

## Explanatory Statement

These are the minutes of the Special Planning Meeting, which was held over 29 separate sessions between October 19, 2020 to March 5, 2021.

As required under Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act, these minutes record: (a) the date, time and place of the meeting; (b) the names of the members present at the meeting; (c) a list of the senior employees of the local authority present at the meeting; (d) reference to any report submitted to the members at the meeting; (e) where there was a roll call vote, the number and names of members voting for and against the motion and of those abstaining; and (f) particulars of all resolutions passed at the meeting.

Further detail on the Submissions, Notices of Motion (NoM) and Notices of Motion (from the floor) (NoM(FTF)), referenced in these minutes is included in **Appendices 1-7**.

- **Submissions** – These are observations and recommendations made by persons and bodies during the consultation period on the draft County Development Plan, held between December 18, 2019 and March 6, 2020. A total of 2,452 submissions was received. **Appendices 1-4** provide detail on these submissions and the recommendation of the Chief Executive on each. **Appendix 5** lists the submissions and gives an overview of the outcome of the vote on each submission.
- **Notices of Motion (NoM)** – These were submitted by the Elected Members, following the publication of the Chief Executive’s Report on the submissions. The deadline for submitting NoMs was October 4, 2021. A total of 190 NoMs was submitted within this deadline. These NoMs and the Chief Executive’s recommendation on each are detailed in **Appendix 6**.
- **Notices of Motion from the floor (NoM(FTF))** – These were submitted by the Elected Members during the Special Planning Meeting sessions. A total of 109 valid motions were submitted and considered. These motions and the supporting maps and documentation have been re-numbered from 1 to 109 and assembled into one document, see **Appendix 7**.

The appendices are available on the Council’s website (**click here**) and the Council's planning portal (**click here**). Hyperlinks to these appendices are embedded in the Table of Contents to these minutes.

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### **Special Planning Meeting**

**19<sup>th</sup> October 2020, Solstice Theatre @ 10.00a.m.**

#### **Presiding**

Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach

#### **Councillors Present:**

Councillors, Tom Behan, Joe Bonner, Mike Bray, Aisling Dempsey, Seán Drew, Edward Fennessy, Brian Fitzgerald, Pdraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, Deirdre Geraghty-Smith, Trevor Golden, Wayne Harding, Geraldine Keogan, Nick Killian, Alan Lawes, Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty, Paddy Meade, Ronan Moore, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Aisling O'Neill, Damien O'Reilly, Sarah Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Amanda Smith, Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole, Conor Tormey.

**Apologies:** Councillors Yemi Adenuga, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Suzanne Jamal, Stephen McKee, Niamh Souhan

#### **Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Des Foley

**Acting Director of Service:** Larry Whelan

**Planning Staff:** Pdraig Maguire (Senior Planner), Seán Clarke (Senior Executive Officer), Alan Russell (Acting Senior Planner)

#### **The following participated by means of Zoom:**

Cllr. Francis Deane

Officials: Fiona Lawless (Head of Finance), Barry Lynch (Director of Services), Robert Collins (Senior Executive Officer)

Rory McEntee, Council's Law Agent

#### **Notice of Motion**

***"That the Elected Members of Meath County Council call for the adjournment of the Special Planning Meeting of the Council of October 19th-23rd, 2020, in the interests of public health and the health and wellbeing of Council staff and elected members until the appropriate legislation providing for the Council to hold remote meetings comes into effect and being not less than three days after the commencement of such legislation. The Elected Members of Meath County Council request clarity from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with regard to the impact on statutory time lines, seek additional time, if required, for the process to ensure compliance with statutory obligations and further propose that a new date for the Special Planning Meeting will be***



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*considered at the monthly Council Meeting on November 2nd, 2020, if not already fixed prior to that date."*

The motion which had been circulated to the Members on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020 was proposed by the Cathaoirleach, Councillor David Gilroy and seconded by the Leas Cathaoirleach, Councillor Aisling Dempsey.

There were a number of interventions from the following Councillors: Sarah Reilly, Gillian Toole, Elaine McGinty, Aisling Dempsey, Wayne Harding, Nick Killian, Alan Tobin, Alan Lawes, Maria Murphy, Tommy Reilly and Gerry O'Connor.

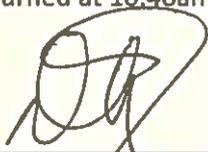
Ms. Jackie Maguire, Chief Executive clarified a number of matters raised including the current public health guidance on the holding of Council meetings, the position regarding legislation for the holding of remote meetings, which has been enacted but not yet commenced and the requirement for revised Standing Orders to regulate the proceedings of such meetings.

Mr. Rory McEntee, Law Agent set out the legal position with reference to Sections 12 (6) and 12 (16) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended) and the rational basis for extending the time limit for consideration of the Chief Executive's Report on submissions received on public health grounds. He also advised the Members on their obligation to have regard to national and regional policy and the circumstances in which a legal challenge to the Plan could be initiated.

The motion was then unanimously agreed on a show of hands.

The meeting adjourned at 10.40am.

Signed:

  
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Cllr. David Gilroy  
Cathaoirleach

Date:

02/11/2020



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### *Special Planning Meeting*

*Re-commenced on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020, Solstice Theatre*

**16<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

#### **Presiding**

Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach

#### **Councillors Present:**

Councillors Yemi Adenuga, Tom Behan(remotely), Joe Bonner, Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey, Seán Drew, Edward Fennessy, Brian Fitzgerald, Padraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, Deirdre Geraghty-Smith (remotely), Trevor Golden, Wayne Harding (remotely), Suzanne Jamal (remotely), Geraldine Keogan (remotely), Nick Killian, Alan Lawes, Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty, Stephen McKee (remotely), Paddy Meade, Ronan Moore (remotely), Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Aisling O'Neill, Damien O'Reilly, Sarah Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Amanda Smith, Niamh Souhan, Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole, Conor Tormey.

#### **Apologies:**

#### **Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Des Foley, Fiona Lawless (remotely), Barry Lynch (remotely), Larry Whelan

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Seán Clarke

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Senior Engineer:** Nicolas Whyatt

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee (remotely)

In advance of the meeting, the Meetings Administrator outlined the various measures in place to protect the health and wellbeing of the meeting participants, which have been implemented in line with the latest public health guidance and the Standard Operating Guidance agreed by the LGMA, AILG and LAMA. The Meetings Administrator also outlined the procedures that applied to members' remote participation, in line with the Council's adopted Standing Orders, and reminded the meeting that proceedings were being recorded and live-streamed to County Hall for viewing by members of the press and public.

Members were informed that the meeting would be of a maximum duration of 1hr 55mins. The meeting commenced at 10.10am.



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The Chief Executive welcomed the Members to the first Special Meeting relating to the Draft Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027, whereby following consideration of the Chief Executive's Report given to them in August, they would now be asked to either accept or amend her recommendations made in the Report.

Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department then gave a presentation with regards to the timeline of the process, highlighting the amount of public participation and Member's participation the draft plan has been subjected to to-date. Information was also given in terms of how the presentations would be laid out and how any further changes had to be made in the form of a notice of motion which had to be in writing and contain a reason as to why the Chief Executive's recommendation was not being accepted.

A detailed presentation was then made with regards to Member's statutory obligations concerning;

- Ethical Framework
- Disclosure at Meetings
- Disclosure in Advance of Meetings
- Planning Legislation

Members were advised that this presentation would be made to them at the commencement of each meeting.

### **1 Key Strategic Submissions**

#### **1.1 Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) - Submission No. MH-C5-816**

Pádraig Maguire, Senior Planner, gave a presentation which summarised the key points raised in the submission from the Office of the Planning Regulator, (OPR). He advised that the OPR submission broadly welcomed and supported the Draft Plan, containing 17 recommendations and 13 observations.

Member's gave their views and comments with regards to the content of the submission. These included;

- Ashbourne should be in a higher settlement hierarchy
- Densities required were more appropriate for cities and not for a county like Meath.
- Parking standards are too low
- Dissatisfaction with regards to the Rural Policy
- Population has increased since 2016 and the Census figures should not be the basis
- Concerns around the de-zoning of lands and potential legal challenge
- Reappraisal of the extension of the Dunboyne/M3 Parkway line to Navan did not go far enough

The Executive responded to the matters raised and advised that settlement hierarchies and standards with respect to densities and parking were determined centrally and that the Council



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must have regard to the Section 28 guidelines provided by the Department, in drafting the Development Plan. While he acknowledged that the population had increased since the Census, Mr Pádraig Maguire advised that he could stand over the figures being presented and moreover, it seemed that these figures had been accepted by the OPR. The Council's Law Agent, Mr Rory McEntee advised that Section 10(8) of the Planning and Development Acts as amended stated that there shall be no presumption in law that any land zoned in a particular development plan or variation of a development plan, shall remain so zoned. Members were also advised of the Section 31 Direction the Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly received with respect to the wording in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) and how the Council was obliged to ensure its policy reflected national and regional policy with respect to the rail line.

It was unanimously agreed by Members to go through each observation and recommendation and discuss in detail.

### **Observation 1**

Observation 1 proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **Observation 2**

Observation 2 proposed by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **Observation 3**

Observation 3 proposed by **Councillor Conor Tormey** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Lawes**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **Recommendation 1**

Recommendation 1 proposed by **Councillor Edward Fennessy** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **Recommendation 2**

Recommendation 2 proposed by **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Conor Tormey**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **Recommendation 3**

Recommendation 3 proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Edward Fennessy** was agreed, with an inclusion of wording to indicate which population figures would be the subject of review following the publication of Census 2022. No member was not in agreement.

### **Recommendation 4**

Recommendation 4 proposed by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.



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### **Recommendation 5**

Recommendation 5 proposed by **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **Recommendation 6**

Recommendation 6 proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **Observation 4**

Observation 4 proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **Observation 5**

Observation 5 proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **Recommendation 7**

Recommendation 7 proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **Recommendation 8**

Recommendation 8 proposed by **Councillor Niamh Souhan** and seconded by **Councillor Edward Fennessy**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **Observation 6**

Observation 6 proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling O'Neill**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **Recommendation 9**

Recommendation 9 proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **Observation 7**

Observation 7 proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **Recommendation 10**

Recommendation 10 proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.



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### **Recommendation 11**

Recommendation 11 proposed by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Lawes**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

**At 12.05pm, the meeting was adjourned in line with the Standard Operating Guidance until Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**



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**17<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

### Presiding

Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach

### Councillors Present:

Councillors Yemi Adenuga, Tom Behan(remotely), Joe Bonner, Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey, Seán Drew, Edward Fennesy, Brian Fitzgerald, Padraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, Trevor Golden, Wayne Harding (remotely), Geraldine Keogan (remotely), Nick Killian (remotely), Alan Lawes, Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty (remotely), Stephen McKee (remotely), Paddy Meade, Ronan Moore (remotely), Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor (remotely), Aisling O'Neill, Damien O'Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Amanda Smith, Niamh Souhan (remotely), Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín, Sharon Tolan (remotely), Gillian Toole, Conor Tormey (remotely).

**Apologies:** Deirdre Geraghty-Smith; Suzanne Jamal; Sarah Reilly

### Officials in attendance:

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Larry Whelan, Des Foley, Fiona Lawless (remotely), Barry Lynch (remotely)

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Seán Clarke

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Senior Engineer:** Nicolas Whyatt

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee (remotely)

Members were informed that the meeting would be of a maximum duration of 1hr 55mins. The meeting commenced at 10.02am.

Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer gave a presentation with regards to Member's statutory obligations concerning;

- Ethical Framework
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### **1 Key Strategic Submissions**

#### **1.1 Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) - Submission No. MH-C5-816 (continued)**

##### **Recommendation 12**

Recommendation 12 proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling O'Neill**.

Discussions from the previous day continued with respect to Recommendation 12. Mr Des Foley, Director of Services, provided an update on the tender for consultants regarding the feasibility study for the rail line. Members discussed the matter at length and while they welcomed the news of the appraisal, they advised that the rail to Navan was critical and felt that the wording diluted Meath County Council's commitment to making it happen.

The Chief Executive responded by saying the rail to Navan remained a priority for the Council. However, the Council had evidence from the Regional Assembly with regards to what happened when it failed to comply with national policy and perhaps it was more appropriate to highlight the importance of this key strategic project and Meath County Council's commitment to same as part of Chapter 4 – Movement Strategy.

On a proposal by **Councillor Sean Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** it was agreed to defer this recommendation to the Movement Chapter. (This was addressed by the meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup>).

##### **Observation 8**

Observation 8 proposed by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

##### **Observation 9**

Observation 9 proposed by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

##### **Recommendation 13**

Recommendation 13 proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling O'Neill**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

##### **Observation 10**

Observation 10 proposed by **Councillor Tom Behan** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Lawes**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.



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Following an intervention by **Councillor Paddy Meade**, Mr. Pdraig Maguire did indicate that a compromise wording could be used in the description of the area of East Meath, which would include the names of the various settlements in brackets below the title of East Meath.

### **Recommendation 14**

Recommendation 14 proposed by **Councillor Emer Toibin** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Lawes**.

Members debated Recommendation 14 with varying opinions with respect to whether these lands should be zoned at all, to what route options should be provided for the road. It was agreed to defer this matter to the Ratoath Written Statement. (This was addressed by the meeting on February 5, 2021)

### **Observation 11**

Observation 11 proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **Recommendation 15**

Recommendation 15 proposed by **Councillor Alan Lawes** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**.

It was agreed to defer this recommendation until further discussions took place on the Rural Policy at the proposed workshop. (This was impacted by the decision of the meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>).

<p><b>At 11.57am, the meeting was adjourned in line with the Standard Operating Guidance until Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020.</b></p>
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**18<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

### **Presiding**

Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach

### **Councillors Present:**

Councillors Yemi Adenuga, Joe Bonner, Mike Bray (remotely), Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey, Seán Drew, Brian Fitzgerald, Pádraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, Deirdre Geraghty-Smith (remotely); Trevor Golden, Wayne Harding (remotely), Suzanne Jamal (remotely), Geraldine Keogan (remotely), Nick Killian, Alan Lawes, Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty, Paddy Meade, Ronan Moore (remotely), Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Aisling O'Neill, Damien O'Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Amanda Smith, Niamh Souhan (remotely), Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín (remotely), Sharon Tolan (remotely), Gillian Toole, Conor Tormey (remotely).

**Apologies:** Tom Behan, Edward Fennessy, Stephen McKee, Sarah Reilly

### **Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Larry Whelan, Des Foley, Fiona Lawless (remotely), Barry Lynch (remotely)

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Seán Clarke

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Senior Engineer:** Nicolas Whyatt

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee (remotely)

Members were informed that the meeting would be of a maximum duration of 1hr 55mins. The meeting commenced at 10.05am.

Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer gave a presentation with regards to Member's statutory obligations concerning;

- Ethical Framework
- Disclosure at Meetings
- Disclosure in Advance of Meetings
- Planning Legislation

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### 1 Key Strategic Submissions

#### 1.1 Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) – Submission No. MH-C5-816 (continued)

##### Observation 12

Observation 12 was proposed by **Councillor Alan Lawes** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**.

A roll-call vote was undertaken on the Chief Executive's recommendation as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
ADENUGA, Yemi	X			
BEHAN, Tom				X
BONNER, Joseph	X			
BRAY, Mike	X			
CASSIDY, Eugene	X			
DEANE, Francis		X		
DEMPSEY, Aisling	X			
DREW, Sean	X			
FENNESSY, Eddie				X
FITZGERALD, Brian	X			
FITZSIMONS, Padraig	X			
FOX, Joe	X			
FRENCH, Noel	X			
GALLAGHER, Michael		X		
GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre	X			
GILROY, David	X			
GOLDEN, Trevor	X			
HARDING, Wayne				X
JAMAL, Suzanne	X			
KEOGAN, Geraldine	X			
KILLIAN, Nick		X		
LAWES, Alan		X		
MC CABE, Paul	X			
MC GINTY, Elaine		X		
MC KEE, Stephen				X
MADE, Paddy		X		
MOORE, Ronan	X			
MURPHY, Maria	X			
O'CONNOR, Gerry	X			
O'NEILL, Aisling		X		
O'REILLY, Damien		X		
REILLY, Sarah				X
REILLY, Tommy	X			
SMITH, Amanda	X			
SOUHAN, Niamh	X			
TOBIN, Alan	X			



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TÓIBÍN, Emer		X		
TOLAN, Sharon	X			
TOOLE, Gillian	X			
TORMEY, Conor		X		

In agreement = 25, Not in agreement = 10, Abstain = 0, Absent = 5. In accordance with this decision, the recommendation was agreed.

### Recommendation 16

Recommendation 16 proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### Recommendation 17

Recommendation 17 proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Lawes**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### Observation 13

Observation 13 proposed by **Councillor Amanda Smith** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling O'Neill**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

## 1.2 Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA) – Submission No. MH-C5-60

From the outset, the Chief Executive advised the Members that while the submission from the EMRA contained 39 recommendations, these recommendations complemented the OPR's submission and would have had regard to the same national policy.

### Recommendation 1-39

Recommendations 1-39 proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**, were agreed. No member was not in agreement.

## 1.3 Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht – Submission No. MH-C5-802

### Recommendation 1-33

Recommendations 1-33 proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy**, were agreed. No member was not in agreement.

## 1.4 Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport – Submission No. MH- C5-624

### Recommendations

Recommendations from the Chief Executive were proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**, were agreed. No member was not in agreement.



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### **1.5 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Submission No. MH-C5-72**

#### **Recommendations**

Recommendations from the Chief Executive were proposed by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Amanda Smith**, were agreed. No member was not in agreement.

**At 11.59am, the meeting was adjourned in line with the Standard Operating Guidance until Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. A workshop for Councillors on the rural housing policy would take place on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**



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**23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020**

### **Presiding**

Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach

### **Councillors Present:**

Councillors Yemi Adenuga, Tom Behan (remotely), Joe Bonner, Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey, Seán Drew (remotely), Edward Fennessy (remotely), Brian Fitzgerald, Padraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Deirdre Geraghty-Smith (remotely); Trevor Golden, Wayne Harding (remotely), Suzanne Jamal (remotely), Geraldine Keogan (remotely), Nick Killian, Alan Lawes, Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty, Stephen McKee (remotely), Paddy Meade, Ronan Moore (remotely), Maria Murphy (remotely), Gerry O'Connor (remotely), Aisling O'Neill (remotely), Damien O'Reilly (remotely), Sarah Reilly (remotely), Tommy Reilly, Amanda Smith, Niamh Souhan (remotely), Alan Tobin (remotely), Emer Tóibín (remotely), Sharon Tolan (remotely), Gillian Toole, Conor Tormey (remotely).

**Apologies:** Michael Gallagher

### **Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Larry Whelan, Des Foley, Fiona Lawless (remotely), Barry Lynch (remotely)

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Seán Clarke

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Senior Engineer:** Nicolas Whyatt

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee (remotely)

Members were informed that the meeting would be of a maximum duration of 1hr 55mins. The meeting commenced at 10.03am.

Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer gave a presentation with regards to Member's statutory obligations concerning;

- Ethical Framework
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- Disclosure in Advance of Meetings
- Planning Legislation



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### **1 Key Strategic Submissions**

#### **1.6 National Transport Authority (NTA) – Submission No. MH-C5-823**

##### **Recommendations**

Recommendations from the Chief Executive were proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly**, were agreed. No member was not in agreement.

#### **1.7 Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) – Submission No. MH-C5-112**

##### **Recommendations**

Recommendations from the Chief Executive were proposed by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**, were agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **2 Group Submissions**

#### **2.1: Rural Housing Policy**

On the proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** these submissions were deferred until after the next Rural Housing Workshop. (This was addressed by the meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020).

#### **2.2: Ashbourne Public Park**

Recommendation from the Chief Executive was proposed by **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Lawes**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

#### **2.3: Ashbourne Green Space**

Recommendation from the Chief Executive was proposed by **Councillor Joe Bonner** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

#### **2.4: Millbourne Housing Estate – Ashbourne Open Space**

Recommendation from the Chief Executive was proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

**Cllr. Joe Bonner** welcomed the Chief Executive's response in relation to the submissions from Millbourne Resident's Association. Mr Seán Clarke advised that as the permission granted by An Bord Pleanála was the subject of a judicial review, it was not appropriate to discuss the application but advised that should the decision to grant be upheld by the Courts, then the applicant was entitled to proceed with the development within the lifetime of the permission and the change of zoning would not affect the development management decision.

#### **2.5: Lands adjacent to Churchfields-Ashbourne**



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In accordance with the Ethical Framework of the Local Government Act 2001, **Councillor Conor Tormey** disclosed to the meeting a conflict of interest regarding this item, as his company carries out work for the landowner of the lands under consideration. Councillor Tormey ceased his remote participation in the meeting for the duration of this item.

The Executive outlined that due to a number of submissions and motions that were interrelated, this matter could be dealt with as part of the settlement of Ashbourne under Tier 3.

On the proposal by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French** it was agreed to defer this item to the relevant Settlement Chapter. (This was addressed at the meeting on January 22, 2021).

Councillor Tormey re-joined the meeting when this matter was concluded.

### **2.6: Stamullen Development Plan**

On the proposal by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Paul McCabe** it was agreed to defer this item to the relevant Settlement Chapter. (This was addressed by the meeting on February 6, 2021).

### **2.7: Education Provision Trim**

Recommendation from the Chief Executive was proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **2.8: Gormanston Written Statement**

Recommendation from the Chief Executive was proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Amanda Smith**, was agreed. Councillor Conor Tormey indicated that he was not in agreement.

### **2.9: Miscellaneous Issues**

Recommendations from the Chief Executive were proposed by **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**, was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

## **3 Written Statement Volume 1**

### **3.1 Chapter 1 – Introduction**

Seán Clarke advised the members that no submissions or notices of motion had been received on Chapter 1 - Introduction.

<p><b>At 11.58am, the meeting was adjourned in line with the Standard Operating Guidance until Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.</b></p>
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**24<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

### Presiding

Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach

### Councillors Present:

Councillors Yemi Adenuga (remotely), Tom Behan(remotely), Joe Bonner, Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey, Seán Drew, Edward Fennessy (remotely), Brian Fitzgerald, Pádraig Fitzsimons (remotely), Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, Trevor Golden, Wayne Harding (remotely), Geraldine Keogan (remotely), Nick Killian, Alan Lawes, Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty, Stephen McKee (remotely), Paddy Meade, Ronan Moore (remotely), Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor (remotely), Aisling O'Neill, Damien O'Reilly (remotely), Sarah Reilly (remotely), Tommy Reilly, Amanda Smith, Niamh Souhan (remotely), Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín (remotely), Sharon Tolan (remotely), Gillian Toole, Conor Tormey (remotely).

**Apologies:** Deirdre Geraghty-Smith; Suzanne Jamal

### Officials in attendance:

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Larry Whelan, Des Foley, Fiona Lawless (remotely), Barry Lynch (remotely)

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Seán Clarke

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Senior Engineer:** Nicolas Whyatt

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee (remotely)

Members were informed that the meeting would be of a maximum duration of 1hr 55mins. The meeting commenced at 10.05am.

Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer gave a presentation with regards to Member's statutory obligations concerning;

- Ethical Framework
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- Planning Legislation

At the outset issues were raised by **Councillor Alan Tobin** with regard to allegations which he asserted were made by **Councillor Joe Bonner** at the meeting the previous day and in respect of which he made reference to Councillor Bonner being a liar. This was denied by Councillor Bonner. The Council's Law Agent was asked about privilege and informed the meeting that members are operating in a public forum and do not have parliamentary privilege like members of the Oireachtas.



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They have a form of qualified privilege in that they can legitimately comment on matters relating to the statutory functions of the Council but should not cast dispersions on the character of any person.

### **3.2 Chapter 2 - Core Strategy**

In accordance with the Ethical Framework of the Local Government Act 2001, **Councillor Aisling Dempsey** disclosed to the meeting a conflict of interest regarding submission MH-C5-629, as the company she is employed by, Glenveagh Homes, owns the lands under consideration.

#### **NoM 1 – Councillor Noel French**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan** was withdrawn by Councillor French, with the agreement of the meeting.

#### **NoM 2 – Councillor Brian Fitzgerald**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**

**Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** spoke on his motion and set out his reasons for same including that the high ranking officials in EMRA, Department and OPR in the development of NPF and RSES clearly stated that land would not be de-zoned and the Council should await the revised guidelines from the Department with respect to County Development Plans. He wished to clarify for the record that he had no interest in any of the said lands.

Members discussed the motion at length with most commenting that while they had great respect and admiration for Councillor Fitzgerald and agreed with the sentiment of the motion, they could not support it.

The Chief Executive advised the Members that it was her considered view that this motion, if passed would contravene national policy and could potentially result in a draft Direction being issued by the Minister under Section 31 of the Planning and Development Acts.

The Council's Law Agent further advised Members of their requirement to operate within the framework of the Planning and Development Acts. He added caution that the wording of the motion was unclear and suggested that Councillor Fitzgerald would need to clarify what lands his motion referred to as the motion in its current form could result in a potential conflict of interest for members if passed. Mr. Rory McEntee referenced the High Court case McCarthy Meats Limited -v- The Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government.

Members sought clarity on whether they might have a conflict of interest if this motion was to pass.



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The Council's Senior Planner, made a short presentation that included a table showing the quantum of lands to be zoned Phase 1 under the Draft Plan, highlighting that the figure was greater than Phase 1 lands in the current plan (2013-2019). He questioned the need for additional zoned residential lands in the Development Plan when there did not appear to be any sound reason or justification for same and assured Members that we could rely on these figures which had been supported by the OPR and EMRA in their individual submissions. He also stated that the proposal within the submission and NoM was a blunt instrument and will have unforeseen and unfortunate consequences for the Development Plan and Core Strategy if it was passed.

The Cathaoirleach suggested that Councillor Fitzgerald should reconsider his motion and clarify the wording of same for the next meeting.

**At 12 noon, the meeting was adjourned in line with the Standard Operating Guidance until Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**



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**25<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

### Presiding

Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach

### Councillors Present:

Councillors Yemi Adenuga (remotely), Tom Behan(remotely), Joe Bonner, Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy(remotely), Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey, Seán Drew, Edward Fennessy (remotely), Brian Fitzgerald, Pádraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, Deirdre Geraghty-Smith (remotely); Wayne Harding, Geraldine Keogan (remotely), Nick Killian, Alan Lawes, Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty, Paddy Meade, Ronan Moore (remotely), Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Aisling O'Neill (remotely), Damien O'Reilly (remotely), Sarah Reilly (remotely), Tommy Reilly, Amanda Smith, Niamh Souhan (remotely), Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín (remotely), Sharon Tolan (remotely), Gillian Toole, Conor Tormey (remotely).

**Apologies:** Trevor Golden, Suzanne Jamal, Stephen McKee

### Officials in attendance:

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Larry Whelan, Des Foley, Fiona Lawless (remotely), Barry Lynch (remotely)

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Seán Clarke

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Senior Engineer:** Nicolas Whyatt

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee (remotely)

Members were informed that the meeting would be of a maximum duration of 1hr 55mins. The meeting commenced at 2.10p.m.

Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer gave a presentation with regards to Member's statutory obligations concerning;

- Ethical Framework
- Disclosure at Meetings
- Disclosure in Advance of Meetings
- Planning Legislation

### **3.2 Chapter 2 - Core Strategy (Continued)**

The Council's Law Agent provided the meeting with some clarifications regarding members' obligations under the Ethical Framework, following a query by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy**.



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Following this advice, the following Councillors disclosed a possible conflict of interest, in accordance with the Ethical Framework for the Local Government Service: **Councillor Nick Killian** informed the meeting that he is a tenant of a landlord who has zoned lands. He declared that neither he nor his family members have interest in lands. **Councillor Aisling Dempsey** declared a conflict of interest as a result of her employment. **Councillor Conor Tormey** disclosed that his company has business dealing with a number of landowners. All three Councillors absented themselves from the meeting.

Other **Councillors: Alan Lawes; Edward Fennessy** and **Michael Gallagher** sought clarity on their compliance with the Ethical Framework and were advised that they did not have a conflict of interest with regard to this particular Notice of Motion.

Following further discussion on Councillor Fitzgerald’s motion the meeting was adjourned briefly to allow Cllr. Fitzgerald to clarify the wording and intent of his motion.

### NoM 2 – Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald

The amended Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane** was presented to the meeting.

The reworded motion, which Members were asked to vote on, read as follows:

### NOM 2 – Amendment

It is proposed that all Phase II lands zoned for residential purposes across County Meath as part of 2013-2019 County Development Plan be retained as Residential lands Post 2027 in the 2021-2027 County Development Plan.

The Chief Executive advised Members that the revised motion still went against national policy and strongly advised the members to support her recommendation of no change. The Council’s Law Agent supported the advice of the Chief Executive.

A roll-call vote was undertaken on the Chief Executive’s recommendation as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>	X			
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>	X			
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>	X			
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>	X			
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>	X			
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>		X		
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>	Disclosed a Conflict of Interest – Not Present for Vote			
<b>DREW, Sean</b>	X			
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>	X			
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>		X		
<b>FITZSIMONS, Padraig</b>	X			



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FOX, Joe	X			
FRENCH, Noel	X			
GALLAGHER, Michael	X			
GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre				X
GILROY, David	X			
GOLDEN, Trevor				X
HARDING, Wayne	X			
JAMAL, Suzanne				X
KEOGAN, Geraldine		X		
KILLIAN, Nick	Disclosed a Conflict of Interest – Not Present for Vote			
LAWES, Alan	X			
MC CABE, Paul	X			
MC GINTY, Elaine	X			
MC KEE, Stephen				X
MADE, Paddy	X			
MOORE, Ronan	X			
MURPHY, Maria	X			
O’CONNOR, Gerry	X			
O’NEILL, Aisling	X			
O’REILLY, Damien	X			
REILLY, Sarah	X			
REILLY, Tommy	X			
SMITH, Amanda		X		
SOUHAN, Niamh	X			
TOBIN, Alan	X			
TÓIBÍN, Emer		X		
TOLAN, Sharon	X			
TOOLE, Gillian	X			
TORMEY, Conor	Disclosed a Conflict of Interest – Not Present for Vote			

In agreement = 28, Not in agreement = 5, Abstain = 0, Absent = 4. Following a disclosure of a possible conflict of interest 3 members were not present for the vote, in accordance with the provisions of the Ethical Framework. In accordance with this decision, the recommendation was agreed.

The three Councillors who had absented themselves re-joined the meeting on completion of this item.

### **NoM 3 - Councillor Aisling Dempsey**

The Chief Executive’s recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey** and seconded by **Councillor Wayne Harding** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **Submissions**



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Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 22 submissions received on the Core Strategy

### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons**. No member was not in agreement.

### **Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**. No member was not in agreement.

### **Part Change Recommendation**

**Councillor Aisling Dempsey** declared a conflict of interest as a result of her employment for Submission MH-CS-629 and absented herself from the meeting during consideration of this item.

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Part Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons**. **Councillor Gillian Toole** indicated that she was not in agreement on account of Recommendation 5 of MH-CS-669. No other member was not in agreement.

## **3.3 Chapter 3 - Settlement and Housing Strategy**

### **NoM 4 – Councillor Nick Killian**

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane** was agreed subject to inclusion of suitable text in the Errata. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 5 – Councillor Nick Killian**

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane** but was not concluded before the conclusion of the meeting.

**At 12 noon, the meeting was adjourned in line with the Standard Operating Guidance until Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. A workshop for Councillors on the rural housing policy would take place on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.**



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**3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020**

### **Presiding**

Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach

### **Councillors Present:**

Councillors Tom Behan, Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey, Seán Drew, Edward Fennessy, Brian Fitzgerald, Pádraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, Deirdre Geraghty-Smith (remotely); Wayne Harding, Suzanne Jamal (remotely), Geraldine Keogan (remotely), Nick Killian, Alan Lawes, Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty (remotely), Stephen McKee (remotely), Paddy Meade, Ronan Moore (remotely), Maria Murphy (remotely), Gerry O'Connor, Damien O'Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Amanda Smith, Niamh Souhan (remotely), Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín, Sharon Tolan (remotely), Gillian Toole, Conor Tormey (remotely).

**Apologies:** Yemi Adenuga, Joe Bonner, Trevor Golden, Aisling O'Neill, Sarah Reilly,

### **Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Larry Whelan, Des Foley, Barry Lynch (remotely)

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Seán Clarke

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Executive Planner:** Simon Bradshaw

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee (remotely)

Members were informed that the meeting would be of a maximum duration of 1hr 55mins. The meeting commenced at 10.04 a.m.

Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer gave a presentation with regards to Member's statutory obligations concerning;

- Ethical Framework
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### **3.3 Chapter 3 - Settlement and Housing Strategy (cont'd)**

#### **NoM 5 – Councillor Nick Killian**

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane** was agreed. Four members were not in agreement.



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### **NoM 6 – Councillor Gerry O’Connor**

The Chief Executive’s recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Gerry O’Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 7 – Councillor Aisling Dempsey**

The Chief Executive’s recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey** and seconded by **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 8 – Councillor Ronan Moore**

In proposing the motion Councillor Moore indicated that he had submitted a revised motion. The Chief Executive’s recommendation on the revised Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Lawes** was agreed. Councillor Alan Lawes was not in agreement.

### **NoM 9 – Councillor Ronan Moore**

The Chief Executive’s recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 10 – Councillor Ronan Moore**

The Chief Executive’s recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O’Connor** was agreed. Councillor Paddy Meade was not in agreement.

### **NoM 11 – Councillor Ronan Moore**

The Chief Executive’s recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 12 – Councillor Ronan Moore**

The Chief Executive’s recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 13 – Councillor Ronan Moore**

The Chief Executive’s recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Paul McCabe** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 14 – Councillor Ronan Moore**

The Chief Executive’s recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.



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### **Submissions**

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 11 submissions received on the Settlement and Housing Strategy

### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Sean Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**. No member was not in agreement.

### **Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**. No member was not in agreement.

### **3.4 Chapter 4 – Economic and Employment Strategy**

**Councillor Sharon Tolan** informed the meeting that she wished to submit a Notice of Motion under this chapter. She also disclosed a possible conflict of interest related to a submission under this chapter, in accordance with the Ethical Framework for the Local Government Service.

#### **NoM 15 – Councillor Gerry O'Connor**

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

#### **NoM 16 – Councillor Paddy Meade**

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Paul McCabe** was agreed on a vote of 18 members in agreement, 8 members were not in agreement.

#### **NoM 17 – Councillor Paddy Meade**

This motion was proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Edward Fennessy**. The Chief Executive proposed that NoM 17 could be considered together with submission MH-C5-375.

**Councillor Sharon Tolan** declared a possible conflict of interest at this point, as lands that were in the ownership of her husband's uncle would be under consideration. In accordance with the Ethical Framework for the Local Government Service, Councillor Tolan absented herself from the meeting.

It was agreed that both NoM 17 and MH-C5-375 be considered together.



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On a proposal by **Councillor Paddy Meade**, seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox** an amended version of the Chief Executive's recommendation on MH-C5-375 and the Chief Executive's recommendation on NoM 17 were agreed. No member was not in agreement.

Amended wording agreed as follow;

***“ED POL XX***

*To support and protect the role of Drogheda Port as a port of regional significance, including facilitating the relocation of Drogheda Port, in Co. Meath, subject to a feasibility study and appropriate coastal zone management, as well as supporting the future development of the Port Access Northern Cross Route (PANCR), in line with RPO 4.12.”*

Councillor Tolan re-joined the meeting when this item concluded.

**(FTF) NoM 1 – Councillor Sharon Tolan**

Councillor Tolan presented a Notice of Motion verbally.

**At 11.59 a.m. the meeting was adjourned in line with the Standard Operating Guidance until Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**



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**4<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

### Presiding

Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach

### Councillors Present:

Councillors Tom Behan (remotely), Joe Bonner, Mike Bray, Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey, Seán Drew (remotely), Edward Fennessy, Brian Fitzgerald, Pádraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, Trevor Golden, Wayne Harding (remotely), Geraldine Keogan (remotely), Nick Killian (remotely), Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty (remotely), Stephen McKee (remotely), Paddy Meade, Ronan Moore (remotely), Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor (remotely), Damien O'Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Amanda Smith (remotely), Niamh Souhan (remotely), Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín (remotely), Sharon Tolan (remotely), Gillian Toole, Conor Tormey (remotely).

**Apologies:** Yemi Adenuga, Eugene Cassidy, Deirdre Geraghty-Smith, Suzanne Jamal, Alan Lawes, Aisling O'Neill, Sarah Reilly,

### Officials in attendance:

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Larry Whelan, Des Foley, Barry Lynch (remotely)

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Seán Clarke

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Engineer:** Nicolas Whyatt

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Executive Planner:** Simon Bradshaw

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee (remotely)

Members were informed that the meeting would be of a maximum duration of 1hr 55mins. The meeting commenced at 10.04 a.m.

Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer gave a presentation with regards to Member's statutory obligations concerning;

- Ethical Framework
- Disclosure at Meetings
- Disclosure in Advance of Meetings
- Planning Legislation



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### **3.4 Chapter 4 – Economic and Employment Strategy (cont'd)**

At the beginning of the meeting, Councillor Tolan indicated that she was withdrawing her motion (FTF NoM1). She did indicate that she would table a related motion on economic development under the relevant settlement chapter.

#### **Submissions**

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 13 submissions received on the Economy and Employment Strategy

#### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Paul McCabe**. No member was not in agreement.

#### **Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey**. No member was not in agreement.

#### **Part Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Part Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**. No other member was not in agreement.

### **3.5 Chapter 5 – Movement Strategy**

#### **NoM 18 – Stephen McKee**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Mike Bray** and seconded by **Councillor Paul McCabe**. In proposing the motion, Councillor Bray suggested the consideration of NOM 20 and a related motion tabled by Councillor Bray at the same time (**FTF NoM 2**). This was agreed.

Mr. Nicholas Whyatt, Transportation Section, suggested an alternative wording to address the issues raised in all three motions, which was added to by Councillor Paul McCabe. This wording was as follows:

*'To support the installation of appropriate traffic management measures on a case by case basis on the approach roads to all schools throughout the county in the interest of road safety'*



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### **NoM 20 -Councillor Damien O'Reilly on behalf of FF and (FTF) NoM 2 by Councillor Mike Bray**

This compromise wording, which addressed NoM 18, NoM 20 and the (FTF) NoM 2 from Councillor Bray, was proposed by **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 19 – Councillor Gillian Toole**

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 21 – Councillor Aisling Dempsey**

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey** and seconded by **Councillor Paul McCabe** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 22 – Councillor Francis Deane**

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Edward Fennessy** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 23 – Councillor Francis Deane**

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** was agreed. Councillor Damien O'Reilly was not in agreement.

### **NoM 24 – Councillor Ronan Moore**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin** was deferred to Chapter 10 – Climate Change. (This motion was subsequently considered at the meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020).

### **(FTF) NoM 3 – Councillor Mike Bray on behalf of FF (Navan Rail Line)**

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Mike Bray** and seconded by **Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

Following agreement on this motion, on a proposal of **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Paul McCabe** it was agreed to consider Recommendation 12 from the Office of the Planning Regulator, which had been previously proposed and seconded at the meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **OPR Recommendation 12**

Recommendation 12 proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling O'Neill** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.



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### **(FTF) NoM 4 – Councillor Wayne Harding** (Slane Bypass)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **(FTF) NoM 5 – Councillor Mike Bray** (TII)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Mike Bray** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **Submissions**

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 27 submissions received on the Movement Strategy

#### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**. No member was not in agreement.

It was agreed to defer three submissions on bus services to the relevant Settlement Chapters of Athboy, Oldcastle and Crossakiel. (These were addressed on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021). Also, submission MH-C5-425 was addressed under the Dunshaughlin chapter (on January 29, 2021).

#### **Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**. No member was not in agreement.

**Councillor Maria Murphy** wished to discuss submission MH-C5-826 separately. (This submission was subsequently considered at the meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020).

<p><b>At 12 noon. the meeting was adjourned in line with the Standard Operating Guidance until Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.</b></p>
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**9<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

### **Presiding**

Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach

### **Councillors Present:**

Councillors Yemi Adenuga (remotely), Tom Behan, Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey, Seán Drew, Edward Fennessy, Brian Fitzgerald, Pádraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, Deirdre Geraghty-Smith (remotely), Trevor Golden, Wayne Harding, Geraldine Keogan (remotely), Nick Killian, Alan Lawes, Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty (remotely), Stephen McKee (remotely), Paddy Meade, Ronan Moore (remotely), Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Aisling O'Neill (remotely), Damien O'Reilly, Sarah Reilly (remotely), Tommy Reilly, Amanda Smith, Niamh Souhan (remotely), Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín (remotely), Sharon Tolan (remotely), Gillian Toole, Conor Tormey (remotely).

**Apologies:** Joe Bonner, Suzanne Jamal.

### **Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Larry Whelan, Des Foley, Barry Lynch (remotely)

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Seán Clarke

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee (remotely)

Members were informed that the meeting would be of a maximum duration of 1hr 55mins. The meeting commenced at 2.03 p.m.

Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer gave a presentation with regards to Member's statutory obligations concerning;

- Ethical Framework
- Disclosure at Meetings
- Disclosure in Advance of Meetings
- Planning Legislation

**At the beginning of the meeting, Councillor Sharon Tolan** informed the meeting that she would be disclosing a potential conflict of interest when submission MH-C5-123 is being considered. This was noted.



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### **2 Group Submissions**

#### **2.1: Rural Housing Policy**

##### **NoM 44 – Councillors McCabe, Bray, Drew, Harding, Fox, Cassidy, S. Reilly**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Sean Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** was discussed, with contributions from the following **Councillors: Sean Drew; Brian Fitzgerald; Gerry O'Connor; Eugene Cassidy; Emer Tóibín; Nick Killian; Paddy Meade; Noel French; Michael Gallagher; Mike Bray; Wayne Harding; Maria Murphy; Gillian Toole; Trevor Golden; Aisling Dempsey; Paul McCabe; Alan Tobin; Joe Fox; Damien O'Reilly; and Stephen McKee.**

Following his contribution, **Councillor Alan Tobin** withdrew comments he made, at the request of the Chief Executive.

Clarifications to issues raised by Members were provided by the Council's Law Agent and Mr. Pádraig Maguire and Mr. Alan Russell.

There was no conclusion to the discussion on this motion and in drawing the meeting to a conclusion, An Cathaoirleach proposed that the meeting re-commence the following day with the consideration on NoM 50.

**At 3.58 p.m. the meeting was adjourned in line with the Standard Operating Guidance until Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**



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**10<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

### Presiding

Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach

### Councillors Present:

Councillors Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey, Seán Drew, Edward Fennessy, Brian Fitzgerald, Padraig Fitzsimons (remotely), Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, Deirdre Geraghty-Smith (remotely), Trevor Golden, Wayne Harding, Geraldine Keogan (remotely), Nick Killian, Alan Lawes (remotely), Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty (remotely), Stephen McKee (remotely), Paddy Meade, Ronan Moore (remotely), Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor (remotely), Aisling O'Neill (remotely), Damien O'Reilly, Sarah Reilly (remotely), Tommy Reilly, Amanda Smith, Niamh Souhan (remotely), Alan Tobin (remotely), Emer Tóibín, Sharon Tolan (remotely), Gillian Toole, Conor Tormey (remotely).

**Apologies:** Yemi Adenuga, Tom Behan, Joe Bonner, Suzanne Jamal.

### Officials in attendance:

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Larry Whelan, Des Foley.

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Seán Clarke

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee (remotely)

Members were informed that the meeting would be of a maximum duration of 1hr 55mins. The meeting commenced at 2.06 p.m.

Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer gave a presentation with regards to Member's statutory obligations concerning;

- Ethical Framework
- Disclosure at Meetings
- Disclosure in Advance of Meetings
- Planning Legislation

At the beginning of the meeting, **Councillor Sharon Tolan** informed the meeting that she will be disclosing a potential conflict when submission MH-C5-123 is being considered. This was noted.



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### 2 Group Submissions

#### 2.1: Rural Housing Policy

##### **NoM 50 – Councillor Brian Fitzgerald on behalf of the Technical Group**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian** was discussed, with contributions from the following **Councillors: Brian Fitzgerald; Nick Killian; Tommy Reilly; Michael Gallagher; Wayne Harding; Aisling Dempsey; Sean Drew; Joe Fox; and Eugene Cassidy.**

Mr. Pádraig Maguire made a short presentation and outlined the reasons for the Chief Executive's recommendation on this motion. In the presentation, he went on to state that this proposal was not acceptable due to its inconsistency with national planning policy, RSES and Department Section 28 Guidelines on Sustainable Rural Housing, 2005. He also outlined the potential for unforeseen and unfortunate consequences of passing the motion which was a blunt instrument that ignored a strong evidence base and over 2.5 years of research and analysis by the Council's Planning Department on rural housing in County Meath. He also requested that the motion be clarified as it was unclear as to exactly what it meant and this would assist the Planning Department in preparing the material alteration for further public consultation (if the motion were to be passed).

A short recess was called to allow the movers of the motion to respond with a clearer form of words as follows:

*'To replace Chapter 9 in the Draft Plan with Chapter 10 of the County Development Plan 2013-2019, except Section 10.6 – Graigs, and to replace these with the 50 rural nodes identified in the Draft Plan as placed on public display. And to replace map 9.1 of Draft with Map 10.1 of MCDP 2013-2019 (Rural Housing Map)'*

Further clarifications were sought by the following members on the consequences for some submissions and other motions, if this motion was agreed: **Councillors Aisling O'Neill; Sarah Reilly; Mike Bray; Gerry O'Connor; Joe Fox; Paddy Meade; Ronan Moore; Emer Tóibín and Eugene Cassidy.** These were provided by various planning staff who still maintained their strong opposition to the revised motion. The Council's Law Agent also intervened to state that the Development Plan is an environmental contract between the Planning Authority and the public and courts have held that it should be easily interpreted by a lay person, it should be clear, unambiguous and avoid internal conflicts and councillors must be clear what they are voting on in regard to NoM 50. He further set out some of the likely consequences of this motion in terms of potentially restricting the policy options available to elected members during the next phases of the review of the County Development Plan and also the obligations on the Chief Executive to notify the Office of Planning Regulator (OPR), under Section 12(5)(a) of the Act, should the motion be agreed. He also suggested



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that Councillor Fitzgerald also give a reason for the motion, which could be conveyed to the OPR. This was outlined as follows:

*‘Current policy is acceptable as the 2005 guidelines from the Department are out of date. Doesn’t reflect whole requirements for County Meath and does not facilitate urban generated houses as required by the NPF.’*

A roll-call vote was undertaken on the Chief Executive’s recommendation as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>DREW, Sean</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>FITZSIMONS, Pdraig</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>FOX, Joe</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>FRENCH, Noel</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>GALLAGHER, Michael</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>GILROY, David</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>GOLDEN, Trevor</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>HARDING, Wayne</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>JAMAL, Suzanne</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>KEOGAN, Geraldine</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>KILLIAN, Nick</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>LAWES, Alan</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>MC CABE, Paul</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>MC GINTY, Elaine</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>MC KEE, Stephen</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>MEADE, Paddy</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>MOORE, Ronan</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>MURPHY, Maria</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>O’CONNOR, Gerry</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>O’NEILL, Aisling</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>O’REILLY, Damien</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>REILLY, Sarah</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>REILLY, Tommy</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>SMITH, Amanda</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>SOUHAN, Niamh</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>TOBIN, Alan</b>	<b>X</b>			



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TÓIBÍN, Emer		X		
TOLAN, Sharon	X			
TOOLE, Gillian		X		
TORMEY, Conor		X		

In agreement = 11, Not in agreement = 23, Abstain = 0, Absent = 6. In accordance with this decision, the recommendation was rejected and by extension the amended NoM 50 was agreed.

As a result of this vote, the elected members were informed that the submissions relating to the Rural Policy received under Chapter 9 – Rural Development Strategy and Notices of Motions (with the exception of NoM 51) received on same, could not be further considered as Motion 50 would override them.

The Chief Executive informed the meeting that the schedule of meetings would be up-dated and that some dates in January have been set aside for the continuation of the Special Planning Meeting.

**Councillor Damien O’Reilly** proposed that some chapters of the plan, such as Climate Change and Development Management, could be considered via an online only meeting. This proposal was not agreed.

**At 4.01 p.m. the meeting was adjourned in line with the Standard Operating Guidance until Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**



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**15<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Presiding**

**Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach**

**Councillors Present:**

Councillors Tom Behan(remotely), Joe Bonner, Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey (remotely), Seán Drew (remotely), Edward Fennessy, Brian Fitzgerald, Pádraig Fitzsimons (remotely), Joe Fox, Noel French, Trevor Golden, Wayne Harding (remotely); Geraldine Keogan (remotely), Nick Killian, Paul McCabe (remotely), Stephen McKee (remotely), Paddy Meade, Ronan Moore (remotely), Maria Murphy, Damien O'Reilly (remotely), Sarah Reilly (remotely) Tommy Reilly, Amanda Smith (remotely), Niamh Souhan (remotely), Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín (remotely), Sharon Tolan (remotely), Gillian Toole.

**Apologies:** Councillors Yemi Adenuga; Michael Gallagher, Deirdre Geraghty-Smith; Suzanne Jamal; Alan Lawes, Elaine McGinty; Gerry O'Connor; Aisling O'Neill; Conor Tormey.

**Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Larry Whelan, Des Foley, Barry Lynch (remotely)

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Seán Clarke

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Senior Engineer:** Gerry Boyle

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee (remotely)

Members were informed that the meeting would be of a maximum duration of 1hr 55mins. The meeting commenced at 10.05am.

Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer gave a presentation with regards to Member's statutory obligations concerning;

- Ethical Framework
- Disclosure at Meetings
- Disclosure in Advance of Meetings
- Planning Legislation

At the start of the meeting, **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** asked the Chief Executive if she had received correspondence from the Minister, as had been reported in the media. She indicated to the meeting that such correspondence had been received.



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### **3.5 Chapter 5 – Movement Strategy**

#### **Change Recommendation (MH-C5-826)**

On the basis of a proposal by **Councillor Maria Murphy (FTF NoM 6)** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**, the Chief Executive's recommendation on submission MH-C5-826 was amended and agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **3.6 Chapter 6 – Infrastructure Strategy**

#### **NoM 25 – Councillor Trevor Golden** (Broadband)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

#### **NoM 26 – Councillor Paddy Meade** (Wind Energy)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** was agreed. Councillor Paddy Meade was not in agreement.

#### **NoM 27 – Councillor Paddy Meade** (Wind Energy)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Bonner** was agreed. Councillor Paddy Meade was not in agreement.

#### **NoM 28 – Councillor Paddy Meade** (Transmission Lines)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Bonner** was agreed. Councillors Paddy Meade; Mike Bray; Emer Tóibín and Paul McCabe were not in agreement.

#### **(FTF) NoM 7 – Councillor Paul McCabe** (Residential Amenities)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion to include the wording proposed by **Councillor Paul McCabe** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.



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### Submissions

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 17 submissions received on the Infrastructure Strategy

### No Change Recommendation

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Trevor Golden** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy**. No member was not in agreement.

### Change Recommendation

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**. No member was not in agreement.

### Part Change Recommendation

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden**. No member was not in agreement.

## 3.7 Chapter 7 – Community Building Strategy

### NoM 29 – Councillor Paddy Meade (Education - Duleek)

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian** was agreed. There were a number of interventions in support of the motion from the following **Councillors: Paddy Meade; Nick Killian; Mike Bray; Alan Tobin; Damien O'Reilly; Sharon Tolan; Stephen McKee; Joe Bonner; Emer Tóibín; Sarah Reilly and Amanda Smith**.

Senior Planner, Mr Pádraig Maguire proposed that if the motion is accepted that it be inserted in the Duleek Written Statement. The motion was agreed on this basis. No member was not in agreement.

### NoM 30 – Councillor Paddy Meade (Fire Station)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Bonner** was agreed. Councillor Paddy Meade and Sharon Tolan were not in agreement.

### (FTF) NoM 8 (revision to NoM 31) – Councillor Ronan Moore (new residential developments)

**Councillor Ronan Moore** presented his revised Notice of Motion which was seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**. There were interventions by the following **Councillors: Ronan Moore; Alan Tobin; Nick Killian; Maria Murphy; Joe Bonner; Sharon Tolan; Amanda Smith and Emer Tóibín**.



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Senior Planner, Mr. Pádraig Maguire outlined that he was not in support of the motion as it was already adequately covered in the Draft Plan but suggested that if the motion was approved by members, it should exclude the words “either prior to or” and replace Social Policy 4 with Cllr. Moore’s motion. This recommendation was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

**(FTF) NoM 9 (revision to NoM 32) – Councillor Ronan Moore** (sensory gardens)

**Councillor Ronan Moore** presented his revised Notice of Motion which was seconded by **Councillor Joe Bonner**. There were interventions by the following **Councillors: Ronan Moore; Joe Bonner; Alan Tobin; Nick Killian; Maria Murphy; and Trevor Golden.**

Senior Planner, Mr. Pádraig Maguire outlined that the issue should really be addressed site specifically in the settlement chapters but proposed that ‘Sensory Gardens’ could be included in Section 7.7.7 of the draft Development Plan. This recommendation on the Notice of Motion was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

**At 12 noon the meeting was adjourned in line with the Standard Operating Guidance until Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**



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**16<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Presiding**

**Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach**

**Councillors Present:**

Councillors Tom Behan(remotely), Joe Bonner, Mike Bray (remotely), Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey (remotely), Seán Drew (remotely), Brian Fitzgerald, Padraig Fitzsimons (remotely), Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher (remotely), Deirdre Geraghty-Smith (remotely); Wayne Harding; Geraldine Keogan (remotely), Nick Killian, Alan Lawes (remotely); Paul McCabe; Elaine McGinty (remotely); Paddy Meade, Ronan Moore (remotely), Maria Murphy, Damien O'Reilly (remotely), Sarah Reilly (remotely) Tommy Reilly, Amanda Smith; Niamh Souhan (remotely), Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín (remotely), Gillian Toole; Conor Tormey (remotely).

**Apologies:** Councillors Yemi Adenuga; Eugene Cassidy; Edward Fennessy; Trevor Golden; Suzanne Jamal; Stephen McKee; Gerry O'Connor; Aisling O'Neill; Sharon Tolan.

**Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Larry Whelan, Des Foley, Barry Lynch (remotely)

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Seán Clarke

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Other Officers:** Loreto Guinan; Robert Miles; Caroline Corrigan

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee (remotely)

Members were informed that the meeting would be of a maximum duration of 1hr 55mins. The meeting commenced at 2.05pm.

Mr. Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer gave a presentation with regards to Member's statutory obligations concerning;

- Ethical Framework
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He also proposed a new procedure for the tabling of additional Notices of Motion. This was agreed by the elected members.



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### **Chapter 7 – Community Building Strategy (continued)**

#### **NoM 33 – Councillor Ronan Moore** (schools)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the revised Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

#### **NoM 34 – Councillor Ronan Moore** (changing places)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the revised Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

#### **(FTF) NoM 10 – Councillor Ronan Moore** (Youth and Community Service)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

#### **(FTF) NoM 11 – Councillor Ronan Moore** (assessment of school capacity)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

On the basis of this decision, **Councillor Elaine McGinty** withdrew her related Notices of Motion – NoM 79 and NoM 80.

### **Submissions**

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 17 submissions received on the Community Building Strategy

#### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**. No member was not in agreement.

#### **Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**. No member was not in agreement.



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### **3.8 Chapter 8 – Cultural & Natural Heritage Strategy**

#### **NoM 35 – Councillor David Gilroy** (tree stands)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor David Gilroy** and seconded by **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

#### **NoM 36 – Councillor David Gilroy** (woodlands)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor David Gilroy** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

#### **NoM 37 – Councillor Paddy Meade** (Brú na Bóinne)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

#### **NoM 38 – Councillor Ronan Moore** (night time mayor)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Bonner** was agreed. Councillor Ronan Moore was not in agreement.

#### **(FTF) NoM 12 – Councillor Mike Bray** (community)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Mike Bray** and seconded by **Councillor Paul McCabe** was presented by Councillor Bray and supported by a number of other Councillors. The Council's Heritage Officer indicated that the motion would be included in the Plan. This was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

#### **(FTF) NoM 13 – Councillor Sarah Reilly** (invasive species)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Sarah Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade** was presented by Councillor Reilly. The Council's Heritage Officer recommended that this was already adequately addressed in the Plan and no change was required. This recommendation was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

#### **(FTF) NoM 14 – Councillor Noel French** (holy wells)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin** was presented by Councillor French and supported by interventions by **Councillors: Alan Tobin; Paddy Meade; Paul McCabe; Brian Fitzgerald and Gillian Toole** who proposed the inclusion of other related features and also sought clarification on the level of protection for protected structures under the Plan. The legal powers available to the local authority was clarified by the Council's Law Agent and the Conservation Officer, who also outlined to the meeting the proposed study to inform the possible expansion of the list of protected structures in the county. As a result, the recommendation from the Chief Executive was for no change. This recommendation was agreed. No member was not in agreement.



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### Submissions

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 21 submissions received on the Cultural and Natural Heritage Strategy

### No Change Recommendation

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**. No member was not in agreement.

### Change Recommendation

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**. No member was not in agreement.

### Part Change Recommendation

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Part Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Paul McCabe**. No member was not in agreement.

### 3.9 Chapter 9 – Rural Development Strategy

As a result of the adoption of NoM 50 (revised) on December 10<sup>th</sup>, Chapter 9 in the draft Plan was deleted and the directly relevant submissions and Notices of Motion fell, with the exception of NoM 51. Submissions that did not relate solely to the Rural Policy would be dealt with at a later date.

The following sought clarifications on the process and the fate of some submissions and NoMs: **Councillors Nick Killian; Paddy Meade; Noel French; Alan Tobin; Emer Tóibín** and **Joe Bonner**. Clarifications were provided by the Chief Executive and the Planning Department staff.

### 3.10 Chapter 10 – Climate Change Strategy

#### NoM 69 – Councillor David Gilroy (SDGs)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor David Gilroy** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

#### NoM 70 – Councillor Ronan Moore (Climate Action Fund)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.



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### **NoM 71 – Councillor Ronan Moore** (energy efficiency)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 72 – Councillor Ronan Moore** (energy efficiency)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 73 – Councillor Ronan Moore** (weed growth)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Bonner** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 74 – Councillor Ronan Moore** (biodiversity)

Following interventions by the Council Climate Action Officer and Senior Planner that the issue was already adequately addressed in the Plan, the Chief Executive's recommendation on the revised Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Paul McCabe** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 24 and (FTF) NoM 15 – Councillor Ronan Moore** (From Movement Chapter)

This NoM was deferred on December 4<sup>th</sup>. The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin** to make an amendment to Mov Policy 16 was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **(FTF) NoM 16 – Councillor Alan Tobin** (circular economy)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan Moore** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **(FTF) NoM 17 – Councillor Alan Tobin** (European Green Deal)

The Council's Climate Action Officer proposed to include reference to this in the Chapter Introduction. This recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **(FTF) NoM 18 – Councillor Alan Tobin** (emissions targets)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **(FTF) NoM 19 – Councillor Alan Tobin** (just transition fund)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.



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**(FTF) NoM 20 – Councillor Paul McCabe and Councillor Paddy Meade** (residential amenities)

The Chief Executive's recommendation for change as a result of the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Paul McCabe** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

**At 4.01pm, the meeting was adjourned in line with the Standard Operating Guidance until Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**



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**17<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Presiding**

**Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach**

**Councillors Present:**

Councillors Tom Behan, Mike Bray, Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey (remotely), Seán Drew (remotely), Brian Fitzgerald, Pádraig Fitzsimons (remotely), Joe Fox, Noel French, Wayne Harding (remotely); Geraldine Keogan (remotely), Nick Killian, Alan Lawes (remotely); Paul McCabe; Elaine McGinty (remotely); Paddy Meade, Ronan Moore (remotely), Maria Murphy (remotely), Damien O'Reilly (remotely), Sarah Reilly (remotely) Tommy Reilly, Amanda Smith; Niamh Souhan (remotely), Alan Tobin (remotely), Emer Tóibín; Sharon Tolan (remotely); Gillian Toole; Conor Tormey (remotely).

**Apologies:** Councillors Yemi Adenuga; Joe Bonner; Eugene Cassidy; Edward Fennessy; Michael Gallagher; Deirdre Geraghty-Smith; Trevor Golden; Suzanne Jamal; Stephen McKee; Gerry O'Connor; Aisling O'Neill.

**Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Larry Whelan, Des Foley

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Seán Clarke

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Other Officers:** Caroline Corrigan

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee (remotely)

Members were informed that the meeting would be of a maximum duration of 1hr 55mins. The meeting commenced at 2.06pm.

Mr. Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer gave a presentation with regards to Member's statutory obligations concerning;

- Ethical Framework
- Disclosure at Meetings
- Disclosure in Advance of Meetings
- Planning Legislation



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### 3.10 Chapter 10 – Climate Change Strategy

#### Submissions

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 10 submissions received on the Climate Change Strategy

#### No Change Recommendation

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**. No member was not in agreement.

#### Change Recommendation

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**. No member was not in agreement.

### 3.11 Chapter 11 – Development Management

#### NoM 75 – Councillor Emer Tóibín (school assessments)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Emer Tóibín** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

#### NoM 76 – Councillor Emer Tóibín (community facilities)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Emer Tóibín** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

#### NoM 77 – Councillor Emer Tóibín (housing estates – Irish language)

In advance of considering this Notice of Motion, Mr. Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer, clarified to Councillor Tóibín and the meeting that the issue had been addressed by Miscellaneous Group Submission no. 9 and that it would not be possible to revisit this during the next phase of the review of the County Development Plan because the draft policy had not changed and would therefore not be considered a material amendment. Councillor Tóibín expressed her disappointment with this. Mr Clarke also outlined the current practice, through the work of the Council's Naming Committee. The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Emer Tóibín** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

#### NoM 78 – Councillor Elaine McGinty (fibre to the home))

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Elaine McGinty** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade** was agreed. Councillors McGinty, Meade and Alan Lawes were not in agreement.



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### **NoMs 79 and 80 – Councillor Elaine McGinty** – (withdrawn on December 16<sup>th</sup>)

### **NoM 81 – Councillor Paddy Meade** (parking ratio)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 82 – Councillor Paddy Meade** (cladding)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox** was the subject of a revised recommendation by the Chief Executive, which was to include the motion as a bullet in point under DM OBJ 60. This recommendation was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 83 – Councillor Paddy Meade** (cladding agri-buildings)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox** was agreed. Councillors Paddy Meade and Emer Tóibín were not in agreement.

### **NoM 84 – Councillor Ronan Moore** (play facilities)

The revised Notice of Motion was proposed and presented by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**. There were a number of interventions by others, including **Councillors: Brian Fitzgerald; Alan Tobin; Elaine McGinty; and Sharon Tolan**. Senior Planner, Mr Pádraig Maguire explained that the Council was bound by the Section 28 Guidelines. The Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed. Councillors Ronan Moore, Alan Tobin and Elaine McGinty were not in agreement.

### **NoM 85 – Councillor Ronan Moore** (play facilities - apartments)

The Notice of Motion was proposed and presented by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**. There were a number of interventions by others, including **Councillors: Joe Fox; Alan Tobin; Gillian Toole; Tom Behan; Elaine McGinty; and Emer Tóibín**. The Council's Senior Planner referred the response to NoM 84. The Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed. Councillors Ronan Moore, Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín and Elaine McGinty were not in agreement.

### **NoM 86 – Councillor Emer Tóibín** (supporting submission)

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Emer Tóibín** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **(FTF) NoM 21 – Councillor Sean Drew** (speed bumps)

The Notice of Motion was proposed and presented by **Councillor Sean Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Paul McCabe**. Senior Planner, Mr Pádraig Maguire considered that the issue was adequately addressed in the draft Plan already. The Chief Executive's recommendation for no change was agreed. No member was not in agreement.



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### **(FTF) NoM 22 – Councillor Gillian Toole** (land use zoning objectives)

The Notice of Motion was proposed and presented by **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**. The Chief Executive's recommendation to accept the motion was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **(FTF) NoM 23 – Councillor Gillian Toole** (zoning categories)

The Notice of Motion was proposed and presented by **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**. The Chief Executive's recommendation to not accept the motion was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **Submissions**

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 9 submissions received on the Development Management Standards and Land Use Zoning Objectives

Councillor Damien O'Reilly requested that submission MH-C5-662 be considered separately. This was agreed.

### **Submission MH-C5-662**

This submission was proposed by **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly**. Senior Planner, Mr Pádraig Maguire informed the meeting that the submission is contrary to various policies and objectives of the County Development Plan and could lead to inappropriate development in backland sites in urban and rural areas. There were inputs from other **Councillors: Tommy Reilly; Nick Killian and Alan Tobin**.

**At 4.01pm, the meeting was adjourned in line with the Standard Operating Guidance until Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**



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**18<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Presiding**

**Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach**

**Councillors Present:**

Councillors Joe Bonner; Mike Bray, Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey (remotely), Brian Fitzgerald, Pádraig Fitzsimons (remotely), Joe Fox; Noel French; Michael Gallagher; Wayne Harding; Geraldine Keogan (remotely), Alan Lawes (remotely); Paul McCabe; Elaine McGinty (remotely); Paddy Meade, Ronan Moore (remotely), Maria Murphy, Damien O'Reilly (remotely), Sarah Reilly (remotely) Tommy Reilly, Niamh Souhan (remotely), Alan Tobin (remotely), Emer Tóibín (remotely); Gillian Toole.

**Apologies:** Councillors Yemi Adenuga; Tom Behan; Eugene Cassidy; Seán Drew; Edward Fennessy; Deirdre Geraghty-Smith; Trevor Golden; Suzanne Jamal; Nick Killian, Stephen McKee; Gerry O'Connor; Aisling O'Neill; Amanda Smith; Sharon Tolan; Conor Tormey.

**Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Larry Whelan, Des Foley

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Seán Clarke

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee (remotely)

Members were informed that the meeting would be of a maximum duration of 1hr 55mins. The meeting commenced at 2.06pm.

Mr. Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer gave a presentation with regards to Member's statutory obligations concerning;

- Ethical Framework
- Disclosure at Meetings
- Disclosure in Advance of Meetings
- Planning Legislation

At the beginning of the meeting **Councillor Ronan Moore** made a statement regarding the need for Standing Orders to be complied with during debates on Motions and Submissions. He considered that it was suggested the previous day that he was in breach of Standing Orders, but informed the meeting that under Standing Order 19.2 this was not the case. This statement was noted.



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### **3.11 Chapter 11 – Development Management (continued)**

#### **Submission MH-C5-662**

Following a presentation by Mr Alan Russell, Senior Executive Planner, and clarifications provided on a number of queries by Elected Members, the Chief Executive's recommendation on the submission was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

In accordance with the Ethical Framework for the Local Government Service: **Councillor Aisling Dempsey** declared a potential conflict of interest regarding submission MH-C5-346, as it was submitted by her employer. She removed herself from the meeting at this point.

#### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly**. No member was not in agreement.

#### **Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Wayne Harding** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**. No member was not in agreement.

#### **Part Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Part Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**. No member was not in agreement.

### **3.9 Chapter 9 – Rural Strategy**

Following the adoption of the amended NoM 50 on December 10, 2020, all but 21 submissions submitted on the draft Rural Strategy fell. These were submissions MH-C5-40; 123; 343; 397; 446; 638; 659; 720; 817; 825; 913; 919; 926; 958; 979; 985; 1004; 1007; 1050; 1755; 1776. All Notices of Motion received fell (with the exception of NoM 51)

#### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**. No member was not in agreement.



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### Change Recommendation

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**. No member was not in agreement.

### Miscellaneous Provisions

#### Development Management Chapter

Mr. Seán Clarke, Senior Executive officer, Planning Department, explained to the meeting that the Development Management Chapter in the Draft Plan had been redrafted, streamlined and amended as a result of various submissions on the Draft Plan and that the outcome of this process had to be approved by the Elected Members. On a proposal of **Councillor Paul McCabe** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole** this was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

#### Errata

On a proposal of **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly** this was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

#### OPR Observations 4 and 5

Mr. Clarke explained that no proposer and seconded was recorded when these OPR Observations were agreed on November 16, 2020. **Councillor Maria Murphy** agreed to propose and **Councillor Michael Gallagher** agreed to be seconder for these observations.

Both Mr. Pádraig Maguire, Senior Planner, and Mr Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer, set out the approach to be adopted for considering the next sections of the draft Plan and submissions on same. The settlement sections, it was outlined, would be dealt with according to the planning hierarchy and in the order of the CE Report. Consideration of settlements and additional zonings may have implications for the Settlement and Core Strategy Chapters and any changes that are proposed must have a clear purpose and reasoning underpinning them.

There was a general discussion on the suggestion that Elected Members meet informally at Municipal District level, in advance of the next series of Special Planning meetings, to consider the various submissions, in order to assist with an efficient consideration of the settlement chapters at Council level. A number of members spoke on this suggestion including **Councillors: Joe Bonner; Joe Fox; Elaine McGinty; Brian Fitzgerald; Maria Murphy; Alan Tobin; Pádraig Fitzsimons; Damien O'Reilly; Michael Gallagher; Alan Lawes and Noel French**. The Council's Law Agent also provided advice on such meetings, underlining that the making of a Development Plan was a function of the



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full Council and that it needs to be done in the public eye and with full transparency. An Cathaoirleach concluded the debate by stating that such meetings should not take place.

Following a number of queries from Councillors, Mr. Pádraig Maguire informed the meeting that the Planning Department would provide written clarification on the process for dealing with the settlement chapters, in advance of the January meetings. This was welcomed by the elected members.

The Chief Executive informed the meeting that she had received correspondence from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage earlier that morning, which dealt with a number of issues, some of which may be relevant to the Development Plan review process. An initial assessment had been carried out on the contents of the letter and its potential implications but that further assessment was required. The letter would be circulated to the elected members for their information.

On behalf of their political groupings, **Councillors Paul McCabe; Joe Fox; Michael Gallagher; and Brian Fitzgerald** thanked the Cathaoirleach for his work in chairing the meetings and wished him, their fellow elected members and the executive season's greetings. The Chief Executive wished the elected members a happy and safe Christmas.

The Cathaoirleach concluded the meeting by summarising progress to date, with over 32 hours of meetings, over 1,000 submissions and over 100 Notices of Motion dealt with so far and thanked the elected members and all staff for their work in recent weeks.

**At 3.40pm, the meeting was adjourned until Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**



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### ***Special Planning Meeting***

***Re-commenced on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 online (via Zoom)***

**11<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

#### **Presiding**

Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach

#### **Councillors Present:**

Councillors Yemi Adenuga, Tom Behan, Joe Bonner, Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy, Aisling Dempsey, Seán Drew, Pádraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Wayne Harding, Suzanne Jamal, Paul McCabe, Stephen McKee, Paddy Meade, Ronan Moore, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Damien O'Reilly, Sarah Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Niamh Souhan, Alan Tobin, Sharon Tolan, Conor Tormey.

#### **Apologies:**

Councillors Deirdre Geraghty-Smith; Trevor Golden;

#### **Meeting Declined:**

Councillors Francis Deane, Edward Fennessy, Brian Fitzgerald, Michael Gallagher, Geraldine Keogan, Nick Killian, Alan Lawes, Elaine McGinty, Aisling O'Neill, Amanda Smith, Emer Tóibín, Gillian Toole,

#### **Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Des Foley, Fiona Lawless, Barry Lynch, Larry Whelan

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Seán Clarke

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee

1. That Meath County Council determines (in accordance with its Standing Orders and the decision it took on June 8, 2020 to hold its statutory meetings in alternative venues in the interest of public health) to resume the adjourned Special Planning Meeting in a virtual location and to similarly facilitate the participation of members of the press and public as provided for through the provisions of Section 29 of the Civil Law and Criminal Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020 and its Standing Orders, in order to comply with the latest public health guidelines.



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In opening the meeting, An Cathaoirleach set out the background and context as to why the meeting had moved to an online-only format. In doing so, he informed the meeting that the CPG and Party Whips had met the previous week and agreed in a democratic way to proceed with the Special Planning Meeting online.

The Chief Executive further explained that there was no option but to proceed with the meeting, as there was no reason as to why it could not do so. There was a legal obligation on the Council to continue and the legislation enabling the Council to make statutory decisions remotely was now in place and has proven to work. Further, she did inform the elected members that contact had been made with those Councillors who had not participated via Zoom heretofore in order to address any connectivity issues they may have, so that suitable arrangements could be made to accommodate their needs in advance of the meeting. This offer had been taken up by some councillors.

There was a general discussion on the resolution and on continuing the Special Planning Meeting online. Both **Councillors Noel French and Joe Bonner** objected to the meeting continuing via Zoom, with Councillor French leaving the meeting after his intervention. Councillor Bonner proposed that the Council write to the Minister seeking a delay of six months in the process. This proposal was supported by **Councillor Paddy Meade** who said that he had problems with his tablet but acknowledged the assistance that he has received from the Council in addressing these and in accommodating him with a meeting room and wifi so that he could participate. **Councillor Yemi Adenuga** asked for clarity as to why the meeting was being recorded and this was addressed by the Meetings Administrator.

While members acknowledged that the process will be challenging the other contributions from **Councillors: Ronan Moore; Joe Fox; Alan Tobin; Sharon Tolan; Conor Tormey; Sean Drew; Eugene Cassidy; Padraig Fitzsimons; and Maria Murphy** expressed the view that the process needs to move on, that members not currently participating should be encouraged to do so and that there should be some acknowledgement that some elected members have other work commitments which may prevent them from participating. Members also requested that those members boycotting the online process should be identified for the public record.

It was agreed on a proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Bonner** that An Cathaoirleach read into the record the correspondence he had received from **Councillor Brian Fitzgerald** (on behalf of the Technical Group); **Councillor Edward Fennessy** (on behalf of Sinn Fein); and **Councillor Joe Bonner** as follows:

*Dear Cathaoirleach*

*Further to the joint meeting of the whips and C.P.G. on Wed 6th Jan 2021, on behalf of the Technical Group, I wish to reaffirm our position that we will not be participating on-line on the County Development Plan meetings, starting Monday 11th January 2021.*

*It is our view that the meetings should be postponed at least until the end of January 2021 and to then review the situation.*



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*We firmly believe that conducting the County Development Plan fully on-line is not the way to go. The process we were operating to date was working well and, as some of my colleagues have stated in emails to Robert Collins, some tightening up of the arrangements could be made to allow that process to continue.*

*It is regrettable that one of the very few reserved functions which County Councillors have is now being treated in this way, from Monday 11th January 2021.*

*Please have this email recorded in the Minutes.*

*Regards*

*Brian Fitzgerald, Whip.*

*Dear Cathaoirleach*

*Further to the joint meeting of the whips and C.P.G. on Wed 6th Jan 2021, on behalf of the Sinn Féin Group, I wish to reaffirm our position that we will not be participating on-line on the County Development Plan meetings, starting Monday 11th January 2021.*

*It is our view that the meetings should be postponed at least until the end of January 2021 and to then review the situation.*

*The review of the County Development Plan is the single most important piece of work that we will undertake as councillors over the next six years. It requires full, undivided and involved participation. That is simply not possible due to the ongoing restrictions.*

*Consideration needs to be given to members ability to participate in meetings of such importance. Conducting the meetings online will not afford members the opportunity to engage in that process.*

*It is regrettable that one of the very few reserved functions which County Councillors have is now being treated in this way, from Monday 11th January 2021.*

*We would appreciate it if you can record this correspondence in the minutes.*

*Le meas*

*Cllr Eddie Fennessy*

*Cllr Michael Gallagher*

*Cllr Aisling O'Neill*

*Cathaoirleach,*

*I want to put it on record that I am against the proposal that the Development Plan meeting continues on line only.*

*My proposal is that the resumption of CDP meeting should be postponed until after the summer. We should write to the minister asking that he extends the deadlines for the preparation of the plan by 6 months. In 6 months time we should have a more accurate idea as to how things are progressing with the "vaccination programme" and then we can hopefully proceed with our full resources to have the plan prepared with participation from all the members.*

*It shouldn't be difficult to get cross party support for this proposal. In my opinion it is unfair and undemocratic to exclude any of the members and indeed the public from engaging in the preparation of the CDP for any reason.*

*The correspondence you are receiving from councillors shows that many have grave concerns around the viability of holding the CDP meeting as proposed. Their concerns must be taken on board and we cannot exclude anyone who is entitled to be at the CDP meeting. It was not a prerequisite of being elected a councillor that you have to have a good broadband connection or that you have to be computer literate. Members should not be excluded from meetings on account of these issues. There are several other reasons why the proposed format is not acceptable and these reasons are clearly outlined in the various mails you received from the members on this matter.*

*Regards,*

*Cllr. Joe Bonner*



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An Cathairleach also acknowledged the apologies from **Councillors Trevor Golden** and **Deirdre Geraghty-Smith**.

The resolution was proposed by **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and agreed. Two members, Councillors Bonner and Meade, were not in agreement.

There was no agreement for the proposal to send another letter to the Minister requesting a delay in the process.

Members also expressed their condolences to the following: Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons on the death of his father; Councillor Suzanne Jamal on the death of her sister; and Councillor Gerry O'Connor on the death of his mother. They thanked their colleagues for the messages and support they had received in recent times.

Members also congratulated Councillor Deirdre Geraghty-Smith on the birth of her daughter.

### **2. The members received a number of presentations from the Planning Department on the following;**

- Presentation from Mr. Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer, on the procedure for submitting soft copy Notices of Motion in advance of the relevant Settlement Tier.
- Presentation by Mr. Alan Russell, Senior Executive Planner, on the process and procedure in considering the Settlements of the draft County Development Plan.  
There were follow-up questions from **Councillors Mike Bray and Ronan Moore**, which were addressed by the Planning staff.
- Presentation by Mr. Pdraig Maguire, Senior Planner, on the ESRI Report, the Circular issued by Minister O'Brien (December 2020) and the Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000  
There were follow-up questions from **Councillors Gerry O'Connor; Paddy Meade; Joe Fox; Maria Murphy; Sean Drew and Ronan Moore**, which were addressed by the Planning staff.

### **Consideration of Notices of Motion and Submission relating to South Drogheda Environs**

At the outset, Mr. Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department gave a presentation with regards to a Member's statutory obligations concerning;

- Ethical Framework
- Disclosure at Meetings



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- Disclosure in Advance of Meetings
- Planning Legislation

He provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on the Southern Environs of Drogheda - 15 submissions; 6 NoMs and 6 NoMs from the floor.

There was a discussion on the proposed Joint Urban Area Plan (JUAP) for Drogheda, with an up-date provided by the Planning Department staff on the preparatory work being undertaken and the consequences this may have for the consideration of the submissions and Notices of Motion. Members were also informed that Louth County Council was also reviewing its County Development Plan and that the Development Plans must be adopted before the JUAP can be formally commenced. It was intended that the JUAP would address the detailed changes for Drogheda.

There were a number of interventions from the following **Councillors: Paddy Meade; Sharon Tolan; Stephen McKee; Wayne Harding** and **Joe Fox**. It was agreed that the NoMs tabled will be considered as part of the review of the County Development Plan.

### **NoM 87 – Councillor Paddy Meade**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Stephen McKee** was discussed, with the Executive suggesting that the issue would be considered as part of the Transportation Study, which would commence shortly. Councillor Meade expressed the view that all seven elected members from the Municipal District should be present, as they were familiar with the area and he did not accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation. A roll call vote was taken on this recommendation as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>	X			
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>	X			
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>	X			
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>	X			
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>	X			
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>				X
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>	X			
<b>DREW, Sean</b>				X
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>				X
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>				X
<b>FITZSIMONS, Pdraig</b>	X			
<b>FOX, Joe</b>	X			
<b>FRENCH, Noel</b>				X
<b>GALLAGHER, Michael</b>				X
<b>GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre</b>				X
<b>GILROY, David</b>	X			
<b>GOLDEN, Trevor</b>				X



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HARDING, Wayne	X			
JAMAL, Suzanne	X			
KEOGAN, Geraldine				X
KILLIAN, Nick				X
LAWES, Alan				X
MC CABE, Paul		X		
MC GINTY, Elaine				X
MC KEE, Stephen	X			
MEADE, Paddy		X		
MOORE, Ronan				X
MURPHY, Maria*	X			
O'CONNOR, Gerry	X			
O'NEILL, Aisling				X
O'REILLY, Damien	X			
REILLY, Sarah				X
REILLY, Tommy	X			
SMITH, Amanda				X
SOUHAN, Niamh	X			
TOBIN, Alan		X		
TÓIBÍN, Emer				X
TOLAN, Sharon	X			
TOOLE, Gillian				X
TORMEY, Conor				X

\*via SMS, as connection failed at time of the vote

In agreement = 18, Not in agreement = 3, Abstain = 0, Absent = 19. In accordance with this decision, the recommendation was agreed.

### **NoM 88 – Councillor Paddy Meade**

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Paul McCabe** was agreed. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 89 – Councillor Paddy Meade**

Councillor Meade indicated that this NoM was impacted by a NoM he has tabled from the floor.

At this point, An Cathaoirleach proposed to adjourn the meeting.



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Before the meeting was adjourned the following **Councillors: Damien O'Reilly; Alan Tobin; Joe Fox; Eugene Cassidy; Gerry O'Connor; Wayne Harding; Tommy Reilly and Yemi Adenuga** thanked the Cathaoirleach for his handling of the meeting and the Executive for the various preparations to ensure that the meeting worked well. The Chief Executive paid tribute to the Cathaoirleach for his energy and commitment in working with his colleagues over the past week and also thanked the members that participated. The Cathaoirleach closed the meeting by thanking all concerned.

**At 1.10 p.m. the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**



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### ***Special Planning Meeting***

***Re-commenced on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 @2pm online (via Zoom)***

**12<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

#### **Presiding**

Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach

#### **Councillors Present:**

Councillors Yemi Adenuga, Tom Behan, Joe Bonner, Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey, Seán Drew, Pádraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Wayne Harding, Suzanne Jamal, Geraldine Keogan, Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty, Stephen McKee, Paddy Meade, Ronan Moore, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Damien O'Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Niamh Souhan, Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole, Conor Tormey.

#### **Apologies:**

Councillors Deirdre Geraghty-Smith; Trevor Golden; Aisling O'Neill, Sarah Reilly.

#### **Meeting Declined:**

Councillors, Edward Fennessy, Brian Fitzgerald, Michael Gallagher, Nick Killian, Alan Lawes, Amanda Smith,

#### **Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Des Foley, Barry Lynch, Larry Whelan

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Seán Clarke

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee

In advance of the formal commencement of the meeting, An Cathaoirleach welcomed all participants and set out the key directions for all participants, in line with the Standing Orders.

#### **Resumption of consideration of the Tier 1 Settlement - Southern Environs of Drogheda**

At the outset, Mr. Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department gave a presentation with regards to Members' statutory obligations concerning the:

- Ethical Framework
- Disclosure at Meetings



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- Disclosure in Advance of Meetings
- Planning Legislation

He also reiterated the state-of-play regarding the process and that South Drogheda Environs had 15 submissions; 6 NoMs and 6 NoMs from the floor. He further gave a short overview of the process for the preparation of a Joint Urban Area Plan (JUAP) for Drogheda.

### **NoM 89 – Councillor Paddy Meade**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Pádraig Fitzsimons** was introduced by Councillor Meade, with contributions from **Councillors: Sharon Tolan; Wayne Harding; Elaine McGinty; Stephen McKee; Alan Tobin; Tom Behan** and **Geraldine Keogan**. Members felt that no changes to the draft plan should be made now and that any significant changes should wait for the preparation of the JUAP. Other members considered that changes should be made as part of the review of the County Development Plan.

The Chief Executive's recommendation for no change was agreed on a show of hands vote of 16 in agreement, with 7 members not in agreement.

### **NoM 90 – Councillor Paddy Meade**

**Councillor Paddy Meade** in withdrawing this NoM asked that his disagreement with the CE's recommendation be noted.

### **NoM 91 – Councillor Paddy Meade**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Elaine McGinty** was introduced by Councillor Meade, with contributions by **Councillors: Elaine McGinty; Sharon Tolan and Wayne Harding**. Director of Service Mr. Des Foley explained that motions such as these could be addressed as part of the Transport Study which would help in preparing the JUAP and Senior Planner Mr. Pádraig Maguire raised questions regarding the role and function of such a road proposal and the status it would have.

The Chief Executive's recommendation for no change was agreed on a show of hands vote of 15 in agreement, with 9 members not in agreement.

### **NoM 92 – Councillor Stephen McKee**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Stephen McKee** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade** was introduced by Councillor McKee, while **Councillor Sharon Tolan** highlighted this was similar to a motion that she submitted during the previous stage of the County Development Plan review.

**Councillor Wayne Harding** asked if a roll call could be used for such votes, with various members providing their views on the voting process. This was clarified by An Cathaoirleach.



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The Chief Executive’s recommendation for no change was agreed on a show of hands vote of 16 in agreement, with 9 members not in agreement.

### NoMs from the floor - Southern Environs of Drogheda

Mr. Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer, outlined to the meeting the process for submitting Notices of Motion, which needed to include a reasoning. The Chief Executive underlined the need for a justification for any motion but suggested to An Cathaoirleach that the motions submitted by Councillor McKee could be considered as an exception, despite not including a clear rationale. This was agreed by the meeting.

#### **(FTF) NoM 24 – Councillor Stephen McKee** (Park and Ride)

This NoM was identical to NoM 92 (above) and withdrawn.

#### **(FTF) NoM 25 – Councillor Stephen McKee** (Nature’s Best)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Stephen McKee** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade** was introduced by Councillor McKee and sought the re-zoning of a parcel of land from E2 to E1 zoning. Mr. Pádraig Maguire outlined the permitted usage under both E1 and E2 zonings and indicated on the basis of the information provided that the recommendation of the Chief Executive is no change. There were a number of contributions from **Councillors: Paddy Meade; Sharon Tolan; Alan Tobin; Joe Fox; Elaine McGinty** and **Tom Behan**. The Chief Executive indicated that there was no clear justification for the proposed change and underlined that this is why all motions needed a clear reasoning attached. The Senior Planner provided further clarifications, following the interventions from the elected members.

The Chief Executive’s recommendation was for no change and a roll call vote was conducted as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>	X			
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>	X			
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>	X			
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>	X			
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>				X
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>	X			
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>		X		
<b>DREW, Sean</b>	X			
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>				X
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>				X
<b>FITZSIMONS, Padraig</b>	X			
<b>FOX, Joe</b>	X			
<b>FRENCH, Noel</b>	X			
<b>GALLAGHER, Michael</b>				X
<b>GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre</b>				X



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GILROY, David	X			
GOLDEN, Trevor				X
HARDING, Wayne	X			
JAMAL, Suzanne	X			
KEOGAN, Geraldine		X		
KILLIAN, Nick				X
LAWES, Alan				X
MC CABE, Paul	X			
MC GINTY, Elaine	X			
MC KEE, Stephen		X		
MEADE, Paddy		X		
MOORE, Ronan	X			
MURPHY, Maria	X			
O'CONNOR, Gerry	X			
O'NEILL, Aisling				X
O'REILLY, Damien	X			
REILLY, Sarah				X
REILLY, Tommy	X			
SMITH, Amanda				X
SOUHAN, Niamh	X			
TOBIN, Alan	X			
TÓIBÍN, Emer	X			
TOLAN, Sharon	X			
TOOLE, Gillian	X			
TORMEY, Conor				X

In agreement = 24, Not in agreement = 4, Abstain = 0, Absent = 12. In accordance with this decision, the recommendation was agreed.

### **(FTF) NoM 26 – Councillor Stephen McKee**

This NoM was dealt with under the previous NoM and withdrawn.

### **(FTF) NoM 27 – Councillor Stephen McKee (Train Station)**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Stephen McKee** and seconded by **Councillor Geraldine Keogan** was introduced by Councillor McKee. Mr Pádraig Maguire agreed that a train station was required but should be considered fully as part of the transport study rather than including it as a dot on the map in the County Development Plan. Councillor McKee asked that it should be an objective in the Plan, whereas Councillor Sharon Tolan highlighted it was already an objective (on page 159 of the Plan), which was confirmed by the Chief Executive. There were further interventions by **Councillors Elaine McGinty** and **Maria Murphy**, which were clarified by the planning staff.

The Chief Executive's recommendation for no change was agreed on a show of hands vote of 22 in agreement, with 2 members not in agreement



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### **(FTF) NoM 28 – Councillor Paddy Meade** (amend Zoning)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Stephen McKee** was introduced by Councillor Meade who was proposing to re-zone lands from A2 (new residential) to F1 (open space). The Senior Planner provided the meeting with an overview of the site which was the subject of An Bord Pleanála decision and a judicial review. Also, Mr. Maguire considered that it was not clear in the motion as to where the G1 zoning would apply. Because of the on-going legal situation, the Chief Executive's recommendation was no change.

There was a debate on the merits of the motion, the nature and suitability of the site, the status and potential impact of the on-going legal situation and the wider implications for other sites in the county. There were interventions from **Councillors: Elaine McGinty; Stephen McKee; Alan Tobin; Joe Fox; Sharon Tolan** and **Paddy Meade**, with other advices from the Council's Legal Agent and Mr Seán Clarke.

The Chief Executive's recommendation for no change was agreed on a show of hands vote of 18 in agreement, with 7 members not in agreement

### **(FTF) NoM 29 – Councillor Paddy Meade** (amend Zoning)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin** was introduced by Councillor Meade who was proposing to re-zone lands from A2 (new residential) to G1 (community infrastructure).

The Chief Executive's recommendation for no change was agreed on a show of hands vote of 20 in agreement, with 5 members not in agreement

### **(FTF) NoM 30 – Councillor Stephen McKee** (amend Zoning – various lands)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Stephen McKee** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade** was introduced by Councillor McKee who indicated that this was a regularisation of zoning on three parcels of land. **Councillor Paddy Meade** welcomed one of the land re-zonings. An Cathaoirleach questioned the appropriateness of submitting maps which contained the details of developers. The advice from Mr. Alan Russell, Senior Executive Planner was that one of the sites could not be used in a land swap and recommended no change to the draft Plan.

The Chief Executive's considered that this was a complex and complicated proposal that would be best addressed by way of the JUAP and asked that the Councillor consider withdrawing the NoM. On the basis that this would feed into the work of the Area Plan, Councillor McKee agreed to withdraw his Notice of Motion. This was agreed by the meeting.



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### Other Matters

Before the meeting was adjourned, the Chief Executive informed the meeting that the Executive was assessing progress and had identified some additional dates in January, for further consideration of the submissions and notices of motion, as follows:

Day/Date	Time	Topic
Friday, January 15	10am to 1pm	Tier 3
Monday, January 18	10am to 1pm	Tier 3
Thursday, January 21	2pm to 5pm	Tier 4
Friday, January 22	10am to 1pm	Tiers 5 & 6
Monday, January 25	10am to 1pm	TBC
Wednesday, January 27	2pm to 5pm	TBC

This schedule was agreed by the meeting.

At 5.15 p.m. the meeting was adjourned until Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.



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### *Special Planning Meeting*

*Re-commenced on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 @10am online (via Zoom)*

**15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**Presiding**

Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach

**Councillors Present:**

Councillors Yemi Adenuga, Tom Behan, Joe Bonner, Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey, Seán Drew, Pádraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Trevor Golden; Wayne Harding, Suzanne Jamal, Geraldine Keogan, Nick Killian, Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty, Paddy Meade, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Damien O'Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Niamh Souhan, Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole, Conor Tormey.

**Apologies:**

Councillors Deirdre Geraghty-Smith; Stephen McKee, Ronan Moore, Aisling O'Neill, Sarah Reilly.

**Meeting Declined:**

Councillors, Edward Fennessy, Brian Fitzgerald, Michael Gallagher, Alan Lawes, Amanda Smith.

**Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Des Foley, Fiona Lawless, Barry Lynch, Larry Whelan

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Seán Clarke

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee

In advance of the formal commencement of the meeting, An Cathaoirleach welcomed all participants and set out the key directions for all participants, in line with the Standing Orders.

Mr. Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department gave a presentation with regards to Members' statutory obligations concerning the:

- Ethical Framework
- Disclosure at Meetings
- Disclosure in Advance of Meetings
- Planning Legislation



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### **Resumption of consideration of the Tier 1 Settlement - Southern Environs of Drogheda**

#### **Submissions**

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 15 submissions received on the Southern Environs of Drogheda

#### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**. A total of 19 members were in agreement, with **Councillor Paddy Meade** not in agreement.

#### **Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Tom Behan** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan**. A total of 18 members were in agreement, with **Councillor Geraldine Keogan** not in agreement.

#### **Part Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Tom Behan** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan**. A total of 18 members were in agreement, with **Councillor Geraldine Keogan** not in agreement.

Following the vote, An Cathaoirleach declared the chapter on the Southern Environs of Drogheda and Tier 1 to be concluded.

### **Consideration of Notices of Motion and Submission relating to Maynooth Environs**

Mr Seán Clarke gave a short overview of the proposed Joint Urban Area Plan for Maynooth, in conjunction with Kildare County Council. He also clarified the status of the maps which would not be up-dated until all NoMs and submissions were considered, following a query by **Councillor Gillian Toole**.

#### **Submissions**

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 6 submissions received on the Maynooth Environs and advised that 0 NoMs had been received.



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In advance of the vote on these submissions **Councillors Gillian Toole** and **Maria Murphy** underlined the need for the development of the outer orbital route and other road requirements for the town. Mr Des Foley, Director of Services, provided a clarification in response.

### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**. A total of 20 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**. A total of 21 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

Following the vote, An Cathaoirleach declared the chapter on the Maynooth Environs to be concluded.

### **Consideration of Notices of Motion and Submission relating to Navan**

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Navan - 37 submissions; 10 NoMs and 0 NoMs from the floor.

#### **NoM 93 – Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons** and seconded by **Councillor Yemi Adenuga** was agreed by a show of hands, with 23 members in agreement and no member not in agreement.

#### **NoM 94 – Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons**

In advance of the consideration of this motion, An Cathaoirleach proposed that NoMs 98, 100 and 102 and submission 921, be considered with NoM 94 as they dealt with the same sites or related sites and had similar objectives. This was agreed by the meeting.

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons** and seconded by **Councillor Emer Tóibín** was introduced by Councillor Fitzsimons. There was an extensive discussion on various issues raised by these NoMs. The local representatives argued for: the need to re-zone additional lands for residential development in Navan and the fact that the sites mentioned had services available; the



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need to address ribbon development in the town; and the viability of a future rail line being contingent on future demand/population/housing. Other councillors raised questions as to: the implications for elsewhere in the county of re-zoning such sites as A2 zoning; how many housing units could the sites realise; and the impact of these on the Core Strategy of the draft Plan. There was also a discussion on an L-shaped plot of land between the sites under consideration. Interventions were made by the following: **Councillors Emer Tóibín; Paddy Meade; Tommy Reilly; Francis Deane; Yemi Adenuga; Gerry O'Connor; Alan Tobin; Gillian Toole; Eugene Cassidy; Maria Murphy; Joe Fox; and Nick Killian.**

Clarifications were provided by Mr Pádraig Maguire, Mr Alan Russell and the Council's Law Agent, with the Planning staff highlighting that there was already sufficient zoned lands in Navan and that any additional zoning would have an impact across the county.

An amendment to the NoM was proposed by **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly** that proposed that the lands referred to in the 4 NoMs and the submission be designated as Phase 2 lands, for potential residential zoning post 2027. This was endorsed by the movers of the motions.

A short recess was called by An Cathaoirleach, in order to assist with the clarification of a number of procedural questions.

On the resumption of the meeting, there was a further discussion on the implications of this amendment, with the Council's Law Agent indicating that Phase 2 was technically not zoning and there was no assurance that the lands would be zoned residential in the next County Development Plan. He did raise a concern about the creation of expectation by land-owners post 2027. Councillors raised questions regarding the likely approach that the OPR would take to such a decision; the potential implications for other settlements; the consequences for the land owners and whether this decision could be revised during the next phase of the review of the Plan. Clarifications were provided on these matters. While the Council's Law Agent responded to a request from **Councillor Joe Fox** to clarify the potential impact of a court judgement on Phase 2 lands in Drogheda.

**Councillor Paddy Meade** informed the meeting that he had no beneficial interest in any of the lands under consideration, as the owner of one of the sites is a distant cousin.

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the amended NoMs and submission was for no change and a roll call vote on this recommendation was conducted as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>		X		
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>		X		
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>		X		
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>		X		

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CASSIDY, Eugene		X		
DEANE, Francis		X		
DEMPSEY, Aisling		X		
DREW, Sean				X
FENNESSY, Eddie				X
FITZGERALD, Brian				X
FITZSIMONS, Pdraig		X		
FOX, Joe		X		
FRENCH, Noel		X		
GALLAGHER, Michael				X
GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre				X
GILROY, David		X		
GOLDEN, Trevor				X
HARDING, Wayne		X		
JAMAL, Suzanne		X		
KEOGAN, Geraldine		X		
KILLIAN, Nick		X		
LAWES, Alan				X
MC CABE, Paul		X		
MC GINTY, Elaine				X
MC KEE, Stephen				X
MEADE, Paddy		X		
MOORE, Ronan				X
MURPHY, Maria		X		
O'CONNOR, Gerry		X		
O'NEILL, Aisling				X
O'REILLY, Damien		X		
REILLY, Sarah				X
REILLY, Tommy		X		
SMITH, Amanda				X
SOUHAN, Niamh		X		
TOBIN, Alan		X		
TÓIBÍN, Emer		X		
TOLAN, Sharon				X
TOOLE, Gillian		X		
TORMEY, Conor		X		

In agreement = 0, Not in agreement = 26, Abstain = 0, Absent = 14. In accordance with this decision, the recommendation was not agreed and the Notices of Motion and the Submission as amended were agreed.

#### **NoM 95 – Councillor Tommy Reilly**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Emer Tóibín** was introduced by Councillor Reilly, with statements of support from **Councillors: Pdraig Fitzsimons; Emer Tóibín; Yemi Adenuga and Francis Deane**. An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting



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that in agreeing the recommendation on NoM 95 that NoM 97 would fall and that the recommendation on Submission 1020 would also be impacted.

The Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed on a show of hands with 21 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 96 – Councillor Emer Tóibín**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Emer Tóibín** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade** was introduced by Councillor Tóibín who considered that the draft Plan was not specific enough in addressing three issues set out in the motion and that the Plan should set out a roadmap for action. Mr Pádraig Maguire, Mr Des Foley and the Chief Executive made interventions, with all agreeing that the issues were best addressed in a Local Area Plan. There was a further intervention supporting this approach by **Councillor Yemi Adenuga**. The Chief Executive's recommendation for no change was agreed on a show of hands vote of 20 in agreement, with 3 members not in agreement.

### **NoM 97 – Councillor Emer Tóibín**

This Notice of Motion fell as a result of the vote on NoM 95.

### **NoM 98 – Councillor Emer Tóibín**

This Notice of Motion was dealt with under NoM 94.

### **NoM 99 – Councillor Emer Tóibín**

This Notice of Motion fell as a result of the vote on NoM 93.

### **NoM 100 – Councillors Francis Deane and Edward Fennessy**

This Notice of Motion was dealt with under NoM 94.

### **NoM 101 – Councillor Tommy Reilly**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Emer Tóibín** was introduced by Councillor Reilly. The Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed on a show of hands with 22 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 102 – Councillor Tommy Reilly**

This Notice of Motion was dealt with under NoM 94.

### **Submissions**

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 37 submissions received on the Navan



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### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons**. A total of 22 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **Change Recommendation**

**Councillor Mike Bray** highlighted references to Kells in submission MH-C5-685 and it was agreed to defer the Kells element of this submission to consideration of the Kells settlement chapter.

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Francis Deane** and seconded by **Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons**. A total of 21 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

Following the vote, An Cathaoirleach declared the chapter on the Navan and the Tier 2 Settlements to be concluded.

<b>At 1 p.m. the meeting was adjourned until Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021.</b>
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### *Special Planning Meeting*

*Re-commenced on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 @10am online (via Zoom)*

**18<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**Presiding**

Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach

**Councillors Present:**

Councillors Yemi Adenuga, Joe Bonner, Mike Bray, Aisling Dempsey, Seán Drew, Pdraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Wayne Harding, Suzanne Jamal, Nick Killian, Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty, Paddy Meade, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Aisling O'Neill, Damien O'Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Amanda Smith, Niamh Souhan, Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole, Conor Tormey.

**Apologies:**

Councillors Tom Behan, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Edward Fennessy, Brian Fitzgerald, Michael Gallagher, Deirdre Geraghty-Smith; Trevor Golden; Geraldine Keogan, Alan Lawes, Stephen McKee, Ronan Moore, Sarah Reilly.

**Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Des Foley, Fiona Lawless, Barry Lynch, Larry Whelan

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Seán Clarke, Dara McGowan

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Engineer:** Nicholas Whyatt

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee

In advance of the formal commencement of the meeting, An Cathaoirleach welcomed all participants and set out the key directions for all participants, in line with the Standing Orders.

Mr. Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department gave a presentation with regards to Members' statutory obligations concerning the:

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### **Consideration of Notices of Motion and Submission relating to Dunboyne/Clonee/Pace**

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Dunboyne/Clonee/Pace - 34 submissions; 6 NoMs and 1 NoMs from the floor.

#### **(FTF) NoM 31 – Councillor Maria Murphy (Dunboyne re-zoning – A2)**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox** was presented by Councillor Murphy, which had the objective of re-zoning some of the Phase 2 lands to A2 zoning, with a further input from Councillor Fox focusing on traffic congestion issues and the importance of the road proposals to help de-congest the town.

In response, Mr Pádraig Maguire provided a summary of the existing zoned lands in the Dunboyne area, which is the only settlement in the county which is part of the Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan. He indicated that all Phase 1 lands currently have development activity on-going, but considered that there is more than enough lands zoned for residential development and that with the completion and implementation of the transportation study, he expected all lands to proceed during the next Plan period.

Mr Des Foley provided a background to the transportation study, the on-going dialogue with the NTA and TII and the planned Part 8 for later in 2021. Mr. Nicholas Whyatt outlined the transportation study, in terms of its high-level objectives; the various measures that it proposed and the expected outcomes that the delivery of these measures will bring.

**Councillor Gillian Toole** sought clarification on the link between the motion and submission 658 and also on references to Takeda in the Written Statement (Vol. 2). These were clarified by Mr Pádraig Maguire and Mr Seán Clarke and Councillor Murphy confirmed that her motion overlapped with part of submission 658. **Councillor Nick Killian** gave a short overview on the development of the training centre by Solas.

There was an extensive discussion on the motion, its impacts locally and the wider implications, with interventions by **Councillors: Damien O'Reilly; An Cathaoirleach; Nick Killian; Gerry O'Connor and Maria Murphy**. In the absence of a map accompanying the motion, specifying the exact lands to be re-zoned and the lands to be de-zoned, discussions focused on the possible extent of the lands, the potential number of housing units that could be realised, the potential requirement for an SHD process should the motion be agreed and the implications for the Core Strategy of the draft Plan. Clarifications and responses were provided by Mr Pádraig Maguire, Mr. Seán Clarke, the Chief Executive and the Council's Law Agent.

Questions from **Councillors Nick Killian, Sean Drew and Conor Tormey** on the role of the elected members in the Local Area Plan process vis-à-vis the Core Strategy, their role in de-zoning lands, their indemnification or potential exposure resulting from any claim for compensation from a land-owner and whether they could be called as witnesses if a judicial review was taken.



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Mr Pádraig Maguire referred to section 10(8) of the Planning and Development Acts whereby any land is under consideration in a County Development Plan review. While the possibility of a compensation claim arises under Section 13, no such issues arise under section 10(8). He also underlined the need to maintain the Core Strategy, which has been agreed. However, if it was agreed to re-zone the lands under consideration, his view was that this does not create a precedent, as Dunboyne is uniquely placed in the metropolitan area.

The Chief Executive underlined that elected members had legal cover within the review of the County Development Plan once there was a clear rationale as to what is being done. In this regard, she emphasised that in maintaining the Core Strategy there has to be a balance of lands re-zoned with lands de-zoned.

In calling a short recess, to help clarify a number of procedural issues, a number of questions from **Councillors Gillian Toole, Elaine McGinty and Joe Bonner** were posed regarding the keeping of records generally and the record of discussions during a recess. An Cathaoirleach underlined that the calling of a recess was a standard practice to help facilitate decision-making by the Council, that no record is ever kept as a recess does not form part of the official meeting and he challenged the suggestion that there was any impropriety with the holding of a recess.

On the resumption of the meeting, **Councillor Maria Murphy** proposed to defer consideration of her motion until the next meeting to enable her to submit the appropriate map. This was agreed by the meeting.

The Council's Law Agent clarified that the recordings of the meeting were an aide-memoire for the purpose of drafting the minutes and that should the Plan review process be the subject of a judicial review the recordings would be available for that purpose. If there was no judicial review, then the recordings would be destroyed, in line with the decision of the Council in October 2020. He also clarified the potential for a councillor to be called as a witness in a judicial review process.

### **NoM 103 – Councillor Damien O'Reilly**

The mover of the Notice of Motion, **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** indicated that he accepted the Chief Executive's recommendation and withdrew the motion.

### **NoM 104/105 – Councillor Damien O'Reilly**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian** was presented by Councillor O'Reilly who raised a query regarding the current status of the development of the graveyard. Mr Larry Whelan, A/Director of Services provided a clarification on the on-going works and the intention to go to a Part 8 for the site. The Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed on a show of hands vote with 20 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.



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### **NoM 106 – Councillor Damien O'Reilly**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian** was presented by Councillor O'Reilly, seeking to extend the town boundary and to regularise the zonings. The motion was supported by **Councillor Maria Murphy**. Mr. Pádraig Maguire provided an overview of the parcel of land under consideration and accepted the rationale for the proposed changes. In advance of the vote, the Chief Executive suggested, that for consistency, the vote should be taken on the original recommendation of 'no change' despite the clarifications of Councillor O'Reilly and the response of the Planning staff. The Chief Executive's recommendation was not agreed on a show of hands vote with 1 member in agreement and 20 members not in agreement. The motion was therefore agreed.

### **NoM 107 – Councillor Damien O'Reilly**

The mover of the Notice of Motion, **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** withdrew the motion.

### **NoM 108 – Councillor Damien O'Reilly**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**. The Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed by a show of hands vote with 20 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 109 – Councillor Brian Fitzgerald**

As Councillor Fitzgerald was not present, Councillor Nick Killian agreed to propose the motion in his absence. An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that under Standing Orders (18.3) that written authorisation was required for this purpose and that this would be sought after the meeting.

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Amanda Smith** was introduced by Councillor Killian. An Cathaoirleach outlined that three submissions (MH-C5-154, 158 and 244) were also linked to this motion. Mr Alan Russell provided an overview of the developments under consideration and their planning history. There were also interventions by: **Councillors Maria Murphy; Gillian Toole; and Nick Killian**. The Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed on a show of hands vote with 26 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **Submissions**

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 34 submissions received on the Dunboyne/Clonee/Pace. Given the deferral of the NoM proposed by Councillor Murphy it was also agreed to defer consideration of submission MH-C5-658, which was linked to the motion.



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### No Change Recommendation

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**. A total of 24 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### Change Recommendation

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**. A total of 24 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### Part Change Recommendation

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Part Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**. A total of 20 members was in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **Other Matters**

Before the meeting was adjourned, the Chief Executive informed the meeting that the holding of meetings on Mondays was posing difficulties in terms of processing NoMs being submitted. She suggested that the meeting planned for Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> be re-scheduled. She also informed members that additional dates will be proposed, in order to complete consideration of the remaining chapters.

**Councillor Paddy Meade** said that Councillors have received training and that he had received very helpful support from Planning staff in submitting his motions and that Councillors need to take responsibility for ensuring that the motions they table are complete and correct. He further proposed that a harder line needs to be adopted in invalidating NoMs if needs be.

**Councillor Joe Bonner** informed the meeting that he would not be in a position to attend the meeting on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, when Ashbourne would be considered, due to circumstances beyond his control. He requested that Ashbourne be deferred to Friday. **Councillor Conor Tormey** indicated that he had no problem with this proposal. Before he adjourned the meeting, An Cathaoirleach indicated that this proposal would be considered.

<b>At 1 p.m. the meeting was adjourned until Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021.</b>
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### ***Special Planning Meeting***

***Re-commenced on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 @2pm online (via Zoom)***

**21<sup>st</sup> January 2021**

**Presiding**

Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach

**Councillors Present:**

Councillors Yemi Adenuga, Tom Behan, Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey, Seán Drew, Edward Fennessy, Pádraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, Trevor Golden; Wayne Harding, Suzanne Jamal, Geraldine Keogan, Nick Killian, Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty, Stephen McKee, Paddy Meade, Ronan Moore, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Aisling O'Neill, Damien O'Reilly, Sarah Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Amanda Smith, Niamh Souhan, Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole, Conor Tormey.

**Apologies:**

Councillors Joe Bonner, Brian Fitzgerald, Deirdre Geraghty-Smith, Alan Lawes.

**Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Des Foley, Fiona Lawless, Barry Lynch, Larry Whelan

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Seán Clarke, Dara McGowan

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee

In advance of the formal commencement of the meeting, An Cathaoirleach welcomed all participants and set out the key directions for all participants, in line with the Standing Orders.

Mr. Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department gave a presentation with regards to Members' statutory obligations concerning the:

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### Complete the consideration of the Notices of Motion relating to Dunboyne/Clonee/PACE

#### **(FTF) NoM 31 – Councillor Maria Murphy (Dunboyne re-zoning – A2)**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox** which was deferred at the previous meeting was considered. Councillor Murphy indicated that she was withdrawing the motion she submitted since the previous meeting and there was a discussion on the nature, objective and potential impact of the motion, with interventions from **Councillors Joe Fox; Nick Killian, Tommy Reilly; Ronan Moore, Gillian Toole; Gerry O'Connor and Sean Drew**. Clarifications were provided by Mr Pádraig Maguire, Seán Clarke and the Council's Law Agent.

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the NoM was for no change and a roll call vote on this recommendation was conducted as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>DREW, Sean</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>FITZSIMONS, Padraig</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>FOX, Joe</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>FRENCH, Noel</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>GALLAGHER, Michael</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>GILROY, David</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>GOLDEN, Trevor</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>HARDING, Wayne</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>JAMAL, Suzanne</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>KEOGAN, Geraldine</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>KILLIAN, Nick</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>LAWES, Alan</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>MC CABE, Paul</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>MC GINTY, Elaine</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>MC KEE, Stephen</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>MEADE, Paddy</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>MOORE, Ronan</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>MURPHY, Maria</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>O'CONNOR, Gerry</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>O'NEILL, Aisling</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>O'REILLY, Damien</b>	<b>X</b>			



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REILLY, Sarah				X
REILLY, Tommy	X			
SMITH, Amanda	X			
SOUHAN, Niamh		X		
TOBIN, Alan		X		
TÓIBÍN, Emer	X			
TOLAN, Sharon		X		
TOOLE, Gillian	X			
TORMEY, Conor	X			

In agreement = 23, Not in agreement = 10, Abstain = 0, Absent = 7. In accordance with this decision, the Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed.

In declaring that the chapter on Dunboyne/Clonee/Pace was closed, An Cathaoirleach reiterated to members that the Notices of Motions tabled must adhere to the criteria and that if not then they would be rejected. **Councillors Nick Killian, Noel French and Amanda Smith** sought clarification and responses were provided by Mr Seán Clarke and the Chief Executive who confirmed again that assistance has been offered to all members wishing to submit motions and maps.

### Consideration of Notices of Motion and Submission relating to Ashbourne

Mr Pádraig Maguire provided the meeting with an overview of Ashbourne, which is a strategically important location for development within the county. The town has witnessed significant growth and experienced issues associated with such growth and is projected to grow to approximately 15,000 population over the life of the Plan. He also highlighted some proposed changes in terms of zonings in and around the town.

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Ashbourne - 55 submissions; 16 NoMs and 5 NoMs from the floor.

**Councillor Conor Tormey** sought clarity on the submission of NoMs, which was clarified by Mr. Clarke.

### NoM 110 – Councillor Gillian Toole

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin** was presented by Councillor Toole who indicated that she was satisfied with the Chief Executive's recommendation. The Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed on a show of hands vote with 23 members in agreement. **Councillor Michael Gallagher** was not in agreement.

### NoM 111 – Councillors: Tobin; Tormey; Jamal, Smith and O'Neill

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Aisling O'Neill** and seconded by **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** was presented by **Councillor Alan Tobin**, with interventions from **Councillors Conor**



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**Tormey; Aisling O'Neill; Nick Killian, and Suzanne Jamal.** Mr Pádraig Maguire responded by indicating that the location for the park was good and that the proposed size was future proofing Ashbourne for open space. He suggested that 20 acres was a more appropriate size and that the specifics should be addressed in the Local Area Plan. The Chief Executive confirmed the Council's commitment to a park for Ashbourne but not at the scale proposed in the motion.

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the NoM was for no change and a roll call vote on this recommendation was conducted as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>		X		
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>		X		
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>				X
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>		X		
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>		X		
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>		X		
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>		X		
<b>DREW, Sean</b>		X		
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>				X
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>				X
<b>FITZSIMONS, Padraig</b>		X		
<b>FOX, Joe</b>		X		
<b>FRENCH, Noel</b>		X		
<b>GALLAGHER, Michael</b>		X		
<b>GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre</b>				X
<b>GILROY, David</b>		X		
<b>GOLDEN, Trevor</b>				X
<b>HARDING, Wayne</b>		X		
<b>JAMAL, Suzanne</b>		X		
<b>KEOGAN, Geraldine</b>		X		
<b>KILLIAN, Nick</b>		X		
<b>LAWES, Alan</b>				X
<b>MC CABE, Paul</b>		X		
<b>MC GINTY, Elaine</b>		X		
<b>MC KEE, Stephen</b>				X
<b>MEADE, Paddy</b>		X		
<b>MOORE, Ronan</b>		X		
<b>MURPHY, Maria</b>		X		
<b>O'CONNOR, Gerry</b>		X		
<b>O'NEILL, Aisling</b>		X		
<b>O'REILLY, Damien</b>		X		
<b>REILLY, Sarah</b>				X
<b>REILLY, Tommy</b>		X		
<b>SMITH, Amanda</b>		X		
<b>SOUHAN, Niamh</b>		X		



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<b>TÓIBÍN, Emer</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>TOLAN, Sharon</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>TOOLE, Gillian</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>TORMEY, Conor</b>		<b>X</b>		

In agreement = 0, Not in agreement = 32, Abstain = 0, Absent = 8. In accordance with this decision, the Chief Executive's recommendation was not agreed and the Notice of Motion was adopted.

### **Personal Statement by Councillor Alan Tobin – two separate interventions**

(1 – at 3.45pm) On 24<sup>th</sup> November there was a bit of a heated debate. I used some language that shouldn't have been used in the chamber. I am passionate about my area and I wanted the best for Meath and for Ashbourne. I up-hold and I've signed the Code of Conduct, for this reason I retract the comments made to another Councillor in the heat of the debate. It was a reaction to inaccurate information that was introduced into the debate and I retract that language.

(2 – at 5.06pm) I apologise for not alluding to what the conversation was about and I am sure everybody knows who this was about. The language that I used, I called Councillor Bonner a liar. I retract that language that was used.

### **NoM 112 – Councillors: Tobin; Tormey; Jamal, Smith and O'Neill**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Damien O'Reilly**. The motion and its rationale was presented by Councillor Tobin with interventions from **Councillors Nick Killian; Aisling O'Neill; Gillian Toole; and Elaine McGinty**. Questions were raised as to the ownership of the lands under consideration; the proposed re-zoning; and the legal implications of such a re-zoning.

In response, Mr Alan Russell stated that there was a linkage between NoM 112 and 114 and gave an overview of the sites under consideration. Furthermore, Mr Seán Clarke highlighted the impact of the vote on Group Submission No. 5 (which was deferred by the Council on November 23<sup>rd</sup> when considering the Group Submissions) and the Council's Law Agent responded on any potential legal implications. Councillor Tobin clarified that NoM 112 was being amended so that the re-zoning being sought now is from A2 to G1.

Following the intervention by Mr Russell and in accordance with the Ethical Framework for the Local Government Service, **Councillor Conor Tormey** declared a potential conflict of interest as his company has business dealings with the owners of the lands referenced in NoM 114. Councillor Tormey absented himself from the meeting and did not take part in any of the discussions.

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the amended NoM was for no change and a roll call vote on this recommendation was conducted as follows:



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	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>		X		
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>		X		
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>				X
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>		X		
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>				X
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>		X		
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>		X		
<b>DREW, Sean</b>		X		
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>				X
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>				X
<b>FITZSIMONS, Padraig*</b>		X		
<b>FOX, Joe</b>		X		
<b>FRENCH, Noel</b>		X		
<b>GALLAGHER, Michael</b>		X		
<b>GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre</b>				X
<b>GILROY, David</b>		X		
<b>GOLDEN, Trevor</b>			X	
<b>HARDING, Wayne</b>		X		
<b>JAMAL, Suzanne</b>		X		
<b>KEOGAN, Geraldine</b>		X		
<b>KILLIAN, Nick</b>		X		
<b>LAWES, Alan</b>				X
<b>MC CABE, Paul</b>				X
<b>MC GINTY, Elaine</b>		X		
<b>MC KEE, Stephen</b>		X		
<b>MEADE, Paddy</b>		X		
<b>MOORE, Ronan</b>		X		
<b>MURPHY, Maria</b>		X		
<b>O'CONNOR, Gerry</b>		X		
<b>O'NEILL, Aisling</b>		X		
<b>O'REILLY, Damien</b>		X		
<b>REILLY, Sarah</b>				X
<b>REILLY, Tommy</b>				X
<b>SMITH, Amanda</b>		X		
<b>SOUHAN, Niamh</b>		X		
<b>TOBIN, Alan</b>		X		
<b>TÓIBÍN, Emer</b>		X		
<b>TOLAN, Sharon</b>		X		
<b>TOOLE, Gillian</b>		X		
<b>TORMEY, Conor</b>	Disclosed a Conflict of Interest – Not Present for Vote			

In agreement = 0, Not in agreement = 29, Abstain = 1, Absent = 10. In accordance with this decision, the Chief Executive's recommendation was not agreed and the Notice of Motion was adopted.

**NoM 113 – Councillors: Tobin; Tormey; Jamal, Smith and O'Neill**



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This Notice of Motion was withdrawn.

### **NoM 114 – Councillors: Tobin; Tormey; Jamal, Smith and O’Neill**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Damien O’Reilly** and introduced by Councillor Tobin.

The Chief Executive’s recommendation on the NoM was for no change and a roll call vote on this recommendation was conducted as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>		X		
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>		X		
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>				X
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>		X		
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>				X
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>		X		
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>		X		
<b>DREW, Sean</b>		X		
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>				X
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>				X
<b>FITZSIMONS, Padraig*</b>		X		
<b>FOX, Joe</b>		X		
<b>FRENCH, Noel</b>		X		
<b>GALLAGHER, Michael</b>		X		
<b>GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre</b>				X
<b>GILROY, David</b>		X		
<b>GOLDEN, Trevor</b>				X
<b>HARDING, Wayne</b>		X		
<b>JAMAL, Suzanne</b>		X		
<b>KEOGAN, Geraldine</b>		X		
<b>KILLIAN, Nick</b>		X		
<b>LAWES, Alan</b>				X
<b>MC CABE, Paul</b>				X
<b>MC GINTY, Elaine</b>		X		
<b>MC KEE, Stephen</b>		X		
<b>MEADE, Paddy</b>		X		
<b>MOORE, Ronan</b>			X	
<b>MURPHY, Maria</b>		X		
<b>O’CONNOR, Gerry</b>		X		
<b>O’NEILL, Aisling</b>		X		
<b>O’REILLY, Damien</b>		X		
<b>REILLY, Sarah</b>		X		
<b>REILLY, Tommy</b>				X
<b>SMITH, Amanda</b>		X		
<b>SOUHAN, Niamh</b>		X		



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<b>TÓIBÍN, Emer</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>TOLAN, Sharon</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>TOOLE, Gillian</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>TORMEY, Conor</b>	Disclosed a Conflict of Interest – Not Present for Vote			

\*Vote received by text to Meetings Administrator

In agreement = 0, Not in agreement = 29, Abstain = 1, Absent = 10. In accordance with this decision, the Chief Executive's recommendation was not agreed and the Notice of Motion was adopted.

Following this vote, Councillor Tormey returned to the meeting following his earlier declaration and absented himself from consideration of NoMs 112 and 114.

### **NoM 115 – Councillors: Tobin; Tormey; Jamal, Smith and O'Neill**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy** was presented by Councillor Tobin, who proposed to withdraw the motion if it could be considered as part of the Local Area Plan. The meeting agreed to the withdrawal of the motion.

### **NoM 116 – Councillors: Tobin; Tormey; Jamal, Smith and O'Neill**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian** was presented by Councillor Tobin, with expressions of support from **Councillors Conor Tormey** and **Nick Killian**. The Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed by a show of hands vote with 24 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 117 – Councillor Joe Bonner**

As Councillor Bonner was not in attendance and no other member was authorised to propose this motion, in accordance with Standing Order 18.3, the motion fell.

### **NoM 118 – Councillor Joe Bonner**

As Councillor Bonner was not in attendance and no other member was authorised to propose this motion, in accordance with Standing Order 18.3, the motion fell.

### **NoM 119 – Councillor Joe Bonner**

As Councillor Bonner was not in attendance and no other member was authorised to propose this motion, in accordance with Standing Order 18.3, the motion fell.

### **NoM 120 – Councillor Alan Tobin**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Conor Tormey** was presented by Councillor Tobin. **Councillor Gillian Toole** sought clarification, which was provided. On a proposal of Councillor Tobin, the meeting agreed to the withdrawal of the motion.

### **NoM 121 – Councillor Alan Tobin**



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The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling O'Neill** was presented by Councillor Tobin. The Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed by a show of hands vote with 23 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 122 – Councillor Alan Tobin**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Conor Tormey** was presented by Councillor Tobin. The Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed by a show of hands vote with 25 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 123 – Councillor Alan Tobin**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling O'Neill** was presented by Councillor Tobin. The Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed by a show of hands vote with 25 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 124 – Councillor Alan Tobin**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Amanda Smith** was presented by Councillor Tobin. The Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed by a show of hands vote with 23 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 125 – Councillor Paddy Meade**

Mr Seán Clarke informed the meeting that the issue addressed by this motion had already been dealt with when the Elected Members considered the Group Submissions (on November 23<sup>rd</sup>). As a result, NoM 125 fell.

### **(FTF) NoM 32 – Councillor Damien O'Reilly** (E1 zoning)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian** was presented by Councillor O'Reilly. Mr Pádraig Maguire gave a response indicating that the change in zoning to E1 was acceptable. The Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed by a show of hands vote with 26 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **(FTF) NoM 33 – Councillor Alan Tobin** (E1 zoning)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Aising O'Neill** was presented by Councillor Tobin. Mr Pádraig Maguire gave a similar response and recommendation to the previous NoM. The Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed by a show of hands vote with 18 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **(FTF) NoM 34 – Councillor Alan Tobin** (masterplan)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Amanda Smith**. Councillor Tobin proposed to withdraw the motion and this was agreed by the meeting.

### **FTF NoM 35 – Councillor Alan Tobin** (existing creche)



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The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Amanda Smith** was presented by Councillor Tobin, with further comments by **Councillor Conor Tormey**. Mr Sean Clarke provided some background on the lands under consideration and also clarified a number of issues raised in the discussions. The Chief Executive's recommendation for 'no change' was agreed by a show of hands vote with 19 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

**(FTF) NoM 36 – Councillor Alan Tobin** (access to park)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Suzanne Jamal** was presented by Councillor Tobin. The Chief Executive's recommendation for 'no change' was agreed by a show of hands vote with 19 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

**At 5.45p.m. the meeting was adjourned until Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.**



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### *Special Planning Meeting*

*Re-commenced on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 @10am online (via Zoom)*

**22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021**

**Presiding**

Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach

**Councillors Present:**

Councillors Tom Behan, Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey, Seán Drew, Pádraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Trevor Golden; Wayne Harding, Suzanne Jamal, Nick Killian, Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty, Paddy Meade, Ronan Moore, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Damien O'Reilly, Sarah Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Amanda Smith, Niamh Souhan, Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole, Conor Tormey.

**Apologies:**

Councillors Yemi Adenuga; Joe Bonner, Edward Fennessy, Brian Fitzgerald, Michael Gallagher, Deirdre Geraghty-Smith, Geraldine Keogan, Alan Lawes, Stephen McKee, Aisling O'Neill.

**Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Des Foley, Fiona Lawless, Barry Lynch, Larry Whelan

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Seán Clarke,

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee

In advance of the formal commencement of the meeting, An Cathaoirleach welcomed all participants and set out the key directions for all participants, in line with the Standing Orders.

Mr. Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department gave a presentation with regards to a Member's statutory obligations concerning the:

- Ethical Framework
- Disclosure at Meetings
- Disclosure in Advance of Meetings
- Planning Legislation



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### **Complete the consideration of the Submissions on Ashbourne**

#### **Submissions**

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 55 submissions received on Ashbourne.

#### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**. A total of 15 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

#### **Change Recommendation**

In advance of the vote, **Councillor Alan Tobin** wished to place on the record that a vacant site levy had been placed on the community site lands and welcomed the change in zoning.

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Conor Tormey**. A total of 19 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

#### **Part Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Part Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Conor Tormey**. A total of 19 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

An Cathaoirleach confirmed that the chapter dealing with Ashbourne was now complete.

### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Trim**

Mr Alan Russell provided the meeting with an overview of Trim, the key zonings and the sites which are the subject of notices of motion.

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Trim - 15 submissions; 0 NoMs and 6 NoMs from the floor.



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### **(FTF) NoM 37 – Councillor Aisling Dempsey** (tourism zoning)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey** and seconded by **Councillor Conor Tormey** was presented by Councillor Dempsey who proposed to amend her motion so that the lands under consideration were a 50:50 split between tourism (D1) and community zoning (G1). This proposed amendment was seconded by **Councillor Noel French**. The proposal in effect resulted in Councillor Dempsey withdrawing her NoM 1(a) tabled in advance of the meeting. The following spoke in favour of the amended motion, **Councillors Ronan Moore; Joe Fox and Noel French**.

The Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed on a show of hands vote with 23 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **(FTF) NoM 38 – Councillor Aisling Dempsey** (Scurlockstown)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox** was presented by Councillor Dempsey. Mr Seán Clarke informed the meeting that NoMs tabled by **Councillor Joe Fox** and **Councillor Noel French** and **Submission MH-C5-861** were effectively the same proposals and it was agreed that these would be considered together.

Mr Pádraig Maguire set out the background for the business park and discussed its location outside the settlement of Trim. He indicated that the E1 zoning should be retained given the gateway location of the site but proposed that a split between E1 towards the front of the lands and E2 to the rear would be acceptable to the Chief Executive. There were interventions and questions from the following **Councillors Joe Fox; Noel French; Ronan Moore; Trevor Golden; Aisling Dempsey and Gillian Toole**. Clarifications were provided by Mr Maguire.

The Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed on a show of hands vote with 27 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **(FTF) NoM 39 – Councillor Joe Fox** (Scurlockstown)

This Notice of Motion was considered during the previous discussion.

### **(FTF) NoM 40 – Councillor Aisling Dempsey** (casual trading)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox** was presented by Councillor Dempsey who wished to have an objective added to the Trim Written Statement.

Mr Seán Clarke, Mr Des Foley and the Council's Law Agent responded by indicating that there was an existing objective (ED OBJ 72) in the draft plan and that the proposed objective for Trim was best dealt with by the Local Area Plan. The various other considerations such as accessibility, potential loss of parking spaces, health and safety were also best considered at local level and while there was a wish to protect existing businesses and rate-payers there were also competition law considerations.



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A number of interventions were in favour of the spirit of the proposal but also agreed with the view of the Executive, including: **Councillors Joe Fox; Trevor Golden; Ronan Moore** and **Wayne Harding**. Councillor Dempsey proposed to withdraw the motion for consideration at LAP level. This was agreed by the meeting.

### **(FTF) NoM 41 – Councillor Noel French** (Scurlockstown)

This Notice of Motion was considered earlier by the meeting.

### **(FTF) NoM 42 – Councillor Joe Fox** (masterplan)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French** was presented by Councillor Fox who felt that a masterplan for the area of the town centred on the OPW building could be transformative. Mr. Pádraig Maguire welcomed the proposal, indicating that the area was of strategic importance to the town and explaining the purpose of a masterplan, in response to a query by **Councillor Trevor Golden**. The proposal was also supported by **Councillor Ronan Moore**. The Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed on a show of hands vote with 27 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **Submissions**

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 15 submissions received on Trim.

### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan Moore**. A total of 23 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden**. A total of 25 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **Part Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Part Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**. A total of 24 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

An Cathaoirleach confirmed that the chapter dealing with Trim was now complete.



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Before moving onto the next settlement, An Cathaoirleach underlined to the meeting the need to ensure that all NoMs submitted from the floor must conform with the required structure and include a map where relevant. NoMs not complying would not be accepted.

The Chief Executive also outlined the proposed revised schedule of meetings to conclude the consideration of the Chief Executive's Report and the NoMs. She informed the meeting that if the Council did not conclude its work within the revised schedule that any future meetings would be pushed back to the end of February, to allow the Planning Department time to deal with a significant volume of planning applications.

The Chief Executive also proposed to set a deadline for all future NoMs – close of business on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Both the revised schedule and the deadline were agreed by the elected members.

There were questions from **Councillors Paddy Meade, Sharon Tolan** and **Sean Drew**. Responses were provided by An Cathaoirleach and Mr Pádraig Maguire.

### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Kells**

Mr. Seán Clarke provided an overview of the NoMs and submissions received on Kells - 21 submissions, 4 NoMs and 10 NoMs from the floor.

Mr Alan Russell gave a presentation on Kells, which is seen as the gateway for the north of the county, its population size and projected growth during the Plan period and the key zonings and strategic land parcels. In response, **Councillor Paul McCabe** sought clarity on the impact of new housing development permissions on the Core Strategy number for Kells. Mr Russell confirmed that new units would have to be added to the Kells allocation and the Core Strategy up-dated. It was also clarified that NoMs 127 and 128 were tabled by Councillor Drew only and not by a group of councillors.

#### **NoM 126 – Councillors: Drew; S.Reilly; Cassidy; McCabe**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Sean Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Mike Bray** was presented by Councillor Drew. Mr Pádraig Maguire provided a policy overview referencing the retail strategy and retail guidelines. He also referenced similar retail outlet centre developments and the potential implications for Kells in terms of traffic and wider retail impact in the town. He considered that a more general objective could be added to the Plan without identifying a particular site. However, the Chief Executive's recommendation on the NoM was for no change.

There was a general discussion on the merits of the proposal with interventions from **Councillors Mike Bray; Eugene Cassidy; Paul McCabe; Gillian Toole; Sarah Reilly;** and **Alan Tobin**, generally

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supporting the proposal. In response, Mr Maguire suggested deferring a decision until further clarity could be achieved with the proposed wording. This was agreed by the meeting.

### **NoM 127 – Councillor Sean Drew**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Sean Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly** was presented by Councillor Drew. He acknowledged the response of the Chief Executive and proposed to withdraw the motion. This was agreed by the meeting.

### **NoM 128 – Councillor Sean Drew**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Sean Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** was presented by Councillor Drew, highlighting that the site was a gateway site, the wrong location for a supermarket and proposing that it be re-zoned D1 (tourism). This proposed amendment to the motion (on the D1 zoning) was seconded by Councillor Cassidy.

Mr Pdraig Maguire informed the meeting about the submission from Lidl (submission 685) and explained that any proposal on the site would be subject to a retail impact assessment, the likely proposal would be for a road and a store on the lands and that any building in that location would be of a higher standard and finish. In response to **Councillor Sarah Reilly**, he confirmed that the road will be developer-led and not developed by the Council.

There was an extensive discussion on the site and the merits of the amended motion with interventions by **Councillors Eugene Cassidy; Sarah Reilly; Paul McCabe; Gerry O'Connor; Gillian Toole; Pdraig Fitzsimons; and Sean Drew**. Mr Maguire gave a further input on the purpose of the designated road on the site and suggested that this not be removed. It was agreed that the proposed motion retains the proposed road on the site.

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the amended NoM was for no change and a roll call vote on this recommendation was conducted as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>				X
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>		X		
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>				X
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>		X		
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>		X		
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>				X
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>	X			
<b>DREW, Sean</b>		X		
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>				X
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>				X
<b>FITZSIMONS, Pdraig*</b>		X		
<b>FOX, Joe</b>		X		
<b>FRENCH, Noel</b>		X		
<b>GALLAGHER, Michael</b>				X

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GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre				X
GILROY, David		X		
GOLDEN, Trevor				X
HARDING, Wayne				X
JAMAL, Suzanne		X		
KEOGAN, Geraldine				X
KILLIAN, Nick		X		
LAWES, Alan				X
MC CABE, Paul	X			
MC GINTY, Elaine				X
MC KEE, Stephen				X
MEADE, Paddy	X			
MOORE, Ronan				X
MURPHY, Maria		X		
O'CONNOR, Gerry		X		
O'NEILL, Aisling				X
O'REILLY, Damien		X		
REILLY, Sarah		X		
REILLY, Tommy				X
SMITH, Amanda				X
SOUHAN, Niamh		X		
TOBIN, Alan				X
TÓIBÍN, Emer		X		
TOLAN, Sharon		X		
TOOLE, Gillian	X			
TORMEY, Conor				X

In agreement = 4, Not in agreement = 17, Abstain = 0, Absent = 19. In accordance with this decision, the Chief Executive's recommendation was not agreed and the amended Notice of Motion was adopted.

At 1.15p.m. the meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021.



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### *Special Planning Meeting*

*Re-commenced on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 @2pm online (via Zoom)*

**27<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**Presiding**

Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach

**Councillors Present:**

Councillors Yemi Adenuga; Tom Behan, Joe Bonner, Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy, Aisling Dempsey, Seán Drew, Pádraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, Trevor Golden; Wayne Harding, Suzanne Jamal, Nick Killian, Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty, Stephen McKee, Paddy Meade, Ronan Moore, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Damien O'Reilly, Sarah Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Amanda Smith, Niamh Souhan, Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole, Conor Tormey.

**Apologies:**

Councillors Francis Deane, Edward Fennessy, Brian Fitzgerald, Deirdre Geraghty-Smith, Geraldine Keogan, Alan Lawes, Aisling O'Neill.

**Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Des Foley, Fiona Lawless, Barry Lynch, Larry Whelan

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Sean Clarke,

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee

In advance of the formal commencement of the meeting, An Cathaoirleach welcomed all participants and set out the key directions for all participants, in line with the Standing Orders.

Mr. Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department gave a presentation with regards to a Member's statutory obligations concerning the:

- Ethical Framework
- Disclosure at Meetings
- Disclosure in Advance of Meetings
- Planning Legislation



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### **Complete the consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Kells**

#### **NoM 129 – Councillor Paddy Meade**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian** was presented by Councillor Meade. He acknowledged that there was likely to be little support for the motion and proposed to withdraw it. This was agreed by the meeting.

#### **NoM 126 – Councillors: Drew; S.Reilly; Cassidy; McCabe** (deferred previously)

This Notice of Motion was previously proposed by **Councillor Sean Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Mike Bray** and deferred from the previous meeting. Councillor Drew introduced an alternative wording, which was supported by the Chief Executive, that would be inserted as an objective in the Economic Section of the Written Statement for Kells. This was agreed by a show of hands with a total of 25 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

#### **(FTF) NoM 43 – Councillor Sarah Reilly and (FTF) NoM 52 Councillors: Drew; Bray; McCabe** (Tree Preservation and re-zoning)

This Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Sarah Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** was presented by Councillor Reilly, outlining that it had two elements for the site: a tree preservation order and re-classification of the lands to F1 from A2.

It was agreed to consider, at the same time, a Notice of Motion (NoM 52 from the floor) moved by **Councillor Sean Drew** proposing to re-zone the same lands to G1.

Mr Pdraig Maguire provided an overview of the lands and their current zoning, including an explanation on the ‘star’ objective in the current County Development Plan. He suggested that the lands in questions should be either F1 or G1 in their entirety. There were further interventions by **Councillors Paul McCabe; Sean Drew** and **Gillian Toole**, as well as, from the Council’s Law Agent clarifying the elected members’ statutory remit in re-zoning privately owned lands.

Councillor Reilly wished to maintain her motion that the lands be re-zoned F1 in their entirety and the Chief Executive’s favourable recommendation on this was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 18 members in agreement and 7 members not in agreement. As a result of this vote Councillor Drew’s NoM fell.

#### **(FTF) NoM 44– Councillors: Drew; Bray; S.Reilly; Cassidy; McCabe** (spot objective/whitelands)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Sean Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Behan** was presented by Councillor Drew, who argued that the extent of the lands zoned for tourism (D1) was excessive and could hinder the development of the town and the delivery of the distributor road.

Senior Planner, Mr Pdraig Maguire, expressed his concern that this and a number of other linked NoMs had been submitted very late in the process, which in turn had not provided the Planning



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Department staff with sufficient time to properly assess the proposals. He pleaded with the members to submit proposals in good time and to help the planners in helping the elected members to make a Development Plan that was based on proper planning and sustainable development considerations. He also addressed the issue of a star objective, which he said was not a legal objective and informed the meeting that the Chief Executive's recommendation was for no change.

A roll call vote on this recommendation was conducted as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>		X		
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>		X		
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>	X			
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>		X		
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>		X		
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>				X
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>		X		
<b>DREW, Sean</b>		X		
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>				X
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>				X
<b>FITZSIMONS, Padraig</b>		X		
<b>FOX, Joe</b>		X		
<b>FRENCH, Noel</b>		X		
<b>GALLAGHER, Michael</b>		X		
<b>GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre</b>				X
<b>GILROY, David</b>		X		
<b>GOLDEN, Trevor</b>			X	
<b>HARDING, Wayne</b>		X		
<b>JAMAL, Suzanne</b>		X		
<b>KEOGAN, Geraldine</b>				X
<b>KILLIAN, Nick</b>		X		
<b>LAWES, Alan</b>				X
<b>MC CABE, Paul</b>		X		
<b>MC GINTY, Elaine</b>				X
<b>MC KEE, Stephen</b>				X
<b>MADE, Paddy</b>		X		
<b>MOORE, Ronan</b>				X
<b>MURPHY, Maria</b>		X		
<b>O'CONNOR, Gerry</b>		X		
<b>O'NEILL, Aisling</b>				X
<b>O'REILLY, Damien</b>		X		
<b>REILLY, Sarah</b>		X		
<b>REILLY, Tommy</b>		X		
<b>SMITH, Amanda</b>		X		
<b>SOUHAN, Niamh</b>		X		
<b>TOBIN, Alan</b>		X		
<b>TÓIBÍN, Emer</b>		X		



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TOLAN, Sharon		X		
TOOLE, Gillian		X		
TORMEY, Conor		X		

In agreement = 1 member, Not in agreement = 28, Abstain = 1, Absent = 10. In accordance with this decision, the Chief Executive's recommendation was not agreed and the Notice of Motion was adopted.

**(FTF) NoM 45 – Councillors: Drew; Bray; S.Reilly; Cassidy; McCabe** (Slane Road lands)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Sean Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Behan** was presented by Councillor Drew, who informed the meeting that this was linked to other NoMs proposing to swap zoning on three parcels of land. Mr Padraig Maguire underlined the difficulty in properly assessing the NoMs submitted and indicated that the Chief Executive's recommendation was for no change. **Councillor Joe Bonner** highlighted the difficulty of voting on such motions with very little notice, while **Councillor Michael Gallagher and Sean Drew** sought legal clarifications on zoning lands as part of the LAP process and the legal aspects of switching the zoning on lands. This was provided by the Council's Law Agent.

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the NoM was for no change and a roll call vote on this recommendation was conducted as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
ADENUGA, Yemi		X		
BEHAN, Tom		X		
BONNER, Joseph	X			
BRAY, Mike		X		
CASSIDY, Eugene		X		
DEANE, Francis				X
DEMPSEY, Aisling		X		
DREW, Sean		X		
FENNESSY, Eddie				X
FITZGERALD, Brian				X
FITZSIMONS, Padraig		X		
FOX, Joe		X		
FRENCH, Noel		X		
GALLAGHER, Michael		X		
GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre				X
GILROY, David		X		
GOLDEN, Trevor			X	
HARDING, Wayne		X		
JAMAL, Suzanne		X		
KEOGAN, Geraldine				X
KILLIAN, Nick		X		
LAWES, Alan				X
MC CABE, Paul		X		



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MC GINTY, Elaine				X
MC KEE, Stephen				X
MEADE, Paddy		X		
MOORE, Ronan				X
MURPHY, Maria		X		
O'CONNOR, Gerry		X		
O'NEILL, Aisling				X
O'REILLY, Damien		X		
REILLY, Sarah		X		
REILLY, Tommy		X		
SMITH, Amanda		X		
SOUHAN, Niamh		X		
TOBIN, Alan		X		
TÓIBÍN, Emer		X		
TOLAN, Sharon		X		
TOOLE, Gillian		X		
TORMEY, Conor		X		

In agreement = 1 member, Not in agreement = 28, Abstain = 1, Absent = 10. In accordance with this decision, the Chief Executive's recommendation was not agreed and the Notice of Motion was adopted.

**(FTF) NoM 46 – Councillors: Drew; Bray; S.Reilly; Cassidy; McCabe** (Oldcastle Road lands)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Sean Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Behan**, was presented by Councillor Drew who indicated that this was part of the group on NoMs dealing with the swop of zoning. Mr Pdraig Maguire again underlined the difficulty in properly assessing the NoMs submitted and indicated that the Chief Executive's recommendation was for no change.

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the NoM was for no change and a roll call vote on this recommendation was conducted as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
ADENUGA, Yemi		X		
BEHAN, Tom		X		
BONNER, Joseph				X
BRAY, Mike		X		
CASSIDY, Eugene		X		
DEANE, Francis				X
DEMPSEY, Aisling		X		
DREW, Sean		X		
FENNESSY, Eddie				X
FITZGERALD, Brian				X
FITZSIMONS, Pdraig				X
FOX, Joe		X		
FRENCH, Noel		X		
GALLAGHER, Michael		X		

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GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre				X
GILROY, David		X		
GOLDEN, Trevor			X	
HARDING, Wayne		X		
JAMAL, Suzanne		X		
KEOGAN, Geraldine				X
KILLIAN, Nick		X		
LAWES, Alan				X
MC CABE, Paul		X		
MC GINTY, Elaine				X
MC KEE, Stephen				X
MEADE, Paddy			X	
MOORE, Ronan				X
MURPHY, Maria		X		
O'CONNOR, Gerry		X		
O'NEILL, Aisling				X
O'REILLY, Damien		X		
REILLY, Sarah		X		
REILLY, Tommy				X
SMITH, Amanda				X
SOUHAN, Niamh				X
TOBIN, Alan		X		
TÓIBÍN, Emer		X		
TOLAN, Sharon		X		
TOOLE, Gillian			X	
TORMEY, Conor		X		

In agreement = 0, Not in agreement = 22, Abstain = 3, Absent = 15. In accordance with this decision, the Chief Executive's recommendation was not agreed and the Notice of Motion was adopted.

**FTF NoM 47 – Councillors: Drew; Bray; S.Reilly; Cassidy; McCabe** (frontlands)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Sean Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Behan** was presented by Councillor Drew. Mr Padraig Maguire underlined the difficulty in properly assessing the NoMs submitted and indicated that the Chief Executive's recommendation was for no change and a roll call vote on this recommendation was conducted as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
ADENUGA, Yemi		X		
BEHAN, Tom		X		
BONNER, Joseph	X			
BRAY, Mike		X		
CASSIDY, Eugene		X		
DEANE, Francis				X
DEMPSEY, Aisling		X		
DREW, Sean		X		
FENNESSY, Eddie				X

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FITZGERALD, Brian				X
FITZSIMONS, Pdraig		X		
FOX, Joe		X		
FRENCH, Noel		X		
GALLAGHER, Michael		X		
GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre				X
GILROY, David		X		
GOLDEN, Trevor			X	
HARDING, Wayne		X		
JAMAL, Suzanne		X		
KEOGAN, Geraldine				X
KILLIAN, Nick		X		
LAWES, Alan				X
MC CABE, Paul		X		
MC GINTY, Elaine				X
MC KEE, Stephen				X
MEADE, Paddy		X		
MOORE, Ronan				X
MURPHY, Maria		X		
O'CONNOR, Gerry		X		
O'NEILL, Aisling				X
O'REILLY, Damien		X		
REILLY, Sarah		X		
REILLY, Tommy				X
SMITH, Amanda		X		
SOUHAN, Niamh				X
TOBIN, Alan		X		
TÓIBÍN, Emer		X		
TOLAN, Sharon		X		
TOOLE, Gillian		X		
TORMEY, Conor		X		

In agreement = 1, Not in agreement = 26, Abstain = 1, Absent = 12. In accordance with this decision, the Chief Executive's recommendation was not agreed and the Notice of Motion was adopted.

### **FTF NoM 48 – Councillors: Drew; Bray; S.Reilly; Cassidy; McCabe** (Gardenrath Road lands)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Sean Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Behan** was presented by Councillor Drew who considered that these lands fulfilled the criteria for re-zoning as A2 (residential). There were a number of interventions on this proposal from **Councillors Paul McCabe; Paddy Meade; Maria Murphy; An Cathaoirleach; Gillian Toole** and **Sean Drew**. Members had questions on the extent of the boundary of the site; on the green space designation the lands had in a planning application; and on the extension of the boundary of the town.

Mr Pdraig Maguire provided an overview of the lands under consideration, the submissions received on adjacent lands, advised that the land was not sequential to the town and indicated that



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the Chief Executive's recommendation was for no change. A roll call vote on this recommendation was conducted as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>	X			
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>		X		
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>	X			
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>		X		
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>		X		
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>				X
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>		X		
<b>DREW, Sean</b>		X		
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>				X
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>				X
<b>FITZSIMONS, Pdraig</b>		X		
<b>FOX, Joe</b>		X		
<b>FRENCH, Noel</b>	X			
<b>GALLAGHER, Michael</b>		X		
<b>GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre</b>				X
<b>GILROY, David</b>	X			
<b>GOLDEN, Trevor</b>	X			
<b>HARDING, Wayne</b>				X
<b>JAMAL, Suzanne</b>	X			
<b>KEOGAN, Geraldine</b>				X
<b>KILLIAN, Nick</b>			X	
<b>LAWES, Alan</b>				X
<b>MC CABE, Paul</b>		X		
<b>MC GINTY, Elaine</b>				X
<b>MC KEE, Stephen</b>		X		
<b>MEADE, Paddy</b>			X	
<b>MOORE, Ronan</b>				X
<b>MURPHY, Maria</b>	X			
<b>O'CONNOR, Gerry</b>	X			
<b>O'NEILL, Aisling</b>				X
<b>O'REILLY, Damien</b>		X		
<b>REILLY, Sarah</b>		X		
<b>REILLY, Tommy</b>				X
<b>SMITH, Amanda</b>	X			
<b>SOUHAN, Niamh</b>	X			
<b>TOBIN, Alan</b>	X			
<b>TÓIBÍN, Emer</b>			X	
<b>TOLAN, Sharon</b>	X			
<b>TOOLE, Gillian</b>	X			
<b>TORMEY, Conor</b>		X		

In agreement = 13 member, Not in agreement = 13, Abstain = 3, Absent = 11.

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As there was an equality of votes in agreement and not in agreement, under Standing Order 21.5 An Cathaoirleach exercised a casting vote in agreement with the Chief Executive’s recommendation. The Chief Executive’s recommendation was therefore agreed.

**(FTF) NoM 49 – Councillors: Drew; Bray; S.Reilly; Cassidy; McCabe** (Athboy Road lands)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Sean Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Behan** was presented by Councillor Drew. There were other inputs and questions from **Councillors Sarah Reilly; Paul McCabe; Gillian Toole; Joe Bonner** and **Nick Killian**. Mr Pdraig Maguire provided an overview of the lands under consideration and in response to a question indicated that approximately 74 housing units could be accommodated on the site. Mr Barry Lynch, Director of Services, also provided the meeting with an overview of the current social housing developments in Kells.

The Chief Executive’s recommendation on the NoM was for no change and a roll call vote on this recommendation was conducted as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>				X
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>		X		
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>	X			
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>		X		
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>		X		
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>				X
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>		X		
<b>DREW, Sean</b>		X		
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>				X
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>				X
<b>FITZSIMONS, Pdraig</b>		X		
<b>FOX, Joe</b>		X		
<b>FRENCH, Noel</b>		X		
<b>GALLAGHER, Michael</b>		X		
<b>GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre</b>				X
<b>GILROY, David</b>		X		
<b>GOLDEN, Trevor</b>			X	
<b>HARDING, Wayne</b>		X		
<b>JAMAL, Suzanne</b>		X		
<b>KEOGAN, Geraldine</b>				X
<b>KILLIAN, Nick</b>		X		
<b>LAWES, Alan</b>				X
<b>MC CABE, Paul</b>		X		
<b>MC GINTY, Elaine</b>				X
<b>MC KEE, Stephen</b>		X		
<b>MEADE, Paddy</b>			X	
<b>MOORE, Ronan</b>				X
<b>MURPHY, Maria</b>		X		

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O'CONNOR, Gerry		X		
O'NEILL, Aisling				X
O'REILLY, Damien		X		
REILLY, Sarah		X		
REILLY, Tommy				X
SMITH, Amanda		X		
SOUHAN, Niamh		X		
TOBIN, Alan		X		
TÓIBÍN, Emer		X		
TOLAN, Sharon		X		
TOOLE, Gillian		X		
TORMEY, Conor				X

In agreement = 1, Not in agreement = 25, Abstain = 2, Absent = 12. In accordance with this decision, the Chief Executive's recommendation was not agreed and the Notice of Motion was adopted.

### **(FTF) NoM 50 – Councillors: Drew; Bray; Cassidy; McCabe** (old Eureka School)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Sean Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Behan** was presented by Councillor Drew who argued for a change to D1 tourism zoning, which could realise the development of a hotel in the town. Mr Pdraig Maguire outlined the reasons as to why the Chief Executive was recommending no change. There were contributions from **Councillors Sarah Reilly** and **Mike Bray**. While **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** proposed that, as an LAP will be undertaken in the next two years, the NoM should be withdrawn until then. This was seconded by Councillor Dew and the meeting agreed to the withdrawal of the motion.

### **(FTF) NoM 51 – Councillor Michael Gallagher** (re-zone lands to G1)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Bonner** was presented by Councillor Gallagher who sought the re-zoning of additional lands to G1 for park and sports facilities. There was a discussion on the lands under consideration with interventions by **Councillors Sean Drew; Eugene Cassidy; Paul McCabe** and **Joe Bonner**. Mr Pdraig Maguire suggested that the LAP process was the most appropriate means of considering the objectives of the motion and on the basis on the discussion, Councillor Gallagher proposed to withdraw the NoM and this was agreed by the meeting.

In advance of the submissions being considered, Mr Pádraig Maguire clarified for the meeting that the Council had not de-zoned more land than it had re-zoned, as was advanced earlier in the meeting. Mr Maguire indicated that a total of 3.7 hectares had been de-zoned, while 3.9 hectares were rezoned, when the various NoMs on Kells were agreed by the elected members.

Mr Seán Clarke gave an overview of the submissions received. He underlined that because of the late submission of the NoMs that were adopted, the Chief Executive's recommendation on a number of submissions, including 802, 226 and 523, were impacted



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### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Sarah Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Sean Drew**. A total of 20 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **Change – Recommendation on 3 Submissions**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Paul McCabe** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly**. A total of 22 members was in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

An Cathaoirleach confirmed that the chapter dealing with Kells was now complete.

### **1. Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Dunshaughlin**

Mr Sean Clarke provided the meeting with an overview of the NoMs and Submissions received relating to Dunshaughlin - 28 submissions, 3 NoMs and 3 NoMs from the floor.

Mr Alan Russell made a short presentation on Dunshaughlin, in terms of its development and population growth, the development of housing and its impact on the Core Strategy and on the various zonings for the town.

### **NoM 130 – Councillor Emer Tóibín**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Emer Tóibín** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**. Councillor Tóibín indicated that she accepted the Chief Executive's recommendation for no change. The recommendation was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 17 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 131 – Councillor Gerry O'Connor**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian** was presented by Councillor O'Connor who outlined the rationale for the motion and background in terms of a previous planning application on the site proposed. There were two issues in particular highlighted by the previous case: that the site was not zoned in the County Development Plan and the potential retail impact on the town centre. There was an extensive debate on the proposal, with contributions from **Councillors: Maria Murphy; Gillian Toole; Nick Killian; Alan Tobin; Joe Fox; Damien O'Reilly** and **Joe Bonner**.

Mr Pádraig Maguire provided additional information on the types of service station, the history of developing a station in Dunshaughlin and the merits of potential sites – site proposed by Councillor O'Connor and a site within the E2 zoned lands, the latter which he argued would help deliver the



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proposed ring-road for the town. These arguments were underpinned by a contribution from Mr. Des Foley, Director of Services, who indicated that the favoured site was within the E2 zoning and as a result the Chief Executive's recommendation on the motion was for no change.

A roll call vote on this recommendation was conducted as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
ADENUGA, Yemi		X		
BEHAN, Tom		X		
BONNER, Joseph		X		
BRAY, Mike				X
CASSIDY, Eugene		X		
DEANE, Francis				X
DEMPSEY, Aisling		X		
DREW, Sean		X		
FENNESSY, Eddie				X
FITZGERALD, Brian				X
FITZSIMONS, Pdraig		X		
FOX, Joe		X		
FRENCH, Noel		X		
GALLAGHER, Michael		X		
GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre				X
GILROY, David		X		
GOLDEN, Trevor				X
HARDING, Wayne		X		
JAMAL, Suzanne		X		
KEOGAN, Geraldine				X
KILLIAN, Nick		X		
LAWES, Alan				X
MC CABE, Paul	X			
MC GINTY, Elaine				X
MC KEE, Stephen				X
MEADE, Paddy		X		
MOORE, Ronan				X
MURPHY, Maria		X		
O'CONNOR, Gerry		X		
O'NEILL, Aisling				X
O'REILLY, Damien		X		
REILLY, Sarah		X		
REILLY, Tommy				X
SMITH, Amanda				X
SOUHAN, Niamh				X
TOBIN, Alan		X		
TÓIBÍN, Emer		X		
TOLAN, Sharon		X		
TOOLE, Gillian		X		



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TORMEY, Conor				X
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In agreement = 1 member, Not in agreement = 23, Abstain = 0, Absent = 16. In accordance with this decision, the Chief Executive's recommendation was not agreed and the Notice of Motion was adopted.

### **NoM 132 – Councillor Nick Killian**

This Notice of Motion fell, as it was identical to NoM 130 (above).

### **(FTF) NoM 53 – Councillor Damien O'Reilly** (Train station)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian** was presented by Councillor O'Reilly who outlined the rationale and overall objective of extending the line to the town within the next 10-15 years. The following spoke in favour of the motion, **Councillors Alan Tobin** and **Gillian Toole**. Mr Des Foley, Director of Services, proposed an alternative wording for a new policy objective, which was supported by Councillor O'Reilly.

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the amended NoM was agreed by a show of hands vote with 19 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

At 6p.m. the meeting was adjourned until Friday, January 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2021.
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### *Special Planning Meeting*

*Re-commenced on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 @10 am online (via Zoom)*

**29<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**Presiding**

Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach

**Councillors Present:**

Councillors Yemi Adenuga; Tom Behan, Joe Bonner, Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey, Pádraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, Wayne Harding, Suzanne Jamal, Geraldine Keogan, Nick Killian, Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty, Stephen McKee, Paddy Meade, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Damien O'Reilly, Sarah Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Amanda Smith, Niamh Souhan, Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole, Conor Tormey.

**Apologies:**

Councillors Seán Drew, Edward Fennessy, Brian Fitzgerald, Deirdre Geraghty-Smith, Trevor Golden; Alan Lawes, Ronan Moore, Aisling O'Neill.

**Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Des Foley, Fiona Lawless, Barry Lynch, Larry Whelan

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Sean Clarke,

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee

In advance of the formal commencement of the meeting, An Cathaoirleach welcomed all participants and set out the key directions for all participants, in line with the Standing Orders.

An Cathaoirleach also relayed his condolences and those of the other members to Councillor Keogan on the passing of her mother.

Mr. Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department gave a presentation with regards to Members, statutory obligations concerning the:

- Ethical Framework
- Disclosure at Meetings
- Disclosure in Advance of Meetings



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### **Complete the consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Dunshaughlin**

#### **(FTF) NoM 54 – Councillor Gerry O’Connor** (map)

Councillor O’Connor indicated that the issue had already been addressed and withdrew his motion. He also wished to put on record his satisfaction with the planning and development of Dunshaughlin.

#### **(FTF) NoM 55 – Councillor Nick Killian** (Lagore House)

This Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole** was presented by Councillor Killian, who outlined the background to the development and what the motion sought to achieve. Mr Alan Russell provided information on a previous planning permission for the development but underlined that there was no mechanism for reviving a permission through the County Development Plan review process. He indicated that the permission was of its time and would not be granted today but that Rural Policies 53 and 54 did provide for the conversion of agricultural outbuildings. Mr Sean Clarke further suggested that the motion needed to be amended, as it could not be voted on in its current format.

There was a discussion on the merits of the motion with contributions from **Councillors: Gerry O’Connor; Alan Tobin; Gillian Toole; Emer Tóibín** and **Joe Fox**. Mr Pdraig Maguire also intervened to say that the current motion was not viable, that it related to Submission 633 and that the proposed development was not appropriate to the location. In responding to the discussion by the elected members he proposed that the objective in the Submission could be amended by removing the reference to “private residential facilities” and including it in the written statement. He did underline that any development would be subject to the planning application process.

The motion, amended by the Chief Executive was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 25 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

Mr Seán Clarke gave an overview of the 27 submissions received.

#### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Francis Deane**. A total of 22 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

#### **Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s)



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passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**. A total of 22 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

An Cathaoirleach confirmed that the chapter dealing with Dunshaughlin and the Tier 3 Settlements to be concluded.

### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Bettystown, Laytown, Mornington East, Donacarney/Mornington**

By way of introduction, Mr Alan Russell gave an overview of the settlement area in terms of its population and projected population, the key strategic and priority zonings and the spot objectives in the draft Plan. He highlighted that a priority was to ensure that the settlements did not coalesce and that visual breaks were maintained. He summed-up the main changes proposed by the Submissions and NoMs.

There were comments and questions from the following **Councillors: Sharon Tolan; Stephen McKee** and **Paddy Meade** addressing whether it was four settlements or one settlement of East Meath, the train station and the identity and physical boundaries of the area. Mr Pdraig Maguire provided some clarifications in reply.

#### **NoM 133 – Councillor Geraldine Keogan**

This Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Geraldine Keogan** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Behan** was presented by **Councillor Amanda Smith**, who outlined the site under consideration and the objective of the motion to return residential zoning on the lands.

On the identification of the lands under consideration, **Councillor Conor Tormey** declared a potential conflict of interest as his company undertakes work for the land owner – Mr Michael Ryan. **Councillor Nick Killian** also declared a conflict of interest, under Part 15 of the Local Government Act, as he informed the meeting that his office is leased from the land owner. Both councillors absented themselves from the meeting.

There was a question from **Councillor Gillian Toole** related to a potential conflict of interest regarding a property developer supporting a fundraising raffle of a political party. The Council's Law Agent clarified that the Code of Conduct refers to both actual and perceived conflict and underlined that the onus is on the individual councillor to make a declaration. He also provided an overview of the lands under consideration and previous proposed developments on the site. Mr Pdraig Maguire responded to the motion by saying that there were sufficient lands zoned for residential growth and that the Core Strategy does not facilitate further housing in the area.

There were further contributions from **Councillors: Amanda Smith; Sharon Tolan; and Tom Behan**, with responses provided by Mr Maguire.



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The Chief Executive's recommendation was for no change and a roll call vote on this recommendation was conducted as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>DREW, Sean</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>FITZSIMONS, Padraig</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>FOX, Joe</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>FRENCH, Noel</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>GALLAGHER, Michael</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>GILROY, David</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>GOLDEN, Trevor</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>HARDING, Wayne</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>JAMAL, Suzanne</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>KEOGAN, Geraldine</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>KILLIAN, Nick</b>	Disclosed a Conflict of Interest – Not Present for Vote			
<b>LAWES, Alan</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>MC CABE, Paul</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>MC GINTY, Elaine</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>MC KEE, Stephen</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>MEADE, Paddy</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>MOORE, Ronan</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>MURPHY, Maria</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>O'CONNOR, Gerry</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>O'NEILL, Aisling</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>O'REILLY, Damien</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>REILLY, Sarah</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>REILLY, Tommy</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>SMITH, Amanda</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>SOUHAN, Niamh</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>TOBIN, Alan</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>TÓIBÍN, Emer</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>TOLAN, Sharon</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>TOOLE, Gillian</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>TORMEY, Conor</b>	Disclosed a Conflict of Interest – Not Present for Vote			

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In agreement = 14, Not in agreement = 8, Abstain = 0, Absent = 18 (including two members who absented themselves). In accordance with this decision, the Chief Executive's recommendation of no change was agreed.

Both Councillors Tormey and Killian returned to the meeting.

### **NoM 134 – Councillor Sharon Tolan**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Behan**. The Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 16 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 135 – Councillor Sharon Tolan – Revised by (FTF) NoM 58**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Behan** was presented by Councillor Tolan. Mr Alan Russell informed the meeting that this motion and (FTF) NoMs 59 and 60 were essentially the same motion dealing with the same lands. It was proposed by Councillor Tolan, seconded by Councillor Behan and agreed that these be taken as a group.

Mr Russell outlined that the proposed residential zoning could realise up to 41 units, with no lands identified in the motions to be exchanged/de-zoned. It was underlined that such motions, to comply with the agreed Core Strategy, proposing lands to be zoned also needed to include lands to be de-zoned, the 'lands in – lands out' principle. Also, with sufficient lands zoned residential in the area the Chief Executive's recommendation was for no change.

A roll call vote on this recommendation was conducted as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>DREW, Sean</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>FITZSIMONS, Pdraig</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>FOX, Joe</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>FRENCH, Noel</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>GALLAGHER, Michael</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>GILROY, David</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>GOLDEN, Trevor</b>				<b>X</b>



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HARDING, Wayne			X	
JAMAL, Suzanne				X
KEOGAN, Geraldine		X		
KILLIAN, Nick		X		
LAWES, Alan				X
MC CABE, Paul		X		
MC GINTY, Elaine		X		
MC KEE, Stephen		X		
MEADE, Paddy		X		
MOORE, Ronan				X
MURPHY, Maria		X		
O'CONNOR, Gerry		X		
O'NEILL, Aisling				X
O'REILLY, Damien		X		
REILLY, Sarah		X		
REILLY, Tommy				X
SMITH, Amanda		X		
SOUHAN, Niamh				X
TOBIN, Alan		X		
TÓIBÍN, Emer		X		
TOLAN, Sharon		X		
TOOLE, Gillian		X		
TORMEY, Conor		X		

In agreement = 3, Not in agreement = 20, Abstain = 1, Absent = 16. In accordance with this decision, the Chief Executive's recommendation was not agreed and the Notices of Motion were adopted.

Following the vote both the Chief Executive and the Council's Law Agent informed the meeting that the Council had to comply with national guidance and that it was likely that the Office of the Planning Regulator would review this decision. It was underlined that the previous advices provided to the elected members still applies in terms of adherence to the Core Strategy and the national guidance when making such decisions.

### **NoM 136 – Councillor Sharon Tolan**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin** was presented by Councillor Tolan. The Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 17 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 137 – Councillor Paddy Meade**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin** was presented by Councillor Meade who also proposed to withdraw the motion. This was agreed by the meeting.

### **NoM 138 – Councillor Paddy Meade**



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The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole** was presented by Councillor Meade who also proposed to withdraw the motion. **Councillor Sharon Tolan** sought clarification as to why A1 zoning would be removed from houses already built, which Councillor Meade responded to. Mr Padraig Maguire also repeated a point he made earlier in the meeting that there was no flood risk on A2 lands (new lands) identified in the Plan. The motion's withdrawal was agreed by the meeting.

### **NoM 139 – Councillor Paddy Meade**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole** was presented by Councillor Meade who also proposed to withdraw the motion. This was agreed by the meeting.

### **NoM 140 – Councillor Paddy Meade**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Stephen McKee** was presented by Councillor Meade who also proposed to withdraw the motion. **Councillor Sharon Tolan** sought clarification on the removal of A1 zoning, which Councillor Meade responded to. The motion's withdrawal was agreed by the meeting.

In advance of the adjournment of the meeting there was a short discussion on the state-of-play in considering the Chief Executive's recommendations on the submissions and notices of motion. The Chief Executive outlined the agreed schedule and re-emphasised the deadline for submission of the final NoMs from the floor – Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

**At 1p.m. the meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.**



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### *Special Planning Meeting*

*Re-commenced on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 @2 pm online (via Zoom)*

**3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021**

**Presiding**

Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach

**Councillors Present:**

Councillors Tom Behan, Joe Bonner, Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey, Seán Drew, Pádraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, Trevor Golden, Wayne Harding, Suzanne Jamal, Geraldine Keogan, Nick Killian, Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty, Stephen McKee, Paddy Meade, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Damien O'Reilly, Sarah Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Amanda Smith, Niamh Souhan, Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole, Conor Tormey.

**Apologies:**

Councillors Yemi Adenuga; Edward Fennessy, Brian Fitzgerald, Deirdre Geraghty-Smith, Alan Lawes; Ronan Moore, Aisling O'Neill.

**Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Des Foley, Fiona Lawless, Barry Lynch, Larry Whelan

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Sean Clarke,

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee

In advance of the formal commencement of the meeting, An Cathaoirleach welcomed all participants and set out the key directions for all participants, in line with the Standing Orders.

Mr. Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department gave a presentation with regards to a Member's statutory obligations concerning the:

- Ethical Framework
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### Complete the Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Bettystown, Laytown/Mornington East, Donacarney/Mornington

In advance of any other motion being considered, **Councillor Amanda Smith** informed the meeting that she had submitted a motion on Friday afternoon, January 29<sup>th</sup> which was an amendment to a motion that had already been voted on but that this was not allowed to be considered. The relevant motion was NoM 133 on which a decision was taken by the Council on the morning of January 29<sup>th</sup>.

An Cathaoirleach responded that the Standing Orders do not provide for the Council to re-visit a decision it has taken and that this has been a consistent approach during the Special Planning Meeting. He also asked the Council's Law Agent for an opinion on this matter, who saw a difficulty with creating a precedence of re-opening a decision as it opens the possibility of going back over the entire draft Plan. He advised that elected members are undertaking a statutory process, dealing with sections of the draft Plan incrementally and once a section is dealt with during this phase of the process it will only come back to the elected members again at a future phase if there are material alterations. He did refer to the provisions of the Standing Orders, but regardless of these he did express serious reservations about re-opening matters which have already been voted on.

There was a discussion on the matter, with a number of interventions from the following **Councillors: Nick Killian; Paddy Meade; Sharon Tolan; Tom Behan; Alan Tobin; Sarah Reilly; Joe Bonner; Aisling Dempsey; Emer Tóibín; Gerry O'Connor; Conor Tormey; and Maria Murphy.** Some members argued that the amendment should be considered as a separate NoM and should be considered by the Council, while others were opposed to re-visiting something that had already been decided, with a number of members declaring that if this issue was re-visited that they would likewise submit NoMs to re-visit other decisions taken earlier in the meeting.

There were further clarifications from Mr Pdraig Maguire regarding the next steps of the revision of the draft Plan; by Mr Seán Clarke regarding the deadlines for submitting NoMs for the settlement under consideration, which was lunchtime on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, and by the Council's Law Agent who suggested that if this precedence was created it would leave the process open to possible legal challenge.

An Cathaoirleach in drawing the discussion to a close reiterated that in being asked to consider this motion proposed by Councillor Smith that the Council would be revisiting a decision it had already taken and that it would require the suspension of Standing Orders to do so. A roll call vote was taken on whether Standing Orders should be suspended as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>		<b>X</b>		

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CASSIDY, Eugene		X		
DEANE, Francis	X			
DEMPSEY, Aisling		X		
DREW, Sean		X		
FENNESSY, Eddie				X
FITZGERALD, Brian				X
FITZSIMONS, Pdraig		X		
FOX, Joe		X		
FRENCH, Noel		X		
GALLAGHER, Michael				X
GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre				X
GILROY, David		X		
GOLDEN, Trevor				X
HARDING, Wayne		X		
JAMAL, Suzanne		X		
KEOGAN, Geraldine	X			
KILLIAN, Nick	X			
LAWES, Alan				X
MC CABE, Paul		X		
MC GINTY, Elaine		X		
MC KEE, Stephen		X		
MEADE, Paddy		X		
MOORE, Ronan				X
MURPHY, Maria		X		
O'CONNOR, Gerry		X		
O'NEILL, Aisling				X
O'REILLY, Damien		X		
REILLY, Sarah		X		
REILLY, Tommy		X		
SMITH, Amanda	X			
SOUHAN, Niamh		X		
TOBIN, Alan		X		
TÓIBÍN, Emer	X			
TOLAN, Sharon		X		
TOOLE, Gillian		X		
TORMEY, Conor	X			

In agreement = 6 members, Not in agreement = 25, Abstain = 0, Absent = 9. In accordance with this decision, it was agreed not to suspend Standing Orders.

**(FTF) NoM 56 – Councillor Amanda Smith** (removal of A1 and A2 zoning on flood risk lands)

This Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Amanda Smith** and seconded by **Councillor Conor Tormey** was presented by Councillor Smith. There were interventions from **Councillors Paddy Meade; Tom Behan and Sharon Tolan**. Mr Pdraig Maguire responded by indicating that this was a similar motion to those considered earlier (NoM 139) and so the issue has been already discussed.



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He informed the meeting that every single settlement and parcel of land is analysed for potential flood risk. He was unclear what the NoM was trying to achieve but proposed that no change was required. The Chief Executive's recommendation of no change was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 21 members in agreement. Four members were not in agreement.

### **(FTF) NoM 57 – Councillor Sharon Tolan** (strategic employment site)

This Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Behan** was presented by Councillor Tolan, who also proposed an amendment to the wording of her motion, including the removal of the wording 'spot objective'. There were inputs from Mr Pádraig Maguire, Senior Planner, and Mr. Des Foley, Director of Services who both welcomed the amended wording. Mr Maguire further suggested that the lands have a hybrid E1/E2 zoning, which was supported by both Councillors Tolan and Behan.

The Chief Executive's recommendation on the revised NoM was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 28 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **(FTF) NoM 58 – Councillor Sharon Tolan**

This NoM were dealt with as part of NoM135 at the meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> January.

### **(FTF) NoM 59 – Councillor Tom Behan**

This NoM were dealt with as part of NoM135 at the meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> January.

### **(FTF) NoM 60 – Councillor Stephen McKee**

This NoM were dealt with as part of NoM135 at the meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> January.

### **(FTF) NoM 61 – Councillor Stephen McKee** (Residential/Open Space - Donacarney)

This Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Stephn McKee** and seconded by **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** was presented by Councillor McKee, who outlined the intention was to re-zone 14.7 hectares of land as residential, with 10 acres being provided to the local GAA club pending a legal agreement. There was discussion on the merits or otherwise of the motion, with interventions from **Councillors Elaine McGinty; Sharon Tolan; Paddy Meade** and **Gillian Toole**.

Mr Alan Russell responded by indicating that the GAA club in question had made a submission (527) on lands, which would be more appropriate for the club. The emphasis in the draft Plan was for the area to catch-up in terms of community and enterprise but not residential and also that the NoM did not identify lands to be de-zoned in line with the lands-in/lands-out principle. In response to a question on community gain, the Council's Law Agent clarified that this is not a criterion but rather the suitability of the lands in terms of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. In response, Councillor McKee underlined that his focus was on community facilities and that only 15 acres of the site would be used for housing. He did not respond to questions as to the ownership of the lands in question and proposed to withdraw the motion so that it could be considered by the LAP. The meeting agreed to the withdrawal of the motion.



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### **(FTF) NoM 62 – Councillor Stephen McKee** (star objective – community facilities)

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Stephen McKee** and seconded by **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** was presented by Councillor McKee. Senior Planner, Mr Pádraig Maguire informed the meeting that the lands in question were currently zoned A2, with the potential for 30 social housing units and that it was not necessary to re-zone the lands as they were Council owned and what the motion was seeking could already be achieved with the current zoning. The position of the Chief Executive was supported by **Councillors Sharon Tolan and Tom Behan**. Councillor McKee proposed to withdraw the motion, which was agreed by the elected members.

### **Submissions on Bettystown, Laytown/Mornington East, Donacarney/Mornington**

Mr Sean Clarke gave an overview of the 37 submissions received for the settlement.

#### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Tom Behan** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan**. A total of 23 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

#### **Change Recommendation**

In accordance with the Ethical Framework for the Local Government Service, **Councillor Tom Behan** declared a potential conflict of interest on submission MH-C5-779 as it referred to lands in the ownership of his employer. He withdrew from the meeting.

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Stephen McKee**. A total of 26 members were in agreement. Councillor Tolan was not in agreement.

Councillor Behan returned to the meeting after the vote was conducted and the result declared.

#### **Part Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Part Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Behan**. A total of 26 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

An Cathaoirleach confirmed that the chapter dealing with Bettystown, Laytown/Mornington East, Donacarney/Mornington was now complete.



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### Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Ratoath

By way of introduction, Mr Alan Russell gave an overview of the settlement area in terms of its population and projected population, the key strategic and priority zonings and infrastructure and and facilities requirements. He suggested the key priorities as: the completion of the LIHAF road and other infrastructure and the development of commercial and job supporting enterprises.

Mr Sean Clarke provided the meeting with an overview of the NoMs and Submissions received relating to Ratoath - 31 submissions, 10 NoMs and 7 NoMs from the floor.

#### **NoM 141 – Councillor Nick Killian**

Councillor Killian confirmed that this motion had been withdrawn.

#### **NoM 142 – Councillor Nick Killian**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Conor Tormey**. An Cathaoirleach also informed the meeting that **NoM 146(d)** and **(FTF) NoM 63** (Councillor Nick Killian) were related and it was agreed that these would be considered together.

Councillor Killian outlined his motion and the rationale for it. He suggested that the CFRAMs mapping for the site was out-of-date. In responding, Senior Planner, Mr. Pdraig Maguire indicated that a number of members had discussed this site and there were two specific issues: (a) open space – CFRAMs indicates some of the site as a flood risk; and (b) residential zoning – must be Core Strategy neutral. There is also a transmission line running over the site. The Chief Executive’s recommendation was presented by a map, which included: A2 zoning (2 hectares); B1 (5 hectares); and F1 (3.27 hectares).

**Councillor Gillian Toole** supported the recommendation from the Chief Executive regarding the size of the proposed open space, drew attention to the removal of the Bridle Path of which there were four but only two now remain and withdrew NoM 146(d). There were various interventions from **Councillors Maria Murphy; Nick Killian; Gerry O’Connor; Damien O’Reilly** and **Joe Bonner**. There were further clarifications from Mr. Pdraig Maguire and Mr Barry Lynch, Director of Services, who corrected the point made on the costs of the culvert constructed on the lands under consideration.

Councillor Killian did not accept the recommendation of the Chief Executive and a roll call vote was called on the recommendation as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>				<b>X</b>

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DEMPSEY, Aisling	X			
DREW, Sean		X		
FENNESSY, Eddie				X
FITZGERALD, Brian				X
FITZSIMONS, Padraig		X		
FOX, Joe		X		
FRENCH, Noel		X		
GALLAGHER, Michael				X
GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre				X
GILROY, David		X		
GOLDEN, Trevor				X
HARDING, Wayne		X		
JAMAL, Suzanne		X		
KEOGAN, Geraldine		X		
KILLIAN, Nick		X		
LAWES, Alan				X
MC CABE, Paul		X		
MC GINTY, Elaine	X			
MC KEE, Stephen				X
MEADE, Paddy	X			
MOORE, Ronan				X
MURPHY, Maria		X		
O'CONNOR, Gerry		X		
O'NEILL, Aisling				X
O'REILLY, Damien		X		
REILLY, Sarah		X		
REILLY, Tommy		X		
SMITH, Amanda		X		
SOUHAN, Niamh		X		
TOBIN, Alan		X		
TÓIBÍN, Emer				X
TOLAN, Sharon		X		
TOOLE, Gillian	X			
TORMEY, Conor		X		

In agreement = 5, Not in agreement = 21, Abstain = 0, Absent = 14. In accordance with this decision, the Chief Executive's recommendation was not agreed and the motion was adopted.

### **NoM 143 – Councillor Nick Killian**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Damien O'Reilly**. Councillor Killian suggested that this issue could be addressed by the Local Area Plan (LAP) and proposed to withdraw the motion. The motion's withdrawal was agreed by the meeting.

At 5.45p.m. the meeting was adjourned until Friday, February 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2021.
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### *Special Planning Meeting*

*Re-commenced on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 @10 am online (via Zoom)*

**5<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Presiding**

Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach

**Councillors Present:**

Councillors Yemi Adenuga; Tom Behan, Joe Bonner, Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey, Seán Drew, Padraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, Trevor Golden, Wayne Harding, Suzanne Jamal, Geraldine Keogan, Nick Killian, Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty, Stephen McKee, Paddy Meade, Ronan Moore, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Damien O'Reilly, Sarah Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Amanda Smith, Niamh Souhan, Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole, Conor Tormey.

**Apologies:**

Councillors Edward Fennessy, Brian Fitzgerald, Deirdre Geraghty-Smith, Alan Lawes; Aisling O'Neill.

**Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Des Foley, Fiona Lawless, Barry Lynch, Larry Whelan

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Sean Clarke,

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee

In advance of the formal commencement of the meeting, An Cathaoirleach welcomed all participants and set out the key directions for all participants, in line with the Standing Orders.

Mr. Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department gave a presentation with regards to Members' statutory obligations concerning the:

- Ethical Framework
- Disclosure at Meetings
- Disclosure in Advance of Meetings
- Planning Legislation



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### **Complete the Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Ratoath**

#### **NoM 144 – Councillor Nick Killian**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Amanda Smith**. In introducing his motion Councillor Killian informed the meeting that (FTF) NoMs 64 and 65 were related and in fact amendments to NoM 144. It was agreed to consider these motions together.

#### **(FTF) NoM 64 – Councillor Nick Killian** (rezone G1 to B1)

This Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Damien O'Reilly**. Councillor Killian gave an overview of the site and the intention of the motion to re-zone the lands B1. In making an intervention, **Councillor Gillian Toole** referred to a submission on the lands. Mr. Alan Russell indicated that the Chief Executive had no objection to the change in zoning from G1 to B1. The Chief Executive's recommendation to support the motion was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 22 members in agreement. Councillor Gillian Toole was not in agreement.

#### **(FTF) NoM 65 – Councillor Nick Killian** (grotto)

This notice of motion was proposed by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Damien O'Reilly**, with the objective of relocating the grotto on the site to an alternative location. Mr Alan Russell informed the meeting that the moving of a protected structure, such as the grotto, would require a planning application and detailed assessment of the new location and other requirements. The Chief Executive's recommendation was for no change, which was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 26 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

#### **NoM 145 – Councillor Nick Killian**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole** and supported the objectives of Submission MH-C5-238 for the construction of a new internal road. Councillor Toole considered that the submission was essentially proposing a masterplan and addressing the need for Ratoath to catch-up in terms of infrastructure. There was input from Senior Planner, Mr. Pdraig Maguire and Director of Services, Mr Des Foley, who recognised that there are traffic issues in the town but that there needs to be a detailed traffic assessment, to develop a transport plan and that these would support the development of the Local Area Plan (LAP).

The Chief Executive's recommendation of no change was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 25 members in agreement. Councillor Gillian Toole was not in agreement.

#### **NoM 146 – Councillor Gillian Toole**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Bonner**, which was amended by (FTF) NoM 68 from the floor. Councillor Toole clarified that parts (b) and (c) of NoM 146 still stood. There was a discussion on the motion with interventions from **Councillors Nick Killian, Joe Bonner; Gillian Toole, Alan Tobin, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor**.



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There were some clarifications provided by Mr Pádraig Maguire who also indicated that the Chief Executive's recommendation was for no change. This was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 17 members in agreement with 7 members not in agreement.

### **NoM 147 – Councillor Gillian Toole**

In advance of this motion being proposed and seconded, An Cathaoirleach indicated that NoMs 66, 67 and 68 from the floor were related to NoM 147 and proposed that these be considered together. This was agreed.

**Councillor Nick Killian** informed the meeting that having sought advice from Mr McEntee and SIPO he had a potential conflict of interest regarding the whitelands which are in the ownership of his landlord. In making his declaration, Councillor Killian began to provide the meeting with his position on the Chief Executive's recommendation but was prevented from doing so by An Cathaoirleach. Councillor Killian stated that the Cathaoirleach had allowed another councillor to do something similar when the meetings took place in the Solstice Theatre. An Cathaoirleach asked Councillor Killian to clarify or withdraw his statement. Councillor Killian said that he would deal with it privately. However, An Cathaoirleach required that it be done publicly, as the Councillor's statement was made in a public forum. Following an input by the Council's Law Agent, who supported the Cathaoirleach's implementation of the Ethical Framework, Councillor Killian withdrew from the meeting.

Similarly, **Councillor Conor Tormey** sought clarification on a potential conflict of interest regarding these lands and his profession but also asked about other councillors' position with landowners and whether there was a time limit to conflicts. Following advice from the Council's Law Agent, who underlined that the obligation rests with individual councillors to determine if they have a conflict of interest or if there is the perception of a conflict of interest, Councillor Tormey proposed to withdraw from the meeting. In leaving he asked if he could be in the waiting room as an observer and was advised by the Law Agent that this could be done once he did not participate in any way or seek to influence the deliberations. Councillor Tormey withdrew from the meeting.

**Councillor Gillian Toole** considered that she was being indirectly referred to in the previous comment. She clarified that prior to her election to Meath County Council in 2014 she was a contractor to the owner of a community pharmacy, but ceased to provide locum pharmaceutical services to that person following her election. There have been no beneficial interests in the intervening period and she has sought her own legal advice on this matter. The Council's Law Agent considered there was no conflict of interest in what Councillor Toole outlined.

**Councillor Gerry O'Connor** highlighted that there was an article in the current edition of the Meath Chronicle relating to comments by an independent councillor (on January 29<sup>th</sup>) which he felt cast doubt on councillors' integrity, the motions they have submitted and that their influence could be gained by the selling of raffle tickets. He considered this to be offensive and disingenuous. He stated that he has never worked for or with any party concerned with the various submissions or motions



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submitted as part of this process. He also wished to state that he or any member of his family do not have or never had any lands or interest in lands in Meath or elsewhere which could benefit from decisions made in this process. He has never had a directorship or any interest at all in any land development company. He has no conflict of interest and his annual declarations can be viewed on the Council's website, as can any other Councillor's declarations.

In response, An Cathaoirleach reiterated that the onus is on the individual member and that there is an obligation on all members to speak responsibly in the chamber. He underlined that the councillors' annual declarations under the Ethical Framework for Local Government are available on the Council's website.

The original Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Elaine McGinty**.

### **(FTF) NoM 66 – Councillor Amanda Smith**

This was proposed by **Councillor Amanda Smith** and seconded by **Councillor Geraldine Keogan**.

### **(FTF) NoM 67 – Councillor Brian Fitzgerald**

This was proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**. The meeting was informed that the Executive had received written confirmation from Councillor Fitzgerald authorising Councillor Murphy to propose the motion on his behalf in accordance with Standing Order 18.3.

### **(FTF) NoM 68 – Councillor Gillian Toole**

This was proposed by **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Elaine McGinty**.

Each of the notices of motion was presented and discussed, with interventions by **Councillors Gillian Toole; Amanda Smith; Maria Murphy; and Gerry O'Connor**. Mr Sean Clarke also outlined that the recommendation from the Office of the Planning Regulator OPR 14, deferred previously, would be considered after the decision on the four motions was taken.

Mr Pádraig Maguire provided an overview of the various motions and the key development priorities for Ratoath, specifically the completion of the Outer Relief Road (between the LIHAF and Fairyhouse Roads) and the development of employment opportunities in the town through the use of whitelands (strategic landbank). There are currently three road options, as there are land ownership issues with Option A, but all three options are indicative. In outlining the Chief Executive's recommendation, he did read out the entire final paragraph of the Chief Executive's response in the report issued to the elected members, with the recommendation being 'no change'.

Mr Barry Lynch, Director of Services also provided the meeting with background information on the construction of the LIHAF Road and an overview of the ownership issues related to some of the lands, as a clarification to points raised during the discussions.



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There was a general discussion on the voting process to be used on the four related motions. A number of options were considered. In order to clarify the best method of taking the vote, An Cathaoirleach proposed to break for lunch so a clear means of voting could be proposed to the meeting after lunch.

**At 1.05 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for lunch until 2.05 p.m.**

On the resumption of the meeting, An Cathaoirleach outlined the key directions regarding participation at the meeting. Mr Sean Clarke outlined the state-of-play with the discussions and informed members that there were discussions held over lunch on the voting process. **Councillor Gillian Toole** clarified the nature of the motions tabled in her name and also sought clarity on a motion being tabled by a member not present at the meeting.

The Council's Law Agent clarified this matter and proceeded to inform the meeting of the various consultations that took place during the lunch. He outlined that the Standing Orders did not provide a clear pathway forward and proposed that there be two phases of voting: firstly that the three motions put forward would be put to the members in order to express their preference; and secondly that there then be a vote on the Chief Executive's recommendation on the preferred motion. He suggested that this way forward be put to the elected members for their consideration and ultimately to a vote.

There were various interventions from the following **Councillors: Joe Fox; Gillian Toole; Noel French; Maria Murphy; Amanda Smith; Joe Bonner; Gerry O'Connor; Mike Bray; Alan Tobin; Tom Behan; Damien O'Reilly; and Padraig Fitzsimons.** Clarifications were provided by An Cathaoirleach, Mr Sean Clarke and the Law Agent.

**Councillor Gillian Toole** while agreeing with the proposed way forward asked that it be noted that the Council was not following the procedure, as with other settlements, in dealing with the NoMs in the book first. An Cathaoirleach explained why this was being done in this case and would only be done with the consensus of the elected members, as a reserved function of the councillors.

The phased process for voting on the tabled motions (NoM 147 supplemented by (FTF) NoM 68, NoM 66 and NoM 67), as set out by the Law Agent, was proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly** and a roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>	X			
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>	X			
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>		X		
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>	X			
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>	X			



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DEANE, Francis	X			
DEMPSEY, Aisling	X			
DREW, Sean	X			
FENNESSY, Eddie				X
FITZGERALD, Brian				X
FITZSIMONS, Pdraig	X			
FOX, Joe	X			
FRENCH, Noel	X			
GALLAGHER, Michael	X			
GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre				X
GILROY, David	X			
GOLDEN, Trevor				X
HARDING, Wayne				X
JAMAL, Suzanne	X			
KEOGAN, Geraldine	X			
KILLIAN, Nick	Declared a potential conflict of interest			
LAWES, Alan				X
MC CABE, Paul	X			
MC GINTY, Elaine	X			
MC KEE, Stephen				X
MEADE, Paddy	X			
MOORE, Ronan				X
MURPHY, Maria	X			
O'CONNOR, Gerry	X			
O'NEILL, Aisling				X
O'REILLY, Damien	X			
REILLY, Sarah	X			
REILLY, Tommy	X			
SMITH, Amanda	X			
SOUHAN, Niamh				X
TOBIN, Alan	X			
TÓIBÍN, Emer	X			
TOLAN, Sharon	X			
TOOLE, Gillian	X			
TORMEY, Conor	Declared a potential conflict of interest			

In agreement = 27, Not in agreement = 1, Abstain = 0, Absent = 12 (2 as a result of declaring a potential conflict of interest). In accordance with this decision, the elected members agreed to the voting process as presented.

In advance of the vote on the preferred motion, Mr. Seán Clarke summarised the options as follows:

**Option A:** NoM 147 and (FTF) NoM 68 (Cllr Gillian Toole) – route as per the current CDP. No White Lands. Tourism zoning as per the current CDP.

**Option B:** (FTF) NoM 66 (Cllr Amanda Smith) – optional routes. Extension to White Lands



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**Option C:** (FTF) NoM 67 (Cllrs Brian Fitzgerald/Maria Murphy) – route as per current CDP. Extension to White Lands.

These options were available to the elected members on screen during the roll call vote, which was as follows:

Option	A	B	C	Abstain	Absent
ADENUGA, Yemi			X		
BEHAN, Tom			X		
BONNER, Joseph	X				
BRAY, Mike			X		
CASSIDY, Eugene			X		
DEANE, Francis			X		
DEMPSEY, Aisling			X		
DREW, Sean			X		
FENNESSY, Eddie					X
FITZGERALD, Brian					X
FITZSIMONS, Pdraig			X		
FOX, Joe			X		
FRENCH, Noel			X		
GALLAGHER, Michael	X				
GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre					X
GILROY, David			X		
GOLDEN, Trevor					X
HARDING, Wayne			X		
JAMAL, Suzanne			X		
KEOGAN, Geraldine		X			
KILLIAN, Nick	Declared a potential conflict of interest				
LAWES, Alan					X
MC CABE, Paul			X		
MC GINTY, Elaine	X				
MC KEE, Stephen			X		
MEADE, Paddy	X				
MOORE, Ronan					X
MURPHY, Maria			X		
O'CONNOR, Gerry			X		
O'NEILL, Aisling					X
O'REILLY, Damien			X		
REILLY, Sarah			X		
REILLY, Tommy			X		
SMITH, Amanda		X			
SOUHAN, Niamh					X
TOBIN, Alan			X		
TÓIBÍN, Emer	X				
TOLAN, Sharon			X		
TOOLE, Gillian	X				
TORMEY, Conor	Declared a potential conflict of interest				



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Option A = 6 members, Option B = 2 members; Option C = 22 members; Abstain = 0, Absent = 10 (2 as a result of declaring a potential conflict of interest). In accordance with this decision, the elected members identified their preferred motion – (FTF) NoM 67.

The Chief Executive’s recommendation of no change on the Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O’Connor** was voted on by roll call as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>		X		
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>		X		
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>				X
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>		X		
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>				X
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>		X		
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>		X		
<b>DREW, Sean</b>		X		
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>				X
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>				X
<b>FITZSIMONS, Padraig</b>		X		
<b>FOX, Joe</b>		X		
<b>FRENCH, Noel</b>		X		
<b>GALLAGHER, Michael</b>				X
<b>GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre</b>				X
<b>GILROY, David</b>		X		
<b>GOLDEN, Trevor</b>		X		
<b>HARDING, Wayne</b>		X		
<b>JAMAL, Suzanne</b>		X		
<b>KEOGAN, Geraldine</b>	X			
<b>KILLIAN, Nick</b>	Declared a potential conflict of interest			
<b>LAWES, Alan</b>				X
<b>MC CABE, Paul</b>		X		
<b>MC GINTY, Elaine</b>		X		
<b>MC KEE, Stephen</b>		X		
<b>MEADE, Paddy</b>		X		
<b>MOORE, Ronan</b>				X
<b>MURPHY, Maria</b>		X		
<b>O’CONNOR, Gerry</b>		X		
<b>O’NEILL, Aisling</b>				X
<b>O’REILLY, Damien</b>		X		
<b>REILLY, Sarah</b>		X		
<b>REILLY, Tommy</b>		X		
<b>SMITH, Amanda</b>	X			
<b>SOUHAN, Niamh</b>				X
<b>TOBIN, Alan</b>		X		
<b>TÓIBÍN, Emer</b>		X		



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<b>TOLAN, Sharon</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>TOOLE, Gillian</b>			<b>X</b>	
<b>TORMEY, Conor</b>	Declared a potential conflict of interest			

In agreement = 2, Not in agreement = 26, Abstain = 1, Absent = 11 (2 as a result of declaring a potential conflict of interest). In accordance with this decision, the Chief Executive's recommendation was not agreed and NoM 67 was agreed.

Following this decision, both Councillors Killian and Tormey returned to the meeting. The Council's Law Agent clarified the advice he had provided to Councillor Tormey when he absented himself from the meeting.

An Cathaoirleach repeated his call on Councillor Killian to clarify or withdraw the comments made earlier and also outlined that the Standing Orders provided some recourse should they be required. He gave Councillor Killian further time to consider doing so.

### **OPR Recommendation 14**

Mr Seán Clarke outlined the recommendation, with **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** proposing that an amendment be made to include tourism and white lands as part of the RATH OBJ 2. There were some questions from **Councillors Sean Drew** and **Elaine McGinty** on the two zonings, but Senior Planner, Mr Pdraig Maguire clarified that this was not a zoning issue. In response to a question from the Cathaoirleach, both **Councillors Nick Killian and Conor Tormey** considered that they did not have a conflict of interest on this matter. On the proposal of **Councillor Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**, the amended recommendation was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 26 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 148 – Councillor Gillian Toole**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Bonner** and the Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 25 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 149 – Councillor Gillian Toole**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and the Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 27 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 150 – Councillor Gillian Toole**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Bonner** and the Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 23 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.



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### **Submissions - Ratoath**

Mr Sean Clarke gave an overview of the 31 submissions received for the settlement.

### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**. A total of 22 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly**. A total of 23 members were in agreement. Councillor Tolan was not in agreement.

### **Part Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Part Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly**. A total of 21 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

An Cathaoirleach confirmed that the chapter dealing with Ratoath was now complete.

### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Enfield**

By way of introduction, Mr Alan Russell gave an overview of the settlement area in terms of its population and projected population, the key strategic and priority zonings and the development priorities for the settlement.

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Enfield – 29 Submissions, 2 NoMs and 7 NoMs from the floor.

### **NoM 151 – Councillor Noel French**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**. In introducing his motion Councillor French indicated that it was linked with NoM 70 from the floor. It was agreed that these could be dealt with together.

### **(FTF) NoM 70 – Councillor Noel French** (LU-OBJ2 lands)



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This was proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden**. NoM 71 from the floor was also related but it was agreed to consider this separately.

Mr Pádraig Maguire responded to the points made by the mover of the motion and outlined that the lands under consideration included a number of zonings: F2, G1, A2 and B1. He indicated that it was a significant parcel of land that had been zoned for a considerable period of time but that there had to be regard for the Core Strategy and the motion had not identified lands to be de-zoned under the 'lands-in/lands-out' principle. In response, **Councillor Noel French** indicated that his objective was to have some of the lands zoned 'community' and proposed to withdraw his motion in favour of (FTF) NoM 71 This was agreed by the meeting.

### **(FTF) NoM 71 – Councillor Ronan Moore** (Phase 2 and Community)

This was proposed by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**, with the motion introduced by Councillor Moore. Mr Pádraig Maguire provided an overview of the lands, the planning history and summary of key decisions. He also provided the planning rationale for the designation of A2 on other lands in the town. In response to the motion, he suggested that the contiguous parcel of lands (front of the site) could be zoned G1 and the back portion of the site would not be zoned. This proposal was agreeable to both Councillors Moore and French.

The Chief Executive's recommendation as outlined by the Senior Planner was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 22 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 152 – Councillor Niamh Souhan**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Niamh Souhan** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**.

In accordance with the Ethical Framework for the Local Government Service both **Councillor Nick Killian** and **Councillor Conor Tormey** declared a potential conflict of interest as the lands under consideration were in the ownership of Mr. Michael Ryan, who was Councillor Killian's landlord and who Councillor Tormey had undertaken work for. Both Councillors withdrew from the meeting.

Councillor Souhan gave an overview of her motion and how she considered that it complied with the requirements set out by the OPR, particularly in terms of access to services and facilities. As part of his intervention, **Councillor Noel French** withdrew his motion **(FTF) NoM 76** from the floor, which related to the same lands. There was also an intervention from **Councillor Ronan Moore**, who suggested that the focus remain on the existing zoned lands and not additional lands. In response to the motion, Senior Planner, Mr Pádraig Maguire indicated that there was more than sufficient zoned lands in Enfield for employment – 43 hectares available and recommended no change, apart from a minor amendment to the alignment of a road on the lands.

The Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 20 members in agreement. Councillor Geraldine Keogan was not in agreement.



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Councillors Killian and Tormey returned to the meeting.

**(FTF) NoM 72 – Councillor Noel French** (residential zonings)

This Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Niamh Souhan**. It was also agreed to consider (FTF) NoMs 73 and 74 at the same time, as these related to the same lands.

**(FTF) NoM 73 – Councillor Aisling Dempsey** – this was proposed by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**

**(FTF) NoM 74 – Councillor Joe Fox** – this was proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey**.

**Councillor Noel French** spoke on his motion and proposed to withdraw it, which was agreed by the meeting. **Councillor Aisling Dempsey** and **Councillor Joe Fox** introduced their motions, outlining their rationale and objectives. There was a discussion on the motions and the lands with further interventions by **Councillors: Ronan Moore; Gillian Toole; Trevor Golden; and Sean Drew**. Senior Planner, Mr Pdraig Maguire clarified some points and responded to questions raised. He also gave an overview of the sites and some related submissions received on the lands under consideration. The Chief Executive's recommendation was to move the A2 zoning (2.37 hectares) to the proposed lands but adjoining the existing A2 zoning and to designate the remainder of the lands as post 2027.

This recommendation was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 25 members in agreement. Councillor Ronan Moore was not in agreement.

**(FTF) NoM 75 – Councillor Ronan Moore** (cycling and pedestrian strategy)

This Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French** and introduced by Councillor Moore who suggested that cycling and pedestrian infrastructure should be planned and not retrofitted at a later date. A number of speakers were in favour of the motion, including **Councillors; Noel French; Aisling Dempsey; Joe Fox; Trevor Golden; Gerry O'Connor** and **Paddy Meade**.

There was also an intervention by Mr Des Foley, Director of Services, who supported the principle but suggested that more detailed assessment was required and highlighted that third parties were also involved. Mr Pdraig Maguire indicated that the Council could not simply put lines on the map in order to create cycleways, as an engineering analysis was required. Following further interventions from Councillor Moore, who withdrew the map, the Chief Executive's recommendation was to accept the motion as a replacement for OBJ 8 in the Written Statement.

This recommendation was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 23 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.



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### **Submissions – Enfield**

Mr Sean Clarke gave an overview of the 29 submissions received for the settlement.

### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**. A total of 24 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**. A total of 21 members were in agreement. Councillor Gearldine Keogan was not in agreement.

### **Part Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**. A total of 21 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

An Cathaoirleach confirmed that the chapter dealing with Enfield was now complete.

## **2. Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Stamullen**

Mr Alan Russell provided an overview of the settlement in terms of its population and projected population, the key strategic and priority zonings and the development priorities for the settlement, as set out in the draft Development Plan.

Mr Sean Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Stamullen, - 15 submission, 2 NoMs and a further 2 NoMs from the floor.

In advance of the meeting's adjournment, An Cathaoirleach indicated that the intention would be to conclude the Tier 4 settlements at the next meeting. This was agreed. The Chief Executive informed the meeting of the need to take a break in the proceedings, due to workload and resource requirements in the Planning Department and that a revised schedule of meetings would be presented for members' approval at the following day's meeting.



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**Councillor Gillian Toole** thanked An Cathaoirleach, the elected members and the Executive for giving the time for the consideration of the Ratoath submissions and motions. Despite some of the decisions, she was satisfied that there was a full and open discussion on the issues.

**At 5.45p.m. the meeting was adjourned until Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**



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### *Special Planning Meeting*

*Re-commenced on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2021 @10 am online (via Zoom)*

**6<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Presiding**

Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach

**Councillors Present:**

Councillors Yemi Adenuga; Tom Behan, Joe Bonner, Mike Bray, Francis Deane, Aisling Dempsey, Seán Drew, Pádraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, Trevor Golden, Wayne Harding, Suzanne Jamal, Geraldine Keogan, Nick Killian, Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty, Stephen McKee, Paddy Meade, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Aisling O'Neill, Damien O'Reilly, Sarah Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Amanda Smith, Niamh Souhan, Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole, Conor Tormey.

**Apologies:**

Councillors Eugene Cassidy, Edward Fennessy, Brian Fitzgerald, Deirdre Geraghty-Smith, Alan Lawes; Ronan Moore.

**Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Des Foley, Barry Lynch, Larry Whelan

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Sean Clarke,

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Engineer:** Gerry Boyle

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Senior Executive Engineer:** David Keyes

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee

In advance of the formal commencement of the meeting, An Cathaoirleach welcomed all participants and set out the key directions for all participants, in line with the Standing Orders.

Mr. Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department gave a presentation with regards to a Member's statutory obligations concerning the:

- Ethical Framework
- Disclosure at Meetings
- Disclosure in Advance of Meetings
- Planning Legislation



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At the outset of the meeting **Councillor Nick Killian** made the following statement: *“On mature reflection overnight, I have come to the decision that it is in the best interests of my constituents who have repeatedly elected me to Meath County Council over the past 22 years that I withdraw my remarks of yesterday, under duress”.*

In response, **Councillor Tommy Reilly** thanked Councillor Killian for making his statement and congratulated the Cathaoirleach on how he has conducted the meetings thus far.

### **Complete the Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Stamullen**

#### **NoM 153 – Councillor Alan Tobin**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Amanda Smith** was presented by Councillor Tobin who made the case for a public park and playground for the area. There were interventions of support from a number of **Councillors: Paddy Meade; Amanda Smith; Sharon Tolan; Nick Killian; Suzanne Jamal; Gerry O’Connor; Joe Bonner; Aisling O’Neill; and Conor Tormey.**

Mr Alan Russell responded by providing an overview of the draft Development Plan’s provisions for open space and community facilities and recommended no change as there was sufficient G1 and F1 zoned lands in the settlement area. Senior Planner, Mr Pdraig Maguire provided some clarifications on matters raised by the elected members in their interventions, specifically on SHDs and the LAP process. The Chief Executive also outlined that she considered that the planning objectives in the draft Plan are strong enough and informed the meeting that work is on-going in terms of what is being asked for in the motion and the financial commitment is available in the capital account for such facilities.

The Chief Executive’s recommendation for no change was agreed on the basis of a show of hands vote with a total of 26 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

#### **NoM 154 – Councillor Alan Tobin**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Amanda Smith** was presented by Councillor Tobin. **Councillor Amanda Smith** raised the issue of the protected structure on the site in question. Senior Planner, Mr Pdraig Maguire responded to the interventions and indicated that the recommendation was for no change. The Chief Executive’s recommendation was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 25 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

#### **Group Submission – Stamullen Development Plan Working Group**

Mr. Seán Clarke informed the meeting that this submission was deferred previously and that it dealt with issues similar to those covered by NoM 153 and 154. The Chief Executive’s recommendation



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was for no change. This was agreed by a show of hands on a proposal by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling O'Neill**. A total of 23 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **(FTF) NoM 77 – Councillor Amanda Smith** (LAP within two years)

This Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Amanda Smith** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling O'Neill**.

In accordance with the Ethical Framework for the Local Government Service, **Councillor Aisling Dempsey** declared a potential conflict of interest as her employer was a landowner on the lands under consideration. Councillor Dempsey withdrew from the meeting.

Councillor Smith introduced her motion and outlined some of the strategic issues that could be addressed by way of an LAP, including access to City North. There were also some clarifications sought by **Councillor Alan Tobin**. There was an extensive response from Mr Des Foley, Director of Services, on the road infrastructure in the area, the planning history on previous proposals for a link road, the engagement with the various stakeholders and the linkage with other potential roads projects. Mr Sean Clarke indicated that the recommendation from the Chief Executive was for no change or no change required, as Stamullen is on the LAP list. He also clarified the statutory timelines and the hierarchy for preparing local plans.

The Chief Executive's recommendation for no change was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 18 members in agreement. 6 members (Councillors: Amanda Smith; Geraldine Keogan; Conor Tormey; Paddy Meade; Alan Tobin and Damien O'Reilly) were not in agreement.

Councillor Dempsey returned to the meeting.

### **(FTF) NoM 78 – Councillor Amanda Smith** (G1 lands)

This Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Amanda Smith** and seconded by **Councillor Geraldine Keogan** and introduced by Councillor Smith. Mr. Alan Russell informed the meeting that there was sufficient G1 zoned lands in Stamullen and that this could be reviewed as part of an LAP, if required. He also referenced submission 874, which was related to this NoM. The Chief Executive recommendation was for no change, which was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 24 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

**Councillor Amanda Smith** asked that the next draft of the Development Plan, before it goes out on public display, be rectified in terms of the spelling of Stadalt House.



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### Submissions - Stamullen

Mr Seán Clarke gave an overview of the 15 submissions received for the settlement.

### No Change Recommendation

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Suzanne Jamal**. A total of 22 members was in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### Change Recommendation

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Amanda Smith** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**. A total of 24 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

An Cathaoirleach confirmed that the chapter dealing with Stamullen was now complete.

### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Kilcock**

By way of introduction, Mr Alan Russell gave an overview of the settlement area in terms of its population and projected population, the key strategic and priority zonings and the development priorities for the settlement. He also touched on the flooding considerations.

Mr David Keyes also provided an overview of the flood mitigation works undertaken in Kilcock, to facilitate infrastructural and housing development. The works were undertaken in accordance with a FRAMs study in 2009. He referenced the OPW guidelines for planning authorities and informed the meeting that the 2017 OPW CFRAMs mapping is currently the most reliable reference in terms of the flood zones.

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview of the submissions and motions received on Kilcock – 7 Submissions, 1 NoM and 3 NoMs from the floor

### NoM 155 – Councillor Joe Fox

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Maria Murphy**. Councillor Fox indicated that (FTF) NoM 79 was a supplementary motion and it was agreed to take these together. He set out the case for his motion to retain the zoning on the lands as Kilcock is in the metropolitan area and he also referenced the flood assessment commissioned by the landowner.

### (FTF) NoM 79 – Councillor Joe Fox (Ballyfeaghan)

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**.



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Mr Alan Russell responded by highlighting that there are servicing issues with the lands under consideration and that based on a previous planning application process there are also flood risk management issues, which would require a detailed assessment of the effectiveness of the flood mitigation works undertaken. He informed the meeting that the Chief Executive's recommendation was for no change, for the reasons outlined but also because of the proximity of Maynooth and the sufficient volume of enterprise zoned lands there.

A number of members spoke in favour of the motion including **Councillors Maria Murphy; Damien O'Reilly; Gerry O'Connor; Nick Killian; Alan Tobin and Gillian Toole**, underlining that Kilcock was in the metropolitan area, that there were good transport connections and that there were no flood issues on the lands. In response, Mr David Keyes addressed specific issues to do with the site and in particular the constraints posed by the Balfeaghan Bridge which impacts on the lands up-stream. Mr Pdraig Maguire underlined some of the points made earlier, accepted that the lands were zoned previously but understood that the lands might be subject to flooding.

There were further interventions and questions from **Councillors Nick Killian; Joe Fox; Paul McCabe; Trevor Golden; Noel French; and Alan Tobin**. Clarifications were provided by Mr David Keyes and Mr Pdraig Maguire.

The Chief Executive's recommendation of no change was put to a roll call vote as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>		X		
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>		X		
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>	X			
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>		X		
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>				X
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>				X
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>		X		
<b>DREW, Sean</b>		X		
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>				X
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>				X
<b>FITZSIMONS, Pdraig</b>		X		
<b>FOX, Joe</b>		X		
<b>FRENCH, Noel</b>		X		
<b>GALLAGHER, Michael</b>	X			
<b>GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre</b>				X
<b>GILROY, David</b>		X		
<b>GOLDEN, Trevor</b>	X			
<b>HARDING, Wayne</b>		X		
<b>JAMAL, Suzanne</b>		X		
<b>KEOGAN, Geraldine</b>		X		
<b>KILLIAN, Nick</b>		X		



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LAWES, Alan				X
MC CABE, Paul	X			
MC GINTY, Elaine	X			
MC KEE, Stephen				X
MEADE, Paddy				X
MOORE, Ronan				X
MURPHY, Maria		X		
O'CONNOR, Gerry		X		
O'NEILL, Aisling				X
O'REILLY, Damien		X		
REILLY, Sarah		X		
REILLY, Tommy				X
SMITH, Amanda		X		
SOUHAN, Niamh		X		
TOBIN, Alan		X		
TÓIBÍN, Emer		X		
TOLAN, Sharon		X		
TOOLE, Gillian	X			
TORMEY, Conor				X

In agreement = 6, Not in agreement = 22, Abstain = 0, Absent = 12. In accordance with this decision, the Chief Executive's recommendation was not agreed and the NoM was adopted.

### **(FTF) NoM 80 – Councillor Maria Murphy** (new road)

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**, which sought the inclusion of a new objective for a road to connect the lands at Newtownmoyaghy with the L6219/L2212. This was supported by **Councillors Joe Fox and Nick Killian**.

There were also interventions from Mr Des Foley, Director of Services and Mr Pdraig Maguire, Senior Planner, who raised an issue with the map submitted, which was withdrawn by Councillor Murphy. On the basis of this, the Chief Executive's recommendation was to accept the motion and this was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 23 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

**At 1.00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for lunch until 2.00 p.m.**

### **(FTF) NoM 81 – Councillor Nick Killian** (Variation within 3 months of adoption)

This Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Nick Killian** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**, with Councillor Killian setting out the purpose and rationale for the motion.

There were interventions by Mr Sean Clarke and the Council's Law Agent, who informed the meeting that the motion was pre-emptive in nature and seeking the Chief Executive do something that is ultra vires. Further, the motion was not in compliance with the Core Strategy and did not adhere



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with the RSES and MASP. While Mr Clarke did inform the meeting that a plan can be varied at any stage where there is a case for doing so, he asked that the motion be withdrawn, as it is requesting something that is not legally possible at this stage.

There were a number of contributions from the floor, including **Councillors Joe Fox; Gerry O'Connor; Damien O'Reilly; Maria Murphy; Susanne Jamal;** and **Michael Gallagher**, with an extensive debate on the motion, its objectives and related matters, including the preparation of an LAP for Kilcock. Clarifications were provided by Mr Pádraig Maguire, Mr Seán Clarke, Mr Des Foley, Mr Larry Whelan and the Council's Law Agent. On the basis of these clarifications, Councillor Killian proposed to withdraw the motion on the basis that a variation could take place when there is sufficient merit for doing so. The meeting agreed to the motion being withdrawn.

### **Submissions**

Mr Sean Clarke gave an overview of the 7 submissions received for the settlement.

### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**. A total of 24 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **Change Recommendation**

The 'change' submission (MH-C5-51) was dealt with under the consideration of NoM 155/(FTF)NoM 79 earlier.

An Cathaoirleach confirmed that the chapter dealing with Kilcock was now complete.

### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Duleek**

By way of introduction, Mr Alan Russell gave an overview of Duleek in terms of its population and projected population, its Core Strategy allocation, the key strategic and priority zonings and the development priorities for the settlement.

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Duleek – 16 Submissions, 10 NoMs and 0 NoMs from the floor.

### **NoM 156 – Councillor Geraldine Keogan**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Geraldine Keogan** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**, with Councillor Keogan indicating that she welcomed the Chief Executive's recommendation. The recommendation was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 25 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.



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### **NoM 157 – Councillor Stephen McKee**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Stephen McKee** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**, and was introduced by Councillor McKee who wished to see a secondary school in the area. There was an extensive discussion on the motion and the provision of educational facilities generally with contributions from **Councillors: Paddy Meade; Nick Killian; Alan Tobin; Geraldine Keogan; Damien O'Reilly; Elaine McGinty; Amanda Smith; Sharon Tolan; Gerry O'Connor; and Wayne Harding.**

There were responses from Mr Seán Clarke and Pádraig Maguire, who indicated the Department and the LMETB had not identified a need for a secondary school in the area and thus no lands were zoned for this purpose. While they wished to avoid the inclusion of an objective in the written statements of each settlement, as this was covered by SOC POL 15, an amendment to the Duleek Written Statement was suggested as follows: *'To promote and investigate the provision of a secondary school for Duleek during the period of the County Development Plan'*.

This proposal was accepted and this recommendation was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 27 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 158 – Councillor Stephen McKee**

In advance of this motion being proposed, Mr Sean Clarke clarified that the Chief Executive's recommendation was changing as in the intervening period since the NoM book was published a planning application has been granted for the site in question. Therefore, the Chief Executive's recommendation was to accept the motion.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Stephen McKee** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**. Senior Planner, Mr Padraig Maguire provided further detail on the planning application and informed the meeting that it was granted on January 23, 2020. He clarified the site on which the permission has been granted and that this area would be now zoned from rural (in the draft Plan) to A1 (existing residential). In making these clarifications he also made reference to Submission 917. He also gave a status report on the works on the site, following an intervention by **Councillor Sharon Tolan**.

The Chief Executive's recommendation to change the zoning on the site where the planning permission applies was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 24 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 159 – Councillor Stephen McKee**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Stephen McKee** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**, and was introduced by Councillor McKee. Mr Des Foley, Director of Services, informed the meeting that the objective of the bypass was already in the draft County Development Plan and so the recommendation was for no change. There were contributions from **Councillors**



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**Paddy Meade; Gerry O'Connor**, who supported the objective but indicated that what is in the draft Plan was stronger than what the motion proposed, and **Sharon Tolan** who appealed to councillors to not submit motions which are already dealt with in the draft Plan. The Chief Executive's recommendation of no change was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 26 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 160 – Councillor Stephen McKee**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Stephen McKee** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**, and was introduced by Councillor McKee who advocated for a short term measure for banning HGVs. In response, Mr Padraig Maguire highlighted MOV OBJ 58 in the Draft Plan which already dealt with the issue. While Mr Des Foley informed the meeting that implementing a HGV ban was a separate statutory process that can be done at MD level. There were interventions by **Councillors Paddy Meade; Sharon Tolan and Geraldine Keogan**. Councillor McKee proposed to withdraw the motion and this was agreed by the meeting.

### **NoM 161 – Councillor Stephen McKee**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Stephen McKee** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**, with Councillor McKee introducing his motion and supported by an intervention from Councillor Meade. Mr Alan Russell indicated that there was already land zoned in Duleek to provide a public park and recommended no change.

The Chief Executive's recommendation of no change was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 24 members in agreement. 2 members (Councillors Noel French and Alan Tobin) were not in agreement.

### **NoM 162 – Councillor Stephen McKee**

As a result of the decision on NoM 156, this motion fell.

### **NoM 163 – Councillor Paddy Meade**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Stephen McKee**, with Councillor Meade outlining his reason for seeking to retain residential zoning on the lands in question. Mr Alan Russell responded by indicating that bringing the lands back as residential would be contrary to the Core Strategy and recommended no change.

The Chief Executive's recommendation of no change was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 17 members in agreement. 7 members (Councillors Paddy Meade; Stephen McKee; Michael Gallagher; Amanda Smith; Geraldine Keogan; Gillian Toole and Paul McCabe) were not in agreement.

### **NoM 164 – Councillor Paddy Meade**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Geraldine Keogan**. Councillor Meade indicated that he wanted to strengthen the objective of a



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bypass by including a map but acknowledged the previous debate and proposed to withdraw the motion. This was agreed by the meeting.

### **NoM 165 – Councillor Paddy Meade**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Stephen McKee**, with Councillor Meade acknowledging the previous debate on schools proposed to withdraw the motion. This was agreed by the meeting.

### **Submissions – Duleek**

Mr Sean Clarke gave an overview of the 16 submissions received for the settlement.

### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Stephen McKee** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Behan**. A total of 24 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Amanda Smith** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan**. A total of 22 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

An Cathaoirleach confirmed that the chapter dealing with Duleek and Tier 4 settlements were now complete.

### **3. Consideration of the schedule of future meetings**

The Chief Executive informed the meeting that due to increased numbers of planning applications received in recent weeks (a 70% increase in January year-on-year), that the Planning Department has in excess of 250 applications to process during the remainder of February. She was mindful of the timeframes for the review of the County Development Plan but equally there are statutory timeframes for development management which now required resources had to be allocated to deal with this situation in the coming weeks. As well as the planning application, there were also Part 8s and SHD proposals in the pipeline, which required the engagement of the planning staff.

In this context, the Chief Executive presented a revised schedule for the completion of this stage of the review of the Development Plan. The situation as outlined was, in her view, a justifiable reason for a slightly protracted adjournment. In this regard, the Council's Law Agent agreed that there had to be a balance in addressing the statutory obligations of both the Development Plan process and the Development Management system and that if the elected members agreed to the proposed



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adjournment and new meeting schedule, he suggested that the Department and the OPR be informed of the situation.

The proposed revised schedule was as follows:

Day/Date	Time	Topic
Wednesday, March 3	2pm - 5.30pm	Tiers 5
Thursday, March 4	2pm - 5.30pm	Tiers 5
Friday, March 5	10am - 1pm, 2pm – 5pm	Tier 6
Saturday, March 6	10am to 1pm	If required

This revised schedule was agreed on the proposal by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**. No member was not in agreement.

There were some questions on the remaining stages of the review process; the status of existing planning applications; some expressions of gratitude to An Cathaoirleach and staff; and acknowledgement that the online meetings had worked well, from **Councillors Alan Tobin; Gillian Toole; Sean Drew; Amanda Smith; Damien O'Reilly; Gerry O'Connor** and **An Cathaoirleach**. Clarifications, where required, were provided by the Chief Executive and Mr. Seán Clarke.

**At 4.50 p.m. the meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.**



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### *Special Planning Meeting*

*Re-commenced on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 @2 pm online (via Zoom)*

**3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021**

**Presiding**

Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach

**Councillors Present:**

Councillors Tom Behan, Joe Bonner, Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy, Aisling Dempsey, Seán Drew, Pádraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, Trevor Golden, Wayne Harding, Suzanne Jamal, Geraldine Keogan, Nick Killian, Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty, Stephen McKee, Paddy Meade, Ronan Moore, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Damien O'Reilly, Sarah Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Amanda Smith, Niamh Souhan, Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole, Conor Tormey.

**Apologies:**

Councillors Yemi Adenuga; Francis Deane; Edward Fennessy, Brian Fitzgerald, Deirdre Geraghty-Smith, Alan Lawes; Aisling O'Neill.

**Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Des Foley, Fiona Lawless, Barry Lynch, Larry Whelan

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Seán Clarke,

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Engineer:** Gerry Boyle

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee

In advance of the formal commencement of the meeting, An Cathaoirleach welcomed all participants and set out the key directions for all participants, in line with the Standing Orders.

Mr. Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department gave a presentation with regards to Members' statutory obligations concerning the:

- Ethical Framework
- Disclosure at Meetings
- Disclosure in Advance of Meetings
- Planning Legislation



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### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Athboy**

By way of introduction, Mr Alan Russell gave an overview of the settlement area in terms of its population and projected population, the key strategic and priority zonings, infrastructure and facilities requirements.

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Athboy - 8 submissions, 1 NoM and 5 NoMs from the floor.

#### **NoM 166 – Councillor Mike Bray (Athboy)**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Mike Bray** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy**. Councillor Bray suggested that his similar motions for Oldcastle and Crossakiel could be taken at the same time. This was agreed by the meeting.

#### **NoM 167 – Councillor Mike Bray (Oldcastle)**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Mike Bray** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**.

#### **NoM 190 – Councillor Mike Bray (Crossakiel)**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Mike Bray** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly**.

Councillor Bray outlined his motions and their general objective. In doing so, he proposed an amendment to the wording. **Councillor Michael Gallagher** spoke in favour of the motions. In response, Mr Des Foley, Director of Services, informed the meeting that the Council has on-going engagement with Bus Eireann and Flexibus with a view to improving connectivity. Mr Alan Russell outlined that the initial recommendation from the Chief Executive was 'no change'. However, given the engagement between the Council and the NTA on a mobility plan audit, it was proposed to accept NoM 166 and 167 and to retain the 'no change' recommendation on NoM 190.

The Chief Executive's recommendation on NoM 166 and 167 was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 21 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

The Chief Executive's recommendation on NoM 190 was not agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 4 members in agreement and a total of 16 members not in agreement. As a result of this vote, NoM 190 was agreed.

#### **(FTF) NoM 82 – Councillor Joe Fox (serviced sites initiative)**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy**, with Councillor Fox outlining his proposal to provide serviced sites in Tier 5 and 6 settlements on a pilot basis. Mr Pdraig Maguire responded by generally supporting the proposal but suggesting an amended wording and outlining that there needs to be a site specific approach



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and clarity on roles and responsibilities. The amended objective was as follows: “Where appropriate, serviced sites may be accommodated within existing zoned residential lands or on lands immediately adjoining the development boundary of Tier 5 and Tier 6 towns/villages, subject to normal planning considerations”. Councillor Fox accepted the amendment and a number of other elected members spoke in favour of the motion, including: **Councillor Eugene Cassidy; Paddy Meade; Noel French; Michael Gallagher; Sean Drew; Maria Murphy; Wayne Harding and Damien O’Reilly.**

The recommendation of the Chief Executive was agreed on a show of hands vote with a total of 28 members in agreement and no member not in agreement.

### **(FTF) NoM 83 – Councillor David Gilroy** (G1 zoning)

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor David Gilroy** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**. It was introduced by Councillor Gilroy who also referenced Submission 449, with expressions of support from **Councillors Joe Fox and Mike Bray**. The recommendation of the Chief Executive was no change and a roll call vote was called on the recommendation as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>DREW, Sean</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>FITZSIMONS, Padraig</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>FOX, Joe</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>FRENCH, Noel</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>GALLAGHER, Michael</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>GILROY, David</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>GOLDEN, Trevor</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>HARDING, Wayne</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>JAMAL, Suzanne</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>KEOGAN, Geraldine</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>KILLIAN, Nick</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>LAWES, Alan</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>MC CABE, Paul</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>MC GINTY, Elaine</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>MC KEE, Stephen</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>MEADE, Paddy</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>MOORE, Ronan</b>			<b>X</b>	

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MURPHY, Maria		X		
O'CONNOR, Gerry		X		
O'NEILL, Aisling				X
O'REILLY, Damien		X		
REILLY, Sarah		X		
REILLY, Tommy		X		
SMITH, Amanda		X		
SOUHAN, Niamh				X
TOBIN, Alan		X		
TÓIBÍN, Emer		X		
TOLAN, Sharon		X		
TOOLE, Gillian	X			
TORMEY, Conor		X		

In agreement = 1 member, Not in agreement = 29, Abstain = 1, Absent = 9. In accordance with this decision, the Chief Executive's recommendation was not agreed and the motion was adopted.

### **(FTF) NoM 84 – Councillor Mike Bray**

The Notice of Motion was withdrawn.

### **(FTF) NoM 85 – Councillor Mike Bray (O'Growney NS Building)**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Mike Bray** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly**. Councillor Bray sought an amendment to his motion but was unable to submit an amendment in order to maintain consistency of approach. However, the Chief Executive recommended an extension to the proposed Town Centre zoning beyond the school building site. It was also confirmed that the protected structure outside the school would remain. The recommendation was endorsed by **Councillors Mike Bray** and **Sarah Reilly**.

The recommendation of the Chief Executive was agreed on a show of hands vote with a total of 25 members in agreement. Councillor Geraldine Keogan was not in agreement.

### **(FTF) NoM 86 – Councillor Mike Bray (Clann na nGael GAA Club)**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Mike Bray** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly**. Councillor Bray proposed to withdraw the motion and this was agreed by the meeting.

### **Submissions**

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 8 submissions received on Athboy

### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Paul McCabe** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly**. A total of 21 members were in agreement and no member was not in agreement.



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### **Change Recommendation**

The change recommendation on Submission 449 was addressed with the agreement of (FTF) NoM 83 above.

Following the vote, An Cathaoirleach declared the chapter on Athboy to be concluded.

### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Ballivor**

Mr Alan Russell provided an overview of the settlement area in terms of the development priorities, to consolidate the centre area of the village for commercial activity and backfill sites, the provision of walkway and cycleways and use the stream for amenity and enhanced community facilities. He also outlined the main zoning areas/objectives.

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Ballivor – 5 submissions, 1 NoM and 1 NoM from the floor.

### **NoM 168 – Councillor Aisling Dempsey**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**, with Councillor Dempsey accepting the recommendation from the Chief Executive. This recommendation was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 21 members in agreement and no member not in agreement.

### **(FTF) NoM 87 – Councillor Joe Fox**

The notice of motion was proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**. The Chief Executive's recommendation was for no change, as there was no Phase II in any Tier 5 or 6 settlement. Councillor Fox accepted the recommendation but further noted that the site would be a good option for the serviced sites initiative. The Chief Executive's recommendation for no change was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 24 members in agreement and no member not in agreement.

### **Submissions**

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 5 submissions received on Ballivor.

### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Ronan Moore** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey**. A total of 25 members were in agreement and no member was not in agreement.

Following the vote, An Cathaoirleach declared the chapter on Ballivor to be concluded.



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### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Longwood**

Mr Alan Russell provided an overview of the settlement area in terms of the development priorities, to consolidate and strengthen the village core through public realm improvement works, improve connectivity within the village and promote infill and back-lands development and under-used buildings. He also outlined the main zoning areas/objectives in the village.

There were follow-up questions and comments by **Councillors Noel French and Joe Fox**.

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Longwood – 12 submissions, 0 NoMs and 0 NoMs from the floor.

#### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan Moore**. A total of 22 members were in agreement and no member was not in agreement.

#### **Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Ronan Moore**. A total of 18 members were in agreement and no member was not in agreement.

Following the vote, An Cathaoirleach declared that the chapter on Longwood was concluded.

### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Oldcastle**

Mr Alan Russell provided an overview of the settlement area in terms of its development priorities, to consolidate and strengthen the town centre and promote the sensitive redevelopment of strategic lands around the historic core. There are three main sites for residential development, some with active planning permissions. He also outlined the other main zoning areas/objectives in the village.

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Oldcastle – 2 submissions, 1 NoM and 1 NoM from the floor.

#### **NoM 167 – Councillor Mike Bray**

This was dealt with during the Athboy settlement.



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### **(FTF) NoM 88 – Councillor Sarah Reilly** (transfer of A2 zoning)

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Sarah Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Mike Bray**. Councillor Reilly outlined the motion and its objective of swapping the zoning to achieve balanced zoning, which was supported by **Councillors Mike Bray** and **Michael Gallagher**. Mr Pádraig Maguire indicated that the preference was for the sequential zoning as in the draft Plan and advised that the recommendation was for no change.

The recommendation of the Chief Executive was no change and a roll call vote was called on the recommendation as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>DREW, Sean</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>FITZSIMONS, Padraig</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>FOX, Joe</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>FRENCH, Noel</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>GALLAGHER, Michael</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>GILROY, David</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>GOLDEN, Trevor</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>HARDING, Wayne</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>JAMAL, Suzanne</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>KEOGAN, Geraldine</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>KILLIAN, Nick</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>LAWES, Alan</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>MC CABE, Paul</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>MC GINTY, Elaine</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>MC KEE, Stephen</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>MEADE, Paddy</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>MOORE, Ronan</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>MURPHY, Maria</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>O’CONNOR, Gerry</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>O’NEILL, Aisling</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>O’REILLY, Damien</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>REILLY, Sarah</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>REILLY, Tommy</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>SMITH, Amanda</b>		<b>X</b>		



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<b>SOUHAN, Niamh</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>TOBIN, Alan</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>TÓIBÍN, Emer</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>TOLAN, Sharon</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>TOOLE, Gillian</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>TORMEY, Conor</b>		<b>X</b>		

In agreement = 2, Not in agreement = 25, Abstain = 0, Absent = 13. In accordance with this decision, the Chief Executive's recommendation was not agreed and the motion was adopted.

### Submissions

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 2 submissions received on Oldcastle.

### No Change Recommendation

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Mike Bray**. A total of 22 members were in agreement and no member was not in agreement.

Following the vote, An Cathaoirleach declared the chapter on Oldcastle to be concluded.

### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Baile Ghib**

Mr Alan Russell provided an overview of the settlement area in terms of the development priorities, which include strengthening the identity of the village and giving it a stronger sense of place, through the consolidation of development around the school and residential cluster and the demesne buildings and improved pedestrian and lighting facilities. He also outlined the main zoning areas/objectives in the village.

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions received on Baile Ghib – 5 submissions, 0 NoMs and 0 NoMs from the floor.

There were comments from **Councillors Paul McCabe and Michael Gallagher**, both highlighting issues with the residential cluster and connectivity for pedestrians in the village.

### No Change – Recommendation on 5 Submissions

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Paul McCabe**. A total of 21 members was in agreement and no member was not in agreement.

Following the vote, An Cathaoirleach declared the chapter on Baile Ghib to be concluded.



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At 4.15pm, An Cathaoirleach proposed and seconded by Councillor Joe Fox to take a 5 minute recess, which was agreed.

### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Donore**

Mr Alan Russell provided an overview of the settlement area in terms of the development priorities, to promote Donore as a compact settlement and to preserve the village's natural and built environment. He also gave an overview of the town's zoning map and main zoning objectives.

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Donore – 3 submissions, 0 NoMs and 5 NoMs from the floor.

#### **(FTF) NoM 89 – Councillor Paddy Meade** (Pedestrian walkway 1)

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade**, seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly** and introduced by Councillor Meade who proposed the inclusion of a pedestrian walkway from Donore to Drogheda. There were a number of inputs from **Councillors: Alan Tobin; Gerry O'Connor; Amanda Smith; Wayne Harding; Stephen McKee** and **Sharon Tolan**, with the latter suggesting an addition to the motion to include "cycleways". This was agreed. Both Mr Alan Russell and Mr Des Foley indicated that the motion was already covered by an objective in the Movement Chapter and that the objective of the motion was unlikely to be achieved during the lifetime of the Plan.

Mr Seán Clarke sought clarity as to whether the proposal was a spot objective or an insertion in the written statement. It was clarified that it was for the written statement. The Chief Executive's recommendation was for no change. This was not agreed by a show of hands vote with 2 members in agreement and a total of 21 members not in agreement. On the basis of this decision the motion was agreed.

#### **(FTF) NoM 90 – Councillor Paddy Meade** (Pedestrian walkway 2)

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade**, seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and introduced by Councillor Meade, which was similar to the previous motion but with the walkway and cycleway running from Donore to Brú na Bóinne.

Mr. Alan Russell suggested that NoM 90 and NoM 91 from the floor be considered together. This was agreed.

#### **(FTF) NoM 91 – Councillor Paddy Meade** (Pedestrian walkway 3)

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade**, seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and introduced by Councillor Meade, which was similar to the previous motions but with the walkway/cycleway running from Donore to the OPW site at Oldbridge House.

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Mr. Alan Russell proposed an alternative objective to be included in the written statement with the effect of investigating the feasibility of developing a walkway. This was the Chief Executive's recommendation on (FTF) NoM 90 and NoM 91. The recommendation of the Chief Executive was not agreed by a show of hands vote with 3 members in agreement and a total of 19 members not in agreement. As a result of this decision, (FTF) NoM 90 and NoM 91 were agreed.

### **(FTF) NoM 92 – Councillor Paddy Meade** (Pedestrian walkway 4)

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade**, seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and introduced by Councillor Meade, which was similar to the previous motions but with the walkway connecting various parts of Donore. The Executive had questions as to who would pay for the footpaths, given that the land was de-zoned and suggested that it was a matter best addressed at MD level.

The recommendation of the Chief Executive was no change and a roll call vote was called on the recommendation as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>DREW, Sean</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>FITZSIMONS, Pdraig</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>FOX, Joe</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>FRENCH, Noel</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>GALLAGHER, Michael</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>GILROY, David</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>GOLDEN, Trevor</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>HARDING, Wayne</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>JAMAL, Suzanne</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>KEOGAN, Geraldine</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>KILLIAN, Nick</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>LAWES, Alan</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>MC CABE, Paul</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>MC GINTY, Elaine</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>MC KEE, Stephen</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>MEADE, Paddy</b>		<b>X</b>		



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MOORE, Ronan				X
MURPHY, Maria	X			
O'CONNOR, Gerry		X		
O'NEILL, Aisling				X
O'REILLY, Damien				X
REILLY, Sarah		X		
REILLY, Tommy				X
SMITH, Amanda		X		
SOUHAN, Niamh		X		
TOBIN, Alan		X		
TÓIBÍN, Emer		X		
TOLAN, Sharon	X			
TOOLE, Gillian	X			
TORMEY, Conor	X			

In agreement = 10 , Not in agreement = 16, Abstain = 0, Absent = 14. In accordance with this decision, the Chief Executive's recommendation was not agreed and the motion was adopted.

**(FTF) NoM 93 – Councillor Paddy Meade** (Rezone lands to F1)

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade**, seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and introduced by Councillor Meade seeking green space as he stated that there would be no green space in the village. There were interventions from **Councillors Sharon Tolan; Tom Behan; and Stephen McKee**, who expressed different views on the motion. Senior Planner, Mr Pádraig Maguire clarified the point that there is open space provided for in the draft Plan within the A1 zoning. He strongly recommended against the removal of the Town Centre zoning.

The recommendation of the Chief Executive was no change and a roll call vote was called on the recommendation as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
ADENUGA, Yemi				X
BEHAN, Tom	X			
BONNER, Joseph				X
BRAY, Mike	X			
CASSIDY, Eugene				X
DEANE, Francis				X
DEMPSEY, Aisling	X			
DREW, Sean	X			
FENNESSY, Eddie				X
FITZGERALD, Brian				X
FITZSIMONS, Padraig	X			
FOX, Joe		X		
FRENCH, Noel		X		
GALLAGHER, Michael		X		
GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre				X

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GILROY, David	X			
GOLDEN, Trevor				X
HARDING, Wayne	X			
JAMAL, Suzanne		X		
KEOGAN, Geraldine				X
KILLIAN, Nick		X		
LAWES, Alan				X
MC CABE, Paul		X		
MC GINTY, Elaine				X
MC KEE, Stephen		X		
MEADE, Paddy		X		
MOORE, Ronan				X
MURPHY, Maria		X		
O'CONNOR, Gerry		X		
O'NEILL, Aisling				X
O'REILLY, Damien	X			
REILLY, Sarah		X		
REILLY, Tommy				X
SMITH, Amanda		X		
SOUHAN, Niamh		X		
TOBIN, Alan		X		
TÓIBÍN, Emer		X		
TOLAN, Sharon		X		
TOOLE, Gillian		X		
TORMEY, Conor	X			

In agreement = 9, Not in agreement = 17, Abstain = 0, Absent = 14. In accordance with this decision, the Chief Executive's recommendation was not agreed and the motion was adopted.

#### Submissions

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 2 submissions received on Donore.

#### No Change Recommendation

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Tom Behan** and seconded by **Councillor Amanda Smith**. A total of 17 members were in agreement and no member was not in agreement.

Following the vote, An Cathaoirleach declared that the chapter on Donore was concluded.



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### Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Carlanstown

Mr Alan Russell provided an overview of the settlement area in terms of the development priorities, to consolidate the shape of the village and promote infill development. He outlined the two residential zonings and other zoned lands in the village.

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Carlanstown – 5 submissions, 0 NoMs and 1 NoM from the floor.

In advance of the NoM being proposed, **Councillor Sean Drew** declared a potential conflict of interest connected to his profession and his employer acting on behalf of the landowner. In accordance with the Ethical Framework for the local government service, Councillor Drew withdrew from the meeting.

#### **(FTF) NoM 94 – Councillor Paul McCabe** (A2 zoning)

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Paul McCabe**, seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly** and introduced by Councillor McCabe which proposed the zoning of an infill site which he referenced as a sequential development. There was support for the motion expressed by **Councillors Sarah Reilly; Michael Gallagher; and Eugene Cassidy**, while An Cathaoirleach reminded members of the need for consistency and the adherence to the ‘lands-in/lands-out’ principle as applied to other settlements. In response, Mr Alan Russell indicated that no lands had been put forward for de-zoning and Mr Pádraig Maguire underlined the need for consistency in approach and that projected growth can be accommodated already by the draft Plan. Members were advised that such a motion if successful would go against the Core Strategy.

The recommendation of the Chief Executive was no change and a roll call vote was called on the recommendation as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>DREW, Sean</b>	Not Present - Declared a potential Conflict of Interest			
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>FITZSIMONS, Padraig</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>FOX, Joe</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>FRENCH, Noel</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>GALLAGHER, Michael</b>		<b>X</b>		

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GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre				X
GILROY, David	X			
GOLDEN, Trevor				X
HARDING, Wayne		X		
JAMAL, Suzanne		X		
KEOGAN, Geraldine				X
KILLIAN, Nick		X		
LAWES, Alan				X
MC CABE, Paul		X		
MC GINTY, Elaine				X
MC KEE, Stephen				X
MEADE, Paddy		X		
MOORE, Ronan				X
MURPHY, Maria		X		
O'CONNOR, Gerry		X		
O'NEILL, Aisling				X
O'REILLY, Damien				X
REILLY, Sarah		X		
REILLY, Tommy				X
SMITH, Amanda		X		
SOUHAN, Niamh		X		
TOBIN, Alan		X		
TÓIBÍN, Emer		X		
TOLAN, Sharon		X		
TOOLE, Gillian		X		
TORMEY, Conor		X		

In agreement = 2, Not in agreement = 23, Abstain = 0, Absent = 15. In accordance with this decision, the Chief Executive's recommendation was not agreed and the motion was adopted.

### Submissions

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 5 submissions received on Carlanstown.

### No Change – Recommendation on 5 Submissions

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Paul McCabe**. A total of 19 members were in agreement and no member were not in agreement.

Following the vote, An Cathaoirleach declared the chapter on Carlanstown to be concluded.



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### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Clonard**

Mr Alan Russell provided an overview of the settlement area in terms of the development priorities, which was to consolidate the shape of the village. He also outlined the main zoning areas/objectives in the village.

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Clonard – 4 submissions, 0 NoMs and 0 NoMs from the floor.

#### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**. A total of 14 members were in agreement and no member was not in agreement.

#### **Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**. A total of 12 members were in agreement and no member was not in agreement.

Following the vote, An Cathaoirleach declared that chapter on Clonard to be concluded.

<b>At 5.50p.m. the meeting was adjourned until Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.</b>
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### *Special Planning Meeting*

*Re-commenced on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 @2 pm online (via Zoom)*

**4<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Presiding**

Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach

**Councillors Present:**

Councillors Tom Behan, Joe Bonner, Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy, Aisling Dempsey, Seán Drew, Edward Fennessy; Pádraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, Deirdre Geraghty-Smith; Wayne Harding, Suzanne Jamal, Geraldine Keogan; Nick Killian, Paul McCabe, Elaine McGinty; Stephen McKee, Paddy Meade, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Damien O'Reilly, Sarah Reilly, Amanda Smith, Niamh Souhan, Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole, Conor Tormey.

**Apologies:**

Councillors Yemi Adenuga; Francis Deane; Brian Fitzgerald; Trevor Golden, Alan Lawes; Ronan Moore; Aisling O'Neill; Tommy Reilly.

**Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Des Foley, Fiona Lawless, Barry Lynch, Larry Whelan

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Seán Clarke,

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Engineer:** Gerry Boyle

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee

In advance of the formal commencement of the meeting, An Cathaoirleach welcomed all participants and set out the key directions for all participants, in line with the Standing Orders.

Mr. Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department gave a presentation with regards to a Member's statutory obligations concerning the:

- Ethical Framework
- Disclosure at Meetings
- Disclosure in Advance of Meetings
- Planning Legislation



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### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Gormanston**

Mr Alan Russell gave an overview of the settlement in terms of how it has developed in a linear pattern and around the college grounds. The area has remained essentially rural in character with relatively few services available locally. The overall objective is to consolidate the settlement in a sustainable manner. He also outlined the constraints in terms of water and waste water infrastructure in the area.

Mr Pádraig Maguire also provided an overview of the various submissions and NoMs received and made a number of points on these. In the current Plan, Gormanston had a legacy zoning of phase 2 residential lands which dated back to the early 2000s. Like all Tier 5 and 6 settlements, the vast majority of this phase 2 residential land was removed in the 2021-2027 Draft Plan that went on public display. Those lands were considered inappropriate, not necessary and a legacy zoning not required for the Settlement Strategy in the new plan period of 2021-2027.

He presented a map to the meeting which summarised all the A2 zoning for Gormanston proposed in the Submissions and NoMs. There were a number of gaps on this map suggesting a very adhoc approach to development in the village. This he underlined was very much discouraged.

A total of 103 submissions were received from community groups and local people (the highest number of submissions received in all lower tier settlements). Virtually all submissions (with the exception of those seeking zoning) stated that they were very much opposed to the whole-scale proposed residential growth in this small village. He also noted that there were two proposed SHDs in Gormanston for companies named as Swanhall and Malachitehall Ltd on lands that could accommodate c1000 units. Two Section 247 meetings were held in November 2018 with Swanhall for 266 units, and another meeting held in April 2019 with Malachitehall lands for 671 units. Neither scheme progressed any further through the SHD process due to the developments being unlikely to receive a favourable consideration from the Council or an SHD decision from An Bord Pleanála. This happened almost two years ago and nothing had happened since then regarding these sites.

The Senior Planner underlined that Gormanston is a rural Tier 6 village where it is considered completely inappropriate for development of c48 acres of A2 New Residential zoning land that could potentially deliver over 1000 units in the plan period. Only organic growth should be encouraged and facilitated within the existing urban footprint. The focus is on consolidation, like other settlements in East Meath. Under the NPF, RSES and the Settlement Strategy of the Draft Plan, the majority of future population growth for this part of east Meath would be in the larger higher order settlements of Drogheda, Duleek, and to a lesser extent Stamullen. He recalled the submissions and NoMs on East Meath (Bettystown, Laytown, Donacarne and Mornington) where proper planning was considered and consistent decisions were taken in terms of consolidation of growth and to allow community and infrastructure development to happen in response to the residential sprawl that occurred over recent decades. He emphasised that a repeat of this sprawl in a Tier 6 settlement such as Gormanston could not be repeated.



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He pointed out that currently there was no network or capacity for public sewer or public water in Gormanston. There was currently no supporting services, amenities, service provision or other facilities that could support this scale of proposed residential development in the village. He quoted the Core Strategy of the Draft 2021-2027 Plan noting that, *“The prioritisation/phasing of residential lands will only be utilised in the larger settlements where population growth is to be concentrated i.e. Regional Growth Centre, Key Town, or Self-Sustaining Growth Towns and only where there are fundamental reasons which support the requirement to phase such lands.”* As this section had already been adopted, he underlined that the zoning of any additional residential lands in Gormanston would contradict the approach that has already been agreed as part of the Core Strategy.

‘Post 2027’ designation is also considered wholly inappropriate in all Tier 5 and 6 villages as it is currently only located on lands identified in the higher order settlements of Dunboyne, Navan, Dunshaughlin, Enfield and Kilcock Environs. He urged extreme caution to members in terms of any additional residential zoning in Gormanston, as it was in direct conflict with the Core and Settlement Strategy, RSES and NPF and would therefore not be consistent with Section 10 of the Planning and Development Act.

Mr Gerry Boyle, Senior Engineer, Water Services provided an overview of the constraints that existed on the water and wastewater system in the area. Gormanston is on the periphery of the East Meath scheme. The current pipeline infrastructure is not capable of supplying any additional zoned lands, there is no wastewater treatment plant and no plans for such a plant. All existing houses use septic tanks and massive investment would be required on the water/wastewater system to enable future residential development, which Irish Water was not planning on making. He also highlighted that every additional gallon of water to be used in Gormanston would be a gallon less for other settlements in an extensive area of the county and thus would create supply issues on the entire system.

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Gormanston, with 8 submissions, 5 NoMs and 3 NoMs from the floor.

An Cathaoirleach proposed that NoMs 169, 170, 171, 175 and (FTF) NoM 97 be considered together as they related to the same issues. **Councillor Conor Tormey** did not agree to NoM 175 and **Councillor Amanda** Smith did not agree to (FTF) NoM 97 being considered as part of this group. **Councillor Aisling O’Neill** was not present and her NoM 171 was not proposed as part of this group. However, it was agreed that NoM 169 and 170 would be considered as a group.

### **NoM 169 – Councillor Conor Tormey**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Conor Tormey** and seconded by **Councillor Damien O’Reilly**.



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### **NoM 170 – Councillor Conor Tormey**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Conor Tormey** and seconded by **Councillor Amanda Smith**.

In introducing his motions, Councillor Tormey provided an overview of the sites under consideration and maintained that the zoning for residential use would be sustainable because of the proximity to infrastructure and services and met a number of criteria for proper planning and development. He stated that over €1m had been spent by the landowners on studies and surveys on the provision of water and wastewater infrastructure to the area. He argued for the re-instatement of the zoning and outlined the benefits that additional housing would bring, especially in the context of the housing crisis. He stated that the zoning was sustainable in 2013 and it is still sustainable today. There was a divergence of views on the motions, with contributions from the following **Councillors: Alan Tobin; Paddy Meade; Amanda Smith; Maria Murphy; Suzanne Jamal; Sharon Tolan; Joe Bonner; and Gillian Toole**.

In response to a number of questions, there were clarifications provided by Mr Gerry Boyle and the Council’s Law Agent who underlined to the elected members their legal obligations to be consistent with the Core Strategy. He alluded to the legitimate expectation of landowners but emphasised that the statutory framework under which the Council was operating provided no guarantees of zoning being retained into the future. The Senior Planner stated that the proposals in the motions were contrary to the NPF, RSES and the Council’s own Core Strategy and considered wholly inappropriate.

The Chief Executive’s recommendation was for no change and a roll call vote was called as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>DREW, Sean</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>FITZSIMONS, Padraig</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>FOX, Joe</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>FRENCH, Noel</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>GALLAGHER, Michael</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>GILROY, David</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>GOLDEN, Trevor</b>				<b>X</b>

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HARDING, Wayne		X		
JAMAL, Suzanne	X			
KEOGAN, Geraldine		X		
KILLIAN, Nick				X
LAWES, Alan				X
MC CABE, Paul		X		
MC GINTY, Elaine	X			
MC KEE, Stephen		X		
MEADE, Paddy		X		
MOORE, Ronan				X
MURPHY, Maria	X			
O'CONNOR, Gerry	X			
O'NEILL, Aisling				X
O'REILLY, Damien		X		
REILLY, Sarah	X			
REILLY, Tommy				X
SMITH, Amanda		X		
SOUHAN, Niamh	X			
TOBIN, Alan	X			
TÓIBÍN, Emer				X
TOLAN, Sharon	X			
TOOLE, Gillian	X			
TORMEY, Conor		X		

In agreement = 19 members, Not in agreement = 11, Abstain = 0, Absent = 10. In accordance with this decision, the Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed.

### **NoM 171 – Councillor Aisling O'Neill**

The Notice of Motion was withdrawn

### **NoM 172 – Councillor Alan Tobin**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and sought the creation of a car park for beach users beside the river Delvin. Mr Pádraig Maguire urged against the use of Tourism zoning and suggested a TU zoning as more appropriate. Mr Larry Whelan welcomed such infrastructure that would reduce the pressure on the beaches. There were inputs from **Councillors Paddy Meade; Sharon Tolan; and Amanda Smith** supporting the motion.

The Chief Executive's recommendation to amend the motion using the TU objective was agreed by a show of hands vote with a total of 21 members in agreement and no member not in agreement.

### **NoM 175 – Councillor Conor Tormey**

The Notice of Motion was withdrawn

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### **(FTF) NoM 95 – Councillor Amanda Smith** (State lands)

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Amanda Smith** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Behan**. Councillor Smith proposed to make some of the existing state lands available to the community as either F1 or G1 zoning. There were various interventions from **Councillors Alan Tobin; Sharon Tolan and Tom Behan**, who were not in favour of the lands being zoned in such a way. The Council's Law Agent also clarified that the elected members had the statutory remit to apply zoning objectives to such lands. The Senior Planner suggested that the lands should be viewed as an asset, that the asset should be maintained and that there were other lands closer to the village that could serve as community facilities.

The Chief Executive's recommendation of no change was agreed on a show of hands with 19 members in agreement. Councillors Amanda Smith; Geraldine Keogan and Conor Tormey were not in agreement. Councillor Gillian Toole abstained.

### **(FTF) NoM 96 – Councillor Amanda Smith** (Gormanston Castle – F1 zoning)

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Amanda Smith** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**. Councillor Smith proposed re-zoning the woodlands as F1 to give them greater protection. Mr Pádraig Maguire, Senior Planner, proposed no change as the current G1 zoning applies to the whole estate and gave sufficient protection. He asked for clarity on the proposed area for re-zoning. Mr Alan Russell also outlined the protections available through the planning application process.

There were inputs from **Councillors Amanda Smith; Alan Tobin; Paddy Meade; Sharon Tolan; Noel French; Pádraig Fitzsimons; Wayne Harding and Tom Behan**. The Chief Executive's recommendation of no change was agreed on a show of hands with 22 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement but Councillor Nick Killian abstained.

### **(FTF) NoM 97 – Councillor Amanda Smith** (G1 zoning)

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Amanda Smith** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**. Councillor Smith proposed to amend her motion to seek a G1 zoning rather than an A2 zoning for the site in question. There were interventions from **Councillors Alan Tobin; Paddy Meade and Sharon Tolan**, who expressed alternative options for community facilities in the settlement. Mr Pádraig Maguire, Senior Planner, referred to Submission 587 which also had the objective of seeking additional G1 lands but in a more appropriate location than that indicated in (FTF) NoM 97.

The Chief Executive's recommendation was for no change and a roll call vote was called as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>		<b>X</b>		



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BRAY, Mike				X
CASSIDY, Eugene	X			
DEANE, Francis				X
DEMPSEY, Aisling	X			
DREW, Sean				X
FENNESSY, Eddie				X
FITZGERALD, Brian				X
FITZSIMONS, Pdraig	X			
FOX, Joe	X			
FRENCH, Noel	X			
GALLAGHER, Michael		X		
GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre	X			
GILROY, David	X			
GOLDEN, Trevor				X
HARDING, Wayne	X			
JAMAL, Suzanne	X			
KEOGAN, Geraldine		X		
KILLIAN, Nick		X		
LAWES, Alan				X
MC CABE, Paul	X			
MC GINTY, Elaine				X
MC KEE, Stephen				X
MEADE, Paddy	X			
MOORE, Ronan				X
MURPHY, Maria	X			
O'CONNOR, Gerry	X			
O'NEILL, Aisling				X
O'REILLY, Damien		X		
REILLY, Sarah	X			
REILLY, Tommy				X
SMITH, Amanda		X		
SOUHAN, Niamh	X			
TOBIN, Alan	X			
TÓIBÍN, Emer				X
TOLAN, Sharon	X			
TOOLE, Gillian	X			
TORMEY, Conor				X

In agreement = 19, Not in agreement = 6, Abstain = 0, Absent = 15. In accordance with this decision, the Chief Executive's recommendation was adopted.

#### **Submissions**

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 8 submissions received on Gormanston.



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### Submission 587

On a proposal by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** it was agreed to vote separately on Submission 587, as Councillor Meade wished to change the recommendation to enable lands to be zoned G1.

The Chief Executive's recommendation was for no change and a roll call vote was called as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>				X
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>	X			
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>	X			
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>				X
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>	X			
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>				X
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>	X			
<b>DREW, Sean</b>				X
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>				X
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>				X
<b>FITZSIMONS, Pdraig</b>	X			
<b>FOX, Joe</b>		X		
<b>FRENCH, Noel</b>	X			
<b>GALLAGHER, Michael</b>		X		
<b>GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre</b>	X			
<b>GILROY, David</b>	X			
<b>GOLDEN, Trevor</b>				X
<b>HARDING, Wayne</b>				X
<b>JAMAL, Suzanne</b>	X			
<b>KEOGAN, Geraldine</b>	X			
<b>KILLIAN, Nick</b>	X			
<b>LAWES, Alan</b>				X
<b>MC CABE, Paul</b>	X			
<b>MC GINTY, Elaine</b>				X
<b>MC KEE, Stephen</b>				X
<b>MEADE, Paddy</b>		X		
<b>MOORE, Ronan</b>				X
<b>MURPHY, Maria</b>	X			
<b>O'CONNOR, Gerry</b>		X		
<b>O'NEILL, Aisling</b>				X
<b>O'REILLY, Damien</b>	X			
<b>REILLY, Sarah</b>		X		
<b>REILLY, Tommy</b>				X
<b>SMITH, Amanda</b>	X			
<b>SOUHAN, Niamh</b>		X		
<b>TOBIN, Alan</b>		X		



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<b>TÓIBÍN, Emer</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>TOLAN, Sharon</b>			<b>X</b>	
<b>TOOLE, Gillian</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>TORMEY, Conor</b>				<b>X</b>

In agreement = 15, Not in agreement = 8, Abstain = 1, Absent = 16. In accordance with this decision, the Chief Executive's recommendation was adopted.

### No Change Recommendation

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Sharon Tolan** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Behan**. A total of 16 members were in agreement, with no member not in agreement.

Following the vote, An Cathaoirleach declared the chapter on Gormanston to be concluded.

### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Julianstown**

Mr Alan Russell provided an overview of the settlement area in terms of its characteristics and development priorities, to consolidate the compact nature of the town and provide a pedestrian-friendly environment. He set out the main areas of development, either side of the river and the main zoned sites.

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Julianstown – 5 submissions, 1 NoM and 0 NoMs from the floor.

### NoM 176 – Councillor Stephen McKee

As Councillor McKee was not present and had not nominated in writing another member to propose the motion on his behalf, the NoM fell in accordance with Standing Order 18.3.

### No Change Recommendation

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Tom Behan** and seconded by **Councillor Sharon Tolan**. A total of 14 members were in agreement. Councillor Paddy Meade was not in agreement, specifically regarding Submission 781.

### Change Recommendation

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Tom Behan** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**. A total of 13 members were in agreement, with no member not in agreement.



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Following the vote, An Cathaoirleach declared the chapter on Julianstown to be concluded.

### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Kentstown**

Mr Alan Russell provided an overview of the settlement area in terms of its development characteristics in particular its linear and dispersed pattern. He set out the zoning priorities and the development priorities for the village during the life of the Plan.

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Kentstown – 10 submissions, 0 NoMs and 0 NoMs from the floor.

**Councillor Suzanne Jamal** responded by highlighting a number of positive developments in Kentstown, not least the new community park, and future priorities. She also raised an issue of future water investment. **Councillor Paul McCabe** indicated that he supported the Chief Executive's recommendation on Submission MH-C5-380.

#### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Suzanne Jamal** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**. A total of 19 members were in agreement, with no member not in agreement.

#### **Change – Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Suzanne Jamal** and seconded by **Councillor Paul McCabe**. A total of 18 members were in agreement, with no member not in agreement.

#### **Part-Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Part-Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Suzanne Jamal** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**. A total of 18 members were in agreement, with no member not in agreement.

Following the vote, An Cathaoirleach declared that the chapter on Kentstown was concluded.

### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Carnaross**

No Submissions or NoMs had been received on this settlement.



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### Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Crossakiel

Mr Seán Clarke informed the meeting that there were no submissions received on Crossakiel and the one NoM had been dealt with by the meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup> as part of the Athboy settlement.

### Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Drumconrath

Mr Alan Russell gave an overview of the settlement area in terms of its population and projected population, the key strategic and priority zonings, as well as, the infrastructure and facilities requirements.

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Drumconrath - 0 submissions, 0 NoMs and 4 NoMs from the floor.

#### **(FTF) NoM 98 – Councillor Michael Gallagher** (relocate A2 zoning)

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**. Councillor Gallagher introduced his motion, which was to move the A2 zoning from the pitch and putt course to another site. It was agreed to also consider (FTF) NoMs 100 and 101 at the same time as they related to the same land.

#### **(FTF) NoM 100 – Councillors Paul McCabe/Eugene Cassidy** (pitch and putt course)

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly**.

#### **(FTF) NoM 101 – Councillors Paul McCabe/Eugene Cassidy** (change zoning)

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Mike Bray** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Behan**.

There were various interventions from the following: **Councillors Eugene Cassidy; Paul McCabe; Paddy Meade; Michael Gallagher** with each advocating for their motion and outlining the merits of the alternative sites proposed for the A2 zoning. There was also an input from Mr Larry Whelan, A/Director of Services and Mr Alan Russell who set out the recommendation of the Chief Executive as follows: agree to the re-zoning of the lands containing the pitch and putt course from A2 to F1 and to move the A2 zoning, like-for-like, to a site south of the Commercial Town Centre (B1) zoning, indicated in (FTF) NoM 101. This was presented to the meeting and was agreeable to the movers of (FTF) NoMs 100 and 101 but not (FTF) NoM 98. A roll call vote was called on the Chief Executive's recommendation as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>				<b>X</b>



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BEHAN, Tom	X			
BONNER, Joseph		X		
BRAY, Mike	X			
CASSIDY, Eugene	X			
DEANE, Francis				X
DEMPSEY, Aisling	X			
DREW, Sean	X			
FENNESSY, Eddie				X
FITZGERALD, Brian				X
FITZSIMONS, Padraig				X
FOX, Joe	X			
FRENCH, Noel	X			
GALLAGHER, Michael		X		
GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre				X
GILROY, David	X			
GOLDEN, Trevor			X	
HARDING, Wayne	X			
JAMAL, Suzanne	X			
KEOGAN, Geraldine				X
KILLIAN, Nick		X		
LAWES, Alan				X
MC CABE, Paul	X			
MC GINTY, Elaine				X
MC KEE, Stephen	X			
MEADE, Paddy		X		
MOORE, Ronan				X
MURPHY, Maria	X			
O'CONNOR, Gerry	X			
O'NEILL, Aisling				X
O'REILLY, Damien		X		
REILLY, Sarah	X			
REILLY, Tommy				X
SMITH, Amanda		X		
SOUHAN, Niamh	X			
TOBIN, Alan	X			
TÓIBÍN, Emer				X
TOLAN, Sharon	X			
TOOLE, Gillian		X		
TORMEY, Conor				X

In agreement = 18, Not in agreement = 7, Abstain = 1, Absent = 14. In accordance with this decision, the Chief Executive's recommendation was adopted.

**(FTF) NoM 99 – Councillor Michael Gallagher** (Enterprise zoning)



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The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Bonner**. Councillor Gallagher introduced his motion with the objective of zoning a parcel of land as E2 General Enterprise.

Mr Alan Russell responded by indicating that the site proposed is very elevated, sits on an important approach to the town and is considered as not appropriate for an E2 zoning. He indicated that there were alternative lands adjoining the current E2 lands in the village. There were a number of interventions from **Councillors Paddy Meade; Michael Gallagher; Eugene Cassidy; Paul McCabe and Joe Bonner**, with speakers suggesting that an LAP, a written objective in the Plan or a future variation to the Plan could be an opportunity to address this issue. Mr Seán Clarke indicated that an LAP would not be done for Drumconrath but that a variation was possible if there was a demonstrable need identified in the future. Councillor Gallagher proposed to withdraw the motion and this was agreed.

An Cathaoirleach declared that the chapter on Drumconrath to be concluded.

**At 6.20p.m. the meeting was adjourned until Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**



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### *Special Planning Meeting*

*Re-commenced on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021 @10 am online (via Zoom)*

**5<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Presiding**

Councillor David Gilroy, Cathaoirleach

**Councillors Present:**

Councillors Tom Behan, Joe Bonner, Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy, Aisling Dempsey, Seán Drew, Pádraig Fitzsimons, Joe Fox, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, Trevor Golden, Wayne Harding, Suzanne Jamal, Nick Killian, Paul McCabe, Stephen McKee, Paddy Meade, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Damien O'Reilly, Sarah Reilly, Niamh Souhan, Alan Tobin, Emer Tóibín, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole, Conor Tormey.

**Apologies:**

Councillors Yemi Adenuga; Francis Deane; Edward Fennessy; Brian Fitzgerald; Deirdre Geraghty-Smith; Geraldine Keogan; Alan Lawes; Elaine McGinty; Ronan Moore; Aisling O'Neill; Tommy Reilly; Amanda Smith.

**Officials in attendance:**

**Chief Executive:** Jackie Maguire

**Directors of Service:** Des Foley, Fiona Lawless, Barry Lynch, Larry Whelan

**Meetings Administrator:** Robert Collins

**Senior Executive Officers:** Seán Clarke,

**Senior Planner:** Pádraig Maguire

**Senior Executive Planner:** Alan Russell

**Council's Law Agent:** Rory McEntee

In advance of the formal commencement of the meeting, An Cathaoirleach welcomed all participants and set out the key directions for all participants, in line with the Standing Orders.

Mr. Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department gave a presentation with regards to Member's statutory obligations concerning the:

- Ethical Framework
- Disclosure at Meetings
- Disclosure in Advance of Meetings
- Planning Legislation



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**Councillor Michael Gallagher** made an intervention regarding the consideration of the motions on Drumconrath the previous day and suggested that the lands that were zoned as part of (FTF) NoM 101 were prone to flooding and had not been assessed by the Council. He also complained that he had lost connectivity during the meeting. An Cathaoirleach replied by saying that the councillor had sufficient opportunity to participate in the debate and had been present for all votes.

### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Kilbride**

By way of introduction, Mr Alan Russell gave an overview of the settlement area in terms of its population and projected population, the key strategic and priority zonings, infrastructure and facilities requirements.

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Kilbride – 6 submissions, 0 NoMs and 0 NoMs from the floor.

**Councillor Gillian Toole** requested that further consideration be given to Submission 524 from the Kilbride Area Development Group in particular regarding the lands behind the GAA club and zoning of the Glenard Estate. A number of other elected members, including **Councillors Paddy Meade; Alan Tobin; Nick Killian; Joe Bonner; Gerry O'Connor; Maria Murphy; Joe Fox and Damien O'Reilly**, spoke of the need for additional community facilities and also the urban boundary of the settlement. **Councillor Michael Gallagher** mentioned a proposed land swap from Mr. Michael Bailey.

In response, Mr Pádraig Maguire, Senior Planner indicated that no NoM had been received regarding a land swap. He indicated that the A1 zoning could be applied to the Glenard Estate and that F1 zoning could be applied to the lands behind the GAA club but outside of the site which has an existing planning permission

### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**. A total of 23 members were in agreement, with no member not in agreement.

### **Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**. A total of 19 members were in agreement, with no member not in agreement.

### **Part-Change Recommendation (MH-C5-524)**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Part-Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of



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motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Alan Tobin**. A total of 21 members were in agreement, with Councillor Conor Tormey not in agreement.

Following the vote, An Cathaoirleach declared that the chapter on Kilbride to be concluded.

### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Kildalkey**

By way of introduction, Mr Alan Russell gave an overview of the settlement area in terms of its population and projected population, the key strategic and priority zonings, infrastructure and facilities requirements.

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Kildalkey – 8 submissions, 2 NoMs and 1 NoM from the floor.

#### **NoM 177 – Councillor Joe Fox**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey**. Councillor Fox outlined that the objective of the motion was to move the A2 zoning from a site to lands across the road from the school on a like-for-like basis. Mr Pádraig Maguire, Senior Planner, referenced Submission MH-C5-920 and supported the motion, indicating that it was Core Strategy neutral. **Councillor Noel French** informed the meeting that if NoM 177 was accepted then his NoM from the floor would fall.

The Notice of Motion was agreed by a show of hands, with 19 members in agreement and no member not in agreement.

#### **NoM 178 – Councillor Joe Fox**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden**. Councillor Fox indicated that in light of the serviced sites initiative being accepted, he was happy to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation. The Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed on a show of hands with 22 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

#### **(FTF) NoM 102 – Councillor Noel French**

This motion fell as a result of the vote on NoM 177.

#### **Submissions**

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 8 submissions received on Kildalkey.

#### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and



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seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**. A total of 21 members were in agreement, with no member not in agreement.

Following the vote, An Cathaoirleach declared that the chapter on Kildalkey to be concluded.

### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Kilmainhamwood**

By way of introduction, Mr Alan Russell gave an overview of the settlement area in terms of its development priorities, in particular the need to consolidate the village character, the fair green and to facilitate pedestrian movement.

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Kilmainhamwood – 1 submission, 0 NoMs and 1 NoM from the floor.

#### **(FTF) NoM 103 – Councillor Eugene Cassidy and Paul McCabe** (mapping correction)

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Mike Bray**. Councillor Cassidy requested that a one-off house be taken out of the settlement strategy and placed in the rural area. The Chief Executive's recommendation was to accept this change and this was agreed on a show of hands with 22 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

#### **Submissions**

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 1 submission received on Kilmainhamwood.

#### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Paul McCabe**. A total of 19 members were in agreement, with no member not in agreement.

Following the vote, An Cathaoirleach declared that the chapter on Kilmainhamwood to be concluded.

### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Kilmessan**

By way of introduction, Mr Alan Russell gave an overview of the settlement area in terms of its characteristics and development priorities. Specific reference was also made to the Navan rail line and the conservation of the line for future re-instatement of the service.

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Kilmessan – 6 submissions, 2 NoMs and 1 NoM from the floor.



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### **NoM 179 – Councillor Gerry O’Connor**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Gerry O’Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**, with Councillor O’Connor indicating that he accepted the Chief Executive’s recommendation. This recommendation was agreed on a show of hands with 22 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 180 – Councillor Gillian Toole**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Gillian Toole** and seconded by **Councillor Nick Killian**, with Councillor Toole indicating that she accepted the Chief Executive’s recommendation. This recommendation was agreed on a show of hands with 21 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **(FTF) NoM 104 – Councillor Damien O’Reilly** (change in Tourism zoning)

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Damien O’Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Gerry O’Connor**. Councillor O’Reilly introduced his motion outlining that the objective was to change the zoning on lands from Tourism to Community (G1). There was support expressed for this motion from the following **Councillors: Noel French; Maria Murphy; Nick Killian; Gerry O’Connor; Joe Fox; Gillian Toole** and **Emer Tóibín**. The Chief Executive’s recommendation on the NoM was for no change and a roll call vote on this recommendation was conducted as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>				X
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>		X		
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>		X		
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>		X		
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>		X		
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>				X
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>		X		
<b>DREW, Sean</b>		X		
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>				X
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>				X
<b>FITZSIMONS, Padraig</b>		X		
<b>FOX, Joe</b>		X		
<b>FRENCH, Noel</b>		X		
<b>GALLAGHER, Michael</b>		X		
<b>GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre</b>				X
<b>GILROY, David</b>		X		
<b>GOLDEN, Trevor</b>		X		
<b>HARDING, Wayne</b>		X		
<b>JAMAL, Suzanne</b>		X		
<b>KEOGAN, Geraldine</b>				X
<b>KILLIAN, Nick</b>		X		
<b>LAWES, Alan</b>				X



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MC CABE, Paul		X		
MC GINTY, Elaine				X
MC KEE, Stephen		X		
MEADE, Paddy		X		
MOORE, Ronan				X
MURPHY, Maria		X		
O'CONNOR, Gerry		X		
O'NEILL, Aisling				X
O'REILLY, Damien		X		
REILLY, Sarah		X		
REILLY, Tommy				X
SMITH, Amanda				X
SOUHAN, Niamh		X		
TOBIN, Alan		X		
TÓIBÍN, Emer		X		
TOLAN, Sharon		X		
TOOLE, Gillian		X		
TORMEY, Conor		X		

In agreement = 0, Not in agreement = 28, Abstain = 0, Absent = 12. In accordance with this decision, the Notice of Motion was agreed.

### Submissions

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 6 submissions received on Kilmessan.

### No Change Recommendation

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**. A total of 22 members were in agreement, with no member not in agreement.

Following the vote, An Cathaoirleach declared that the chapter on Kilmessan to be concluded.

### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Moynalty**

By way of introduction, Mr Alan Russell gave an overview of the settlement area in terms of its characteristics and development priorities and the key zoning objectives in the settlement.

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Moynalty – 4 submissions, 0 NoMs and 2 NoMs from the floor.

**(FTF) NoM 105 – Councillor Paul McCabe and Eugene Cassidy** (change A2 zoning)



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The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Paul McCabe** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly**. It was agreed to take both motions together as suggested by Councillor McCabe.

### **(FTF) NoM 106 – Councillor Paul McCabe and Eugene Cassidy** (move A2 zoning – 2 parcels of land)

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Paul McCabe** and seconded by **Councillor Mike Bray**. Councillor McCabe outlined that the intention of the motions was to move the A2 zoning to two parcels of land on the periphery of the village to enable it to grow. There were interventions from **Councillors Eugene Cassidy** and **Sarah Reilly** who accepted that the character of the village needed to be protected and that the proposed sites were not ideal but nonetheless the village needed some development.

Senior Planner, Mr. Pádraig Maguire underlined that alternative sites should be within or abutting the village, in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development, that the proposed sites were one hectare in excess of what is already zoned and thus not in compliance with the Core Strategy. **Councillor Gerry O’Conner** asked that the movers of the motion consider a like-for-like transfer of the zoning, bearing in mind the serviced sites initiative that had been accepted earlier by the meeting, in order to be compliant with the Core Strategy. This was not agreeable to the movers.

The Chief Executive strongly recommended no change to this NoM given the advices of the Senior Planner. A roll call vote on this recommendation was conducted as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>				X
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>		X		
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>				X
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>		X		
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>		X		
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>				X
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>		X		
<b>DREW, Sean</b>		X		
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>				X
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>				X
<b>FITZSIMONS, Padraig</b>		X		
<b>FOX, Joe</b>		X		
<b>FRENCH, Noel</b>		X		
<b>GALLAGHER, Michael</b>		X		
<b>GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre</b>				X
<b>GILROY, David</b>		X		
<b>GOLDEN, Trevor</b>			X	
<b>HARDING, Wayne</b>		X		
<b>JAMAL, Suzanne</b>		X		
<b>KEOGAN, Geraldine</b>				X
<b>KILLIAN, Nick</b>		X		
<b>LAWES, Alan</b>				X



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MC CABE, Paul		X		
MC GINTY, Elaine				X
MC KEE, Stephen				X
MEADE, Paddy		X		
MOORE, Ronan				X
MURPHY, Maria		X		
O'CONNOR, Gerry		X		
O'NEILL, Aisling				X
O'REILLY, Damien		X		
REILLY, Sarah		X		
REILLY, Tommy				X
SMITH, Amanda				X
SOUHAN, Niamh		X		
TOBIN, Alan		X		
TÓIBÍN, Emer		X		
TOLAN, Sharon		X		
TOOLE, Gillian	X			
TORMEY, Conor				X

In agreement = 1, Not in agreement = 23, Abstain = 1, Absent = 15. In accordance with this decision, the Notices of Motion were agreed.

### Submissions

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 4 submissions received on Moynalty.

### No Change Recommendation

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Paul McCabe**. A total of 19 members were in agreement, with no member not in agreement.

Following the vote, An Cathaoirleach declared that the chapter on Moynalty to be concluded.

### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Nobber**

No submissions or NoMs had been received on this settlement.

### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Ráth Chairn**

No NoMs had been received on this settlement. Submissions relating to Ráth Chairn had been dealt with under the Rural Strategy Chapter.



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### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Rathmolyon**

By way of introduction, Mr Alan Russell gave an overview of the settlement area in terms of its characteristics and development priorities. Specific reference was also made to the significant volume of under used lands in the village core.

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Rathmolyon – 3 submissions, 0 NoMs and 2 NoMs from the floor.

#### **(FTF) NoM 107 – Councillor Aisling Dempsey** (Phase II lands)

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Aisling Dempsey** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**. It was agreed to take both motions together as they were related.

#### **(FTF) NoM 108 – Councillor Joe Fox** (Phase II – serviced sites)

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**. Both motions were introduced and discussed. Mr Pádraig Maguire gave an overview of the two sites indicated in the NoMs, one of which is in the ownership of the Council and intended for housing development and thus suggested that the zoning should remain on the site. The other lands currently had no formal designation but the Chief Executive recommended that it could be zoned as Community (G1). The Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed on a show of hands with 24 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

#### **Submissions**

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 3 submissions received on Rathmolyon.

#### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden**. A total of 21 members were in agreement, with no member not in agreement.

Following the vote, An Cathaoirleach declared that the chapter on Rathmolyon to be concluded.

### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Slane**

By way of introduction, Mr Alan Russell gave an overview of Slane in terms of its characteristics and development priorities and its role as the gateway to the Boyne Valley.

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Slane – 7 submissions, 7 NoMs and 0 NoMs from the floor.



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### **NoM 181 – Councillor Wayne Harding**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Wayne Harding** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Behan**, with Councillor Harding indicating that he welcomed the Chief Executive’s recommendation. This recommendation was agreed on a show of hands with 20 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 182 – Councillor Wayne Harding**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Wayne Harding** and seconded by **Councillor Paddy Meade**, with Councillor Harding indicating that he welcomed the Chief Executive’s recommendation. This recommendation was agreed on a show of hands with 21 members in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

### **NoM 183 – Councillor Paddy Meade**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**. The meeting agreed to the proposed withdrawal of the motion by Councillor Meade.

### **NoM 184 – Councillor Paddy Meade**

The Notice of Motion proposed by **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** sought the extension of the tourism zoning to support the expansion of the sector. The motion was supported by **Councillor Wayne Harding**. Mr. Pádraig Maguire alluded to Submission MH-C5-817, which was referenced in the NoM. He highlighted that the area was part of a Natura site and on a flood plain. Also, the NoM did not include a map and it was thus uncertain as to the extent of the proposed zoning. The Chief Executive’s recommendation was no change.

Following a short recess, the extent of the lands that could be re-zoned were identified and presented to the meeting. Councillor Meade accepted that the lands as identified applied to his NoM. The Chief Executive’s recommendation on the NoM remained ‘no change’ and a roll call vote on this recommendation was conducted as follows:

	Agree	Not Agree	Abstain	Absent
<b>ADENUGA, Yemi</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>BEHAN, Tom</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>BONNER, Joseph</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>BRAY, Mike</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>CASSIDY, Eugene</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>DEANE, Francis</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>DEMPSEY, Aisling</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>DREW, Sean</b>			<b>X</b>	
<b>FENNESSY, Eddie</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>FITZGERALD, Brian</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>FITZSIMONS, Padraig</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>FOX, Joe</b>		<b>X</b>		



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FRENCH, Noel		X		
GALLAGHER, Michael		X		
GERAGHTY-SMITH, Deirdre				X
GILROY, David	X			
GOLDEN, Trevor				X
HARDING, Wayne		X		
JAMAL, Suzanne				X
KEOGAN, Geraldine				X
KILLIAN, Nick		X		
LAWES, Alan				X
MC CABE, Paul	X			
MC GINTY, Elaine				X
MC KEE, Stephen				X
MEADE, Paddy		X		
MOORE, Ronan				X
MURPHY, Maria		X		
O'CONNOR, Gerry		X		
O'NEILL, Aisling				X
O'REILLY, Damien				X
REILLY, Sarah		X		
REILLY, Tommy				X
SMITH, Amanda				X
SOUHAN, Niamh		X		
TOBIN, Alan		X		
TÓIBÍN, Emer		X		
TOLAN, Sharon		X		
TOOLE, Gillian		X		
TORMEY, Conor				X

In agreement = 7, Not in agreement = 15, Abstain = 1, Absent = 17. In accordance with this decision, the Notice of Motion was agreed.

### **NoM 185 – Councillor Paddy Meade**

In withdrawing this motion Councillor Meade made reference to the need for parking and a park and ride facility in Slane.

### **NoM 186 – Councillor Paddy Meade**

Withdrawn

### **NoM 187 – Councillor Paddy Meade**

Withdrawn

### **Submissions**

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 7 submissions received on Slane.



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### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**. A total of 18 members were in agreement. Councillors Paddy Meade and Wayne Harding were not in agreement (with the recommendation on Submissions MH-C5-617; 693 and 915).

### **Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Alan Tobin** and seconded by **Councillor Emer Tóibín**. A total of 19 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

Following the vote, An Cathaoirleach declared that the chapter on Slane to be concluded.

### **Consideration of the Notices of Motion and Submissions relating to Summerhill**

By way of introduction, Mr Alan Russell gave an overview of the settlement area in terms of its development priorities under the draft Plan, as well as an overview of the key strategic and priority zonings.

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the number of submissions and NoMs received on Summerhill – 11 submissions, 2 NoMs and 1 NoM from the floor.

### **NoM 188 – Councillor Joe Fox**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Noel French**. It was also agreed to take (FTF) NoM 109 at the same time.

### **(FTF) NoM 109 – Councillor Joe Fox** (retention of zonings)

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden**. Councillor Fox outlined that the motion was connected to Submission MH-C5-217 and had the objective of retaining Commercial (E2) zoning on lands indicated. He withdrew the other lands in the motion seeking Phase II designation. Mr Pádraig Maguire accepted that most of the E2 lands in the village had been developed and recommended that E2 zoning be re-instated on the site proposed.

The Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed by a show of hands vote with 23 members in agreement and no member not in agreement.



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### **NoM 189 – Councillor Joe Fox**

The Notice of Motion was proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Trevor Golden** and the Chief Executive's recommendation was agreed by a show of hands vote with 21 members in agreement and no member not in agreement.

### **Submissions**

Mr Seán Clarke provided an overview on the 11 submissions received on Summerhill.

### **No Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where No Change from the Draft Plan was recommended. Proposed by **Councillor Noel French** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**. A total of 20 members were in agreement, with no member not in agreement.

### **Change Recommendation**

Members voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to submissions where Change from the Draft Plan was recommended either by the Chief Executive or on foot of motion(s) passed by the members (if any). Proposed by **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Gillian Toole**. A total of 21 members were in agreement. No member was not in agreement.

Following the vote, An Cathaoirleach declared the chapter on Summerhill to be concluded.

### **Miscellaneous Provisions**

#### **Errata**

On a proposal of **Councillor Joe Fox** and seconded by **Councillor Paul McCabe** this was agreed. No member was not in agreement.



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Before the close of the meeting the following elected members spoke: **Councillors: Joe Fox; Gerry O'Connor; Aisling Dempsey; Paul McCabe; Michael Gallagher; Suzanne Jamal; Paddy Meade; Nick Killian; Gillian Toole; Noel French; Eugene Cassidy; Emer Tóibín; Wayne Harding; and Sharon Tolan.** All expressed their gratitude to the Cathaoirleach for his role in chairing and facilitating the meetings, with others mentioning their fellow elected members for their work, the Executive and Planning Department staff, the Law Agent, Paul Murphy of the Meath Chronicle and members of the public that attended. Some members recognised that the online meetings worked well and enabled the business to continue during the public health restrictions.

An Cathaoirleach thanked all participants for their inputs since November 16<sup>th</sup> and gave an overview of some key statistics – the 30 meeting days and almost 83 hours of deliberations. He thanked the elected members for their contributions, the Chief Executive and Planning Department staff for their willingness to assist and their understanding of the role of the elected members, and the various other staff members that made the meetings possible.

There were inputs from the Law Agent, Mr Seán Clarke and the Chief Executive, who responded to a number of questions raised and outlined the next steps, the availability of the minutes and an indicative timeline for the adoption of the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027.

**At 2p.m. An Cathaoirleach formally closed the meeting.**

Signed:

  
Councillor David Gilroy  
Cathaoirleach

Date:

10/5/2021



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### Notices of Motion – From the Floor (FTF)

FTF Nom	Councillor	Relates to Chapter/Settlement	Topic
1	Sharon Tolan	Chapter 4	Withdrawn
2	Mike Bray	Chapter 5	Speed Ramps at Schools
3	Mike Bray on behalf of FF	Chapter 5	Navan Rail
4	Wayne Harding	Chapter 5	Slane Bypass
5	Mike Bray	Chapter 5	TII
6	Maria Murphy and Alan Tobin	Chapter 5	Aviation
7	Paul McCabe	Chapter 6	Residential Amenities
8	Ronan Moore	Chapter 7	New Residential Developments
9	Ronan Moore	Chapter 7	Sensory Garden
10	Ronan Moore	Chapter 7	Youth and Community Facilities
11	Ronan Moore	Chapter 7	School Capacity
12	Mike Bray	Chapter 8	Community
13	Sarah Reilly	Chapter 8	Invasive Species
14	Noel French	Chapter 8	Holy Wells
15	Ronan Moore	Chapter 10	Decarbonisation
16	Alan Tobin	Chapter 10	Circular Economy
17	Alan Tobin	Chapter 10	Green Deal
18	Alan Tobin	Chapter 10	Emissions Targets
19	Alan Tobin	Chapter 10	Just Transition Fund
20	Paul McCabe and Paddy Meade	Chapter 10	Residential Amenities
21	Sean Drew	Chapter 11	Speed Bumps
22	Gillian Toole	Chapter 11	Land Use Zoning Objectives
23	Gillian Toole	Chapter 11	Zoning Categories
24	Stephen McKee	Southern Environs of Drogheda	Withdrawn
25	Stephen McKee	Southern Environs of Drogheda	Natures Best
26	Stephen McKee	Southern Environs of Drogheda	Withdrawn
27	Stephen McKee	Southern Environs of Drogheda	Train Station
28	Paddy Meade	Southern Environs of Drogheda	Amend Zoning - F1
29	Paddy Meade	Southern Environs of Drogheda	Amend Zoning - G1
30	Stephen McKee	Southern Environs of Drogheda	Amend Zoning Various Lands



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31	Maria Murphy	Dunboyne	Amend Zoning
32	Damien O'Reilly	Ashbourne	E1 Zoning
33	Alan Tobin	Ashbourne	E1 Zoning
34	Alan Tobin	Ashbourne	Masterplan
35	Alan Tobin	Ashbourne	Existing Creche
36	Alan Tobin	Ashbourne	Access to the park
37	Aisling Dempsey	Trim	Tourism
38	Aisling Dempsey	Trim	Scurlockstown
39	Joe Fox	Trim	Scurlockstown
40	Aisling Dempsey	Trim	Casual Trading
41	Noel French	Trim	Scurlockstown
42	Joe Fox	Trim	Masterplan
43	Sarah Reilly	Kells	Tree Preservation
44	Drew, Bray, McCabe, Cassidy, Reilly	Kells	Whitelands
45	Drew, Bray, McCabe, Cassidy, Reilly	Kells	Slane Road lands
46	Drew, Bray, McCabe, Cassidy, Reilly	Kells	Oldcastle Road lands
47	Drew, Bray, McCabe, Cassidy, Reilly	Kells	Frontlands
48	Drew, Bray, McCabe, Cassidy, Reilly	Kells	Gardenrath Road lands
49	Drew, Bray, McCabe, Cassidy, Reilly	Kells	Athboy Road lands
50	Drew, Bray, McCabe, Cassidy	Kells	Old Eureka School
51	Michael Gallagher	Kells	G1 lands
52	Drew, Bray, McCabe	Kells	Rezoning
53	Damien O'Reilly	Dunshaughlin	Train Station
54	Gerry O'Connor	Dunshaughlin	Map
55	Nick Killian	Dunshaughlin	Lagore House
56	Amanda Smith	Laytown/Bettystown	Flood Risk
57	Sharon Tolan	Laytown/Bettystown	Strategic Employment Site
58	Sharon Tolan	Laytown/Bettystown	Amednment to NoM 135
59	Tom Behan	Laytown/Bettystown	Zoning
60	Stephen McKee	Laytown/Bettystown	Zoning
61	Stephen McKee	Laytown/Bettystown	Withdrawn
62	Stephen McKee	Laytown/Bettystown	Star Objective



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63	Nick Killian	Ratoath	Amend NoM142
64	Nick Killian	Ratoath	G1 to B1
65	Nick Killian	Ratoath	Grotto
66	Amanda Smith	Ratoath	Route Options and Whitelands
67	Brian Fitzgerald	Ratoath	Route Options and Whitelands
68	Gillian Toole	Ratoath	Route Options
69	Gillian Toole	Ratoath	Amend NoM146
70	Noel French	Enfield	LU OBJ Lands
71	Ronan Moore	Enfield	Phase 2 Community
72	Noel French	Enfield	Amend Zoning
73	Aisling Dempsey	Enfield	Amend Zoning
74	Joe Fox	Enfield	Amend Zoning
75	Ronan Moore	Enfield	Cycle and Pedestrian Strategy
76	Noel French	Enfield	Withdrawn
77	Amanda Smith	Stamullen	LAP
78	Amanda Smith	Stamullen	G1 lands
79	Joe Fox	Kilcock	Ballyfeaghan
80	Maria Murphy	Kilcock	New Road
81	Nick Killian	Kilcock	Variation
82	Joe Fox	Athboy	Serviced Sites
83	David Gilroy	Athboy	G1 Zoning
84	Mike Bray	Athboy	Withdrawn
85	Mike Bray	Athboy	O'Growney NS
86	Mike Bray	Athboy	Clann Na Gael
87	Joe Fox	Ballivor	Phase 2
88	Sarah Reilly	Oldcastle	A2 Residential
89	Paddy Meade	Donore	Walkway 1
90	Paddy Meade	Donore	Walkway 2
91	Paddy Meade	Donore	Walkway 3
92	Paddy Meade	Donore	Walkway 4
93	Paddy Meade	Donore	F1 Zoning
94	Paul McCabe	Carlanstown	A2 Zoning
95	Amanda Smith	Gormanston	State Lands G1
96	Amanda Smith	Gormanston	Gormanston Castle F1
97	Amanda Smith	Gormanston	G1 Zoning
98	Michael Gallagher	Drumconrath	Relocate A2 lands
99	Michael Gallagher	Drumconrath	E2 zoning



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100	Cassidy and McCabe	Drumconrath	F1 open space
101	Cassidy and McCabe	Drumconrath	Relocate A2 lands
102	Noel French	Kildalkey	NoM 177
103	Cassidy and McCabe	Kilmainhamwood	mapping correction
104	Damien O'Reilly	Kilmessan	Tourism
105	Cassidy and McCabe	Moynalty	Change Zoning
106	Cassidy and McCabe	Moynalty	Change Zoning
107	Aisling Dempsey	Rathmolyon	Phase 2 zoning
108	Joe Fox	Rathmolyon	Phase 2 Serviced Sites
109	Joe Fox	Summerhill	Retention of Zoning