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**MINUTES OF DRAFT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN
CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT MEETING
OF OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 10TH MAY 2021 AT 10.00AM**

PRESENT:	Cllr. J. Carroll, Cathaoirleach (R), Cllrs. C. Claffey (R), J. Clendennen (R), N. Cribbin (R), E. Dooley (R), N. Feighery (R), E. Fitzpatrick (R), J. Foley (R), M. Hackett (R), D. Harvey (R), J. Leahy (R), T. McCormack (R), R. McDermott (R), F. Moran (R), S. O'Brien (R), P. Ormond (R), D. Owens (R), L. Quinn (R) and K. Smollen (R)
IN ATTENDANCE:	Ms. A. Delaney, Chief Executive (R); Mr. T. Shanahan, D.O.S. (R); Ms. S. Kennedy, D.O.S. (R); Mr. S. Duclot (R); Mr. M. Connolly, H.O.F. (R); Ms. A. Dillon S.E.O. (R); Mr. E. Fennell, S.E.O.; Mr. G. Bruton, A/ Meetings Administrator (R); Mr. C. Kelly, S.O.(R); Mr. A. Murray, SP, Ms. L. Mitchell, S.E.P., Mr. J. Condron, E.P., Mr. D. Meehan, E.P, Mr. J. Egan, A.P. and Ms. L. Carbery, C.O. (R)
PERCUNIARY STATEMENT	<p>Mr. E. Fennell, S.E.O brought the members attention to Section 148.2 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. He advised the members where, at a meeting of a planning authority or of any committee of a planning authority, a resolution, motion, question or other matter is proposed or otherwise arises either pursuant to, or as regards the performance by the authority of a function under this Act or in relation to the acquisition or disposal by the authority of land under or for the purposes of this Act or any other enactment, a member of the authority or committee present at the meeting shall, if he or she has a pecuniary or other beneficial interest in, or which is material to, the matter—</p> <p>(a) at the meeting, and before discussion or consideration of the matter commences, disclose the nature of his or her interest, and</p> <p>(b) withdraw from the meeting for so long as the matter is being discussed or considered,</p> <p>and accordingly, he or she shall take no part in the discussion or consideration of the matter and shall refrain from voting in relation to it.</p>
DRAFT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT	Mr. S. Duclot D.O.S. advised the members that the County Development Plan is a guide for the future growth of the county, providing a strategy framework for development for the next 6 years. He noted that the draft plan was available for public consultation from 27/07/20 to 07/10/2020 and 196 submissions had been received. He informed the members that the Chief Executive's report summarises the issues and responses

	<p>including recommendations for amendments. He advised the draft plan will be amended subject to further public consultation and a further Chief Executive report will then issue and will be presented to the members for adoption in September 2021.</p> <p>He thanked the members for their input and he noted that the plan must be in line with National planning, regional planning and Government guidelines.</p>
<p>RURAL HOUSING</p>	<p>Ms. L. Mitchell, Senior Executive Planner, brought the members attention to the submission from the Office of Planning Regulator (OPR) as outlined - SSP-21 Housing in (i) Rural Areas under Strong Urban Influence & Stronger Rural Areas and (ii) Areas of Special Control. She advised the members that this concerns smaller towns with a population of 1,500 or less, Kilcormac, Daingean and Ferbane and that the amended version is more in line with the NPF. She updated the members on the proposed amendments to the draft as below:</p> <p>1. The applicant has a functional economic or social requirement to reside in this particular rural area in accordance with (i) or (ii):</p> <p>(i) Economic requirements will normally encompass persons referred to in the revision to the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines 2005 and, if applicable, circulars. Pending the making of the revised Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines by the Minister, a Functional Economic Requirement in County Offaly shall be taken as including persons who by the nature of their work have a functional economic need to reside in the local rural area close to their place of work. It includes persons involved in full-time farming, horticulture or forestry as well as similar rural-based part-time occupations where it can be demonstrated that it is the predominant occupation. The ‘local rural area’ is defined as the area generally within 8km radius (5km radius particular to Areas of Special Control) of the place of work.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>(ii) Social requirements will normally encompass persons referred to in the revision to the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines 2005 and, if applicable, circulars. Pending the making of the revised Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines by the Minister, a Functional Social Requirement in County Offaly shall be taken as including (a) or (b) below:</p> <p>(a) The applicant was born within the local rural area, or is living or has lived in the local rural area for a minimum of 5 years (15 years particular to Areas of Special Control) at any stage prior to making the planning application. It includes returning emigrants seeking a permanent home in their local rural area. The ‘Local Rural Area’ for the purpose of this policy is defined as the area generally within an 8km radius (5km radius particular</p>

	<p>to Areas of Special Control) of where the applicant was born, living or has lived. For the purpose of this policy, the rural area is taken to include ‘Villages’ listed in the Settlement Hierarchy, but excludes Tullamore, Birr, Edenderry, Portarlington, Banagher, Clara, Daingean, Ferbane and Kilcormac (i.e. the Key Town, Self-Sustaining Growth Town, Self-Sustaining Towns, Towns and Smaller Towns listed in the Settlement Hierarchy.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>(b) Special consideration shall be given in cases of exceptional health circumstances - supported by relevant documentation from a registered medical practitioner and a disability organisation proving that a person requires to live in a particular environment or close to family support, or requires a close family member to live in close proximity to that person.</p> <p>2. The applicant does not already own or has not owned a house in the open countryside.</p> <p>3. If the site is located within an Area of Special Control, there is no alternative site outside of Areas of Special Control.</p> <p>4. High quality siting and design.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. J. Leahy the members agreed to adopt the changes to SSP-21 Housing in (i) Rural Areas under Strong Urban Influence & Stronger Rural Areas and (ii) Areas of Special Control.</p>
<p>CORE STRATEGY</p>	<p>Ms. L. Mitchell informed the members that the quantum of land to be zoned 'New Residential' in Edenderry and Portarlington to align with the Core Strategy will be established as part of a variation/review to the respective Local Area Plans, the process for which will commence following adoption of the Offaly County Development Plan 2021-2027. The extent of lands zoned residential (which doesn't differentiate between new and existing residential zonings) under the Joint Portarlington LAP 2018-2024 and Edenderry Local Area Plans 2017-2023 is proposed to be inserted into a table in Chapter 2 as set out in section (p) of the CE Response to the OPR submission. Ms. L. Mitchell informed members that an amended Core Strategy Table is set out in Appendix 3 of the CE Report (page 477) to reflect additional columns requested by OPR (quantum of land zoned mixed use and no. of residential units that it can accommodate) and new housing target figure supplied by the Dept. of 3978 units, reduced population growth of Tullamore from 33% to 30% population increase since 2016 census, increased population growth of Portarlington and Edenderry from 5% to 10% growth of 2016 census, provision of 'smaller towns' (pop <1,500) for Kilcormac, Daingean and Ferbane. Ms. L. Mitchell also informed members of the amendments to the Core Strategy Table also to reflect additional columns requested by EMRA (quantum of new residential zoned land in the draft</p>

	<p>Plan, quantum of new homes within built-up footprint and the capacity of infill/brownfield land to accommodate units).</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. J. Leahy the members agreed that the extent of lands zoned residential (which doesn't differentiate between new and existing residential zonings) under the Joint Portarlington LAP 2018-2024 and Edenderry Local Area Plans 2017-2023 is inserted into a table in Chapter 2 as set out in section (p) of the CE Response to the OPR submission.</p>
<p>ZONING OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES</p>	<p>BIRR/CRINKILL</p> <p>Mr. J. Egan, Assistant Planner, brought the members through the submissions received in relation to Birr /Crinkill as outlined below:</p> <p>CDP/D/07 No change recommended CDP/D/10 No change recommended CDP/D/83 No change recommended CDP/D/90 Fiona Breen, motion received from Cllr. J. Carroll. On the proposal of Cllr. J Carroll, seconded by Cllr. P. Ormond the members agreed to zone part of the submission site and land adjoining to the north 'Strategic Residential Reserve' and to include an indicative access point from the N62 Roscrea Road, to encourage future backland development in the vicinity.</p> <p>CPD/D/96 Birr Rugby Club, CE recommends Open Space zoning remains for Site A and Site B rezoned as per motion. On the proposal of J. Leahy, seconded by Cllr. P Ormond the members agreed to the CE recommendation to change zoning of 0.813ha of land from 'Community Services/ Facilities' to 'Open Space, Amenity, Recreation'</p> <p>CDP/D/127 No change recommended CDP/D/138 No change recommended. CDP/D/139 No change recommended CDP/D/145 (c) No change recommended CDP/D/108 No change recommended</p> <p>EMD/ 01 On the proposal of Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. J. Leahy the members agreed it is Council policy 'to reinforce the attractive rural character of Crinkill, which exists at present, by permitting appropriate and sensitively designed new development.'</p> <p>EMD/04 Motion received from Cllr. J. Carroll to zone Council land to allow for further development of Traveller Accommodation on Croghan Road. Members decided not to change the draft Plan at this location.</p>

Miscellaneous change (e) under Chapter 7 of CE report PG 574 to 575, Birr & Crinkill zoning map – On the proposal of Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. J. Leahy the members agreed to the incorporation of zonings at An Corrán and Southgate and the land between.

Miscellaneous change (f) under Chapter 7 of CE report PG 575, Birr & Crinkill zoning map – On the proposal of Cllr. J. Leahy, seconded by Cllr. C. Claffey the members agreed to change the zoning of a narrow strip of undeveloped land along the western boundary of the ‘Rectory’ site, from ‘Open Space, Amenity & Recreation’ to ‘Town Centre/ Mixed Use’.

Miscellaneous change (f/g) under Chapter 7 of CE report PG 575, Kilcormac Town Plan Zoning Map – On the proposal of Cllr. J. Leahy, seconded by Cllr. E. Dooley the members agreed that the Convent Site on the north side of Main Street / N52 and land within the immediate environs, was, in error, zoned ‘Open Space, Amenity and Recreation’ in the draft Plan and that the zoning be changed to ‘Town Centre/ Mixed Use’, as shown in the amended zoning map.

Mr. J. Egan outlined the submissions for the villages below to the members:

CDP/D/51 and 55 - Bracknagh – On the proposal of Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr. R. McDermott the members agreed to zone part of land behind existing residential to include Strategic residential reserve, and community services/facilities.

CDP/D/53 – Bracknagh – On the proposal of Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr. R. McDermott the members agreed to reduce the ‘Community Services/ Facilities’ zoning adjacent to the National School and reconfigure the ‘New Residential’ zoning, with no increase in quantum of land zoned ‘New Residential’

CDP/D/181 – Clonbullogue No change recommended

CDP/D/194 – Clonbullogue On the proposal of Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr N. Cribbin the members agreed to zone the submission lands New Residential.

CDP/D/29 – Geashill Motion received from Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick. On the advice of the Chief Executive Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick agreed to take the CE recommendation, this was also agreed by Cllr. M. Hackett.

CDP/D/05 and D/12 – Killeigh. No changed to Site A and 0.35ha zoned New Residential to Site B. On the proposal of Cllr.

S. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. D. Owens the members agreed to the zoning of 0.35ha as New Residential.

CDP/D/20 – Killeigh, no change recommended

CDP/D/135 – Killeigh flood land, no change recommended

CDP/D/192 – Killeigh, no change recommended

CDP/D/58 - Killeigh – As recommended by CE. On the proposal of Cllr. N. Feighery, seconded by Cllr. K. Smollen the members agreed to the submission for additional allocation of open space.

CDP/D/ 179 - Moneygall Motion by Cllr. P Ormond. On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. E. Dooley the members agreed to zone 1.2ha New Residential

CDP/D/172(h) and D/58 – Moneygall Motion P. Ormond. CE recommended to remove zoning as per OPR and OPW submission to west of village. Mr. J. Egan brought the members attention to verbal advice from consultants with regard to flooding at this site and CE agreed to reduce area rather than fully removing Enterprise and Employment zoning. On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. J. Leahy the members agreed to remove zoning from the part of the lands subject to flooding. Also, the CE recommends in CE report to reduce the size of the Enterprise and Employment zoning to the east of the village as requested by the OPR. On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond and seconded by Cllr. J. Leahy the members agreed to amend the size of the zoning in accordance with the CE recommendation.

CDP/D/ 162 - Mucklagh no change recommended

CDP/D/19 - Shannonbridge no change recommended

CDP/D/110 - Shinrone Motion P. Ormond, CE recommended no zoning due to flooding and not sequential development. On the proposal of Cllr. P Ormond, seconded by Cllr. E. Dooley the members agreed to zone some of the land, 0.35ha as New Residential.

CDP/D/ 01 - Walsh Island no change recommended

ADJUSTED CORE STRATEGY ALLOCATION

Mr. J. Egan brought the members attention to the Adjusted Core Strategy Allocation Appendix 5 to OPR Submission Response CDP/D/172(d).

Amendment of Core Strategy allocation results in the recommendation for adjustment of 'New Residential' zoned land for the following settlements:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the proposal of Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr. M. Hackett the members agreed to the adjustment of New Residential zoned land for Ballinagar • On the proposal of Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr. M. Hackett, the members agreed to the adjustment of New Residential zoned land for Clonygowan • On the proposal of Cllr. M. Hackett, seconded by Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick, the members agreed to the adjustment of New Residential zoned land for Geashill • On the proposal of Cllr. L. Quinn, seconded by Cllr. R. McDermott, the members agreed to the adjustment of New Residential zoned land for Rhode • On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. J. Leahy, the members agreed to the adjustment of New Residential zoned land for Riverstown. • On the proposal of Cllr. J. Leahy, seconded by Cllr. C. Claffey the members agreed to the additional allocation of New Residential zoning of 1.8ha / 45 houses to Banagher • On the proposal of Cllr. J. Leahy, seconded by Cllr. E. Dooley the members agreed to the additional allocation of 0.36ha / 7 houses to Kilcormac • On the proposal of Cllr. M. Hackett, seconded by Cllr. J. Foley the members agreed to the reduced allocation of New Residential zoning in Daingean
<p>ZONING OF TOWNS</p>	<p>CDP/D/ 22 and D/185 Edenderry Town 2 Motions – no change recommended, Edenderry Local Area Plan will be reviewed and varied after the adoption of the County Development Plan.</p> <hr/> <p>Mr. J. Condrón, Executive Planner, brought the members attention to recommendations and submissions for Clara as outlined below:</p> <p>CDP/D/25 – Clara No change recommended CDP/D/36 – Clara No change recommended</p> <p>CDP/D/57 Motion – On the proposal of Cllr. F. Moran, seconded by Cllr. N. Feighery the members agreed “We note the CE Report proposed to keep the land in question unzoned. We propose that the land in question be zoned “New Residential” for potential development within the town land (boundary) of Clara as it will not significantly impact on the overall zoned lands in the Draft CDP. The area in question is a direct route to Clara Bog and would prove an ideal opportunity for future development in the area. This section of land was previously zoned “Residential”.</p> <p>CDP/D/59 – Clara No change recommended</p>

CDP/D/60 – Clara No change recommended. Cllr. F Moran raised concerns about the car parking problem in Clara and the need to carry out audit by TMD

CDP/D/68 and D/151 No change recommended

CDP/D/81 No change recommended

CDP/D/86 No change recommended

CDP/D/158 No change recommended

CDP/D/160 No change recommended

Misc. change (x) Collinstown – On the Proposal of Cllr. F. Moran, seconded by Cllr. K. Smollen the members agreed to include Collinstown within the town boundary and assign it Existing Residential.

Mr. J. Condon brought the members attention to zoning proposals for Ferbane as outlined below:

CDP/D/56 CE recommendation Site A - do not zone 3.85ha parcel to the north west of the landholding, Site B – Retain the Enterprise and Employment zoning to the south west in addition to an extra triangular portion 0.46 hectares

CDP/D/120 No change recommended

CDP/D/122 No change recommended

CDP/D/136 CE recommendation Site A – do not zone as New Residential, Site B zone 1.87ha as New Residential and the remaining 0.41 ha of site B as open space.

Athlone Road Ferbane Appendix 5 - On account of the balance of 0.33 hectares ‘New Residential’ zoned land left in Ferbane’s Core Strategy allocation after the New Residential zoning at Ballyvora, it is recommended in Appendix 5 of the CE Report that the remainder of the field on the Athlone Road be zoned ‘New Residential’ as the site is located close to the town centre and promotes compact growth.

CDP/D/58 On the motion and proposal of Cllr. E. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. P. Ormond the members agreed to amend proposed zoning of lands north of the “flood line” to ‘Town Centre/Mixed Use’ zoning.

Misc. Change (w) Section 7 Pg. 589 Ballycumber Road Clara CE recommendation is to change the zoning of parcels of land from;

- ‘Enterprise and Employment’ to ‘Open Space, Amenity and Recreation’; and
- ‘Enterprise and Employment’ to ‘Existing Residential’; by way of a miscellaneous amendment.

Mr. D. Meehan, Planner, brought the members attention to CE report on recommendations and submissions for Tullamore, as outlined below:

CDP/D/11 No change recommended

CDP/D/14 and CDP/D/121 No change recommended

CDP/D/54 No change recommended

CDP/D/79 No change recommended

CDP/D/89 No change recommended

CDPD/154 No change recommended

CDP/D/173 No change recommended

CDP/D/139 No change recommended

CDP/D/146 No change recommended

CDP/D/195 A discussion took place between the members with regard to zoning 3.3ha of Site A as new residential and it was agreed to discuss further and revisit in the afternoon.

CDP/D/169 and CDP/D/171 No change recommended.

CDP/D/58 OPW 5 sites flood zones changed draft zoning to Open space, no change recommended.

CDP/D/108 Tesco – open for consideration under current zoning, no change recommended

CDP/D101 Tullamore & District Chamber of Commerce – contrary to core strategy for town and county, no change recommended.

CDP/D/38 Tullamore Rugby Club – On the proposal of Cllr. T. McCormack, seconded by Cllr. S. O’Brien the members agreed to zone 1ha. approximately Open Space to Strategic Residential Reserve’ and to zone 1ha. approximately ‘Strategic Residential’ to Open Space. The members acknowledged the great services provided by the Tullamore Rugby Club to the community and acknowledged that the zoning will allow better access to their pitches, facilities and fits with better planning and H&S.

CDP/D/191 Cappincur On the proposal of Cllr. N. Feighery, seconded by Cllr. D. Harvey the members agreed to rezone Agricultural land to Enterprise and Employment

CDP/D/129 John Flanagan Developments Ltd. – The members discussed the submission and Cllr. T. McCormack highlighted that this site has viability and has proximity to hospital and town. He noted there will not be access to the by-pass and the balance of the site will have community and education potential. He acknowledged that the current owner has invested a lot of money developing the site and it meets with HSE approval. He outlined

	<p>the potential for a multi-story carpark, Community facility, proposed hospice, proposed health care facilities and opportunities to accommodate the elderly. Cllr. S. O'Brien, noted that this site would be sensitive to Thornsberry Estate, harbour walk and drive with the potential for accessible quality accommodation and a new nursing home complex. Mr. S. Duclot expressed concerns regarding the future expansion of the hospital but clarified to the members that if a motion is passed it will go for further public consultation and the map will be amended. On the proposal of Cllr. T. McCormack, seconded by Cllr. S. O'Brien the members agreed to zone 4ha as New Residential.</p> <p>Miscellaneous amendment (ah) – strategic indicative relief / distributor roads mapped which were included in town environs plan Pg. 596 predominantly covered in Tullamore Town and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016 as extended.</p>
<p>CORE RETAIL AREA</p>	<p>Ms. L. Mitchell provided the members with a presentation on submissions relating to the Core Retail Area. She advised the members that the Retail Planning Guidelines (2012) define retail areas as <i>'that part of a town centre which is primarily devoted to shopping'</i> and the core retail area in Tullamore contains the primary retail streets of the centre where the main concentration of retail activity takes place. The Chief Executive does not recommend changing the boundary of the core retail area. It is recommended to insert the following into chapter 7 of the plan as follows for clarity purposes:</p> <p><i>Core retail areas contain the primary retail streets of a centre where the main concentration of retail activity takes place.</i></p> <p>Ms. L. Mitchell notes that extending the core area would not facilitate a sequential approach to retail development. The advantages of a sequential approach to retail development and the keeping of the Core Retail Area as per the draft Plan are that prospective applicants have to examine town centre sites first, including vacant/derelict properties to ascertain whether they are suitable, available and viable to accommodate retail development, and if none are identified edge of centre sites are considered. Another benefit of a sequential approach to retail development and the keeping of the Core Retail Area as per the draft Plan is in the interests of improving the vitality and viability and footfall of the town centre, which is in line with the Town Centre First Approach in the Programme of Government. Ms. L. Mitchell informed the members that a disadvantage of extending out the core retail area would be that it would encourage the movement of existing retail units out of the town centre therefore causing a 'hallowing' effect on the town centre resulting in more vacant and derelict buildings.</p>

	<p>In response Cllr. T. McCormack pointed out that large sites are not available in the town centre for large scale retailers, there is a need to increase the footfall to Tullamore and the amended core includes a site that is ready to be developed. The members agreed that the town needs investment and local retailers will benefit from increased footfall attracted to the town by larger retailers. Cllr. K. Smollen pointed out that a number of derelict sites within the town should be investigated.</p> <p>Cllr. N. Feighery, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll proposed to accept the Chief Executive recommendation to maintain the core retail area to the primary retail streets where the main concentration of retail activity takes place.</p> <p>A roll was called on Cllr. N. Feighery proposal In favour: Cllrs. J Carroll, J Clennedden, N. Cribbin, N. Feighery, M. Hackett and L. Quinn</p> <p>Against: Cllrs. Claffey, Dooley, Fitz, Foley, Harvey, Leahy, McCormack, McDermott, Moran, O'Brien, Ormond, Owens, Smollen</p> <p>A roll was called on the proposal of Cllr. T. McCormack, seconded by Cllr. S. O'Brien to extend the core retail area.</p> <p>In favour: Cllrs. C. Claffey, E. Dooley, E. Fitzpatrick, J. Foley, D. Harvey, J. Leahy, T. McCormack, R. McDermott, F. Moran, S. O'Brien, P. Ormond, D. Owens and K. Smollen</p> <p>This motion was carried.</p> <p>CPD/D/195 Ballydrohid and Srah Townlands - On the proposal of Cllr. N. Feighery, seconded by Cllr. D. Owens to re-zone Site A to new residential.</p>
<p>SRÁIDS</p>	<p>Mr. J. Egan outlined the submissions in relation to the boundaries of Sráids:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDP/D/148 new sraid no change • Blueball CDP/D/17 Motion supported by all members. On the proposal of Cllr. D. Owens, seconded by Cllr. N. Feighery the members agreed to reconfigure the development boundary of the Sráid. • CDP/D/137 no change Cllr. D. Owens noted the site access issue • Cadamstown CDP/D/77 On the proposal of Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. E. Dooley the members agreed to include a 0.22ha site within the Sráid boundary • Killina CDP/D/62 On the proposal of Cllr. N. Feighery, seconded by Cllr. D. Owens the members agreed that the

	<p>development boundary on the Killina Sráid Plan be extended to the south east to include additional land associated with the former Convent site as recommended by the CE in the CE Report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rahan CDP/D/28 – Monastic Site to be included within the boundary of the settlement. No change to CE recommendation. • CDP/D/61 On the proposal of Cllr. D. Harvey, seconded by Cllr. T. McCormack the members agreed that Rahan be designated a Village rather than a Sráid • Roscomroe CDP/D/6 no change.
<p>OTHER ITEMS RAISED BY OPR AND EMRA</p>	<p>Ms. L. Mitchell outlined other items raised by OPR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructural assessment report to bring in line with NPF sets out status of infrastructure and proposals for improvements pg. 478-483 will accompany with maps, for all settlements • Pg. 451 para proposed on sequential development. • Provide additional policies for smaller towns and village (pages 446, 453, 454, 455) • Densities on low side, bring up or justify pg. 456-459 strong case to maintain • Provision of modal shift to decrease greenhouse gas emissions. Modal shift table in Appendix 1 (pages 462-473), modal shift policies and objectives on page 426, summary of modal split baseline figures for the county and towns (pt. (b) pages 425 to 436). • Wind energy related items to be addressed in separate presentation. <p>EMRA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clarity on the occupancy rate • Justification for Birr as self-sustaining growth town and Edenderry and Portarlinton as self-sustaining towns • Economic Profile of county • Retail strategy waiting on strategy • Infrastructure assessment report
<p>CONCLUSION</p>	<p>Mr. S Duclot thanked the members for their constructive input.</p> <p>Ms. A. Delaney, Chief Executive informed the members the next County Development Plan meeting will address the issues below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Energy 2. Record of Protected Structures 3. Transport 4. Miscellaneous Changes

	She advised the members the statutory date to amend the plan is 1 st June, then the material alteration will be made available to the public for their submissions by 16 th July and a CE report will then be provided to the members at the September meeting.
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This concluded the business of the meeting.

MINUTES CONFIRMED: _____
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18th October 2021