

**Draft Minutes of Special Meeting of Kildare County Council
Held at 2pm on Tuesday 5th April 2016
At Aras Chill Dara, Naas, Co. Kildare**

Members Present: Councillor B.Weld (Mayor), Councillors M. Aspell, A Breen, A Breslin, F Brett, K Byrne, B Caldwell, R Cronin, I Cussen, M Dalton, S Doyle, T Durkan, B Hillis, I. Keatley, C. Kelly, A Larkin, M Lynch, P McEvoy, J McGinley, F McLoughlin-Healy, M. McCabe M. Miley Jnr, T Murray, N O’Cearuil, M. Coleman, R Power, D Scully, M Stafford, M Wall and B Young.

Absent: Councillor D. Callaghan, D. Fitzpatrick, J. Neville, S. O’Neill, J. Pender and S. Power.

Apologies: Councillor D. Callaghan

Also Present: Mr. P. Carey (Chief Executive), Mr. P. Minnock (Director of Services), Mr. Tadgh McDonnell (Director of Service) Mr. Ml. Kenny (Senior Planner), Ms. K. Kenny (Senior Executive Planner) Mr. K. Kavanagh (Meetings Administrator), Mr. Alan Cunniffe (Executive Planner), Ms. V. Cooke (Administrative Officer) and other officials.

1. To adopt minutes of the special planning meeting of 23 March 2016

The council considered the minutes of the monthly meeting of 23 March 2016.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kennedy, seconded by Councillor McCabe that the minutes of the monthly meeting of 23 March 2016 be adopted.

The Mayor thanked the members for their attendance and set out the order of business of the meeting. The Mayor also acknowledged the fact that the members were working to a very tight schedule and apologised for the delay in the issuing of the report. The Mayor also thanked the staff for their work commitment during the Easter weekend.

Ken Kavanagh, Meetings Administrator requested that the Members review the Chief Executive’s Report sequentially from no.s 1 - 229 and deal with the agreed items first. After that Mr. Kavanagh suggested that the members review the Chief Executive’s report on a chapter by chapter basis by considering the responses to items/motions with which the Chief Executive agreed subject to amendment followed by those items/motions with which the Chief Executive disagreed or that need further debate.

Michael Kenny, Senior Planner stated that Chapters 5,6,7,8,9 & 18 including appendices would be dealt with at this meeting

Councillor Keatley suggested that, in order to ensure that the entire Chief Executive's Report is examined at the meeting, the members agree that the proposer of the motion confine themselves to speaking for two minutes and that only one member from each of the groups speak for one minute each with any additional input to the discussion. This was **agreed** by all the members.

The Chief Executive stated that the draft County Development Plan had not yet been published and that it was important to note that the members were preparing the draft at this stage in the process. The members needed to focus on the statutory guidelines and on the legislation rather than to be overly prescriptive as there would be further opportunities to review the draft in detail when it was published.

Mr. Kavanagh explained the colour coding of the Chief Executive's report to the members. Those items colour coded grey were items considered not to be relevant to the meeting, those colour coded green were items with which the Chief Executive agreed, those coloured yellow were those with which the Chief Executive agreed subject to some amendment and those colour coded red were items with which the Chief Executive disagreed.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that all items colour coded green were agreed.

The Mayor then proceeded with the items and motions as listed in the Chief Executives report.

2. Chief Executive's Amendments Chapter 5: Economic Development Enterprise and Tourism

5.1 - To replace Chapter 5 with the attached revised Chapter.

The Chapter is streamlined into a more concise format and reformatted so as to align with other CDP Chapters.

Resolved by the members present to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

Motions Chapter 5 Economic Development Enterprise and Tourism

3. Cllr. Ivan Keatley

That Kildare county council give specific mention in chapter 5 "Economic Development ,Enterprise and Tourism" , to South Kildare as a part of the National Regional Aid Map that directs additional aid for new industry

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

Response: Agreed

Insert in Section 5.3.2 – bullet point 5

Athy and Kildare are identified as secondary economic growth towns providing an important and complementary role in developing economic growth and sectoral interests in tandem with the primary economic growth towns. Athy has close linkages and interactions with the town of Carlow in the South East Region and is in the **European Commission's Regional State Aid area 2014-2020**. A total of 198 hectares of land is zoned for employment purposes in Athy and Kildare.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

4. Cllr. Rob Power

That we supplement this chapter with;

EO – To support the use of town centre locations for new service focused enterprises

EO – To support the development of microbrewery industry both in appropriate industrial areas but also where production is suitably integrated into a town or village centre location combining production with service.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

Response: Agreed.

Recommendation:

Insert new Policies in Section 5.3.3

To support the use of town centre locations for new service focused enterprises; and

To support the development of the microbrewery industry in appropriate industrial areas and in town or village centre locations where it is directly associated with the sale of the product for consumption on or off the premises, subject to normal safeguards and the protection of the amenity of the area.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

5. Cllr. M. Lynch

5.8

That the town of Newbridge seeks to bring and establish in more jobs in the agri business sector.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

The policies and objectives of the Proposed Draft Plan strongly support agri-business development throughout the County and as such, it is not considered appropriate to refer to any particular Town.

Recommendation: No change.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

6. Cllr. P McEvoy

5.1 Introduction – National Context

Currently, the county contains a number of employers **of significant size** including, Intel, HP and Maynooth University in north Kildare, Kerry Group in Naas, Pfizer in Newbridge, Bord na Mona activities (in both Newbridge and rural County Kildare), the equine industry and the defence forces. Notwithstanding these major employers, there is a need to build on the current economic strengths of the county. In this regard, a strategic, sustainable economic strategy is a priority component within this Plan.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

Recommendation: Agreed

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Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

7. Sinn Féin

EO3

Employment and residency in close proximity..... add in "and multi-modal transport means between neighbouring towns/villages".

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

Multi-modal transport means a combination of two or more modes of movement of goods. Typically this is provided for through strategic corridors, which do not exist between all settlements, particularly lower tier settlements.

Recommendation: No change

K. Kenny advised the members that it would not be correct to make an amendment to include multi-modal transport means as proposed. In answer to

enquiries from Councillor Cussen, K Kenny agreed to examine the possibility of amending the draft to refer to single modes of transport.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

8. Cllr Rob Power

That we amend ECD 1 & 2 - As KCC has no remit in terms of economic development over activities outside the county boundary I suggest removing "and the greater Dublin area"

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

This policy acknowledges the position of County Kildare in a regional context. While Kildare County Council cannot directly control activities outside its administrative area, it has a statutory role in ensuring consistency with the RPGs/RSEs and supporting the overall development of the region, which includes the Greater Dublin Area.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

9. Cllr. Naoise Ó'Ceairúil

5.5.2. In relation to shortfall in employment lands

"That the council liaise with Carton Demesne to identify any possible employment lands"

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

The identification of lands for employment and other uses in the towns in the North East of Kildare will be done through the LAP process during which consultation with the public and relevant stakeholders/landholders will be carried out.

This need for additional employment lands is adequately identified in Section 5.3.2 (page 5_5) of the Proposed Draft CDP which states "There is a shortfall in employment lands in the three northern towns (Maynooth, Celbridge and Leixlip) outside of Intel, Hewlett Packard and Maynooth University for additional foreign direct investment or smaller scale enterprises. This will need to be addressed in this Plan and the forthcoming LAPs."

It is also an objective in Chapter 3 Settlement Strategy SO 10 to carry out a strategic Land Use, Employment and Transportation Study of north east Kildare including Maynooth, having regard to existing and emerging LAPS and involving the participation of strategic stakeholders.

It should be noted that Carton House is a protected structure and the Carton Demense is a demense of international importance and a number of policies and objectives in the plan relate to the protection of the house and demense.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

10. Cllr. Naoise Ó'Ceairúil

EO13:

Addendum, "While the development of Collinstown will be examined and promoted, Maynooth will remain as the primary focus as an employment hub."

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

The economic development hierarchy for the County is set out in Table 5.3. This is aligned to the settlement hierarchy set out in the Core Strategy and the Regional Planning Guidelines.

Maynooth and Leixlip/Collintown are both identified as Primary Economic Growth Towns/Clusters within the Economic Development Hierarchy and therefore it is not considered appropriate to afford greater priority to Maynooth.

It is an objective of the Council as identified in Section 9.4.4 (Retail) of the proposed Draft Plan, to seek the redesignation of Maynooth as the Metropolitan Area Level 2 Major Town Centre to serve North East Kildare in the new GDA Retail Hierarchy.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

11. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

That we amend EO9: to read To work with Third level education Institutions, in the creation and fostering of enterprise, research and development.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

Agreed.

Recommendation: Amend EO11 as follows:

EO 11: To work in conjunction with Maynooth University **and other third level education institutions** in the creation and fostering of enterprise, research, and development.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

12. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

5.5.2

That we amend statement in 2nd para pg 7 'It is particularly important that new development should be located within existing settlements or *approximate to* existing settlements so as to encourage

In order to facilitate location of activities that may have potential negative impacts (noise/ odour etc) on built up areas.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

It is a policy as outlined in Section 5.3.2 of the amended Chapter and of National and Regional economic development policy to focus economic development into existing settlements in accordance with the economic hierarchy set at a Regional level. Development outside of settlements should have a direct relationship to area within which it is proposed – as reflected in the policies and objectives of Chapter 5 and 10.

Recommendation: No change

Councillor Doyle gave the background to her motion and said that it referred to cases of exceptional circumstances where it would be more appropriate to locate the development outside of the settlement for certain reasons. Mr. Kenny advised the members that in exceptional circumstances the members had the power to adopt a material contravention of the County Development Plan to facilitate such cases

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Doyle , seconded by Councillor Miley that the motion be voted upon.

Further Resolved: By the majority of members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation by accepted.

13. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

EO19:

That we amend it to read' to develop and improve linkages between *the Third level sector and relevant employment providers* in the surrounding sub-region and county generally.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed.

Recommendation: Amend text as follows:

To support the further development of Maynooth University as a leading third level research and educational facility, and to work with Maynooth University and other third level institutes (e.g. Tallaght and Carlow IT) to develop and improve linkages between the ~~University and high tech / FDI firms~~ *third level sector and relevant employment providers* in the surrounding sub-region and county in general.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

14. Cllr. P McEvoy

5.5.2 Land-Use and Economic Development

To develop policies that ensure that appropriate proportions of employment zoned lands are suitability sited to support populated areas and that adequate protections mitigate pressures to convert employment zoned lands to residential lands – particularly where policies are to mitigate against commuter patterns.

To develop policies that recognise that various orders in employment zoned lands can yield various levels of employment – according to their use. That appropriate safeguards are used to ensure an appropriate mix of use and that efforts focus on minimising commuting.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

Noted. This is addressed in the proposed CE's amendments.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

15. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

5.6

Suggested change of wording

Over complicated explanation of enterprise activity, suggest remove 'based on process-orientation systems'.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed

Recommendation:

Amend text in new section 5.4 as follows:

Enterprise development is the term used to describe a broad range of economic activity ~~based on process-orientated systems~~ that produce a range of goods and

services. It also includes 'office-based industry' producing an end product or service such as call centres, telephone or web-based services.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

16. Cllr. Brendan Young

Chapter 5.7, pp. 5-11 and 5-12: that we replace SEVESO II with SEVESO III

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed.

The 2012 Seveso III (Directive 2012/18/EU) has been implemented by the Chemicals Act (Control of Major Accident Hazards involving Dangerous Substances) Regulations 2015 ([S.I. No. 209 of 2015](#)) and the regulations which implemented the Seveso II Directive have been revoked.

Recommendation: Agreed – all reference to Seveso II will be replaced with reference to Seveso III.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

17. Cllr. P. McEvoy

5.7 Prevention of Major Accidents

That Seveso sites are selected and managed based on minimising risk to strategic infrastructure. That where appropriate, public evacuation plans are considered in the context of risk management.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed.

It is agreed that the text should reflect the need, at planning application stage, to consider the impact of proposals relating to a Seveso development on strategic infrastructure.

The need for public evacuation plans is a matter for the Health and Safety Authority, and not for the County Development Plan.

Recommendation:

Amend text as follows:

To have regard to:

- The Major Accidents Directive (SEVESO III, [2012/18/EU 96/82/EC](#));
- Potential adverse impacts on public health and safety;
- HSA Technical advice;
- The need to maintain appropriate safe distances between residential areas, areas of public use and areas of natural sensitivity;
- **The need to minimize risk to strategic infrastructure**

- The specialist advice of the Fire Authority

in the preparation of spatial plans and in assessing planning applications for new development, or the expansion of existing development involving hazardous substances.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

18. Cllr. M. Lynch

5.7

That Newbridge is added to the list of primary economic towns.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The economic development hierarchy for the County set out in Table 5.3 is derived from the hierarchy set out in the Regional Planning Guidelines. There is a requirement under the Planning and Development Act that the County hierarchy be consistent with the RPGs.

Recommendation: No change.

Councillor Lynch gave the background to his motion and said that Newbridge was a larger town than other towns in its current category. K. Kenny explained that the hierarchy of towns was set out in the regional Planning Guidelines and could not be changed as part of the review of the County Development Plan. Councillor Lynch requested that the Regional Assembly be informed of the need to move Newbridge to the Primary Economic Towns category and Councillor McEvoy undertook to do so.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

19. Sinn Féin

5.5 ECD 18 To ensure that emergency responders have the adequate resources and scope of powers to respond under Sersco 11 Directive - service level agreements should be put in place for these locations

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Not matters for the County Development Plan. This motion relates to legislative, operational and staffing matters for the emergency services and is not appropriate for reference in a County Development Plan.

Recommendation: No change.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

20. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

5.8 Motion to amend 2nd para

It is important to ensure that this sector is allowed to expand with a choice of locations either in town centres or on appropriate sites elsewhere as outlined in chapter 9, *while at all times having regard to protecting the primacy of core town centre sites.*'

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed

Chapter 9, to which this paragraph refers, sets out the sequential approach applied to retail developments. The proposed text will emphasise the primacy of town centre sites for both retail and commercial developments.

Recommendation: Amend text in new section 5.6 as follows:

Like retailing, the commercial sector contributes significantly to employment and provides access to goods and services. It is important to ensure that this sector is allowed to expand with a choice of locations either in town centres or on appropriate sites elsewhere as outlined in Chapter 9, *while at all times having regard to protecting the primacy of core town centre sites.* In general, where a proposal involves the provision of goods or services to a significant number of visiting members of the public, it will clearly be appropriate for it to be located within a town centre. Appropriate locations will be designated as part of the review of the development plan or local area plans.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

21. Cllr. Naoise Ó'Cearúil

5.9 Regeneration

At the end of paragraph 1, that the following is added,

"The council will also liaise with NAMA to improve the aesthetic appearance of properties under it's auspices and the future regeneration of same."

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

While the broad principle is agreed it is not considered appropriate to reference or target a particular landowner or entity in the County Development Plan.

The Draft Plan incorporates a range of measures to address this issue.

Chapter 5 (Section 5.9) provides a number of policies that look to foster regeneration in the County's towns and villages with particular emphasis on derelict and vacant sites. Chapter 9 (Section 9.5.3) seeks to facilitate the enhancement and environmental improvement of the County's towns and villages and to secure funding resources for public realm projects.

As set out in Chapter 5 the members in each Municipal District will have a role in devising plans for regeneration; and this may include prioritisation of properties for attention.

The Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 also introduces a requirement

on local authorities to establish a vacant site register beginning on January 1st 2017 and to apply a levy to sites listed on the register, with the aim of incentivising owners to bring such sites back into active reuse.

Recommendation: No change

Councillor O’Cearúil stated that the council should liaise with NAMA as NAMA was also a state agency.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation.

22. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

EO23: Motion to amend

for retail innovation in Naas town centre. *This project will be assessed as a pilot project with a view to similar approach in other appropriate towns in the County.*

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

The Urbact III City Centre Doctor Project is an EU supported study of ten ‘cities’ across Europe which are located in the urban shadow of larger cities and have to compete to retain the local custom. Naas is participating in the context of its relationship to Dublin City. However, this is not a pilot project and the contextual relationship between Dublin and Naas is not considered applicable to towns across the county.

However, the Council will consider the outcome of the study and any information which may inform retail policies in other towns.

Recommendation: Agreed with amendment to renumbered objective EO20.

EO 20: To progress involvement in the EU funded, Urbact III Project “City Centre Doctor” and strengthen partnership with other European cities so as to inform future development strategies for retail innovation in Naas town centre. *This project will be assessed as a pilot project with a view to adoption a similar approach in other towns in the County, as appropriate.*

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive’s recommendation was accepted.

23. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

5.10, 2nd para

Motion to amend

' need for diversification and employment creation in the non farm rural economy. *In conjunction with facilitating innovative enterprise that is compatible with rural locations,* key employment areas are outlined below with'

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed.

Recommendation:

Amend Section 5.10 as follows:

One of the most fundamental challenges facing rural economies is the impact of restructuring in agriculture and traditional industry, and the associated need for diversification and employment creation in the non-farm rural economy. *In conjunction with facilitating innovative enterprise that is compatible with rural locations,* ~~Key~~ potential employment areas are outlined below with more detail (including policies and objectives on each area) provided in Chapter 10.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

24. Cllr. Martin Miley

5.11 Agriculture

That we state the numbers directly employed in County Kildare and the amount employed in secondary industries to agriculture as we have directly stated in the equine sector.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Available Census figures are given below. There is no further breakdown available at County level.

Recommendation: Insert:

Amend new Section 5.9 as follows:

A total of 3,166 persons in County Kildare were engaged in "farming, fishing and forestry" as their primary employment (Census of Population 2011).

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

25. Sinn Féin

5.11 - Agriculture

ECD 19

"to promote the "smart farming" initiative to farmers across Kildare to inform them of environmental sustainability and resource management so as to reduce Co2 production on farms".

? "to develop policies through our SPC to assist and inform Kildare's farming communities of cost saving measures to manage and reduce Co2 production on farms".

(Smart Farming is an IFA resource efficiency initiative, which aims to identify significant on-farm cost savings - has good initiatives about water harvesting for farmers for example).

Add:

"To implement policy in relation to the control of Ragwort and other noxious weeds".

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Not matters for the County Development Plan. This can be referred to the Environment SCP for consideration.

Recommendation: No change.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

26. Cllr. Brendan Young

Chapter 5, ECD 21 that we insert additional first point: passive-house guidelines in the construction of social and other housing

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Chapter 5 references energy efficient buildings in the context of capitalising on the employment and enterprise potential of the green economy.

It is considered that objectives to improve the energy efficiency of buildings are adequately addressed elsewhere in the proposed draft County Development Plan (i.e. Chapter 8 Energy and Infrastructure in Section 8.11 and in Chapter 4 Housing in Section 4.8).

However it is agreed that that the promotion of the passive house guidelines should be included here in the context of policy **ECD 20** to work with Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI).

The Building Regulations Technical Guidance Document Part L sets the standards for Conservation of Fuel and Energy for all new housing. Part L has been revised a number of times in recent years with substantial increases in energy efficiency standards at each revision.

New housing constructed by Kildare County Council will comply with current building standards. Kildare County Council strives to exceed these standards where possible, and through the use of passive means such as increased building fabric performance rather than a reliance on building systems which require ongoing maintenance and replacement.

Recommendation: Amend **EO25** as follows:

To work with Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) to:

- Undertake energy master planning and compile a sustainable energy action plan and heat map for the county
- Develop a Local Authority Renewable Energy Strategy (LARES) incorporating EU guidelines and training.
- **Promote the SEAI publication "Passive Homes - Guidelines for the Design and Construction of Passive House Dwellings in Ireland"**

Councillor Young stated that he was not in agreement with the amendment as Part L was inadequate and that other local authorities had included his proposed amendment in their respective County Development Plans.

K Kenny advised the members that the amendment could not be included as Part L formed part of Building Control Regulations rather than Planning legislation and that the Chief Executive's recommendation would try to encourage higher standards.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

27. Cllr. Martin Miley

5.14 EOD Rural enterprise, that we add in or where existing employment hubs exist

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: It is considered that this paragraph already provides scope for certain development in existing hubs, subject to normal planning considerations.

Recommendation: No Change

Councillor Miley stated that there was no policy to support extensions in cases where a material contravention of the Plan was required.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Miley, seconded by Councillor Doyle and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation be rejected and the proposed amendment be accepted.

28. Cllr. P. McEvoy

5.15 Tourism **and Recreation**

Tourism and recreation make a positive contribution to the economic and social wellbeing of the county. Kildare's close proximity to Dublin offers significant opportunities to expand the existing tourism offer and brand for the county. With Dublin being the sixth most popular city region in Europe for city breaks, Kildare's location, **its** rich built and natural heritage along with its horse racing and golfing attractions provide opportunities to attract spin off tourism from the city region and ~~also from~~ neighbouring **counties, including** County Wicklow.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

Agreed other than heading change - this section deals predominantly with tourism whereas recreation is addressed in Chapter 14.

Recommendation: Amend text as follows:

5.13 Tourism

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Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

29. Cllr. Naoise Ó'Ceairúil

5.17 "That Maynooth Castle is added to the list of tourist attractions"

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

Maynooth Castle is included within the list of tourist attractions on the North Kildare Tourist Route shown on Map 5.1 and can be added to the listing in Section 5.17.

Recommendation: Agreed – addressed through Chief Executives amendment.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

30. Cllr. Martin Miley

5.17 Tourist attractions in County Kildare

in light of the very positive picture of the Dragon boat racing on the front page of chapter 5. we work with all watersports organisations in Athy to accommodate them with facilities

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

Defer Motion for Chapter 14 Landscape Recreation and Amenities.

Recommendation: No change.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

31. Cllr. P. McEvoy

5.17 Tourist Attractions in Kildare

In the context of tourism, the natural environment, landscape, built heritage and attractive towns and villages play a key role. Significant natural attractions include the Curragh plains, the bogs to the west, the rolling hills of the eastern uplands, the waterways of the River Liffey, the River Barrow and the **Grand** and **Royal** Canals

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed.

Recommendation:

Amend Section 5.17 as follows:

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the eastern uplands, the waterways of the River Liffey, the River Barrow and the **Grand** and **Royal** Canals.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

32. Cllr. P McEvoy

ECD 26: To introduce, develop, and support a rural "Tourism Cluster" (comprised of ten member micro-enterprises) that will trade on-line as an aggregated virtual tourism entity.

To consider the strengths of clusters around hubs/ nodes, as per the 2011 plan:

ED 22 To encourage clustering of tourism products and services within identified hubs and nodes to increase linkages within and reduce leakage from the local economy

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed.

Recommendation: Insert new objective after EO 35 as proposed:

To encourage clustering of tourism products and services within identified hubs and nodes to increase linkages within and reduce leakage from the local economy.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

33. Cllr. P. McEvoy

EO 36: To work with Kildare Fáilte to:

- **Identify quality tourism and recreational products and services suited to international and domestic markets;**
- **Develop Kildare brands that have international recognition and appeal;**
- Implement a **sustainable** tourism development strategy in the county, and identify the particular role and competence of all partner agencies;
- Develop an appropriate and compelling marketing proposition and plan for Kildare as a tourism destination; (*Line Space*)
- Develop a suite of training programmes that will ensure that tourism businesses in the county can recruit staff with appropriate skills and provide for career development; and
- Promote the Green Hospitality Programme.

To explore the opportunities around eco-tourism and consider policies list in other CDPs: **"The growth of rural tourism (including agri-tourism) is critical to the local economy and is directly and positively linked to its economic, social and natural resources. There is strong potential for eco-tourism.**

This approach promotes enhanced awareness and positive appreciation of local resources, traditions, ways of life and opportunities to optimise the use of amenities and share the benefits throughout the area. Rural tourism can play an important role in supporting and diversifying the economy of rural communities and is based on local amenities and natural heritage

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed.

Eco tourism is a growing sector, with increasing niche activities emerging relating to this area. The principles of eco-tourism are considered to be broadly provided for in the overall content of this chapter, through policy for sustainable tourism, promotion of greenways, waterways, walking/cycling, heritage, events and festivals etc.

Recommendation: It is recommended to add the following text in Section 5.13 Tourism:

There is strong potential for eco-tourism within the County. Eco-tourism unites conservation, communities, and sustainable travel. It promotes enhanced awareness and positive appreciation of local resources, traditions and ways of life and generates opportunities to optimise the use of amenities and share benefits throughout the area. Activities and attractions based on local amenities and natural heritage, as set out below, contribute to the overall eco-tourism product and play an important role in supporting and diversifying the economy of rural communities.

EO36: To support the expansion and development of tourism in Kildare, investigating the feasibility of key opportunities such as those centred on the racing industry, retail, ~~and~~ , golf and eco-tourism to include: Arthur's Way, Dublin- Galway Greenway, Barrow Blueway, Shackleton Trail, the Gordon Bennett Route and other opportunities.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

34. Cllr. M. Lynch

5.19 / 5.20 / 5.21

That the town of Kildare is inserted as one headline as being a compact town with unique properties and is identified as a tourism hub for the country, and that all avenues are looked at to grow the town in this regard in relation to tourist numbers and attracting tourism related businesses to establish in the town centre while retaining its original buildings.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

These sections reference different types of tourism product within the county (.i.e. Barrow Blueway, walking/cycling and heritage tourism), more than one of which may form the part of the tourism offer at one particular location.

Section 5.16 acknowledges Kildare as one of a number of areas of strategic tourism potential in the county, and depicts this on Map 5.1.

It is considered that the aim of this motion is provided for in the context of the overall tourism policy for the County and that further detail specific to this settlement should be developed as part of the LAP process.

Recommendation: No change

Councillor Lynch disagreed with the Chief Executive's recommendation and **proposed** that the amendment be accepted. Councillor Lynch's proposal was **seconded** by Councillor Redmond. K. Kenny advised the members that the proposal was more appropriate to a Local Area Plan.

Resolved: That a majority of members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

35. Sinn Féin

E034

To support and facilitate the implementation within Kildare of the Ireland's Ancient East proposition...

Add within this that signage in Kildare for this implementation gives parity to the Irish language.

Add: "Kildare has a rich republican heritage and was home to the first republican uprising in 1798 with every town and village rising up against the Crown. This should be commemorated with areas of historical interest being identified and conserved".

We had this in our original submission....

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

Not a matter for the County Development Plan. The consent process for the Ireland's Ancient East programme is separate to the Development Plan process.

The Official Languages Act 2003 sets out the requirements for public bodies in relation to the Irish language and compliance is monitored by An Coimisinéir Teanga. Roads authorities are obliged to adhere to the obligations imposed on them with regard to the use of languages on traffic signs under the Traffic Signs Manual. Those obligations are explained in the information leaflet entitled *Use of Irish on Traffic Signs* available at www.coimisineir.ie.

In relation to republican heritage, this matter was considered at pre-draft stage.

The response of the Chief Executive was as follows:

The County Development Plan is a spatial land use plan. The Draft County Development Plan will contain policies which support tourism/heritage development. However the detailed expression of the issue in terms of the location of monuments, signage, tourism trails etc will be delivered at local area plan level.

It was resolved to accept the CE recommendation and note the comment

Recommendation: No change.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

36. Sinn Féin

That KCC have a person in house assigned to these objectives and works in conjunction with Kildare Failte.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

The County Development Plan is a spatial land-use plan. This is an operational and staffing matter for Kildare County Council matter and not appropriate for reference in a County Development Plan.

Recommendation: No change.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

37. Cllr. P McEvoy

EO 41: To promote and develop the towpaths along the Grand Canal, the Royal Canal (**including** from Maynooth to the Dublin County Boundary as part of the Dublin to Galway Greenway project), the Barrow Line and the Corbally Line as cycleways, in co-operation with Waterways Ireland and neighbouring Local Authorities.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed

Recommendation:

Amend text as proposed in renumbered EO 48:

EO 48: To promote and develop the towpaths along the Grand Canal, the Royal Canal (**including** from Maynooth to the Dublin County Boundary as part of the Dublin to Galway Greenway project),

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

38. Sinn Féin

Chapter 5.21 ECD 34 To add..... It is a policy of the council to promote the use of the Irish language

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

This is not a matter for the County Development Plan. This matter may be more appropriately addressed through the Corporate Plan or Irish Language Plan.

Recommendation: No Change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

39. Cllr. Brendan Young

Chapter 5, ECD 42 that after the words '- is fully protected' insert "without restricting the public rights of way through the parklands",

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

(Note –resulting from proposed CE’s amendments ECD 42 is now ECD 52).
The purpose of this policy is recognise and protect the special nature of Castletown House and its demesne having regard to its national and international significance. The inclusion of a reference to public rights of way is not considered appropriate within this policy. It is a mandatory requirement for the development plan to include objectives for the preservation of public rights of way. This matter will be further considered in Chapter 14, Landscape, Recreation and Amenities.

Recommendation: No change

Councillor Young stated that his proposal provided a specific mention of rights of way at Carton House. K. Kenny advised the members that Councillor Young’s proposal was more appropriate to chapter 14 of the Development Plan.

Resolved: That the majority of members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation.

40. Cllr. Martin Miley

ECD 41

Add additional Policy

To Promote amenities to cultivate Rural sporting activities that will benefit the Local community and support local economies

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

Defer Motion for Chapter 14 Landscape Recreation and Amenities.

Recommendation: No change.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation.

41. Cllr. Martin Miley

ECD 42

To promote international sports field facilities that would complement national international and Olympic activities which would accommodated

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

Agreed with amendment.

Recommendation: Insert the following:

To promote the development of international and Olympic class sporting facilities in County Kildare.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

42. Cllr. P McEvoy

5.24 Sport and Recreation Tourism Policy

ECD 40: To consider suitable sites for caravanning, camping and hostelling in consultation with Fáilte Ireland.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

This is provided for in **ECD 31:** To consider suitable sites for caravanning, camping, and hostelling, in consultation with Fáilte Ireland.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

43. Cllr. P McEvoy

ECD 42: To recognise the sensitive and unique quality and importance of Castletown House, its demesne, and history as a unique element of heritage, tourism and educational potential, to ensure that the integrity of the house and its demesne – as well as its collection of buildings, artefacts, landscapes, views and prospects - is fully protected, and to ensure that any future development within or without the demesne, **including the attendant demesnes of Donaghcumper and St Wolstans**, and its environs which impacts on it is appropriate to its status as a house and demesne of national, **regional** and international significance.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation

It is acknowledged that there is a borrowed landscape relationship between Castletown House and demesne and the demesnes of Donaghcumper and St. Wolstan's. However, this policy aims to protect special nature of Castletown House and its demesne and its reference is in the context of its national and international significance.

It is therefore considered appropriate to retain a singular reference to Castletown House in this section and that further policy for the demesnes of Donaghcumber and St. Wolstan's should be provided for in Chapter 12 Architectural and Archaeological Heritage and / or in Local Area Plan level as appropriate.

Recommendation: No change.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

44. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

Motion to add

ECD49: To facilitate and support the establishment of a tourism destination centre at the Cherry Ave Site in Kildare town and preserve the historic Princess Grace Gates as part of this visitor attraction

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation

Kildare County Council has appointed consultants to develop a masterplan for the lands at Cherry Avenue. Part of the work being undertaken will be to examine the possibility of an additional visitor attraction within the lands. The masterplan will be subject to a Part VIII public consultation process.

The addition of this policy is premature pending the outcome of the above, and that it is not appropriate to include this addition in this section as it relates to Inland Waterways Tourism.

The preservation of the Princess Grace Gates by inclusion on the RPS (if intended) may be referred as a motion on Chapter 12.

The Parks Department is overseeing the preparation of the Materplan and as such, queries should be referred to the Parks Department.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

45. Cllr. P McEvoy

ECD X49: To support tourism development that takes account of universal access considerations

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation

This is not a matter for the County Development Plan. Universal access is addressed at a national level through the Building Regulations.

Recommendation: No change.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

46. Sinn Féin

5 ECD To develop a waterway centre in Athy

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation

The development of a waterways centre would largely be driven by Waterways Ireland and as such an objective for its direct development is beyond the scope of the County Development Plan.

Policies ECD 38 to 42 outline that Council will work with relevant authorities, such as Waterways Ireland, in the provision of infrastructure and facilities along waterways within the County and generally support and facilitate the appropriate development of these waterways in terms of tourism and recreational potential.

Recommendation: No change.

Councillor Redmond stated that he wanted to reinforce the importance of South Kildare and that his motion could be moved to chapter 14. M. Kenny advised the members that Councillor Redmond's proposal was specific to the Athy municipal District.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

47. Sinn Féin

ECD 5.25 To develop the Dry Dock facility in Athy

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation

Policy **EO 53** is:

To develop, in conjunction with the relevant authorities, berthing and other ancillary infrastructure at key locations along the canal systems, particularly in areas where tourism is underdeveloped at present.

Recommendation: No change.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

SA1. Cllr Mark Wall

To insert E08

To provide and resource a Business and Economic development officer through the local authority in support of Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism

Response:

The County Development Plan is a spatial land-use plan. This is an operational and staffing matter for Kildare County Council and not appropriate for reference in a County Development Plan.

However, in terms of business and economic development supports, it should be noted that, following the dissolution of the Country Enterprise Boards and transfer of functions to Enterprise Ireland (EI), local authorities now carry out these functions on EI's behalf in Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs). The Local Enterprise Office in Kildare serves as a first stop shop, providing small businesses with financial support, advice on starting and growing a business and training services to develop enterprise.

In addition, the Kildare Local and Economic Plan adopted in December 2015 sets out for a six-year period, the objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic development and the local and community development

of Kildare. These actions will be implemented both by Kildare County Council, directly and in partnership with other economic and community development stakeholders.

Recommendation:

No change.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

SA2. Cllr Mark Wall

To insert EO20

To support the development of an Industrial park in the South of the County to take advantage of the M9 M7 and rail links

Response:

Chapter 5, sets out the Economic Development Strategy for the County based on the Core Strategy Settlement Strategy and the Economic Strategy set out in the RPGs. The strategy sets out a clear framework for economic development across all centres in the County, including settlements close to the M9 and M7 and rail lines.

Recommendation:

No change.

The members discussed the issue of land zonings in the south of the county. M. Kenny advised the members that there appeared to be enough land zoned for industrial development in the south of the county but that the issue could be re-visited when the draft Plan went on public display.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

SA3. Cllr Mark Wall

Insert ECD 19.1

To promote and support the Agri food and Horticulture sectors given their importance to the potential economic development of the County

Response:

Section 5.9 Agriculture and Section 5.3.2 Economic Development Strategy outline general support for the agri-food and horticulture sectors in the County. Policy RE5 can be amended to include reference to agri-food.

Recommendation:

Agreed

RE 5: To support and facilitate sustainable agriculture, agri-food, horticulture, forestry, renewable energy and other rural enterprises at suitable locations in the County.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

SA4. Cllr Mark Wall

Insert ECD 21

Residential housing stock" including the local authorities own stock"

Response:

Not relevant to the CDP.

Chapter 5 references energy efficient buildings in the context of capitalising on the employment and enterprise potential of the green economy.

It is considered that objectives to improve the energy efficiency of buildings are adequately addressed elsewhere in the proposed draft County Development Plan (i.e. Chapter 8 Energy and Infrastructure in Section 8.11 and in Chapter 4 Housing in Section 4.8).

Recommendation:

No change.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

SA5. Cllr Mark Wall

Insert ECD 41

To develop a water based Community and Tourist facility on local authority land, at the Dominican's Athy

Response:

(Note –resulting from proposed CE's amendments 5.25 Inland Waterways Tourism Policy is now 5.24 and ECD 43 to ECD 48 are now ECD 38 to ECD 42)

Policy **EO 53** is:

To develop, in conjunction with the relevant authorities, berthing and other ancillary infrastructure at key locations along the canal systems, particularly in areas where tourism is underdeveloped at present.

The County Development Plan aims to support and facilitate the expansion of the tourism product within the whole County, including through the identification of strategic sites capable for accommodating new ventures. However, objectives to encourage the development of individual tourist facilities, and determining desirable locations for same within settlements, would be more appropriately developed at LAP and town/village plan level.

It is considered that the proposed motion is catered for sufficiently by this text, and that objectives for this particular facility in a specific settlement (Athy) would be more appropriately provided for at Local Area Plan level.

Recommendation:

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

SA6. Cllr Mark Wall

Insert ECD 42

To facilitate and promote the provision of Tourist hostels at appropriate locations within the County

Response:

This is provided for in **ECD 31:** To consider suitable sites for caravanning, camping, and hostelling, in consultation with Fáilte Ireland.

Recommendation:

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

48. Chapter 6 - Chief Executive's Amendments

To replace Chapter 6 with the attached revised Chapter.

The Chief Executive informed the members that the revised Chapter 6 was streamlined into a more concise format and reformatted to align with other CDP chapters.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

Motions

49. Cllr. Brendan Young

Ch 6.1 Background (now 6.1 Introduction), from the par beginning "it is clear that ...", sixth line, delete the words 'in roads and'

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

This change has been incorporated into the Chief Executive's amendments.

Recommendation: Agreed

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

50. Cllr. P McEvoy

6.0 Introduction

Movement and transportation in **County** Kildare is guided by a comprehensive and coordinated set of national and regional policy documents. National and Regional transport policy recognises that current transport trends, in particular levels of car use, are unsustainable ~~in the longer term~~ and that a **transformation transition** towards **the achievement of higher levels of** more sustainable modes of transport, such as walking, cycling and public transport is required. ~~This transition will take a number of years to achieve and is likely to extend beyond the period of this County Development Plan.~~ **There are concerns that if current trends continue, congestion will increase, transport emissions will grow, economic competitiveness will suffer and quality of life will decline. One of the major challenges facing the County during the life of this plan and into the future, is the need to promote and provide for sustainable transport options, whilst maintaining the effectiveness of the transport network.**

Many of the main transportation corridors linking the Great Dublin Area (GDA) to the rest of the country pass through County Kildare. **There are four mainline railway passenger services traversing the county, the Sligo, Cork/Limerick, Galway and Waterford lines and two suburban services linking Kildare to Heuston Station and Maynooth to Connolly Station.**

The M4 runs east-west along the northern boundary of the county, the M7 runs diagonally on the northeast-southwest axis through the centre of the county and the M9 runs southwards to Castledermot, Carlow and onwards. Consequently and also as a result of proximity to Dublin, County Kildare bears a disproportionately high concentration of vehicular traffic when compared to the size, capacity and quality of its road network or available funding. While the national road network in the county has been improved, the regional and local road network (sections of which, carries up to 20,000 vehicles per day) is largely under developed.

County Kildare ~~is a commuting county~~ **serves a significant number of commuters.**

6.1 Background

While 60% of the population have jobs within the county, almost 40% of Kildare residents at work travel outside the county to their job. There is a significant level of commuting into the north-eastern part of the county where there is a concentration of major employers. Dublin is the dominant employment destination with over 72% of Kildare commuters working in Dublin City Centre, South Dublin, Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and Meath. Other commuting routes include connections to adjacent towns such as Carlow and Portlaoise in the south of the county. Commuting patterns in Kildare rely heavily on private car transport, which is unsustainable:

- Approximately 66% of commuters use private car transport.
- 18% of commuters use bus and/or rail for their daily commute.
- Only 16% of commuters walk or cycle to work, school or college. This latter figure is well below the regional average of 22%.

It is clear that as current ratios continue in relation to vehicular traffic, congestion will increase, transport emissions will grow, economic competitiveness will suffer and quality of life within Kildare will decline unless there is significant investment in roads and in transport infrastructure to support alternative modes within the county in the coming years.

While bus and rail public transport to and from Dublin is widely available there are substantial obstacles relating to cost and frequency of these services. There are also challenges in accessing public transport **within the county and** to other areas, with limited spare capacity, service and pick up points in many areas.

Public policy will need to develop intra-urban public transport in the larger urban centres along with a transport system to encourage the dispersed rural population to use public transport when commuting.

The Council recognises that new development, both residential and commercial, permitted in line with this plan will lead to additional trips generated. Therefore a major challenge facing the County during the lifetime of this plan and beyond is the need to promote and provide for **as high a proportion as possible be conducted by sustainable means.** ~~sustainable transportation options whilst providing for increased vehicular, cycle and pedestrian growth on the road network in the county through road improvement and management of demand where possible.~~ **However it is accepted that a residual proportion of the trips generated, especially those involving the movement of goods, will be taken by private vehicle. This has the potential to add to existing levels of congestion or saturation of the road network.**

The Council will seek to positively and constructively promote, facilitate and where required the enhancement of both public transport carrying capacity and road capacity to support sustainable future development.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

The proposed Chief Executive's amendment addresses this motion.

Recommendation: Agreed with amendment via Chief Executives amendment.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

51. Cllr. B Young

Ch 6.1 Background, from the par beginning "it is clear that ...", sixth line, delete the words 'in roads

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

This change has been incorporated into the Chief Executive's amendments.

Recommendation

Agreed

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

52. Cllr. P McEvoy

6.2.3 National Cycle Policy Framework 2009-2020

The National Cycle Policy Framework (as part of Smarter Travel – A Sustainable Transport Future 2009) sets out a national policy for cycling, in order to create a stronger cycling culture, a more friendly environment for cycling and improved quality of life. The vision is that all cities, towns and rural areas will be bicycle friendly. The policy document sets a target of 10% of all **commuter** trips by bicycle by 2020 and places emphasis on promoting and integrating cycle networks.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation : Agreed

Recommendation: Amend Section 6.2.3

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

There is no item 53 on the report to the members.

54. Cllr. Brendan Young

Chapter 6-5 that we Insert new point MTO 12 Restrict vehicles over two axels from using roads through towns and villages as a through-route where alternative routes exist.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation : This is not a matter for the CDP. This is a traffic management issue.

Recommendation

No Change

Councillor Young informed the members that the main street of villages were being damaged by heavy vehicles and alternative routes needed to be found. Councillor Young **proposed** that his amendment be accepted and Councillor Cussen **seconded** the proposal.

Resolved: That the majority of members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

55. Cllr. Martin Miley

MTO 10 (now PKO 1) that we add-on *particularly at motorway junctions*

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation : New Section 6.3 includes an objective to prepare a County Mobility Plan as follows:
MTO 1: To prepare a County Mobility Plan that addresses the long term mobility needs of communities and businesses in the County. The Plan should address urban and rural transport issues, the integration of transport modes and public transport connections between key settlements of the County, including the primary growth towns.

This Plan will address the need for park and ride facilities in the County and the appropriate locations, based on an overview of public transport services (in consultation with service providers) and the needs and demand of citizens. It is noteworthy that CSO POWSCAR data provides information on the origin and destination of trips for work and education in Kildare down to small area level and the mode of transport used. This information will be used to build a profile of travel patterns in the County and inform recommendations of the County Mobility Plan with regard to the future provision of park and ride facilities.

Recommendation: No change

Councillor Miley informed the members that vehicles were being parked at motorway junctions and that Park and Ride facilities were not being provided at these locations. Councillor Miley **proposed** that his motion be approved and Councillor Keatley **seconded** the proposal. It was also agreed that Motion 84 and Motion 125 would also be considered in conjunction with Motion 55.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to reject the Chief Executive's recommendation.

56. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

MT6:

Motion to Amend '.....of land with the [appropriately phased](#) provision and development of high quality transport systems.'

Response

Agreed

Recommendation

Revise MT 1 as follows:

MT 1: To promote the sustainable development of the County through the creation of an **appropriately phased** integrated transport network that services the needs of communities and businesses.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

57. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

MTO 13

To assess all rail, road and river/canal bridges and underpasses for capacity to meet transport needs and develop solutions to address any identified deficits in conjunction with all relevant authorities.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation : Agreed

Recommendation: Section 6.3, insert new policy MT 12 as follows:

To assess all rail, road and river/canal bridges and underpasses for capacity to meet transport needs and develop solutions to address any identified deficits in conjunction with all relevant authorities.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

58. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

New policy in Section 6.3

MTO 14:

To provide for community/ education zoning at optimum locations that minimise car dependency and examine where appropriate the relocation of such facilities to alternate locations that will minimise car dependency.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation : Proposed CE change to include an additional policy MT2 adequately addresses this issue focussing on the location of activities close to sustainable modes of transport in existing and planned areas.

MT 2: To support sustainable modes of transport by spatially arranging activities around existing and planned high quality public transport systems.

Recommendation: No Change

Councillor Doyle stated that there was a need to optimise land holdings and to explore the possibility of relocating some facilities. The Chief Executive informed the members that there was now an agreed protocol in place.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

59. Cllr. P McEvoy

6.3. Movement and Transportation

The Council is committed to focussing on the need to underpin the planning process with an integrated approach to sustainable forms of transport such as public transport, walking and cycling, a pro-active approach to influencing travel behaviour and effective traffic management, all underpinned by an integrated land-use and transportation strategy that promotes intensification in accessible areas are the emerging strategies for this development plan.

The social, economic and environmental wellbeing of County Kildare and the Greater Dublin Area is dependent on the efficient and sustainable movement of people and goods within and through the County. This can be achieved by providing a range of transport options that are safe, convenient, reliable and offer value for money. The Council recognises its role in working with the relevant agencies to seek to ensure that as high a proportion as possible of trips carried out each day would be conducted by sustainable means.

~~However it is accepted that to achieve this will take time and extend beyond the period of this plan. A large proportion of trips, especially those involving the movement of goods, will continue to be served by private vehicles.~~

The design of cycle facilities is directed by the National Cycle Manual, NTA (2011), The National Cycle Manual seeks to encourage cycling by promoting a safe environment for all road users with a focus on cyclists. It offers clear guidance on integrating the bike in the design of urban areas through five basic principles; Safety, Coherence, Directness, Attractiveness and Comfort.

The Council will seek to integrate sustainable land use planning with a high quality integrated transport network providing a range of transport options to fulfil the following goals:

- ~~Encourage a~~ **To transition to a more sustainable transport model with particular emphasis on public transport, cycling and walking.**
- Provide additional capacity for cyclists, pedestrians ~~and vehicles~~ within the road network to accommodate ~~the~~ growth in **movement traffic** expected **during** ~~in~~ the **transition transformation** period to a more sustainable transport model.
- Provide additional capacity for movement within the road network where strategic links are essential.**

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation :

It is considered important to recognise that it will take time to achieve the significant improvements to the transport system that will support more balanced mode share and that a large proportion of trips will continue to be served by private vehicles.

Recommendation: No Change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

60. Cllr. P McEvoy

To amend MT 7 as follows:

MT 7: To focus on improvements to the national, regional, local road and street network that provide additional capacity in order to reduce ~~congestion and provide for current and future~~ demand while facilitating the longer term goal of a transition to more sustainable forms of transport

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation :

It is considered that the proposed Chief Executive's change to Policy MT 3 addresses the motion, whilst recognising that a significant proportion of trips will continue to be taken by vehicular traffic.

MT4: To develop sustainable transport solutions within and around the major towns in the county that encourage a transition towards more sustainable modes of transport, whilst also ensuring sufficient road capacity for trips which continue to be taken by private vehicles.

Recommendation: No change.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

61. Cllr. P McEvoy

MT 8: To develop new road infrastructure **with an emphasis on sustainable modes** that provides access to new communities and development areas and supports the economic development of the county. ~~including the projected need during the transition to an increased use of public transport, cycling and walking.~~

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation :

There are sufficient policies and objective contained in Chapter 6 supporting and prioritising the provision of sustainable modes of transport. It is therefore considered appropriate to omit this policy from Chapter 6 to avoid repetition.

Recommendation:No change.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

62. Cllr. P McEvoy

MT 9 (now MT 8) : To seek to address urban congestion with particular emphasis on facilitating improved bus transport **movement speed** and reliability and improved links to bus and railway stations.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation : Agreed

Recommendation

Revise policy MT 8 as follows:

MT 8: To seek to address urban congestion with particular emphasis on facilitating improved bus transport movement and reliability and improved links to bus and railway stations.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

63. Cllr. P McEvoy

MT X1: To spatially arrange activities around, and improve access to, existing and planned public transport infrastructure and services.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation : This motion is addressed in the proposed Chief Executive changes.

MT 2: To support sustainable modes of transport by spatially arranging activities around existing and planned high quality public transport systems.

Recommendation: Agreed with amendment via Chief Executives amendment.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

64. Cllr. P McEvoy

MT X2: To focus on improvements to the local road and street network that better utilise existing road space and encourage a transition toward more sustainable modes of transport, while ensuring sufficient road capacity exists for the residual proportion of the trips which will continue to be taken by private vehicle

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation : This motion is addressed in the proposed Chief Executive changes.

MT 7: To focus on improvements to the local road and street network that better utilise existing road space and encourage a transition toward more sustainable modes of transport, while ensuring sufficient road capacity exists for trips which will continue to be taken by private vehicle.

Recommendation: Agreed with amendment via Chief Executives amendment.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

65. Cllr. P McEvoy

MT X3: To prioritise new road construction that provides access to new communities and development areas and supports the economic development of the County.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation : This motion is addressed in the proposed Chief Executive changes.

MT 5: To prioritise the development of new urban distributor/link/arterial roads to provide access to new communities and development areas and support the

economic development of the County. These will facilitate bus public transport by reducing transit times and increasing reliability.

Recommendation: Agreed with amendment via Chief Executives amendment.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

66. Cllr. P McEvoy

MT X4: To balance the needs of road users and the local community with the need to support the development of a sustainable transportation network.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation : Agreed

Recommendation: Insert new Policy

To balance the needs of road users and the local community with the need to support the development of a sustainable transportation network.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

67. Cllr. P McEvoy

MT X5: To support the delivery of sufficient public transport and road capacity to facilitate sustainable new development in the County.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

This motion is considered to be adequately addressed in Section 6.3 the proposed Chief Executives amendments e.g. policies MT2, 4 & 5.

MT 2: To support sustainable modes of transport by spatially arranging activities around existing and planned high quality public transport systems.

MT4: To develop sustainable transport solutions within and around the major towns in the county that encourage a transition towards more sustainable modes of transport, whilst also ensuring sufficient road capacity for trips which continue to be taken by private vehicles.

MT 5: To prioritise the development of new urban distributor/link/arterial roads to provide access to new communities and employment areas to support the economic development of the County. These will facilitate bus public transport by reducing transit times and increase reliability.

Recommendation: Agreed with amendment via Chief Executives amendment.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

68. Cllr. P McEvoy

MT X6: To prepare an Integrated County Mobility Plan, that addresses the long term mobility needs of communities and businesses within the County.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This motion is addressed in the proposed Chief Executives amendments.

MTO 1: To prepare a County Mobility Plan that addresses the long term mobility needs of communities and businesses in the County. The Plan should address urban and rural transport issues, the integration of transport modes and public transport connections between key towns of the County, in particular the primary growth towns.

Recommendation: Agreed with amendment via CE's amendments.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

69. Cllr. P McEvoy

MT X7: To prepare Integrated Transport Studies for towns, villages and communities in the County, as need arises, to provide a long term plan for the movement of pedestrians, cyclists, public transport and private vehicles.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

This motion is addressed in the proposed Chief Executives amendments.

MTO3: To review and implement Integrated Transport Studies for Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge, Naas, Newbridge, Kildare and Athy in conjunction with the DTTS, TII and NTA and to prepare new Integrated Transport Studies for other towns, villages and settlements as required, to provide a framework to cater for the movement of pedestrians, cyclists, public transport and private vehicles.

Recommendation: Agreed with amendment via CE's amendments.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

70. Cllr. P McEvoy

MT X8: To identify a cycle network

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

This motion is addressed in the proposed Chief Executives amendments.

WCO1: To prepare a Cycle Network Feasibility Study for each of the major towns in Kildare consisting of primary links identified in the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network and local links, all in accordance with the National Cycle Manual.

Recommendation: Agreed with amendment via CE's amendments.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

71. Cllr. P McEvoy

MT X9: To minimise wait-times for pedestrians and cyclists at junctions

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed

Recommendation: Insert WC 9: To minimise wait-times for pedestrians and cyclists at junctions.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

72. Cllr. P McEvoy

MT X10: That the Council develop strategies with Green Schools in urban areas to promote cycling and walking

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The development of strategies with Green Schools would be an operational matter. Policy WCO 6 (now WC 7) sets a policy framework to support the provision of safer routes to school.

WC 7: To provide for safer routes to schools within the county and to encourage walking and cycling as suitable modes of transport as part of the Green Schools Initiative Programme and other local traffic management improvements.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

73. Cllr. P McEvoy

MT X11: That the Council monitor and report on sustainable transport performances.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This is an operational matter and not a task for the GDP.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

74. Cllr. P McEvoy

MTO 6: To ~~continue the development of the county road network to cope with transport needs in the transition period (to a more sustainable transport model) and to~~ provide better connectivity across the River Liffey, River Barrow, the canals and the railways. ~~This will aid the development of bus public transport by reducing transit times, increasing reliability and provide allowing for more diverse services on a greater variety of routes~~

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This motion is addressed in the proposed Chief Executives amendments.

MT 10: To provide better connectivity across the River Liffey, River Barrow, the canals and the railways.

Recommendation: Agreed with amendment via CE's amendments.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

75. Cllr. P McEvoy

MTO 7: To develop transport solutions within and around the major towns in the county ~~suitable for the period of transition to a more sustainable transport system.~~

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This motion is addressed in the proposed Chief Executives amendments.

MT4: To develop sustainable transport solutions within and around the major towns in the county that encourage a transition towards more sustainable modes of transport, whilst also ensuring sufficient road capacity for trips which continue to be taken by private vehicles.

Recommendation: Agreed with amendment via CE's amendments.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

76. Sinn Féin

Movement and Transport
MTO8

"to review and implement integrated transport studies..... **and movement from one town to another**".

This motion is addressed in the proposed Chief Executive Amendment (Section 6.3 MOT 1 and 2 refer).

MTO 1: To prepare a County Mobility Plan that addresses the long term mobility needs of communities and businesses in the County. The Plan should address urban and rural transport issues, the integration of transport modes and public transport connections between key towns of the County, in particular the primary growth towns.

Recommendation: Agreed subject to amendment via Chief Executives amendment.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

77. Sinn Féin

MTO

Add "to ensure that all new Residential Estates be given Irish/bilingual names"

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This is an issue that would be more appropriately dealt with under Chapter 19 Development Management Standards where Naming of Developments is considered under Section 19.4.11.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

78. Sinn Féin

2. 6 MTL to facilitate more inter town/village public transport, in particular to the county hospital and other essential routes.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This motion is addressed in the proposed Chief Executive Amendment (Section 6.3 MTO 1 and 2 refer).

MTO 1: To prepare a County Mobility Plan that addresses the long term mobility needs of communities and businesses in the County. The Plan should address urban and rural transport issues, the integration of transport modes and public transport connections between key towns of the County, in particular the primary growth towns.

Recommendation: Agreed subject to amendment via Chief Executives amendment.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

3. To investigate the feasibility of tax based incentives for park and ride facilities such as the bus/Rail tax saver tickets.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This is not a matter for the County Development Plan.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

4. To investigate the possibility of the communal bikes system that is currently available in Dublin & Galway

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This is not a matter for the County Development Plan.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

79. Sinn Féin

MTO

That every town has bike stands.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This motion is adequately addressed in the Proposed Draft Plan.

WCO 6 (formerly WCO7) is to provide secure cycle parking facilities in towns and at public service destinations.

Table 19.12 Cycle Parking Standards set out the cycle parking standards for any new development and change of use. These standards are consistent with the objective and policies of the DTTS National Cycle Policy Framework (2009). Local Area Plans will set out more detailed policies and objectives for each town in the county.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

80. Sinn Féin

MTO 6 To develop bus stops in rural Ireland.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The delivery of public transport infrastructure is subject to national policy set by the DTTS and DECLG. Rural Transport Initiatives are supported by the DTTS under the Rural Transport Programme. There are currently two companies offering a rural transport service within the county.

Objective PTO 8 (now PTO 3) seeks to support and encourage the development and expansion of rural transport initiatives in conjunction with other statutory and development agencies. However it is considered inappropriate to include a specific objective to develop bus stops in the rural area.

Recommendation: No change

Councillor Redmond referred to isolated bus stops at rural locations and to the difficulty in retaining rural bus routes. Councillors Doyle and Keatley supported the motion. M. Kenny agreed to reword PT08 to allow for the inclusion of bus shelters at rural locations.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation. And the Senior Planner's agreement to reword PT08.

81. Cllr. Naoise Ó'Ceairúil

MTO 11, Addendum- That the following be included in a needs study for Kildare; "A public transport connection between the North East Metropolitan Area and the county town of Naas.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This motion is addressed in the proposed Chief Executive Amendment (Section 6.3 MTO 1 and 2 refer).

Recommendation: Agreed subject to amendment. New Section 6.3 refers as follows:

MTO 1: To prepare a County Mobility Plan that addresses the long term mobility needs of communities and businesses in the County. The Plan should address urban and rural transport issues, the integration of transport modes and public transport connections between key towns of the County, in particular the primary growth towns.

A County Mobility Plan should address public transport connections between all towns in the County and as such the objective avoids reference to any particular settlement.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

82. Cllr. Brendan Young

Additional PTO 2, add at end of point: “including the addition of Kilcock to the Iarnród Éireann urban fare system

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This is not a matter for the CDP. This is a matter for Irish Rail and the NTA as fare regulator.

Recommendation:No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation.

83. Cllr. Brendan Young

That we add new policy, PTO 13:

To promote access to bus and rail services for people with disabilities.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This is not a matter for the CDP. This Agreed.

Recommendation

Include additional Policy PT 10:

To promote access to bus and rail services for people with disabilities.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive’s recommendation was accepted.

84. Cllr. Martin Miley

PTO 13 (now PT 9) that we add-on including motorway junctions

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: New Section 6.3 includes an objective to prepare a County Mobility Plan as follows:

MTO 1: To prepare a County Mobility Plan that addresses the long term mobility needs of communities and businesses in the County. The Plan should address urban and rural transport issues, the integration of transport modes and public transport connections between key settlements of the County, including the primary growth towns.

This Plan will address the need for park and ride facilities in the County and the appropriate locations, based on an overview of public transport services (in consultation with service providers) and the needs and demand of citizens. It is noteworthy that CSO POWSCAR data provides information on the origin and destination of trips for work and education in Kildare down to small area level and the mode of transport used. This information will be used to build a profile of travel patterns in the County and inform recommendations of the County Mobility Plan with regard to the future provision of park and ride facilities.

Recommendation:

No change

Councillor Miley informed the members that vehicles were being parked at motorway junctions and that Park and Ride facilities were not being provided at these locations. Councillor Miley **proposed** that his motion be approved and Councillor Keatley **seconded** the proposal. It was also agreed that Motion 84 and Motion 125 would also be considered in conjunction with Motion 55.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to reject the Chief Executive's recommendation.

85. Cllr. Martin Miley

WCO 9 (now WCO 4) that we add-on incorporating the new blue way

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: WCO 4 (formerly WCO9) and a number of other motions across Chapters 5 and 6 support the delivery of the Barrow Blueway. The proposed change is considered unnecessary.

Recommendation: No change

86. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

Add WCO13 (now WCO 4): To support the development of further Sli Na Slainte Routes throughout the County.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed.

Recommendation

Add bullet point to objective (now WCO 5):

WCO 5: To actively support measures that promote walking and cycling as leisure sports, tourism and travel activities (in conjunction with the relevant organisations and bodies) including:

- The delivery of the Barrow Blueway by Waterways Ireland and associated works to enhance the amenity use of the river and canal area.
- The delivery of Greenway projects as specified in the Greater Dublin Cycle Network.
- Support the implementation of the National Cycle Policy Framework.

Support the development of further Sli na Sláinte routes in the county.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

87. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

Add WCO 14: To identify a palette of path surfaces that optimise pedestrian safety and are efficient for street cleaning and take a consistent approach in the implementation of same in the civic realm

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This is not a matter for the CDP.

Recommendation: No change

Councillor Doyle informed the members that her motion would result in an aesthetic palette. The Chief Executive advised the members that the motion referred to operational matters rather than to policy matters and was too detailed for inclusion.

Resolved: That a majority of the members present were in agreement to reject the Chief Executive's recommendation.

88. Cllr. M. Lynch

6.5

That the council in conjunction with the NTA develop edge of town "drop off zones" whereby parents can drop their children and they can walk to school through town centres rather than cars blocking up main streets at intervals of the day.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This is an operational matter and is not a matter for the County Development Plan. Policy WCO 6 (now WC 7) sets a policy framework to support the provision of safer routes to school.

WC 7: To provide for safer routes to schools within the county and to encourage walking and cycling as suitable modes of transport as part of the Green Schools Initiative Programme and other local traffic management improvements.

Recommendation: No change

Councillor Lynch stated that there was a need to identify such zones as a policy. Councillor Keatley stated that such a policy was more appropriate to a Local area Plan.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

89. Cllr. M. Lynch

6.10

That both Newbridge and Kildare Town are added to the cycle list.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The towns of Newbridge and Kildare are included in the GDA Cycle Networks Plan 2013. Objective WCO 4 (formerly WCO 9) seeks to develop specific cycle schemes contained in this GDA Cycle Networks Plan as follows:

WCO 4: To secure the development of the following specific cycle schemes (subject to funding from the NTA) as part of GDA Cycle Networks Projects:

- **Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan Urban and Inter Urban Schemes;**
- Dublin Road Corridor Scheme Naas;

- Maynooth Town North South Corridor;
- Naas to Sallins;
- North Kildare Cycleway (Dublin – Galway Route);
- Barrow Blueway (Waterways Ireland)
- Kilcullen Road
- Kill to Naas.

In response to the motion a policy can be included to support the implementation of the GDA Cycle Network Plan in Kildare.

Recommendation: Insert new policy in Section 6.5: To support the implementation of the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan, NTA, 2015, in County Kildare.

Councillor Lynch informed the members that five of the six towns referred to were located in the north of the county and that both Kildare Town and Newbridge had been ignored. Councillor Cussen stated that south Kildare had been ignored. Councillor Doyle suggested that the recommendation be amended to include the words “in a balanced way” and this was **agreed** by the members.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive’s amendment subject to the members’ further amendment.

90. Sinn Féin

Objectives: Walking and Cycling

It is an objective of the Council to:
provide horse trekking routes in Kildare.

(ii) It is an objective of the Council to:
provide appropriate "horse riding" signage in Kildare.
There are signs for otters, deers etc. What about all the riders that hack our rural roads? We have an abundance of riding schools, livery yards, stud farms etc. Children and adults are out on horseback for a hack and there is Reslitttle or no warning signage anywhere.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This is not a matter for the CDP.

Recommendation: No change

M. Kenny informed the members that Councillor McEvoy’s motion would be examined under chapter 14. K. Kenny stated that the issue of signage was covered by the RTA.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation.

91. Cllr. P McEvoy

WCO 3: To actively support measures that ~~increase community-based activities, promote walking and cycling as~~ leisure, and sports, ~~tourism and utility~~ activities ~~that increase local interaction and reconnect local communities in high commuting areas of the county~~ (in conjunction with the relevant organisations and bodies) including:

- The delivery of the Barrow Blueway by Waterways Ireland and associated works to enhance the **sustainable** use of the river and canal **amenity** areas. ~~in a manner and encourage cycling and walking.~~

~~Support in~~ The delivery of Greenway projects **as specified in the Greater Dublin Cycle Network** ~~(such as the Dublin-Galway initiative) at suitable locations in Kildare which encourage the development of the routes as a tourist amenity areas and encourage modal shift from vehicular to cycle/walk, enhancing linkages between towns within the county;~~

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: It is considered that the proposed Chief Executive's change to revise policies WC 4 and objective WCO 4 adequately addresses this issue.

Recommendation: No further change to proposed Chief Executive's change to revise policy WC 4 and objective WCO 4 as follows:

WC 4: To ensure that all new roads and cycle routes implement the National Cycle Policy Framework, with a focus on encouraging a modal shift from car to cycling modes.

WCO 5: To support green and blueway projects that promote walking and cycling in conjunction with the relevant organisations and bodies including:

- The delivery of the Barrow Blueway by Waterways Ireland and associated works to enhance the amenity use of the river and canal area.

The delivery of Greenway projects as specified in the Greater Dublin Cycle Network.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

92. Cllr. P McEvoy

WCO 3X: To actively support the implementation of the National Cycle Policy Framework, with a focus on encouraging a modal shift from vehicular to cycling modes.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed

Recommendation: Insert new Objective WCO 7

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

93. Cllr. P McEvoy

WCO 4: To identify new walking and cycling routes and linkages on all sites where new development is proposed to occur and to ensure that all streets and street networks are designed to ~~have due regard to~~ **prioritise** the movement of pedestrians and cyclists.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed
Recommendation: Amend WCO

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

94. Cllr. P McEvoy

WCO 6 (now WC 7): To provide for safer routes to schools within the county and to **encourage set local targets** for walking and cycling as suitable modes of transport as part of the Green Schools Initiative Programme and other local traffic management improvements.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Proposed change is considered to be a matter for the Green Schools Initiative Programme or other similar programmes. It is not a matter for the County Development Plan.
Recommendation: No Change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

95. Cllr. P McEvoy

WCO 8: **To prepare a report on a cycle network for each of the major towns in Kildare consisting of the primary links identified in the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network and local links, all in accordance with the National Cycle Manual. The report shall also identify pinch points on the links and propose draft widths and level of service of facilities.** ~~complete a feasibility study of options for development of a Pedestrian/ Cycle network within Athy which take into account the opportunities afforded by the removal of traffic from the town centre on completion of the Athy Distributor Road.~~

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed – see similar response above.

Recommendation: Revise WCO 1 (formerly WCO 1) as follows:

WCO 1: To prepare a Cycle Network Study for each of the major towns in Kildare consisting of primary links identified in the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network and local links, all in accordance with the National Cycle Manual. The report shall also identify pinch points on the links and propose draft widths and level of service facilities.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

96. Cllr. P McEvoy

WCO 12: To develop the following specific cycle schemes (subject to funding from the NTA) as part of GDA Cycle Network Projects:

- Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan Urban and Inter Urban Schemes
- Dublin Road Corridor Scheme Naas
- Maynooth Town North South Corridor ~~Scheme~~ *(Is this a scheme?)*
- Naas to Sallins
- North Kildare Cycleway (Dublin –Galway Route) *(Duplication from elsewhere?)*
- Barrow Blueway (Waterways Ireland) *(Developed?)*
- **Kilcullen Road** *(Proposed?)*

Kill to Naas *(Proposed?)*

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed - Addressed via Chief Executives amendments.

Recommendation : Agreed

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

97. Cllr. P McEvoy

WCO 10: Develop permeability **and filtered-permeability schemes in order to promote active modes of travel and where appropriate**, in conjunction with the NTA.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This motion is considered to be adequately addressed through the proposed Chief Executive's amendments.

WCO 2: To seek funding to develop Local Permeability Schemes in established areas in order to promote active modes of travel in conjunction with the NTA.

Recommendation: Accepted with amendment via CE's changes.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

98. Cllr. P McEvoy

WCO 11: Require that all new developments make adequate provision for the safe movement of pedestrians and cyclists in accordance with the principles set out in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets 2013 **and the National Cycle Manual**.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: As part of Chief Executive changes it is proposed to delete WCO 11 and to revise two existing policies regarding the safe movement of all road users.

WC 2: To promote the development of safe and convenient walking and cycling routes.

RS 8: To ensure that the planning, design and implementation of all road and street networks within urban areas across the county accord with the principles set out in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (2013), the National Cycle Manual and other relevant standards.

Recommendation: Agreed with amendment via Chief Executives Amendment

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

99. Cllr. P McEvoy

WCO X1: To set local targets for cycling in Kildare that are informed by national policy.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This is not considered to be a matter for the CDP

Recommendation: No Change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation

100. Cllr. P McEvoy

WCO X2: To measure and publish annual reports on progress towards cycling targets.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This is not considered to be a matter for the CDP

Recommendation: No Change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation

101. Cllr. P McEvoy

That the Council install pedestrian present sensors linked to push button crossing points to minimise interruptions to traffic flow when pedestrians are no longer present during the green pedestrian light cycle.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This is an operational matter and not an issue for the CDP

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation

102. Cllr. John McGinley

"Add the following to Motorways 6.6.1.:

It is an objective of the Council:
To ensure that the M4 from Leixlip to Kilcock is resurfaced with low noise emitting tar macadam and that sound barriers are erected adjacent to residential areas.”

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The maintenance and management of the Motorway network is a matter for the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and the relevant Motorway Service providers. It is not a matter for the Development Plan.

Recommendation: No Change.

It was **agreed** to take motion 120 in conjunction with this motion. M. Kenny advised the members that the issue should be referred to full council by way of a motion to the effect that the issue should be referred to the TII. The Mayor stated that the issue should be referred to both the relevant SPC and to the TII.

It was **agreed** by the members that the issue should be referred to full council by way of a new motion.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation.

103. Cllr. Fintan Brett

Under the heading of priority Road and Bridges I would like to propose that new Bridges be constructed on the Rathangan Rd to replace Victoria bridge and on the Caragh rd to replace the existing bridge which is now has restrictions on it, both bridges are over the River Liffey.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Having regard to the limited capacity and the restrictions in place on these bridges, it is considered appropriate to include an objective to examine options for road improvements to the Caragh and Rathangan roads. It is proposed to insert these projects with revised wording in Table 6.1

Recommendation: Insert additional projects in Table 6.1 Priority Road and Bridge Projects as follows:

Name	Route
Examine options for road improvements on the L2030 from Newhall to Caragh	L2030
Examine options for road improvements on the R409 from Halverstown Cross Roads to Blackwood Cross Roads	R409

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive’s amendment.

104. Cllr. Rob Power

That we amend MO 2 (now M 5) and NRO 2 (now NR 7) append the following sentence: “and subject to available funding that existing developments are supported with similar measures”

MO 6: Append the following sentence: “and being conscious of existing nearby facilities not to allow over supply.”

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The County Development Plan sets out a framework for the future development of the County and in doing so, includes specifications and standards for new development. The retrofit of noise protection measures is not considered to be a matter for the CDP.

The amended Chapter 6 does, however, include a general objective in relation to the implementation of the recommendations of the Kildare Noise Action Plan.

RSO3: To implement the recommendations of the Kildare Noise Action Plan 2013-2018, to seek to reduce, where necessary, the harmful effects of traffic noise, through appropriate mitigation measures that meet the best environmental options not entailing excessive cost or BATNEEC (best available technology not entailing excessive cost).

Recommendation: Agreed with amendment

Retain Objective NR7

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive’s amendment.

105. Cllr. Brendan Young

Delete MO 8 (now MO 2) and renumber others accordingly.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This objective (now MO 2) states that it is an objective of the Council to complete an additional interchange along the M7 Naas by-pass serving access to Millennium Park. Naas is designated as a Primary Economic Growth Town in the Regional Planning Guidelines and will continue to play a very significant role in the future economic development of County Kildare, the GDA and Ireland. The north west quadrant of Naas including Millennium Park is identified as the strategic land bank for enterprise generating development in Naas. In recognition of the importance of this area locally, regionally and nationally, it is an objective of the Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016-2035 to provide an additional interchange at Millennium Park to support the ongoing development of this enterprise quadrant. It is not, therefore considered appropriate to include this objective from the CDP.

Recommendation: No change

Councillor Young stated that either the road network should be expanded or public transport should be provided. Following a discussion of the motion the

Mayor called for a vote on the motion and the majority of the members present agreed to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

Resolved: That a majority of members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

106. Cllr. Martin Miley

NRO 4 (now NR 6) that we add on and to look for solutions to developments that have been constructed without proper provisions of noise and light levels.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The County Development Plan sets out a framework for the future development of the County and in doing so, includes specifications and standards for new development. The retrofit of noise protection measures are not considered to be a matter for the GDP.

The amended Chapter 6 does, however, include a general objective in relation to the implementation of the recommendations of the Kildare Noise Action Plan.

RSO3: To implement the recommendations of the Kildare Noise Action Plan 2013-2018, to seek to reduce, where necessary, the harmful effects of traffic noise, through appropriate mitigation measures that meet the best environmental options not entailing excessive cost or BATNEEC (best available technology not entailing excessive cost).

Recommendation: Agreed with amendment, Retain Objective NR7

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

107. Cllr. Martin Miley

RRO 1 (now RR 2)

Add-on after existing entrance. Or close Existing entrance and reopen dual entrance in a more appropriate location.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Regional roads perform a key role in the local and regional transport system, linking the principle towns of the region, carrying significant traffic volumes and supporting economic, social and community development. The safe and efficient operation of the Regional Road network is important for the ongoing sustainable development of the County and must be protected.

Policy RR2 seeks to restrict access onto regional roads to protect the safety and capacity of the network. The appropriate design solution for developments that access the regional road network will be more appropriately determined through the development management process. Each application is assessed on its merits on a case by case basis having regard to local conditions.

Recommendation: No change

K. Kenny informed the members that the issue was referred to in chapter 19 and recommended that the motion not be adopted.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

108. Cllr. Martin Miley

New policy to develop park-and-ride facilities at junction 4 M9

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: New Section 6.3 includes an objective to prepare a County Mobility Plan as follows:

MTO 1: To prepare a County Mobility Plan that addresses the long term mobility needs of communities and businesses in the County. The Plan should address urban and rural transport issues, the integration of transport modes and public transport connections between key settlements of the County, including the primary growth towns.

This Plan will address the need for park and ride facilities in the County and the appropriate locations, based on an overview of public transport services (in consultation with service providers) and the needs and demand of citizens. It is noteworthy that CSO POWSCAR data provides information on the origin and destination of trips for work and education in Kildare down to small area level and the mode of transport used. This information will be used to build a profile of travel patterns in the County and inform recommendations of the County Mobility Plan with regard to the future provision of park and ride facilities.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

109. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

Add MO13:

To examine feasibility of delivering a pedestrian overpass of the M7 from the Cherry Ave site in Kildare town to the Irish National Stud.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed

Recommendation: Insert new objective:

To examine feasibility of delivering a overpass of the M7 from the Cherry Ave site in Kildare town to the Irish National Stud.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

110. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

LRO 5 (now LRO 1): Amend To maintain and improve -all local roads utilising the annual road work programme in an equitable and efficient manner.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This is not a matter for the CDP. It is addressed through the Annual Road Work Programme.

Recommendation: No Change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

111. + Sinn Féin

112.

NRO3

Noise Reduction

"to have an objective that noise reduction surfaces be cyclically restored".

Rather than having us put in Motions when residents are complaining about the noise and then being told there's no money.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

This is an operational matter and is for the Council's Budgetary process.

It is not related to the County Development Plan.

Recommendation: No Change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

113. Sinn Féin

Chapter 6 RRI

To develop a northern distributor road in Athy.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

The delivery of a southern distributor road in Athy has been prioritised and work is ongoing to secure this project.

It is considered that the southern distributor road will adequately address transportation issues in the area and as such, it is not proposed to include the Northern Distributor Road in the CDP.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

114. Cllr. P McEvoy

Section 6.6

The road network will require improvement and careful management in order to:

- **Provide a safe and attractive street environment which encourage reduced vehicle speeds in urban areas and encourage people to walk and cycle.**
- ~~Reduce~~ **Balance** traffic congestion on the existing road network where it exists or is predicted to develop (which will also have benefits for buses, pedestrians and cyclists and may improve access to the railway network);

- Meet the road and transport needs of the county;
- Facilitate access to key employment areas to and from the national road network;
- Effectively improve and manage access to and from the national road network to facilitate all traffic and mitigate impacts on the national, regional, local road and street network;

Provide access to new communities and through development lands.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

This motion has been incorporated in the proposed Chief Executives amendments.

Recommendation: Agreed

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

115. Cllr. P McEvoy

Revise RS 2: To **improve safety on the road network** and **balance** ~~reduce~~ **congestion**

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed

Recommendation: Agreed

RS 2: To improve safety on the road network and **manage** congestion.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

116. Cllr. P McEvoy

Include additional policy RS 3: To reduce waiting times for pedestrians at traffic signals to a maximum time of 60 seconds

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The principle of giving pedestrians and cyclists priority at junctions is addressed under Policy TM1.

TM 1: To manage traffic in urban areas and prioritise the movement of pedestrians, cyclists and public transport particularly at key junctions. The specification of a timeframe is not a matter for the CDP and is an operational matter.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

117. Cllr. P McEvoy

RS 1: To ensure that streets and road within the county are designed to balance the needs of place and movement, to provide a safe traffic calmed street environment in accordance with the principles set out in the Design Manual for

Urban Roads and Streets while meeting the needs of all road users ~~in terms of capacity and reduced congestion.~~

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: RSO 5 (formerly RS 3) is revised in the amended Chapter 6. It is considered that the revised wording addresses the motion by focusing on designing roads and streets in accordance with principles set out in DMURS and the National Cycle Manual.

RS 8: To ensure that the planning, design and implementation of all road and street networks within urban areas across the county accord with the principles set out in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (2013), the National Cycle Manual and other relevant standards.

Recommendation: Agreed with amendment via Chief Executives Amendments.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

118. Cllr. P McEvoy

RSO X1: To reallocate appropriate road space from motorised vehicles to sustainable modes of transport, in particular the active modes of travel.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This motion is addressed through the proposed Chief Executives amendments.

PT 1: To promote the sustainable development of the county by supporting and guiding national agencies in delivering major improvements and access to the public transport network and to encourage public transport providers to provide an attractive and convenient alternative to the car.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

119. Cllr. P McEvoy

RSO X2: To limit the space allocated to vehicles at the entrance to private premises to a maximum of one lane entry and one lane exit, to enhance pedestrian movements.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This is a Development Management matter that will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

120. Cllr. P McEvoy

MO X13: To improve the road surface of the M4 to reduce noise pollution impacting on urban areas in particular.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The maintenance and management of the Motorway network is a matter for the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and the relevant Motorway Service providers. It is not a matter for the Development Plan.

Recommendation: No Change.

It was **agreed** to take motion 102 in conjunction with this motion. M. Kenny advised the members that the issue should be referred to full council by way of a motion to the effect that the issue should be referred to the TII. The Mayor stated that the issue should be referred to both the relevant SPC and to the TII.

It was **agreed** by the members that the issue should be referred to full council by way of a new motion.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

121. Cllr. P McEvoy

MO X14: To reduce flood risk on the M4 near Maynooth.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This is an operational matter principally for TII and the Motorway service providers.

Recommendation : No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

122. Cllr. P McEvoy

Road & Street Networks

RSO 3: To ensure that the planning, design and implementation of all road and street networks within urban areas across the county accord with the principles set out in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (2013), **the National Cycle Manual** and other relevant standards **where appropriate**.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed

Recommendation: Revise Policy RS 8.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

123. Cllr. P McEvoy

6.6.3 Regional Roads

Regional roads link the principal towns in the county and surrounding counties. They also serve local traffic. They are generally unimproved "legacy" roads and a significant number carry a considerable volume of traffic. It is important for the sustainable economic and social development of the County that the carrying

capacity of these routes are preserved. **Rural regional roads have a Link function (i.e. inter-urban) whereas in urban areas they have generally two functions – a link function and a local function.** *(Check this)* ~~Regional roads are defined as Link Roads in DMURS for urban areas.~~

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: It is not considered necessary to further define the function of regional roads. DMURS adequately sets out the function of different types of regional roads.

Recommendation: No Change.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

124. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

PKO6 (now PKO 2): add, while ensuring sufficient appropriately located disabled spaces are provided for.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed

Recommendation: Amend PKO 2 as follows:

PKO 2: To identify areas for the provision of public car parking spaces, including adequate and appropriately located spaces for people with disabilities.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

125. Sinn Féin

6.6.1 To develop parking near motorways for pool sharing drives.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: New Section 6.3 includes an objective to prepare a County Mobility Plan as follows:

MTO 1: To prepare a County Mobility Plan that addresses the long term mobility needs of communities and businesses in the County. The Plan should address urban and rural transport issues, the integration of transport modes and public transport connections between key settlements of the County, including the primary growth towns.

This Plan will address the need for park and ride facilities in the County and the appropriate locations, based on an overview of public transport services (in consultation with service providers) and the needs and demand of citizens. It is noteworthy that CSO POWSCAR data provides information on the origin and destination of trips for work and education in Kildare down to small area level and the mode of transport used. This information will be used to build a profile of travel patterns in the County and inform recommendations of the County Mobility Plan with regard to the future provision of park and ride facilities.

Response: This motion is addressed in the proposed Chief Executive Amendment (Section 6.3 MOT 1 and 2 refer).

Councillor Miley informed the members that vehicles were being parked at motorway junctions and that Park and Ride facilities were not being provided at these locations. Councillor Miley **proposed** that his motion be approved and Councillor Keatley **seconded** the proposal. It was also agreed that Motion 84 and Motion 125 would also be considered in conjunction with Motion 55.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to reject the Chief Executive's recommendation.

126. Cllr. P McEvoy

Policies: Parking. It is the policy of the Council: PK 1: To take a balanced approach to the provision of parking with the aim of meeting needs of businesses and communities ~~whilst promoting a transition towards more sustainable forms of transportation.~~

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed

Recommendation: Revise policy PK 1 as follows:

PK 1: To take a balanced approach to the provision of parking with the aim of meeting needs of businesses and communities.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

127. Cllr. P McEvoy

PK X2: To minimise the impact of out-of-town parking on urban centre regeneration

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed

Recommendation: Insert new policy:

To minimise the impact of out of town parking on urban centre regeneration.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

128. Sinn Féin

6 RSO to include a local feel or uniqueness to each new road design in keeping with the natural streetscape so as to not to deprive the location of its identity.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This motion is adequately addressed within the proposed Draft Plan. The Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets 2013 seeks to provide well-designed streets at the heart of sustainable communities and supports broader government policies relating to the environment, place making, planning and transportation. Objective RSO 3 (now RS 8) seeks to ensure that the planning, design and implementation of all road and street networks within urban areas across the

county accord with the principles set out in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (2013), the National Cycle Manual and other relevant standards.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

129. Cllr. P McEvoy

TM 1: To manage ~~and minimise the impact of~~ traffic ~~congestion~~ within the County **to prioritise the movement of the maximum amount of people and good in the most sustainable approach, so as to free up road space for goods and people who have no choice other than private vehicle use.**

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This motion is addressed through the proposed Chief Executives amendments.

TM 1: To manage traffic in urban areas and prioritise the movement of pedestrians, cyclists and public transport particularly at key junctions.

Recommendation: Agreed with amendment via Chief Executives amendments.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

130. Cllr. Martin Miley

PL4 Additional policy

To develop a policy on rural lighting.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Section 6.10 addresses the provision of public lighting across the county. Objective PLO 1 seeks to ensure street lighting is provided in accordance with Kildare County Councils 'Street lighting and planning guidance' policy document in either draft or adopted form. The document outlines the general principles and requirements for street lighting in the county

Rural lighting is addressed in the Draft Street Lighting Policy and Planning Guidance' 2015. The installation of street lighting to illuminate rural areas is not considered to be economically or environmentally sustainable and would compromise the physical, environmental, natural and heritage resources of the county. Applications for rural lighting is dealt with on a case by case basis having regard to the Assessment Parameters set out in the Draft Street Lighting Policy and Planning Guidance' 2015.

Recommendation: No change

It was **agreed** to take motion 132 in conjunction with this motion. Councillor Cussen stated that there was a need to have a policy on the entire issue. M. Kenny advised the members that the issue should be referred to the Transportation SPC and the Chief Executive advised the members of the huge annual costs involved. The Mayor requested that the issue be referred to the Transportation SPC to report on the issue within a time limit.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

131. Sinn Féin

PLO - Public Lighting

To include policies, objectives and design guidelines to improve the image of Kildare's urban areas including the encourage of the appropriate provision of public art to enhance the public realm.

To ensure that HV furniture isn't in close proximity to housing and not positioned in common green areas.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The items raised in this motion are addressed in detail in Chapter 5 Economic Development and 15 Urban Design of the Plan.

Chapter 5 sets out the Council's policy in relation to public realm improvement schemes in the county.

EO 17: To identify and implement flagship projects in conjunction with each Municipal District for urban renewal in the centres of towns and villages. These will seek to strengthen the economic and social fabric of these towns/villages and increase their capacity to support the economic and social well-being of their rural hinterland. Chapter 15 sets out guidance regarding public realm, materials and general urban design principle.

Recommendation: No change

Councillor Cussen stated that it was a two-part motion which had been first raised in September, 2015. K. Kenny advised the members that technical considerations also had to be taken into account and reminded the members of the content of TL02.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

132. Sinn Féin

6.10 Public Lighting - To develop a plan for lighting in rural Kildare.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Section 6.10 addresses the provision of public lighting across the county. Objective PL 1 seeks to ensure street lighting is provided in accordance with Kildare County Councils 'Street lighting and planning guidance' policy document in either draft or adopted form. The document outlines the general principles and requirements for street lighting in the county

Rural lighting is addressed in the Draft Street Lighting Policy and Planning Guidance' 2015. The installation of street lighting to illuminate rural areas is not considered to be economically or environmentally sustainable and would compromise the physical, environmental, natural and heritage resources of the

county. Applications for rural lighting is dealt with on a case by case basis having regard to the Assessment Parameters set out in the Draft Street Lighting Policy and Planning Guidance' 2015.

Recommendation: No change

It was **agreed** to take motion 130 in conjunction with this motion. Councillor Cussen stated that there was a need to have a policy on the entire issue. M. Kenny advised the members that the issue should be referred to the Transportation SPC and the Chief Executive advised the members of the huge annual costs involved. The Mayor requested that the issue be referred to the Transportation SPC to report on the issue within a time limit.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

133. **Cllr. Brendan Young**

Chapter 6-23, that we insert new GA 1 and renumber accordingly:

To facilitate the development or expansion of air transport in Kildare only on the basis of evidence-based need, within an overall framework of prioritising environmentally sustainable modes of transport.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The need to manage the expansion of air transport in the County in a sustainable way is addressed in the Chief Executive's amendments.

GA 2: To carefully consider the impact of new Aerodromes or of an intensification of use of existing Aerodromes on the established character and amenities of an area. There will be a general presumption against development where the technical and safety requirements associated with such development would conflict with the achievement of the Core Strategy and / or the proper planning and sustainable development of the County.

Recommendation: Agreed with amendment via CE's amendments.

K. Kenny suggested to the members that a further amendment to the final sentence of the Chief Executive's report be included which would state "including the development of sustainable transport".

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment subject to the additional amendment suggested by K. Kenny.

134. **Cllr. Martin Miley**

GA 6 (now GA 8) remove this policy as adequate provisions are in place under annex 14

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Annex 14 to the Convention of International Civic Aviation is a detailed and complex technical document that may not be accessible to all members of the public. The Annex

does in effect restrict development in the Inner Approach of aerodromes. The policy in the Plan provides clarity to members of the public who may be considering a development within this area.

Recommendation: No change

K. Kenny explained the purpose of Annex 14. Councillor Miley stated that there was no need to further restrict the area around aerodromes. M. Kenny referred to the maps in chapter 6 and advised that the Red Zones were quite restrictive over confined areas and were in place to inform everyone of the restrictions. M. Kenny advised the members to retain GA6,

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

135. Sinn Féin

Chapter 6-27

6.11.6 Stramillan Aerodrome

This paragraph mentions Dublin Gliding Club, however it is not yet operational. Dublin Gliding Club is based at Gowran Grange Airfield, Punchestown, Naas, Co Kildare and might need its own heading and a 2.7k development curtailment radius in this area.

The Dublin Gliding Club is the only gliding club in the state. It operates out of Gowran Grange Airstrip, just south of Punchestown racetrack and has done for nearly forty years. There are approximately 3,000 aircraft movements there per annum (gliders and powered aircraft), and the club trains student pilots and tourists to fly gliders.

The field needs protection from encroaching development and tall obstacles similar to the other airfields in Kildare. It is not currently envisaged that the club is moving to Stramillan Aerodrome. The intention is to stay at Gowran Grange for the foreseeable future.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Given technical nature of motion this matter needs to be further researched. Proposed to defer to meeting on 20th April.

Recommendation: Defer to 20th April

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

136. Chief Executive Amendments - Chapter 7

136.1

Replace Section 7.1 as follows:

The availability of high quality water and drainage infrastructure and environmental services are necessary to facilitate the sustainable development of the County and to protect environmental quality. This Chapter sets out policies and objectives to support continued investment in the County's infrastructure networks during the Plan period. Irish Water is responsible for the delivery of water and wastewater infrastructure. Kildare County Council has

responsibility for surface water management, waste management and pollution control, with the OPW having overarching responsibility for flood risk management.

Reason:

To provide clarity in relation to role of Local Authority in provision of water services.

136.2

Amend section 7.4 as follows:

The Council recognises the importance of the continued development of sustainable wastewater, water supply and drainage services in the county to facilitate economic development and quality of life for a growing population. **Irish Water is required by Water Services legislation to prepare a Water Services Strategic Plan (WSSP). The WSSP must set out the objectives of Irish Water in relation to the provision of water services over a 25 year period and is subject to approval by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government. The WSSP sets a context for lower tier investment and implementation plans for key water services areas.** The Council will facilitate Irish Water in the delivery of all projects identified in the Water Services Strategic Plan (WSSP).

Reason:

To provide clarity in relation to role of Local Authority in provision of water services.

136.3

Amend policy WW11 of section 7.5.3 as follows:

WW 11 To ~~ensure~~ **promote** the changeover from septic tanks to collection networks in all cases where this is feasible **and desirable** (subject to connection agreements with Irish Water) and that all new developments utilise and connect to the public wastewater infrastructure. The provision of individual septic tanks and treatment plants in the plan area will be strongly discouraged to minimise the risk of groundwater pollution. Where such facilities are permitted, full compliance with the prevailing regulations and standards, including the EPA's Code of Practice Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Serving Single Houses (PE. ≤10) (EPA 2009), as may be amended, will be required;

136.4

Amend policy WW12 of section 7.5.3 as follows:

WW 12 To ensure that existing / **permitted** private wastewater treatment plants, ~~where permitted~~, are operated in compliance with their wastewater discharge license, in order to protect water quality

136.5

Amend policy SW8 of section 7.5.5 as follows:

SW 8 To incorporate Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) as part of all plans and planning schemes to address the potential for sustainable urban drainage **at district or site level**. ~~a particular site.~~

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Wall, seconded by Councillor Miley and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's amendments were accepted.

137. **Cllr. Naoise Ó'Ceairúil**

That all references to Irish Water include, “/the national water network body”, in the event that Irish Water is abolished during the lifetime of this plan.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The Water Services Act 2013 makes provision for the establishment of Irish Water, as a state owned national water services utility. The Water Services (No.2) Act 2013 makes provision for the transfer of water services functions, property and staff from local authorities to Irish Water and for other operational matters.

Irish Water is recognised under the Planning and Development Acts and regulations, and is a statutory consultee for Development Plans, Local Area Plans and Planning Applications.

The Proposed Draft Plan reflects the current legal status of Irish Water as a national water services utility and it is considered inappropriate to amend the references to Irish Water or to replace it with another reference that has no legal status and may be misleading.

Should future legislation change the title and functions of Irish Water during the course of the plan making process the Plan can be amended at a later stage to reflect the changes.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

138. **Sinn Féin**

To add “or similar water and sanitation board operating in the public interest” wherever “Irish Water” appears in the chapter.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The Water Services Act 2013 makes provision for the establishment of Irish Water, as a state owned national water services utility. The Water Services (No.2) Act 2013 makes

provision for the transfer of water services functions, property and staff from local authorities to Irish Water and for other operational matters.

Irish Water is recognised under the Planning and Development Acts and regulations, and is a statutory consultee for Development Plans, Local Area Plans and Planning Applications.

The Proposed Draft Plan reflects the current legal status of Irish Water as a national water services utility and it is considered inappropriate to amend the references to Irish Water or to replace it with another reference that has no legal status and may be misleading.

Should future legislation change the title and functions of Irish Water during the course of the plan making process the Plan can be amended at a later stage to reflect the changes.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

139. Cllr. Mark Stafford

That a new objective WQ 7 be inserted as follows "To work in conjunction with Irish Water in harmonizing water quality throughout the county in terms of levels of calcium and magnesium carbonates in public water supplies".

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Policy WQ 5 of section 7.5.2 Water Quality states that the Council supports Irish Water's Water Safety Plans. Irish Water adopts a best practice Water Safety Plan approach to ensure fit for purpose drinking water quality and capacity in compliance with the World Health Organisation (WHO) Water Safety Plan 'source to tap' risk assessment and mitigation approach.

WQ 5 To support the implementation of Irish Water's Water Safety Plans to ensure that public drinking water source and their contributing catchments are protected from pollution.

Policy QS2 of section 7.5.1 seeks to promote and support the implementation of the Eastern and Midlands Water Supply Project which will support long-term security of water supply and harmonise water quality throughout the Region.

Recommendation: No change

Councillor Stafford stated that there was an issue of hard water in the south of the county which should be acknowledged.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

140. Cllr. Rob Power

That we amend

WW 4: To include an additional line: *"..to require developers with the exception of single dwelling proposals to consult with Irish water regarding available capacity"*

WW 8: To include an additional line: “To require all new development with the exception of single dwelling proposals to provide...”

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Policy WW 4 of section 7.5.3 can be amended to take account of the motion. A revised wording is proposed below.

In relation to WW 8 it is unacceptable for any new development, whether discharging to a septic tank or to the public system, not to have separate surface and foul drainage systems and as such, it is recommended that this motion remain unchanged.

Recommendation: Amend WW 4 as follows:

To ensure that adequate wastewater services will be available to service development prior to the granting of planning permission. ~~And to require developers to~~ **Applicants that are proposing to connect to the public wastewater network should** consult with Irish Water regarding available capacity prior to applying for planning permission.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive’s amendment.

141. Cllr. Mark Stafford

That objective WW 11 be amended to include "to facilitate group waste water treatment systems where feasible (subject to agreement with Irish Water) as an alternative to individual septic tanks".

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Alternative solutions to wastewater treatment and disposal, such as group treatment systems, are not part of the public water network that is managed by Irish Water and will not generally be considered.

Policy WW 10 seeks to refuse planning permission for group waste water treatment systems.

Recommendation: No Change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation.

142. Sinn Féin

Chapter 7-5 WW11

To ensure that changeover from septic tanks to collection networks in (all) (DELETE “ALL”) developments situated at edge of towns or villages, where this is feasible.....

And to add at the end the following sentence..... One off houses and small rural clusters of houses would be assessed on an individual basis.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Chief Executive Amendment 142.3 amends policy WW 11 of section 7.5.3 of Chapter 7 to promote the connection of septic tanks to connection networks where possible and feasible. The new wording also recognises that there is no obligation on the

landowner to connect to the mains system. The policy still ensures that new developments connect to the public sewer if available.

Recommendation: No change

K. Kenny informed the members that third amendment to chapter 7 dealt with this issue.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

143. Cllr. Brendan Young

Chapter 7.7, SW 3 that we replace "considered" with "incorporated

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed

Recommendation: To replace 'considered' in policy SW 3 of section 7.5.5 with '**incorporated**'

SW 3 To support and co-operate with the Office of Public Works (OPW) in delivering the Catchment Based Flood Risk Assessment and Management Programme in particular the Eastern and South Eastern CFRAM studies and associated Flood Management Plans (FRMP). The recommendations and outputs arising from these studies shall be ~~considered~~ **incorporated** in preparing plans and assessing development proposals.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

144. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

Add SW 21:

To ensure that rural one off residential developments are conditioned to maintain existing drainage systems, particularly at access points to property.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed

Recommendation: To include new policy SW 21 in section 7.5.5 as follows:
SW 21 To ensure that rural one off residential developments maintain existing drainage systems, particularly at access points to the property.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

145. Cllr. M. Lynch

7.8

That natural ditches and drains are inserted that they should be protected in village and town centres and on the edge of roadways and that attempts are made to inspect and clear them in areas where buildups are more common.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Policies in Section 7.5.5 (SW7, SW8, SW14) already promote the retention of existing drainage systems and use of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems.

The inspection and maintenance of road side drains is an operational matter. It is not a matter for the County Development Plan. It is a standard condition on planning permission for developments that the proposed development should not interfere with / impair existing land or road drainage.

Recommendation: No change.

Councillor Lynch requested that the word “natural” would be inserted into the text of SW7 and K. Kenny undertook to do so.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation subject to the amendment to SW7.

146. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

Add WDO9:

To require all outdoor large surface area such as car parking development, to use materials in construction that optimise natural surface water drainage. (I am sure you will have a more appropriate technical expression for what I am trying to achieve here, go for it!)

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed

Recommendation: To include the following new policy PK 4 in section 6.7

Parking:

PK 4 To encourage the use of materials and engineering solutions that optimise natural surface water drainage as part of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) associated with large scale car parks.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive’s recommendation was accepted.

147. Cllr. Mark Stafford

To insert as part of objective WM 11 after the line "Any bring bank facility shall include receptacles for glass, cans and textiles" the following "and where practical receptacles for paper, cardboard, plastics, batteries, light bulbs and certain waste oils"

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed

Recommendation: To include the following as part of policy WM 11 “**And where practicable receptacles for paper, cardboard, plastics, batteries, light bulbs and certain waste oils**”

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive’s recommendation was accepted.

148. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

WM18

To effectively monitor the activity of all commercial waste management sites.
(Funding from the DOELG should be sought to support this service, particularly as this County services regional waste management requirements)

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This is not a matter for the County Development Plan. The Council's role in relation to waste management and the monitoring and enforcement of sites is prescribed under the Waste Management Legislation.

Recommendation : No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

149. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

WM19

To encourage the delivery of intensive waste management sites in the interest of achieving critical mass that can deliver best practice and mitigate against the environmental risks posed through the operation of multiple sites within the County.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This is not a matter for the County Development Plan.

The Eastern – Midlands Region Waste Management Plan 2015-2021 provides the framework for waste management in the region and sets out a range of actions to meet specified mandatory performance based targets. The increase in the landfill levy has had the effect of reducing the number of landfills to the current situation where there are two strategic landfills in the region. Waste management has evolved into a private sector activity with the role of the local authority confined to education, enforcement and regulation.

Recommendation: No change

Councillor Doyle stated that there was a need to include a waste management of large intensive sites that were easier to manage as the County Development Plan was an overarching policy document and it was not possible to regulate such sites to the required standard. The members discussed the need for waste management policies to be included in the County Development Plan.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

150. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

WM15

Amend '.....capacity in spreadlands, sufficient appropriate storage facilities,.....of these documents.

All such activities should be subject to noise and air pollution mitigation measures and consideration for permission should have regard to adequate roads network to support such activity.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Policy WM 15 makes reference to activities carried out under an accepted Nutrient Management Plan. A Nutrient Management Plan is required under EU Council Directive 91/676/EEC concerning the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources. The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine process these plans. It is not considered a matter for the development plan to make alterations to these requirements.

Recommendation: No change

K. Kenny advised the members that the issue referred to agricultural practices which were dealt with by the Department of Agriculture.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

151. Sinn Féin

7.12 WM11 Operational hours for Bring Centres near residential areas should be confined to business hours of 8.30am to 5.30pm.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Bring centres provided by the Environment Section of the Council on publicly owned land have been sited with consideration of the residential amenity of nearby residents. The Council also manages a number of sites on privately owned land and encourages the responsible use of these facilities at all times.

All new bring centre applications will be assessed based on the existing provisions of policy WM 11 of section 7.6.6 on a case by case basis having regard to issues such as: proximity to residential areas, noise mitigation, suitable lighting and screening or landscaping. It is considered that these requirements protect the residential amenities of nearby properties.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

152. Sinn Féin

7.6.6 To develop a refund scheme for recycling as operating in Europe.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This is not a matter for the Development Plan.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

153. Sinn Féin

WM3 or EN3

To support the implementation of the Eastern-Midlands Region Waste Management Plan 2015-2021.... but to have policy in place to provide for waivers for carers in respect of pay-by-weight for the "landfill bin".

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This is not a matter for the Development Plan. The plan does reference the Regional Waste Management Plan, but the point in relation to waivers it is not a spatial matter to be addressed through the Development Plan.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

SA8. Cllr Mark Wall

Agreeing with Sw20 , can we also include the words

To develop " **and resource** " a multi-annual

Response

Agreed

Recommendation

To amend policy SW 20

To develop **and resource** a multi-annual programme for the maintenance of river channels under the responsibility of Kildare County Council, to include but not limited to:

- Barrow Drainage District
- Greese Drainage District
- Lerr Drainage District.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

SA9. Cllr Mark Wall

Insert WM 18

To use all available mechanisms and resources to fight illegal dumping and fly-tipping

Response

It is considered that Litter Management Plan caters for this and it is referenced in the plan in policy L 1

L 1 To implement the strategic actions of the Litter Management Plan 2012-2015 and its review once completed.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

154. Chief Executive Amendments - Chapter 8
None

155. Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil
Section 1

That 1.3(x) in relation to Broadband includes, "A comprehensive plan will be devised by Kildare County Council, in partnership with telecommunications providers to make the extension of broadband services to rural areas achievable within the lifetime of this plan

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Broadband policy is outlined in Chapter 8. Policy BR 5 of section 8.15 supports "the provision of the National Broadband Plan in so far as it relates to the County".

The Council recognises that high speed broadband is essential throughout the county as an economic facilitator in a knowledge based economy and it will also support social development. However, it is not considered necessary or appropriate for the Council to prepare a separate plan for broadband provision in rural areas as this issue is being addressed at a national level through the National Broadband Plan.

Recommendation: No change.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

156. Cllr. Brendan Young
Chapter 8, ER 7 refers. That we insert the word "community," after the word "including"

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: It is not considered appropriate to include reference to 'community' in this policy, while it is accepted that an impact on a local environment or landscape can have a resultant impact on the local community any renewable energy proposal of sufficient scale will be required to engage with the community as part of the planning process and following and possible grant of permission.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

157. Cllr. Brendan Young

Chapter 8, ER 2 refers. That we insert the words “safety and” after the words “subject to”

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed

Recommendation: To include the words 'safety and' after the words subject to in policy ER 2 of section 8.5

ER 2 To support infrastructural renewal and development of electricity and gas networks in the county, subject to safety and amenity requirements.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive’s recommendation was accepted.

158. Cllr. Brendan Young

Chapter 8, ER 3 refers. That we insert the words “and socially” after the word “environmentally”

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed

Recommendation: To Include the words 'and socially' after the word environmentally in policy ER 3 of section 8.5

ER 3 To support regional, national and international initiatives for limiting emissions of greenhouse gases through energy efficiency and the development of renewable energy sources which make use of the natural resources in an environmentally and socially acceptable manner.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive’s recommendation was accepted.

159. Cllr. Brendan Young

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Recommendation: No change

Councillor Young stated that while he supported the concept of wind energy, there was a need to involve the community and to include community impacts and concerns. K. Kenny advised the members that the Wind Energy Regulations 2006 did not refer to “community” and that new regulations were awaited. M. Kenny undertook to amend the policy wording.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to reject the Chief Executive's recommendation and to amend the wording.

160. **Sinn Féin**
Chapter 8.5

General Energy Policies.

Add as a policy.

It is a policy of Kildare County Council that any energy company that seek to develop intrusive projects in the county invest in the infrastructure of host communities so there are tangible benefits for people living in close proximity to such developments. This should include householders and community groups having access to subsidised electricity or other forms of green energy when the means of producing that energy is located in their vicinity.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: It would not be appropriate to insert provisions of this nature into the County Development Plan. Planning Authorities when considering planning applications under Section 34 of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2015 are restricted to considering the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. Considerations of community gain are not permitted in this context.

It is noteworthy however, that energy proposals of a significant scale will generally fall under the Strategic Infrastructure Development Legislation (Section 37G of the Act and 7th Schedule refers) and will be assessed by An Bord Pleanala. An Bord Pleanala can attach "a condition" to SID developments requiring the construction or financing of a facility or service in the area in which the proposed development would be situated, that would constitute a substantial gain to the community.

Kildare County Council has encouraged the Bord in its submission on the Maighne Wind Farm to clearly identify the particulars and procedures necessary to administer community gain should a development of this nature be granted.

Recommendation: No change

K. Kenny advised the members that "Community Gain" could not be taken into account by a local authority when deciding on Planning applications. It was open to An Bord Pleanala, however, to include such conditions when deciding on SID applications. Councillor Cronin stated that such a concept would carry more weight if included in the County Development Plan. Councillor Young asked that the wording of the draft be amended to encourage An Bord Pleanala to include conditions relating to Community Gain when deciding on SID applications.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to reject the Chief Executive's recommendation and to include conditions relating to Community Gain when deciding on SID applications.

161. Cllr. Naoise Ó’Cearúil

WE 3

Additional bullet-point to state, “the livelihood and well-being of Kildare residents”.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The Wind Energy Development Guidelines for Planning Authorities, DECLG, 2006 lists the matters that planning authorities should consider when assessing planning applications for wind energy developments. The items listed in Policy WE3 are consistent with the criteria listed in the guidelines and include the assessment of local environmental impacts including noise and shadow flicker. The consideration of “local environmental impacts” seeks to ensure that wind energy developments do not give rise to undue impacts on the surrounding area and is considered adequate to address the issues raised in the motion.

The Wind Energy Development Guidelines are currently under review. The review specifically addresses the issue of noise (including distance from dwellings) and shadow flicker and as such is focused on the local environmental impacts of proposed wind energy developments. The Department of the Environment has issued circular PL 20-13 to instruct planning authorities to postpone amending wind energy policy pending the publication of new guidance. The proposed motion would be contrary to this instruction.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation.

162. Cllr. Rob Power

That we amend

WE 2: Change policy to read "To examine proposals for the development of wind energy to ensure such developments are proposed to operate in suitable locations in an environmentally sustainable manner and in accordance with Government policy."

Response

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The Wind Energy Development Guidelines for Planning Authorities, DECLG, 2006 lists the matters that planning authorities should consider when assessing planning applications for wind energy developments. The items listed in Policy WE3 are consistent with the criteria listed in the guidelines and include the assessment of local environmental impacts including noise and shadow flicker. The consideration of “local environmental impacts” seeks to ensure that wind energy developments do not give rise to undue impacts on the surrounding area and is considered adequate to address the issues raised in the motion.

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Department of Communications Energy and Natural Resources is also preparing a Draft Renewable Electricity Policy and Development Framework which will give guidance in relation to renewable energy projects on land.

WEO 1 provides for the preparation of a Wind Energy Development Strategy following the completion of the review of the DECLG's Wind Energy Development Guidelines. This strategy will identify areas that are suitable for Wind Energy developments following an examination of environmental considerations and National Guidance.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

163. Cllr. Brendan Young

Chapter 8, WE 2 refers. That we insert the words "and socially" after the word "environmentally"

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The Wind Energy Development Guidelines for Planning Authorities, DECLG, 2006 lists the matters that planning authorities should consider when assessing planning applications for wind energy developments. The consideration of "local environmental impacts" seeks to ensure that wind energy developments do not give rise to undue impacts on the surrounding area and is considered adequate to address the issues raised in the motion.

Recommendation: No change

K. Kenny advised the members that new Guidelines were being prepared and that the County Development Plan needed to be clear on the issue. Councillor Young stated that there was a need to examine the size and social impact of such developments.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

164. Cllr. M. Lynch

8.4 That this council does not propose large scale privately owned wind turbines within the county.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Due to increased energy requirements for energy consumption from renewable sources, electricity must be augmented with alternative forms of generation, therefore it is the policy of the council to promote the growth of renewable energy alternatives in an environmentally acceptable and sustainable manner.

The Wind Energy Development Guidelines for Planning Authorities, DECLG, 2006 lists the matters that planning authorities should consider when assessing planning applications for wind energy developments. The items listed in Policy WE3 are consistent with the criteria listed in the guidelines and include the assessment of local environmental impacts including noise and shadow flicker. The consideration of “local environmental impacts” seeks to ensure that wind energy developments do not give rise to undue impacts on the surrounding area and is considered adequate to address the issues raised in the motion.

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Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation.

165. Cllr. M. Lynch

8.4 That this council will support any community led wind turbine operations in suitable locations.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: It is considered the policies included in section 8.6 of the Proposed Draft Development Plan allow for community developed wind farms in compliance with wind guidelines so long as they are environmentally sustainable and in accordance with Government policy. Policy WE 4 relates specifically to community based proposals.

WE 4 To encourage small to medium scale wind energy developments within industrial or business parks, and support small community based proposals in urban areas provided they do not negatively impact on the environmental quality, and visual or residential amenities of the area.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

166. Sinn Féin

Chapter 8-4, WE4

To add after business parks.... rather than large industrial wind farms, and to

.....

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: It is not considered appropriate to alter the wording of this objective as it is intended to encourage the development of smaller scale community schemes or turbines used for auto production as part of an industrial type use. Large scale wind energy developments will be assessed under policy WE 3 of section 8.6 and the Kildare Wind Energy Strategy when it is prepared.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

167. Sinn Féin

Chapter 8-4, WEO1

To add...

Kildare County Council will ensure that all energy projects are carried out in partnership with host communities and will guard against the minimalist consultation that has been the case in the past and with current projects ie (Maighne)

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: It is beyond the scope of the Councils role as a Planning Authority to ensure that all energy projects are carried out in consultation with communities in the vicinity.

The consultation pertaining to Strategic Infrastructure Developments such as the Maighne wind farm is a matter for An Bord Pleanála in carrying out its functions under Section 37G of the Act. Strategic Infrastructure Developments are submitted directly to An Bord Pleanála and Section 37G of the Act includes requirements for consultation with local communities.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

168. Cllr. Rob Power

That we add a new policy as "SE 5" Stating: To allow for the installation of up to 6sqm of solar panels without planning permission when directly attached to and for use in a private dwelling.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The Planning and Development Regulations make provision to exempt certain developments from the requirement to receive planning permission. Schedule 2 Part 1 Class 2 (c) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 provide exemptions for the erection of solar panels on private dwellings with a number of conditions. The total area of such panels can be up to 12 sq m or 50% of the roof area subject to the limitations set out in the Regulations.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

169. Sinn Féin

Chapter 8-6, SE3

To start paragraph with.... To encourage and incentivise,

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: This motion refers to Section 8.8 Solar Energy. It is not the role of the local authority to incentivise the use of solar panels on buildings. Monetary support is available to home owners through the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland Better Energy Home Grants.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

170. Sinn Féin

Chapter 8-6, SE4

To start paragraph with.....To support, encourage and incentivise.....

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland is the national authority with responsibility for providing incentives for the installation of sustainable energy technology to homes and business.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

171. Sinn Féin

New SE5?

That Kildare County Council supports microgeneration which allows energy consumers to become energy producers, and supports the concept that households and communities can get paid for excess power they generate and feed into the national grid.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The aim of the motion is broadly supported but it is considered that policy ER 6 of section 8.5 which is listed below caters for the development of renewable energy auto production

and micro generation developments which allow energy to be fed back into the grid. The policy also caters for all kinds of renewable energy developments not just solar

ER 6 To support and encourage the sustainable development of renewable energy auto production units (the production of energy primarily for on site usage) for existing and proposed developments in line with relevant design criteria, amenity and heritage considerations and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

172. Cllr. Brendan Young

Chapter 8-7, From the second paragraph in the section 8.9 Bio Energy: delete the fourth sentence, from: " AS new plant ... to ... carbon neutral".

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The Methodology for Local Authority Renewable Energy Strategies prepared by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland states that biomass is considered to be 'carbon neutral'. This is a technical statement that sets the context for the policies set out in the section below and as such should be retained.

Recommendation: No change

Councillor Young informed the members that the SEAI report was out of date. K. Kenny advised the members that Councillor Young's amendment would be taken into account.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to reject the Chief Executive's recommendation and to include the amendment.

173. Cllr. Brendan Young

That we delete point: BE 4

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed, the growing of crops is not a matter for the development plan

Recommendation: To delete the following policy:

~~BE 4 To support proposals for the production of bio fuels through the growth of energy crops in an environmentally sustainable manner.~~

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

174. Cllr. M. Lynch

8.9 That this council will work with Bord na Mona to attempt to re afforest its spent bogland's within the county in an attempt to have a future source of biomass for the county.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The policies included in section 8.9 of the plan promote the development of projects that convert biomass to energy subject to proper planning considerations. Initial afforestation is exempt development and not a matter for the development plan. Under the European Communities (Forest Consent and Assessment) Regulations 2010, the approval of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and the Marine is required for all afforestation projects where the area involved is greater than 0.10 hectares (approximately 0.25 acres).

Recommendation : No change

Councillor Lynch requested that Kildare County Council discuss the issue of land usage with Bord na Mona and encourage the replanting of their lands. K. Kenny agreed to examine Bord na Mona's strategy documentation and advised the members to defer further consideration of the motion to the meeting which would consider chapter 10.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to reject the Chief Executive's recommendation and to defer further consideration of the motion to the meeting which would consider chapter 10.

175. Cllr. Brendan Young

That we amend EB 1 to replace the word "considered" with the word "incorporated"

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed

Recommendation :

To replace the word '~~considered~~' with the word 'incorporated' in policy EB 1 of section 8.11

EB 1 To ensure that new development is designed to take account of the impacts of climate change, and that energy efficiency and renewable energy measures are ~~considered~~ **incorporated** in accordance with national building regulations, policy and guidance.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

176. Cllr. M. Lynch

8.11 - That the council takes into consideration previous motions passed at full council and that we specify that all new built homes have some aspect of new

technology installed which makes the home energy efficient with an aspect of this technology. e.g rainwater harvesting, solar etc.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The energy efficiency and renewable energy requirements for the construction of new residential and non-residential buildings are currently addressed in the Building Regulations Part L (2008 and 2011) and relevant national policy and guidelines. The current Building Control Amendment Regulations include a requirement that all new developments include renewable technology. Having regard to the above, it is considered that the energy performance of existing and new buildings is sufficiently addressed in the Building Regulations and in the policies included in section 8.11 of the plan.

Recommendation : No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

177. **Sinn Féin**
Chapter 8-8 (8.12) GT3

That Kildare County Council investigate the possibility of geothermal energy collection in public green spaces with a view to kcc benefiting from selling energy into national grid...

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The promotion of geothermal energy developments is welcome however it is not considered that the council has the resources to implement initiatives at this scale. The inclusion of renewable energy technologies will be investigated as part of the design process for any residential or other buildings proposed by the Council.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

178. **Cllr. Suzanne doyle**

TN15:

Motion to amend '..... that there is adequate electrical infrastructure an network capacity to provide a reliable supply to meet the projected needs as outlined in this plan of all those working and living in the county

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: It is considered that policy TN 15 as listed below is necessary to respond to the electricity needs of the county and to facilitate the projected population increase and increase in economic development. Reliable supply with sufficient capacity to foster economic growth is paramount for Kildare to continue to develop over the lifetime of this plan.

TN 15 To seek to ensure that there is adequate electrical infrastructure and network capacity to provide a reliable supply to all those working and living in the county, and thereby support national economic growth and social development.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

179. Cllr. M. Lynch

8.10. – 8.11 – 8.12 – 8.15

That it is a policy of this council that all newly laid cabling, is a preference laid underground unless physically impossible.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: It is considered that the following policies in relation to electricity and telecommunications infrastructure are in line with the motion.

TN 2 To seek the undergrounding of all electricity, telephone and TV cables wherever possible in all new development and specifically in areas of sensitivity, in the interest of visual amenity. Provision should be made for the unobtrusive siting of transformer stations, pumping stations and other necessary service buildings. Pole mounted equipment (such as transformers) will not be permitted.

TL 11 To require all telecommunications services to be placed underground and that any works carried out on footpaths make provision for future services

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

180. Sinn Féin

Page 8.10

Removal of third Pointer...

"The facilitation of possible future interconnections with Britain or France."
and replace with

Kildare County Council does not support Ireland becoming an off-shore wind farm for Europe

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Section 8.13.2 Electricity Supply and Infrastructure sets out a description the Eirgrid Grid Link project and the bullets list the key drivers for this project as set out in Eirgrid publications. It is not therefore appropriate to amend the points.

Recommendation: No change

Councillor Cronin requested that the third bullet point be removed and this was **agreed** to by the members.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to reject the Chief Executive's recommendation and to remove the third bullet point on page 8.10.

181. Cllr Rob Power

TL 7: Append following text "...and that all proposals located outside industrial lands should demonstrate an effort to camouflage the structure."

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The aim of the motion is broadly supported and it is considered that section 19.10.3

Telecommunications and Supporting Infrastructure of chapter 19 caters adequately for the motions concerns.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

182. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

TL3:

Motion to amend 'laying of key infrastructural services within towns and villages and where practicable encourage the efficient and shared use of said infrastructural services

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed

Recommendation: To amend policy TL 3 of section 8.14.1 to include the following text at the end: 'and where practicable encourage the efficient and shared use of said infrastructural services'

TL 3: To co-operate and co-ordinate with relevant bodies regarding the laying of key infrastructural services within towns and villages **and where practicable encourage the efficient and shared use of said infrastructural services.**

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

183. Sinn Féin

8.14 Only as a last resort should free standing masts be located in residential areas or close to schools/hospitals.

It's not mentioned but before last resort, mobile phone cell "masts" should be encouraged to be placed on tall buildings and painted to blend in with that building, similar to the masts on to of the once Bewley's hotel at junction of N7 and Belgard Road. (They are barely noticeable)

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The aim of the motion is broadly supported and it is considered that section 19.10.3

Telecommunications and Supporting Infrastructure of chapter 19 caters

adequately for the concerns expressed in the motion.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to reject the Chief Executive's recommendation and to defer further discussion to chapter 19.

184. **Cllr Michael Coleman:**
8.15.1 to insert at the end of text in BR2.... "placing greater focus on area's that have a poor Broadband service

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The National Broadband Plan will be delivered by commercial and State led investment. Many rural areas of County Kildare will benefit from the State led broadband intervention strategy over the next five years. However, this is a national strategy and investment priorities will be determined at a national level. Each townland in Kildare has been examined in terms of broadband infrastructure and it has been identified whether the private sector or state will provide the facilities. Details can be found at the following link.

<http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/communications/SiteCollectionDocuments/Broadband/December%20stats/Kildare%20Final.pdf>

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

185. **Cllr. Martin Miley**
BRO 1 Add in new policy to undertake to review the delivery of broadband throughout the county and identify the blackspots and to ensure that they are prioritised into departments of communication energy and natural resources.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Broadband is to be provided throughout the county as part of the National Broadband Plan, areas that are not served by existing broadband infrastructure or proposed to be served by the private sector will be facilitated by state led intervention. Each townland in Kildare has been examined in terms of broadband infrastructure and it has been identified whether the private sector or state will provide the facilities. Details can be found at the following link.

<http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/communications/SiteCollectionDocuments/Broadband/December%20stats/Kildare%20Final.pdf>

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

186. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

Motion to add

BR7: To require shared use of infrastructure by broadband providers, in the interest of delivering a more competitive market to consumers.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The Council is not responsible for the provision of broadband infrastructure and therefore this is not a matter for the development plan. The sharing of infrastructure may be an issue for the telecommunications regulator. Broadband is to be provided throughout the county as part of the National Broadband Plan, areas that are not served by existing broadband infrastructure or proposed to be served by the private sector will be facilitated by state led intervention. Each townland in Kildare has been examined in terms of broadband infrastructure and it has been identified whether the private sector or state will provide the facilities. Details can be found at the following link.

<http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/communications/SiteCollectionDocuments/Broadband>

[/December%20stats/Kildare%20Final.pdf](#)

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

187. Cllr. M. Lynch

8.14 – 8.15

That all housing builders with projects of over 5 houses ensure that the most up to date fibre optic cabling is laid within the project for either immediate or future connection to broadband schemes.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Section 19.6.5 Street Lighting and Public Utilities of chapter 19 requires the undergrounding of services in residential developments. Specific reference to broadband will now be included. The specification of the type of fibre optic cabling and when it is provided is not a matter for the Development Plan. Technology should be provided by the relevant service provider at the appropriate stage.

Advancements in technology could also result in the cabling installed by the developer becoming obsolete.

Recommendation: To amend the first sentence of the third paragraph of section 19.6.5 as follows: To preserve the amenity and visual character of an area, and in the interests of public safety, all services including electricity, public lighting, telephone, **broadband** and television cables shall be provided underground **in appropriate ducting** in all new developments

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

SA10. Cllr. Mark Wall

To include under WE2
Suitable locations ... in accordance with Government Policy and
"The Kildare Wind Energy Policy "

Response

Due to increased energy requirements for energy consumption from renewable sources, electricity must be augmented with alternative forms of generation, therefore it is the policy of the council to promote the growth of renewable energy alternatives in an environmentally acceptable and sustainable manner.

The Wind Energy Development Guidelines are currently under review. The Department of the Environment has issued circular PL 20-13 to instruct planning authorities to postpone amending wind energy policy pending the publication of new guidance. The proposed motion would be contrary to this instruction.

WEO 1 provides for the preparation of a Wind Energy Development Strategy following the completion of the review of the DECLG's Wind Energy Development Guidelines. This strategy will identify areas that are suitable for Wind Energy developments following an examination of environmental considerations and National Guidance

Recommendation

No change

Councillor Wall queried why the policy appeared under WE3 but not under WE2 and stated that the policy needed to be enforced as much as possible. K.Kenny undertook to amend the policy.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to reject the Chief Executive's recommendation and to amend policy WE2.

SA11. Cllr. Mark Wall

To include under WE3

. To consider the impact on the Health of those living in the proximity of any proposed Wind Developments

Response

The Wind Energy Development Guidelines for Planning Authorities, DECLG, 2006 lists the matters that planning authorities should consider when assessing planning applications for wind energy developments. The items listed in Policy WE3 are consistent with the criteria listed in the guidelines and include the assessment of local environmental impacts including noise and shadow flicker. The consideration of “local environmental impacts” seeks to ensure that wind energy developments do not give rise to undue impacts on the surrounding area and is considered adequate to address the issues raised in the motion.

The Wind Energy Development Guidelines are currently under review. The review specifically addresses the issue of noise (including distance from dwellings) and shadow flicker and as such is focused on the local environmental impacts of proposed wind energy developments. The Department has issued circular PL 20-13 to instruct planning authorities to postpone amending wind energy policy pending the publication of new guidance. The proposed motion would be contrary to this instruction.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation.

SA12. Cllr. Mark Wall

To insert under TN16

To support the undergrounding of all electricity, telephone and TV cables in Towns and Villages

Response

It is considered that policy TL 11 and TN 2 as listed below cater for this.

TN 2 To seek the undergrounding of all electricity, telephone and TV cables wherever possible in all new development and specifically in areas of sensitivity, in the interest of visual amenity. Provision should be made for the unobtrusive siting of transformer stations, pumping stations and other necessary service buildings. Pole mounted equipment (such as transformers) will not be permitted.

TL 11 To require all telecommunications services to be placed underground and that any works carried out on footpaths make provision for future services.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

188. Chief Executive Amendments - Chapter 9
None.

189. Cllr. Naoise Ó'Ceairúil

That Maynooth is relocated in Table 9.2 from Tier 1 Level 3 Town Centre to Major Town Centre.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The County Retail Hierarchy is required to be consistent with the Retail Hierarchy set out in the Retail Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2008. Maynooth is designated as a Tier 1 Level 3 Centre. It is envisaged that a review of the Regional Retail Strategy will be carried out by the Regional Assembly as part of the preparation of the RSES later in 2016. This Strategy will determine the Retail Hierarchy for the larger town centres in Kildare and of the other counties in the region. Section 9.4.4 of the proposed Draft Plan, and specifically Policy R17, states that the Council will: "seek the redesignation of Maynooth as the Metropolitan Area Level 2 Major Town Centre to serve North East Kildare in the new GDA Retail Hierarchy".

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

190. Cllr Mark Lynch

5.9 That Newbridge continues to be supported as busy retail town which attracts international brands to the town centre.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

Newbridge along with Naas, is designated in the GDA Regional Retail Strategy 2008 as a Level 2 County Town Centre. The County Retail Hierarchy is required to be consistent with the Regional Hierarchy. As with Naas, Newbridge is located in the Hinterland Area of the GDA. This is on par level in the Regional Retail Hierarchy to that of the designated Metropolitan Area Level 2 Major Town Centres.

It is recognised in the proposed Draft Plan that Newbridge and Naas have different significant retail profiles in the County, GDA and national retail markets. It is envisaged that a review of the Regional Retail Strategy will be carried out by the Regional Assembly later in 2016. This Strategy will determine the Retail Hierarchy for the larger town centres in Kildare, including Newbridge.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

191. Cllr. Mark Dalton

That Edmund Rice Sq. and Emily Sq. be added to the indicative core retail area for Athy.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The Core Retail Area is the part of a town centre which is primarily devoted to shopping as distinct from the Town Centre Zoning. Core Retail Areas are areas which achieve the highest rentals, best yields, are highest in demand from retailers and are where pedestrian flows are greatest. Although both Edmund Rice Square (particularly in view of its location adjacent to Pettit's SuperValu the major convenience store in the town) and Emily Square are important in the dynamics of Athy Town Centre, they do not fulfil the criteria for inclusion in the designated Core Retail Area.

It is an objective of the Council to prepare a Local Area Plan (LAP) for Athy and in line with Policy R 3 of the proposed Draft Plan, which is set out below, and it is more appropriate that the Core Retail Area be assessed during this process.

R 3: To define the Core Retail Area within the Development Plan/Local Area Plans (LAP) of the County's main centres to provide guidance on the application of the Sequential Approach.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

192. Cllr. M. Lynch

9 – Table 9.2 That Newbridge is moved to the Major Town Centre area.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Newbridge along with Naas, is designated in the GDA Regional Retail Strategy 2008 as a Level 2 County Town Centre. The County Retail Hierarchy is required to be consistent with the Regional Hierarchy. As with Naas, Newbridge is located in the Hinterland Area of the GDA. This is on par level in the Regional Retail Hierarchy to that of the designated Metropolitan Area Level 2 Major Town Centres. It is recognised in the proposed Draft Plan that Newbridge and Naas have different significant retail profiles in the County, GDA and national retail markets. It is envisaged that a review of the Regional Retail Strategy will be carried out by the Regional Assembly later in 2016. This Strategy will determine the Retail Hierarchy for the larger town centres in Kildare, including Newbridge.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

193. Cllr. Dara Fitzpatrick

Chapter 9 page 13 refers

Motion to add further policies on Maynooth retail development.

R20 That the expansion of Maynooth town centre be supported by a comprehensive traffic management plan that specifically examines the impact of

purposed developments and facilities and its integration. The purposed improvements be delivered up front or in tandem with development.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The intention of the motion is acceptable. Planning applications for large scale retail development in the County require Traffic Impact Assessment. In addition, objectives MTO 1 and MTO 2 of Chapter 6 Movement and Transportation in Section 6.3, provide for the assessment of traffic management in Maynooth hand in hand with development potential in the town centre:

MTO 1: Review and implement Integrated Transport Studies (Traffic Management Plans) for the towns of Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge, Naas, Newbridge, Kildare and Athy¹ in conjunction with the DTTaS, TII and NTA, as the need arises, to provide a long term plan for the movement of pedestrians, cyclists, public transport and private vehicles.

MTO 2: To prepare a Needs Study for Kildare to include the following:
A Strategic Land Use and Transportation Study of North East Kildare including the Metropolitan Area towns of Leixlip, Maynooth, Celbridge and Kilcock to inform the strategic development of this area and identify the roads and transport infrastructure needed-for future development of the area.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

194. Cllr. Dara Fitzpatrick

R21 That the primacy of Maynooth core town centre be protected through the redevelopment of underperforming sites and that the town centre not be eclipsed by exposed extension, Increased densities where appropriate in existing town centre will be facilitated and encouraged to achieve town centre consolidation.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The desire to retain the Maynooth Town Centre as the primary area for retailing and other town centre uses is agreed. This is a key element of the Town Centre Strategy included in the Maynooth Local Area Plan 2013 – 2019. It is considered that Policy UDS 1 of the LAP which is set out below seeks to consolidate the town centre around the Main Street and encourages intensification of use where appropriate.

UDS 1 To reinforce Main Street as a vibrant town centre with a diverse mix of uses and to consolidate the town centre areas which surround Main Street by intensifying development in order to create a compact urban core.

The Council will seek to have Maynooth re-designated as the Level 2 Metropolitan Area Major Town Centre serving North East Kildare in the new Regional Retail Strategy with the designated Town Centre Expansion Area being the key location for expansion.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

195. Cllr. Rob Power

To include the following as an additional Retail Objective:

To identify retail specific Unique Selling Points for each of the level 2 and tier 1 level 3 towns and to develop and market those USPs so as to increase the Levels of expenditure inflows to Kildare.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The characteristics and potential of the County's Level 2 and Tier 1 Level 3 centres, within their context nationally and regionally, and those of the County as a whole, are outlined in detail in Chapter 9 of the proposed Draft Plan. The role and key strengths of each centre can be explored in more detail as part of the formulation of Local Area Plans.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

196. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

R 12. Recognising that the concentration of retail space in Newbridge is a key component of its success, high density of retail floorspace will be accommodated and encouraged where appropriate.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

This principle is agreed and supported in the Proposed Draft Plan.

Recommendation

No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

197. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

R26 Motion to Amend 'To encourage the development of Kildare Town as a key tourism destination centre through facilitating the development of complimentary independent retail outlets in the town centre and investigating the development of a co-operative approach by existing land/property owners in achieving an integrated tourism retail offering for the town centre.'

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

The motion is consistent with the Council's objectives in the proposed Draft Plan and with those in the Kildare Town LAP 2012 – 2018.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

198. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

R32: that we add:

To encourage and respond positively to applications for retail and other town centre developments.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed

Recommendation: To include the word 'encourage and' in Policy R32.

R 32: To encourage and respond positively to applications for retail and other town centre developments in Castledermot, Prosperous and Rathangan where they serve to consolidate the town centres and respect and enhance the existing built fabric.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

199. Cllr. P McEvoy

9.4.7 Hinterland Area: Tier 2 Level 3 Town Centres – Clane, Kilcullen, Monasterevin and Sallins

That the Council strengthen policies against inappropriate levels of lower-order retail outlets.

Mindful of the increased presence of budget retailers, betting shops and takeaway outlets which serve to undermine the profile and ambience of Core Retail Areas, that policies which are to safeguard against the over provision of non-retail and lower grade retail are strengthened. That particular consideration is made for smaller urban areas where limited Main Street frontages dominate the character of the settlement and where the over-provision of lower-order retail can have a negative impact on the local area.

Given the level of rural development in the hinterlands of the various town centres, that the policies recognised how mobility in the consumer is reducing loyalty to towns, particularly in towns where rural areas might have affinities with several of the surrounding towns. Accordingly, the overprovision of lower-order retail should be a significant factor in the decision about additional outlets of the same type.

That town and village centre renewal schemes place significant importance on high quality signage, frontages and the reduction of clutter in terms of overhead wires and street furniture.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

The issues identified in this motion have been addressed in the policies and objectives set out in sections 9.5.3 and 9.5.11 of Chapter 9 and Section 19.10 of the proposed Draft Plan which deals with further detail addressing these issues will be set out in the respective LAPs and Small Town Plans.

Recommendation: No change

The members **agreed** to take motion 208 and 210 in conjunction with this motion. Councillor McEvoy stated that An Bord Pleanála to hinterlands into consideration and that rural dwellers were not specific to one urban area. K. Kenny advised the members that Local Area Plans were more appropriate to this level of detail and that, while we could attempt to re-word the policy, An Bord Pleanála was an independent entity.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

200. Cllr. Rob Power

To supplement 9.5.7

To examine the potential for state funding to acquire strategic vacant town centre sites with a view to providing council or community managed, shared space for independent retailers and service providers.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

It is considered that Section 5.9 Regeneration of Chapter 5 provides a number of policies that look to foster regeneration in the County's towns and villages with particular emphasis on derelict and vacant sites. The policies also look to strengthen the economic and social fabric of these towns and villages. It is also considered that policies R 39 and R 40 of section 9.5.3 as listed below seek to facilitate the enhancement of the county's towns and villages, Policy R 40 is proposed to be amended to pursue state funding.

R 39: To encourage and facilitate the enhancement and environmental improvement of the County's towns and villages and review the approaches of the exemplars in Ireland and overseas to inform how this can be achieved.

In addition to the above, the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 introduced a requirement on local authorities to form a vacant site register beginning on January 1st 2017 and to apply a levy to sites listed on the register, with the aim of incentivising owners to bring such buildings back into active reuse.

Recommendation: To amend policy R 40 as follows:

R 40: To pursue all avenues of funding **including state funding** to secure resources for the enhancement, renewal and regeneration of the public realm of the County's towns and villages.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

201. Cllr. Rob Power

To supplement 9.5.10

To acknowledge the benefits of properly organised and timely casual trading and to facilitate it where possible in an effort to encourage town centre rejuvenation.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

This principle is agreed. The following paragraphs be inserted in the introduction to Section 9.5.10 of the proposed Draft Plan and an additional included as policy R57.

The potential of casual trading in the country and County has significantly improved in recent years with the increasing prevalence of quality farmers markets that to differing degrees combine indigenous food produce and artisan products and which have added to the attraction of a number of town centres/locations.

In the county, this activity should to be encouraged and facilitated as an important contribution to the attraction and sustainability/rejuvenation of the County's town and village centres. It is also acknowledged that a number of casual trading/markets in some of the County's towns and villages do not make a positive contribution to the quality and attractiveness of different centres. They require to be assessed under the Council's statutory functions under the Casual Trading Act 1995, including the issuing of permits and the designation of Casual Trading areas where the Council considers these to be necessary, as set out in the policies of the proposed Draft Plan.

Recommendation: Subject to the provisions of Policy R 55 remaining, the following policy is proposed:

R 57

To encourage and support the development and attraction of quality town markets selling indigenous products in centres at all levels of the County Retail Hierarchy in recognition of their potential to sustain and increase the attractiveness of these centres.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

202. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

That we add
R37:

To facilitate and encourage the development of large convenience stores within town centre sites through the specific zoning of appropriate optimum locations within town centres that should be reserved for this function alone.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

This principle is accepted. However, there are no provisions under either the Retail Planning Guidelines or any legislative provisions etc for this being a specific zoning. The national guidance, as reflected in the proposed Draft Plan, is founded on the Sequential Approach. This determines that the optimum location for all new retail development is in the Core Retail Area of a town.

Recommendation: No change

Councillor Doyle stated that edge-of town development continued to take place and that current policy was not strong enough. K. Kenny advised the members that it was not possible to be so prescriptive in our policy.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

203. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

That we add R38:

To prohibit the co location of comparison floor space retailers in large convenience store developments.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

This is a shared concern of the Council and its Retail Advisors given the door that was opened to no limits on comparison floorspace in convenience stores under the Regional Planning Guidelines 2012.

In the proposed Draft Plan, the issue is responded to under Policy R 36 which states:

"To refuse permission for edge of and out of centre large convenience stores which include a large component of High Street comparison fashion brands in the comparison mix proposed in the interests of sustaining and further enhancing the vitality, viability and attraction of the Core Retail Areas of the main town centres in the County."

Recommendation: No change

Councillor Doyle stated that she wanted the word "prohibited" included in the policy. M. Kenny undertook to review the policy in this regard.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

204. Cllr. M. Lynch

That village or town centre shop front facades should be kept over generic shop front facades.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

Guidance in relation to shop front design is included in section 19.13.1 of chapter 19 Development Management Standards.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to reject the Chief Executive's recommendation and to defer the item to chapter 19.

205. Cllr. M. Lynch

That green hedges and trees should be paced over the new build of concrete walls or wooden posts within town and village centres to help the character of an area and prevent hard, unsightly surfaces.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

It is considered that it is appropriate to provide for public realm improvement policies on a town by town basis as part of the preparation of a LAP, small town plans etc.

Recommendation: No change

K. Kenny stated that she was in agreement with the sentiments of the motion.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to reject the Chief Executive's recommendation and that Councillor Lynch would submit a revised motion on the policy.

206. Cllr. M. Lynch

9.18

That new retail within town and village centres do not stand out as a eyestore within the towns and that the facades and general buildings fit into the character of the town or village.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

The response to motion 211 applies in this instance.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

207. Sinn Féin

Retail

Add:

To have a policy prohibiting buildings on our Main Streets from becoming derelict.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

It is considered that Section 5.9 Regeneration of Chapter 5 provides a number of policies that look to foster regeneration in the County's towns and villages with particular emphasis on derelict and vacant sites. The policies also look to strengthen the economic and social fabric of these towns and villages. It is also considered that policies R 39 and R 40 of section 9.5.3 as listed below seek to facilitate the enhancement of the county's towns and villages.

R 39: To encourage and facilitate the enhancement and environmental improvement of the County's towns and villages and review the approaches of the exemplars in Ireland and overseas to inform how this can be achieved.

R 40: To pursue all avenues of funding **including state funding** to secure resources for the enhancement, renewal and regeneration of the public realm of the County's towns and villages.

In addition to the above, the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 introduced a requirement on local authorities to form a vacant site register beginning on January 1st 2017 and to apply a levy to sites listed on the register, with the aim of incentivising owners to bring such buildings back into active reuse.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

208. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

9.5.11 refers, that we amend

'Such uses may include

Amusement/Gaming Arcades (why are we including this when we have already outlined it as prohibited?), Include Off License as a lower grade retail use

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

In general, off licences would not be considered as a lower retail use as they generally are operated by either independents or national/international businesses selling a wide range of quality spirits, wines and beers. They compete in a very competitive market against national and international convenience retailers. They should not be listed in the same category as Amusement/Gaming Arcades.

Recommendation: No change

The members **agreed** to take motion 199 and 210 in conjunction with this motion. Councillor McEvoy stated that An Bord Pleanála to hinterlands into consideration and that rural dwellers were not specific to one urban area. K. Kenny advised the members that Local Area Plans were more appropriate to this level of detail and that, while we could attempt to re-word the policy, An Bord Pleanála was an independent entity.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

209. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

That we add R 59:

That the ratio of floorspace dedicated to Non retail/ lower grade retail uses in core retail areas and other main streets, should not exceed x and where this is currently in breach any further applications that seek to concentrate such activity will be refused. x to be determined by an assessment of current levels and consideration of what level might be deemed acceptable??

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

The priority, at national, regional and County levels, for our main centres in each of these retail hierarchies is that they work and grow to their potential. The retail offer is key to this but there requires to be recognition that the dynamics of what makes successful town centres extends beyond their retail offer and more than ever includes non- retail services plus what would be considered previously as lower grade retail operators. As such, the success and dynamics of this cannot be determined at a central level on a percentage basis.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

210. Sinn Féin

Add

"no gaming premises be permitted on our Main Streets"

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: It is considered that Policy R57 provides for this as follows in the proposed Draft Plan:
R 57: To refuse planning applications for Amusement/Gaming Arcades as they are considered to be an undesirable use and potentially detrimental to the business and commercial environment of centres in the County.

It should be noted that the numbering of this policy will change in view of recommendations in respect of other retail related motions.

Recommendation: No change

The members **agreed** to take motion 199 and 208 in conjunction with this motion. Councillor McEvoy stated that An Bord Pleanála to hinterlands into consideration and that rural dwellers were not specific to one urban area. K. Kenny advised the members that Local Area Plans were more appropriate to this level of detail and that, while we could attempt to re-word the policy, An Bord Pleanála was an independent entity.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

211. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

9.5.13 Applications in Level 2 Major town or County Centre.

All applications should be required to demonstrate the retail impact for County, particularly towns in similar tier.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

The requirement for Retail Impact Assessments is addressed at all levels of national, regional and County level guidance (Chapter 19 of the Proposed Draft Plan refers).

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

212. Cllr. Mark Stafford

That objective RTO 8 to be amended to acknowledge that despite population growth that demand for retail space particularly in small towns and villages is declining and that alternative uses will be facilitated as required.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

This issue is agreed and acknowledged. The policies in chapter 9 of the Proposed Draft Plan seek to secure this particularly section 9.5.3 Enhancement of Towns and Villages. It is also noted that the village / town centre land use zoning objectives included in chapters 17 and 18 seek to provide for and

improve not just retailing in the village centre but also residential, commercial, office , cultural and other uses appropriate in village and town centres.

Recommendation: No change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

213. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

RTO 13: To support a diversity of retail offering in County and protect the sustainability of independent retail in the County.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

The principle of this motion is inherent in the retail policies and objectives of the proposed Draft Plan. The proposed new motion below would clearly articulate the support in a succinct format.

Recommendation:The following objective be added as follows:

RTO 13: To support a diversity of the retail offer in the County and including the sustainability of independent retail sector in the County.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

214. Cllr. M. Lynch

9.23 That outdoor farmers markets are promoted within town and village centres if they are selling homemade or artisan foods and that these industries are fully supported within an appropriate area.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

This principle is agreed and responded to in the recommendation set out in the proposed new policy under motion 7 as follows:

R 57

To encourage and support the development and attraction of quality town markets selling indigenous products in centres at all levels of the County Retail Hierarchy in recognition of their potential to sustain and increase the attractiveness of these centres.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

215. Chief Executive Amendments - Chapter 18

Clerical Error Section 18.7 Rathangan Small Town Plan. Prosperous Objectives Map inserted instead of Rathangan Objectives Map.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

216. Cllr. Mark Stafford

Athgarvan

To insert objective after AT 16 "To provide a cattle grid at the entrance to the town from the Curragh".

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

Agreed with modifications

Recommendation: Reword objective as follows:

AT 16: To provide gateway speed deterrent, signage **and to examine the provision of cattle grids if warranted** at the following locations:

- On approach from Newbridge (R416)
- On approach from Kilcullen (R416)

On approach from the Curragh L2032

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

217. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

Athgarvan

At16: that we amend to read

To provide gateway speed deterrents and signage at the following locations.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

Response to previous motion applies in this instance

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

218. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

Athgarvan

AT 27:

To prioritise the connection to public WWTP, larger clusters of housing estates and to investigate the integration of such developments through the TIC of other such developments.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

The connection of private or communal treatment systems to the public network is a matter primarily for Irish Water.

Recommendation: No Change.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

219. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

Athgarvan

That we add AT 38:

To seek to secure lands to West of School, currently being used by local GAA sports club, for continued use as a community and recreational facility for Athgarvan from the Dept. of Defence.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

The acquisition of lands is not a matter for the CDP.

The lands have been zoned F: Open Space and Amenity, to reflect their current use.

Zoning Objective F

Recommendation: No Change.

Councillor Doyle advised the members that the lands in question formed part of the Curragh and that it should be council policy to ensure that it retain community use and Councillor Lynch agreed with this view. The Chief Executive undertook to re-examine the issue.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation to the effect that he would re-examine our policy on the issue.

220. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

Athgarvan

AT 40

Need to zone further community and educational land in plan, in order to increase options for delivery of AT40. The current proposals give no options for delivery and leave the objective vulnerable.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

Not Agreed

Recommendation: In conjunction with public consultation on the draft plan the CE will undertake a more detailed assessment of community facilities (consulting with stakeholders) and seek to identify appropriate locations for social infrastructure prior to consideration of the Draft Plan, taking account of the location of new planned development.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

221. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

Athgarvan

AT 41:

Need to zone appropriately located land for provision of services for care of elderly and children.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

Response to previous motion applies in this instance

Recommendation: Recommendation to previous motion applies in this instance

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's amendment.

222. Cllr. M. Lynch

Athgarvan

18.2

That Athgarvan is not a small town and is moved to Village category.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

This motion was dealt with at the Special Meeting of the 23rd March (Motion 11 Chapter 3 Settlement Strategy).

It was Resolved by the members present to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

Recommendation: No Change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

223. Cllr. M. Lynch

Athgarvan

18.2 Map and details

That the Curragh plains, PNHA, is removed from F "Open space and Amenity" as it is not council or private land and is part of the Curragh plains.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: These lands are included in the development boundary of the Athgarvan Small Town Plan 2011-2017 Variation No.1 of the Kildare County Development Plan. The lands zoned Objective F: open Space and Amenity are currently used as sports grounds and the zoning objective reflects this use.

The aim of this land-use zoning objective is

To protect recreation, open space and amenity areas, to maintain and improve amenity lands, to preserve private open space and to provide recreational facilities.

Recommendation: No Change

M. Kenny undertook to re-examine the policy on this issue.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to reject the Chief Executive's recommendation and to re-examine the policy on this issue.

224. Cllr. M. Lynch

Athgarvan

18.2.7.3 – Town Centre

That a number of shops is changed to two shops.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed

Recommendation : Reword Section 18.2.7.3 - Town Centre as follows:

Athgarvan has a small compact town centre containing ~~a number of~~ two shops and a public house.

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

225. Cllr. Mark Dalton

Castledermot

That consideration be given to the provision of additional zoned lands for **H** Industry & Warehousing and **Q** Enterprise & Employment in respect of the Small Town Plan for Castledermot

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: The Economic Development Hierarchy set out in Chapter 5 identifies Castledermot as Local Employment Centres that will provide employment for the local hinterland. There are c. 10.7ha of undeveloped land zoned for Industrial and Warehousing purposes to the north of the Castledermot Town Centre. Given the Local Centre designation, it is considered that there is adequate land zoned to meet local employment needs during the lifetime of the plan.

Recommendation: No Change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

226. Cllr. Martin Miley

Castledermot

18.3.6 Where it states seeking the retention of the historic street pattern together with the retention of stone walls throughout the town at add on where appropriate

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation: Agreed

Recommendation: Amend the forth bullet point of Section 18.3.6 - Principles Governing the Future Development of the Town as follows:

*Seeking the retention of the historic street pattern together with the retention of stone walls throughout the town **where appropriate**.*

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executive's recommendation was accepted.

227. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

Rathangan

RN 10: To reinstate zoning of lands to the South of town with boundary of C9, previously zoned in the last Rathangan LAP for provision of a step down retirement village.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

The Rathangan development boundary has not been amended in the proposed Draft Rathangan Small Town Plan.

This motion refers to lands which extended outside the development boundary and which were the subject of an application for a retirement village and nursing home. The application was refused on appeal by An Bord Pleanna for the reason that the proposed development:

- It is predominantly located on unzoned land outside the development boundary
- There is ample undeveloped land which would be capable of accommodating the proposed development.
- The proposed development would fail to renew, consolidate and develop an existing town, as advocated in the National Spatial Strategy, 2002-2020.
- Would be at an excessive distance from the urban amenities and facilities of the town and contrary to the orderly sustainable expansion of the town.
- Would constitute a haphazard, piecemeal form of development which would be contrary to the proper planning, orderly and sustainable development of the area.

The land zoned 'E' are circa 5.4Ha. It is considered that these lands are sufficient to facilitate a nursing home and sheltered housing to cater for the needs of the town and surrounding rural hinterland during the lifetime of the plan.

In addition Section 18.7.8.1- Education/ childcare / community services etc. Contains the following objective to facilitate the development which caters for the needs of the elderly

RN 53: To facilitate the use of appropriate sites/buildings within the town for the provision of care services for children and/or the elderly.

Recommendation: No Change

Councillor Doyle **withdrew** this notice of motion.

228. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

Rathangan

RN 15: To favourably consider the development of residential uses for above the shop spaces in town centre

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

This issue is addressed in Chapter 15 Urban Design Guidelines, Section 15.3.1 Town Centres, which states that:

The Council will actively encourage initiatives such as 'living over the shop'. Independent street access to upper floors of shop units should therefore be retained to ensure use of the upper floors of buildings for residential accommodation and/or commercial development.

Recommendation: No Change

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

229. Cllr. Suzanne Doyle

Rathangan

Water Supply:

Amend RN31:

To improve and expand the water supply to Rathangan through the provision of a water conditioning plant at source of Rathangan Well Fields in conjunction with Irish Water.

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

This is not a matter for the County Development Plan. Irish Water is responsible for the provision of water services infrastructure in the County. Irish Water's multi-annual Investment Programme is developed in consultation with key stakeholders and sets out the list of projects that will be undertaken during the life of the programme.

It is an objective (WS1) of the Proposed Draft Plan to "To work in conjunction with Irish Water to protect existing water infrastructure and to promote investment in the water network to support environmental protection and

facilitate the sustainable development of the county.” The 2014-2016 Programme is currently being implemented.

Recommendation: No Change.

Resolved: That all members present were in agreement to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation.

The meeting concluded.