*"In view of the level of expenditure, from both the capital and revenue budgets, expended by Meath County Council on its housing stock, this Council supports the deployment of additional resources specifically to visit and inspect the MCC owned housing stock and HAP/RAS funded properties".*

### 9.2 Submitted by Councillor Darren O'Rourke

*"That Meath County Council will develop and publish a Traffic Calming Policy aimed at:*

- Incorporating traffic-calming measures, as appropriate, at planning and design stage of any new schemes*
- Introducing an appraisal system for traffic calming on existing roads and estates*
- Introducing a prioritisation and scheme design and selection system for traffic calming schemes on existing roads and estates*
- Introducing a Central Database and an annual works programme for Traffic Calming Schemes."*

### 9.3 Submitted by Councillor Gillian Toole

*"In the interest of fairness & transparency, the Meath County Council housing allocation list will be numbered. If necessary, separate lists will be numbered to include family unit types, health need, Disability and so on as appropriate."*

### 9.4 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore

*"That Meath County Council reviews its procurement policies and procedure for works, goods and services; that do not exceed the thresholds as set down by the Public Contracts Directive (2014/24/EU). And that in doing so seeks to review our present weighting scheme for works, goods and services to enhance the procurement processes so that it brings greater benefits for our local economy and in social and environmental terms. And in carrying out this review, a report is brought back to members outlining specific opportunities where the procurement policies and/or procedures can or have been changed to achieve this."*

### 9.5 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy



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*“That Meath County Council, in a gesture of solidarity with communities along the border, support the call of the Border Communities Against Brexit (BCAB) campaign group to hold a National evening of solidarity on October 16th by lighting up a key public building in each of the six Municipal Districts in County Meath in Yellow, the colours of BCAB.”*

### **9.6 Submitted by Councillor Alan Lawes**

*“That Meath County Council lights up all council buildings yellow in solidarity with the Border Communities Against Brexit.”*

### **9.7 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín**

*“Given that retail leakage outside the county, internet shopping and the high costs of utilities, insurance and overheads are making it difficult for retail to survive in Meath, that Meath County Council research the feasibility of a Meath Retail Loyalty Card to strengthen the retail sector in Meath. If the project is feasible and has the buy in of the retail sector that Meath County Council develop and facilitate the operation of the Meath Retail Loyalty Card.”*

### **9.8 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín**

*“The Meath County Council invites Bus Éireann and the NTA to meet with interested Councillors to discuss the transport crisis in Meath affecting commuters and people living in the towns and villages around the county.”*

### **9.9 Submitted by Councillor Johnny Guirke (deferred from September meeting)**

*“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.”*

### **9.10 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly**

*“That Meath County Council recognises and appreciates the service its local knackeries provide, particularly in terms of environmental and health protection, and it calls on the*



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*Minister for Agriculture to meaningfully engage with service providers to ensure their future viability.”*

### **9.11 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly**

*“That Meath County Council is appalled by the current lack of funding for Home Help in Meath and it calls on the Minister for Health to act immediately to rectify the matter.”*

### **9.12 Submitted by Councillor Gerry O’Connor**

*“That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to fund the Local Property Tax equalization fund (20%) from central government and allow Local Authorities access to 100% LPT funding raised locally.”*

### **9.13 Submitted by Councillor Ronan Moore**

*“That Meath County Council writes to the Minister of Housing, Planning & Local Government to release without delay the report of the Baseline Review Group, a group established in May 2018 by the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to review the Local Property Tax baseline funding of local authorities, and which this council fed into, and which has been completed since early this year”.*

### **9.14 Submitted by Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons**

*“That Meath County Council writes to the Minister of the Environment, to demand that he increase the proposed number of electric car charging points throughout the county and throughout the country. At present, the Minister proposes that there will be an additional 1,000 new electric car charging points throughout the country over the next five years which equates to less than 10 per county each year.”*

## **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



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

**12 Any Other Business**

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