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**MINUTES OF CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT
ON THE PROPOSED MATERIAL ALTERATIONS TO THE
DRAFT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN MEETING
OF OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 10.00AM**

PRESENT:	Cllr. J. Carroll, Cathaoirleach (R), Cllrs. C. Claffey (R), J. 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); 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. Condrón, E.P., Mr. D. Meehan, E.P and Ms. L. Carbery, C.O. (R)
PERCUNIARY STATEMENT	<p>Mr. E. Fennell, S.E.O brought the members attention to Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended. He advised the members that 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	Mr. S. Duclot advised the members that there is no further public consultation and he highlighted Section 12(10) (c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) noting it does

<p>EXECUTIVES REPORT</p>	<p>not allow for a further modification to a material alteration that is not minor in nature.</p>
<p>OPR SUBMISSION</p>	<p>Ms. L. Mitchell provided the members with a detailed presentation on the OPR submission. She noted the OPR are satisfied with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The material alterations are generally consistent with the NPF and RSES • Sustainable Transport Strategy (Chapter 8 of Volume 1) • Provision of housing yield on mixed use lands • The growth allocations across the settlement hierarchy • Core Strategy Table is transparent as it shows the quantum of new residential zoned land required and the quantum of actual zoned new residential land • Provision of baseline data on modal share • Sensible car parking standards • Omission of the 2km separation distance between wind turbines and settlements <p>Ms. L. Mitchell highlighted that the OPR are also satisfied that a number of proposed material alterations including additional new residential zonings for villages which are not necessary to meet the core strategy targets. The OPR accepts the material alterations in the interests of flexibility of choice, however the OPR states that it will be important that, in monitoring residential development, the planning authority ensures that the level of housing permitted in any one village is not disproportionate and that the housing target for the Village tier is not exceeded.</p> <p>She advised the members that the OPR welcomes the re-designation of Daingean, Ferbane and Kilcormac as Smaller Towns.</p> <p>Ms. L. Mitchell outlined the previous OPR submission made on the draft Plan September 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The OPR had sought a change to the rural housing policy whereby villages would be included in the Rural Area with reference to rural housing policy. The planning authority made the case that villages should be included as part of the rural area as regards such assessment. The OPR has accepted this, as it was not raised in their latest submission. - The OPR had questioned how the zoning proposals will result in development of land taking place on a phased sequential basis. The OPR has accepted the CE response in the CE Report March 2021, and the proposed material

alteration that makes further provision for sequential growth (MA26) as it was not raised in their latest submission.

- The OPR had questioned the range of occupancy rates. The OPR has accepted the CE response in the CE Report March 2021, as it was not raised in their latest submission.
- The OPR had sought an Infrastructural Assessment Report (IAR). The OPR has accepted the CE response in the CE Report March 2021, and the proposed material alteration that includes an IAR (MA260), as it was not raised in their latest submission.

She highlighted Material Alteration **MA24** noting that the OPR welcomes proposed material alteration MA24 (page 19 of Material Alterations that went on display) which concerned a change to Objective CSO-02 which read as follows:

CSO-02 It is an objective of the Council to zone an appropriate amount of lands within the settlement areas to accommodate the projected population growth as set out in the Core Strategy, including the undertaking of variations or reviews of Portarlinton Joint Local Area Plan and Edenderry Local Area Plan during the plan period of the County Development Plan 2021-2027 if required, to ensure consistency with the provisions of the Core Strategy. The amendments were in response to the Laois Co. Co. submission (ref CDP/D/82) and OPR submission (ref CDP/D/172) received at draft stage.

She pointed out that, the OPR in their recent subsequent submission (ref CDP/MA/994, page 154) seeks a further amendment to the above proposed material alteration, in order to tie it to legislation. The proposed amendment is as follows:

CSO-02 It is an objective of the Council to zone an appropriate amount of lands within the settlement areas to accommodate the projected population growth as set out in the Core Strategy, including the undertaking of variations or reviews of Portarlinton Joint Local Area Plan and Edenderry Local Area Plan which will be prioritised in view of legislation requirements to ensure consistency with the provisions of the Core Strategy.

She advised the members that the planning authority is required to notify the OPR within 5 working days of the decision of the planning authority in relation to the draft Plan. Where the authority decided not to comply with the recommendations of the OPR, or otherwise makes the plan in such a manner as to be inconsistent with the recommendations made by the OPR, then the Chief Executive must inform the OPR and give reasons for this decision.

	<p>She advised the members that Section 12(11) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) states that in making the development plan, the members shall be restricted to considering the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development plan relates, the statutory obligations of any local authority in the area and any relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or any Minister of the Government.</p> <p>She also noted that EMRA did not make a submission so it is taken that they are satisfied.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Leahy joined with the members in thanking the management for listening to views of members and incorporating more flexibility and housing options in the plan and welcomed the near complete acceptance by OPR, noting it was a great process.</p>
<p>4 SETTLEMENTS</p>	<p>Mr. J. Condrón advised the members on MA416 – protected structure, Rosslyn, Clara, that a submission was received, Ref. CDP/MA/ 422 which requested that the property not be placed on the Record of Protected Structures with the following points made;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns that the value of the property may be impacted by the protected structure status; • Concerns that protected structure status will prevent regular maintenance to the subject property and the attached property; • notes discrepancies in the description of the property as it appears in the 2004 record in the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) <p>He informed the members that the Chief Executive’s response states that financial assistance is provided to assist with the conservation and restoration of protected structures through the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) and Historic Structures Fund and that items of routine repair and replacement may be carried out on protected structures using ‘like-with-like’, without the need for planning permission.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. F. Moran, seconded by Cllr. K. Smollen the members resolved to adopt the Chief Executive’s recommendation that the property is included on the Record of Protected Structures, with minor amendment to the description as follows (and the DoHLGH be notified);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Semi-detached four-bay single-storey house, built c.1880, with later extension and porch to front. • Set back from road.

- Shallow segmental felt roof with rendered chimneystacks with terracotta pots.
- Rendered walls with timber eaves boards.
- Replacement uPVC windows with painted sills.
- Square-headed door opening with replacement uPVC door.
- Site bounded to front by rendered plinth wall and gates.”

Mr. J. Condrón brought the members attention to **MA299** and the OPR request for removal of New Residential zoning at New Road/Erryarmstrong, Clara. The OPR submission stated that proposed amendment MA299 inserts an additional zoning for New Residential at the southern end of the village which is inconsistent with the core strategy. It will also expand the settlement boundary in a piecemeal manner that will not contribute to the development of a compact settlement as per NSO 1 and the SO 2”.

He sought a proposer for the Chief Executive’s recommendation that this site, which was proposed for a ‘New Residential’ zoning under MA299, not be zoned and the development boundary of Clara be amended to exclude the subject site.

Cllr. F. Moran proposed not to go with the Chief Executive’s recommendation and retain New Residential zoning at New Road/Erryarmstrong, Clara

This was seconded by Cllr. N. Feighery

A vote was called for Cllr. F. Moran’s proposal:

For: Cllrs. J. Carroll, C. Claffey, J. Clendennen, N. Cribbin, E. Dooley, N. Feighery, E. Fitzpatrick, J. Foley, M. Hackett, D. Harvey, J. Leahy, T. McCormack, F. Moran, S. O’Brien, P. Ormond, D. Owens, L. Quinn, K. Smollen

Absent: Cllr. R. McDermott

The motion was carried.

Mr. J. Condrón provided the members with details of **MA330**, New Residential zoning at Ballyvora, Ferbane. The OPR requests in their submission the removal of the New Residential zoning proposed under Material Alteration MA330 for Ferbane which it considers to be inconsistent with compact growth and sequential development, in addition to the potential to affect Ferbane Bog SAC. It states that any proposal for development of these lands must demonstrate that it will not affect the nearby Ferbane Bog SAC, including as a result of changes to drainage patterns.

Mr. J. Condrón noted that permission has recently been granted (20/08/21) by the Council for 17 dwellings under planning application 21/396 on a significant portion of the subject site. A screening exercise for an appropriate assessment was carried out as part of the planning application which deemed that the development is unlikely to have significant effects on any European sites.

Cllr. E. Dooley proposed to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation that the zoning of the site in accordance with MA330 (New Residential) and the insertion of following objective into the Ferbane Town Plan; BLO-07: "Any proposal for development at these lands must demonstrate that it will not affect the nearby Ferbane Bog SAC, including as a result of changes to drainage patterns"

This was seconded by Cllr. J. Leahy.

A vote was called for Cllr. E. Dooley's proposal:

For: Cllr. J. Carroll, C. Claffey, J. Clendennen, N. Cribbin, E. Dooley, N. Feighery, E. Fitzpatrick, J. Foley, M. Hackett, D. Harvey, J. Leahy, T. McCormack, R. McDermott, F. Moran, S. O'Brien, P. Ormond, D. Owens, L. Quinn, K. Smollen

The motion was carried.

Mr. D. Meehan brought the members attention to submission CDP/MA994 by the OPR, noting, this submission refers to Proposed Material Alteration Ref. MA277, which proposed to extend the development boundary to the southeast of Crinkill Village and to zone the land accordingly, which includes the existing 'An Corrán' and 'Southgate' housing estates. The OPR request that having regard to the national and regional strategic outcomes for compact growth (NSO 1 and RSO 2), the planning authority is requested to remove proposed material alteration MA277 which extends the southern boundary for Crinkill.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. P. Ormond the members resolved to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation, that as requested by the OPR, remove the proposed zonings in Crinkill which were subject to Proposed Material Alteration Ref. MA277. Accordingly, the land should appear in the Plan as shown in the draft Plan.

Mr. D. Meehan outlined MA264, that in response to MA19 (revised Core Strategy), the OPR requests the removal of either of the New Residential zonings under proposed material alteration MA264 or proposed material alteration MA265 for Tullamore, or both if proposed material alteration MA267 is not

retained, to ensure greater consistency with the core strategy requirements. He advised the members that MA264 is 4.2ha of land adjacent to the Railway and Grand Canal, MA265 is 4ha of land adjoining the Midlands Regional Hospital and MA267 is 3.8ha part of former Quarry site at Srah.

He informed the members that the Chief Executive's recommendation is:

- MA267 (Quarry Site at Srah) - From New Residential in the draft plan to a split between Industrial and Warehousing and also Community Services Facilities zonings as per the previous CE Report March 2021 (page 484).
- In order to address the OPR's request to remove the New Residential zoning proposals from either MA264 (4.2 hectares) or MA265 (Adjoining hospital site, 4 hectares), to recommend:
 - (1) the removal of the New Residential zoning from the site the subject of MA265 – (Site adjoining Hospital) and
 - (2) to retain the zoning as New Residential of MA264 (Site in Srah adjoining Railway)

He noted that a 'notice of decision to grant permission' was issued on 15th July 2021 on an adjoining 10-acre site called 'Wellwood Health Park' for a 244-bed nursing home, rehabilitation and convalescence unit. It is considered that the site of MA265 is strategic and compatible with the hospital as a community services facilities zoning and lends itself for a use that would have synergies with the hospital and permitted Wellwood Health Park, and accordingly MA265 should not be implemented. In conclusion, it is recommended that MA267 and MA264 should be implemented but that MA265 should not be implemented.

He advised the members that the site of **MA265** should be zoned in accordance with the Draft Plan as Community Services/Facilities.

Mr. D. Meehan outlined Submission **CDP/MA420**, referring to Proposed Material Alteration **MA265**, which amends zoning of 4ha. of Community Services/ Facilities zoning to New Residential, on a site adjoining the Midlands Regional Hospital Tullamore. This submission objects to the New Residential Zoning change under MA265;

- Highlights the importance of Health Sector as an employer in Offaly & Tullamore
- Strategic Nature of the site for Hospital / Health care expansion
- Third Level Education possibilities

- Other more suitable sites for residential are available elsewhere

He also noted that Submission Ref. CDP/MA/342 (also relates in part to MA265) states that there is no justification for this zoning as 'New Residential'

- Constraints on Irish Water Network
- Over concentration of development North of Tullamore
- Need for transport-led Planning

The Chief Executive's recommendation is that lands subject to MA265 to revert to Community Services / Facilities as addressed under by OPR submission.

Cllr. T. McCormack proposed to retain New Residential zoning for MA267 and MA265 and for the site adjacent to the hospital, he outlined the advantages such as providing much needed housing, the developer is ready to go, it is sequential to other developments, HSE no objections, it is surrounded by existing facilities, Irish Water have a pre connection agreement in place and access is available via the roundabout. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. S. O'Brien.

Cllr. N. Feighery proposed to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation for MA267 from New Residential in the draft plan to a split between Industrial and Warehousing and also Community Services Facilities zonings as per the previous CE Report. Seconded by Cllr. L. Quinn.

Cllr. N. Feighery proposed to retain New Residential for MA264 site adjacent to Railway and Grand Canal and MA265 site adjoining Midlands Hospital. This was seconded by Cllr. L. Quinn.

The members voted on the motions and the result of the vote:

Vote to retain MA264 and MA265 as new residential

For: Cllrs. J Clennedennen, N. Cribbin, N. Feighery, L. Quinn

Against: Cllrs. J Carroll, C. Claffey, E. Dooley, E. Fitzpatrick, J. Foley, M. Hackett, D. Harvey, J. Leahy, T. McCormack, R. McDermott, F. Moran, S. O'Brien, P. Ormond, D. Owens, K. Smollen

The motion was defeated.

Vote to remove New Residential for MA264 and retain New Residential for MA265

Against: Cllr. J Carroll

For: Cllrs. C. Claffey, J. Clendennen, N. Cribbin, E. Dooley, N. Feighery, E. Fitzpatrick, J. Foley, M. Hackett, D. Harvey, J. Leahy, T. McCormack, R. McDermott, F. Moran, S. O'Brien, P. Ormond, D. Owens, L. Quinn, K. Smollen

The motion was carried.

Mr. D. Meehan updated the members on **MA274** to amend the core retail area in Tullamore. The submission CDP/MA/720 requested that:

- CRA should not include lands at Riverside (Eastern tip of CRA)
- CRA should include full site of planning Site- Pl. Ref.19/96
- CRA should also include Dunne's Stores and Lidl store.

The OPR submission CDP/MA/994 stated that the planning authority is required to remove proposed material alteration MA274 extending the core retail area boundary for Tullamore as it is not supported by the required evidence-based approach, is considered to be inconsistent with the existing form and pattern of retail and services in the town, and has the potential to undermine the vitality and vibrancy of the existing town centre. References - Retail Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2012).

Mr. D. Meehan noted that permission Pl. Ref. 19/96 was granted on this site in May 2021, for a comprehensive retail development and that the Chief Executive's recommendation is to revert to the original Core Retail Area boundary as per the Draft Plan.

Cllr. T. McCormack proposed to retain **MA274**, noting that it is supported by 95% of retailers. This was seconded by Cllr. S. O'Brien pointing out that full planning permission had been given by An Bord Pleanala.

Cllr. N. Feighery proposed to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation, this was seconded by Cllr. L. Quinn.

The members voted on the motion to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation and revert to the original core retail area in the draft plan.

For: Cllrs. J. Carroll, J. Clendennen, N. Cribbin, N. Feighery, M. Hackett, L. Quinn

Against: 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, K. Smollen
The motion was defeated.

The members voted on the proposal to retain MA274 to extend the core retail area.

For: 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, K. Smollen

Against: Cllrs. J. Carroll, J. Clendennen, N. Cribbin, N. Feighery, M. Hackett, L. Quinn

The Motion was carried.

Mr. D. Meehan advised the members on **MA268** which amends Enterprise and Employment zoning at Cloncollig to Open Space, Amenity and Recreation. The submission objects to the rezoning under MA268 on the lands subject to Pl. Ref. 18 535. Mr. D. Meehan noted that following consultation with CAAS, the part of the subject site which is located within Flood Zone B can be zoned for Enterprise and Employment as it allows for non-vulnerable uses.

On the proposal of Cllr. F. Moran, seconded by Cllr. D. Harvey the members resolved to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation to amend Zoning of the area outlined in red in the map provided to them to Enterprise and Employment to reflect the Flood Zone B boundary at this location.

Mr. D. Meehan brought the members attention to a further minor modification.

On the proposal of Cllr. S. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. K. Smollen, the members agreed that new Permissible/Open for Consideration uses under "Enterprise and Employment" in Flood Zone A or B shall be limited to less-vulnerable and/or water compatible uses (as per the Flood Risk Management Guidelines). This requirement will take primacy over any related provision relating to the land use zoning matrix.

Mr. D. Meehan informed the members on the submission from TII relating to **MA266** stating:

- Section 2.7 of the Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DoECLG, 2012) advise that planning authorities must exercise particular care in their

assessment of development/local area plan proposals relating to the development objectives and/or zoning of locations at or close to interchanges/junction on national roads.

- ‘Not supported by the required evidence base and planned approach’ required by Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines’

Mr. Meehan stated that the change of use from Business or Technology Park to Enterprise and Employment is unlikely to generate a greater impact on the N52/L2025 roundabout junction. It is noted that TII made no submission on the lands at draft plan stage when the lands were proposed to be zoned as Business or Technology Park use. The lands are currently zoned in the Tullamore Town and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016 as extended as Industrial. A proposal would be assessed at planning application stage and referred to the relevant prescribed authorities. The CE Report recommended implementing the proposed material alteration.

Cllr. F. Moran sought clarity as this was not previously discussed. Ms. L. Mitchell responded that the submission previously was brought by landowner at draft stage and TII had not sent in a submission at that time.

On the proposal of Cllr. F. Moran, seconded Cllr. K. Smollen the members agreed to the Chief Executive’s recommendation that lands subject to **MA266** to remain zoned as Enterprise and Employment.

Mr. D. Meehan brought the members attention to the OPR submission in regard to **MA263** to revert to un-zoned lands, stating that:

The proposed amendment MA263 provides for an additional area of 3.65ha for ‘Enterprise and Employment’ zoning to the east of Tullamore, outside (east of) the N52 and the junction with L2025.

According to the OPR submission, ‘The draft Plan, however, already includes extensive zonings for Employment and Enterprise, Industry and Warehousing (including 6.86ha zoned for the expansion of the adjacent Cappincur Industrial Estate) and ‘Business / Technology’, in addition to two Strategic Employment Zones. The Office is satisfied that these areas provide a substantial choice of locations for employment uses commensurate with Tullamore’s role as a major employment centre.

The peripheral location of the land outside of the Bypass is also remote from the existing built-up area of the town and would result in car dependent development that is not consistent with a sequential approach to development, resulting in unnecessary sprawl on the edge of the town inconsistent with National Strategic Outcome 1 for compact growth’.

He outlined a second submission from TII with regard to **MA263** to revert to un-zoned lands stating that the proposed material alteration is:

Not supported by the required evidence base and plan-led approach required by Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines on Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DoECLG., 2012).

He advised the members the Chief Executive’s recommendation is that lands subject to MA263 to revert to unzoned Lands as requested by OPR and TII submissions.

Cllr. T. McCormack proposed to retain zoning as Enterprise and Employment as new infrastructure has been put in place at the site across the road and Irish Water are planning developing land they have purchased ~~land~~ there. He also stated that no small units are currently available in Tullamore and these lands are ideally located. This was seconded by Cllr. D. Owens.

Vote to retain zoning as Enterprise and Employment at MA263:

Cllrs. J. Carroll, C. Claffey, E. Dooley, E. Fitzpatrick, J. Foley, M. Hackett, D. Harvey, J. Leahy, T. McCormack, F. Moran, S. O’Brien, P. Ormond, D. Owens, L. Quinn K. Smollen

Against:

Abstain: Cllr. J. Clendennen

Absent: Cllrs. N. Cribbin, N. Feighery, R. McDermott

The Motion was carried.

Mr. D. Meehan advised the members on submission with regard to **MA12**, **MA273**, **MA260** and **MA232**, stating that the submission:

- a) Highlights Planning Chronology in relation to lands at Clonminch Road, Co. Offaly (Submission Ref. CDP/D/89 made at draft Plan consultation stage) Strategic Housing Development (SHD) planning

	<p>application for 358 no. residential units, childcare facility, neighbourhood centre - An Bord Pleanála (ABP -307832-20).</p> <p>b) Queries a Procedural Issue</p> <p>c) The necessity for a Material Alteration at Clonminch - Requests a 'New Residential' Zoning</p> <p>i. MA12 (reference to section 28 Guidelines: Housing Supply Target Methodology for Development Planning 2020) and MA19 (revised core strategy)</p> <p>ii. MA273: Draft Tullamore Town Plan Map</p> <p>iii. MA260 Infrastructural Assessment (Offaly)</p> <p>iv. MA260 Infrastructural Assessment (Tullamore)</p> <p>v. MA232 and MA19- Density</p> <p>He noted the Chief Executive's response that at the assessment stage for the subject site, the following considerations were taken in to account (as addressed in the CE report for the Draft Stage) in the context of the Core Strategy allocations for Tullamore;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peripheral nature of the site & potential for leapfrogging • Application of Sequential Approach • level of infrastructural investment required in southern part of Tullamore • Requirement to comply with NSO 1 for Compact Growth. <p>He also pointed out it is also noteworthy that the OPR have in their submission to the Material Alterations process called for a reduction in the overall area of New Residential zoning for Tullamore. This site was not subject to a proposed Material Alteration, no change to zoning at this location and no vote required.</p>
<p>MODAL SHARE</p>	<p>Mr. D. Meehan brought the members attention to Modal Share, defined as the share of people using a particular mode of transport (including cycling and walking).</p> <p>He outlined the OPR submission:</p> <p>The OPR strongly commends the planning authority for the extensive work in preparing the proposed amendments MA180 through to MA210, which provide a clear strategic basis for the development of all transport modes over the plan period, noting the introduction of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (MA183) baseline data for the county on modal share, • (MA194) allows for a reduction car parking standards in town centres, • (MA204) amending SMAO-02 to prepare Local Transport Plans (LTPs) in accordance with Area Based Transport Assessment Guidance of the NTA and TII and to supports consideration of LTPs for Birr, Edenderry

and Portarlington in addition to the Key Town of Tullamore,

- (MA205) includes an objective to specify baseline and target modal share for new/amended LAPs.

However, the planning authority is encouraged to set realistic targets for modal share for the end of the Plan period in consultation with the NTA.

The planning authority is to consider including reference to the implementation of the Avoid-Shift-Improve (A-S-I) framework through the development plan, which may provide some additional direction to the planning authority to achieving more sustainable modal share targets.

The NTA Submission:

The NTA welcomes Proposed Material Alteration MA189, which relates to a new policy that promotes a modal shift away from the car, and also welcomes Proposed Material Alteration MA206, which relates to the insertion of the text which seeks to set modal share targets within the County.

The NTA submission suggests, in accordance with the request by the OPR, that mode share targets at a County level could be set as part of the making of this Development Plan.

He informed the members on the Chief Executive's response:

- Discussions held with the National Transport Authority (NTA)
- Time constraints with carrying out an evidence based response to establishing modal share targets
- On agreement with the NTA, it is recommended that proposed Material Alteration MA206 be amended to address the concerns of the OPR. Amendment set out below:

The Proposed Material Alteration MA206:

It is an objective of the Council to set modal share targets within the county in cooperation with NTA, CARO, EMRA and other relevant stakeholders and in accordance with any relevant Guidelines that may come into effect.

Recommended further amendment to MA206

It is an objective of the Council **to improve the baseline modal share figures for the county that are set out in this Development Plan, in particular a reduction in the percentage usage of the car which shall be informed by measures set out in Appendix 1 of this Development Plan including the improvement of rural accessibility through rural transport systems, improvements in inter-settlement**

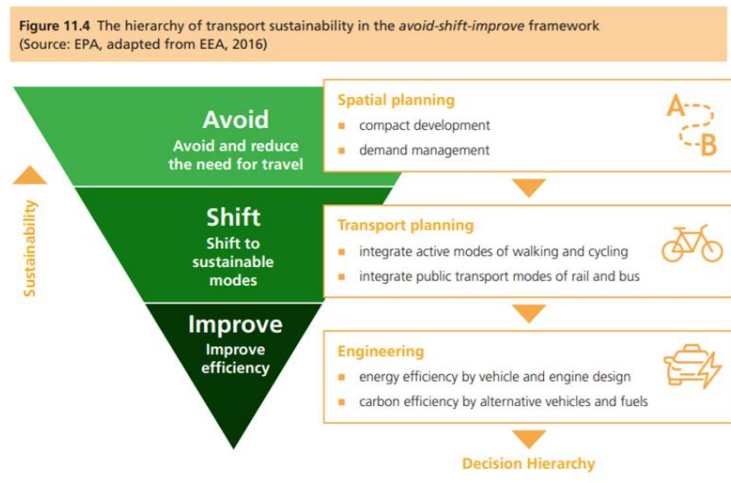
and intra- settlement accessibility and improvements advocated by Local Transport Plans, all in conjunction with setting modal share targets within the county in cooperation with NTA, CARO, EMRA and other relevant stakeholders and in accordance with any relevant Guidelines that may come into effect.

He advised the members that the concept Avoid-Shift-Improve framework refers to the need to increase efficiency of the transport system by reducing both the need to travel and by reducing trip lengths, the need to shift from use of the private car to sustainable transport modes (particularly walking and cycling), and the need to improve energy efficiency of transport modes and enhance the attractiveness of public transport.

The CE recommends referring to the phrase ‘avoid – shift – improve’ in the Plan by inserting the amended text and diagram into Proposed Material Alteration MA183:

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Hackett, seconded by Cllr. T. McCormack the members resolved to accept the amendment:

The Council will, in improving the modal share shift away from the car, exercise an Avoid – Shift – Improve framework as set out in the EPA document titled ‘Ireland’s Environment - An Integrated Assessment 2020’ detailing the hierarchy of transport sustainability in the avoid-shift-improve framework.



Cllr. P. Ormond queried if this could be reviewed and Mr. S. Duclot agreed it can be reviewed in 2-3 years’ time.

WILDERNESS CORRIDORS	Mr. J. Condrón recapped the wording of the new Wilderness Corridor as proposed under MA113;
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“It is an objective of the Council to work with stakeholders such as Bord na Móna, Coillte, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Waterways Ireland and Just Transition related groups to examine the feasibility of developing a Wilderness Corridor on rehabilitated peatlands linked to routes identified in Figure 6.14 ‘Midlands Cycling Destination, Offaly Network Map at;

- (i) Cavemount, Esker, Ballycon, Derrycricket, Clonsast North, Clonsast and Derrycastle Bogs in East Offaly; and
- (ii) Blackwater, Ballaghurt and Belmont Bogs in West Offaly, from Clonmacnoise in the direction of Belmont village in West Offaly.”

Bord na Móna stated in their submission, Ref. No. CDP/MA/997 in relation to **MA65, MA88, MA113, MA256** that the Definition of WC used originates from European Technical Report relating to Natura 2000 sites and is not applicable to the lands identified in the Draft Plan as none of those areas are within the Natura 2000 network.

The Chief Executive’s response in the CE Report is that it is proposed to replace the definition of WC from Natura 2000 European Commission Technical Report 2013-069 with the following;

“The Council envisages that Wilderness Corridors will be large areas that are;

- characterised by an absence of intrusive human activity, settlements, infrastructure or visual disturbance encouraging visitors to ‘go off the beaten track’, ‘to get away from it all’ and ‘to immerse themselves in nature’;
- composed of natural habitats and species and regenerated peatlands;
- located close to major tourist attractions such as Clonmacnoise, the River Shannon and the Grand Canal Greenway which provide opportunities to develop a network of interlinked ‘peatways’ by reusing existing turbary access tracks and bog railway lines along with routes of this nature.” (p. 69 of CE Report)

Bord na Móna also stated in their submission in regard to **MA65, MA88, MA113, MA256** that the inclusion of this objective is premature, inappropriate and unwarranted, as the proposed Wilderness Corridor concept has not gone through a feasibility study stage, and has not been delineated or detailed in any form.

The Chief Executive’s response in this regard is that the wording of Objective BLO-26 provides for all stakeholders (with specific mention made to Bord na Móna) and related groups to examine the feasibility of developing a Wilderness Corridor on rehabilitated peatlands. It is envisaged that through these discussions that the constituent elements of each wilderness

	<p>corridor and their boundaries of proposed wilderness areas will be developed and agreed upon during the plan period (p. 69 of CE Report)</p> <p>Bord na Móna stated in their submission in regard to MA435 and MA437 that they provide an unknown and unquantifiable constraint to windfarm development and potential to conflict with the implementation of the proposed Midland Cycling Destination routes prior to the feasibility and location being decided.</p> <p>The Chief Executive’s response in this regard is the Draft Plan already allows for a significant part of the county (including peatland areas) to be Open for Consideration for Wind Energy Development in addition to policies and objectives supporting renewable energy in appropriate locations. It is considered that the Wilderness Corridor concept supports objective CAEO-02 in Chapter 3 Climate Action and Energy to achieve a <u>reasonable balance</u> between responding to government policy on renewable energy and in enabling the wind energy resources of the county to be harnessed in an environmentally sustainable manner.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. D. Owens, seconded by Cllr. M. Hackett the members agreed to the Chief Executives response to the submission.</p> <p>Cllr. D. Owens joined with the members in welcoming the Wilderness Corridors, featuring for the first time in the County Development Plan. He noted that it will include all stakeholders and he hoped it will add to Offaly’s tourism sector. He thanked the Chief Executive and planning staff for pursuing this initiative, noting it will bear fruit over coming years as Wilderness Corridors.</p> <p>Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick queried if more areas could be included. In response Mr. A. Murray confirmed that would be a material change and cannot be done at this stage.</p>
<p>COUNTY RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGETS</p>	<p>Mr. J. Condrón brought the members attention to the OPR submission in relation to MA50, MA76, MA 430 stating that:</p> <p>The OPR requires the planning authority in accordance with the Specific Planning Policy Requirement for the Interim Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Statutory Plans, Renewable Energy and Climate Change (2017) to indicate how the Development Plan will contribute to realising overall national targets (under the Climate Action Plan 2019) on renewable energy and climate change mitigation, and in particular wind energy production and the potential wind energy resource (in megawatts).”</p>

The Chief Executive's response is that it is proposed to include in Section 3.2 'Renewable Energy' of Chapter 3 Climate Action and Energy of the Draft Plan; "In accordance with the Specific Planning Policy Requirement for the Interim Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Statutory Plans, Renewable Energy and Climate Change (2017), Table X demonstrates County Offaly's contribution to realising overall national targets (under the Climate Action Plan 2019) on renewable energy and climate change mitigation, and in particular wind energy production and the potential wind energy resource (in megawatts) during the Development Plan period. In setting these targets, the Council has had regard to wind farm and solar farm developments, permitted and undeveloped as well as those under construction, which have the potential to be delivered in the plan period. In addition, Table X sets a target for battery storage for the plan period.

Wind Energy Target by end of Plan Period: 466.3 MW
Solar Energy Target by end of Plan Period: 145 MW
Battery Storage Target by end of Plan Period: 445 MW"

Cllr. S. O'Brien noted that Offaly County Council is making major contribution to wind energy and queried why more areas are being targeted. He sought confirmation that Leamonaghan is not included in this target.

Cllr. E. Dooley welcomed the request from OPR for targets, noting that other counties not playing their part.

Cllr. E. Dooley proposed the following motion after the proposed section on renewable energy targets:

These targets will be reviewed subsequent to the emergence of regional targets for wind and solar energy, and in doing so it will be of paramount importance to reflect on: 1. Co. Offaly's existing (operational) and committed contribution to Ireland's 2030 target for onshore wind energy development in relative terms, both within and outside of the region, and 2. The commitment of the industry to County Offaly in providing opportunities to replace jobs lost in the transition out of peat harvesting and electricity generation.

In this context it should be noted that if all of the areas designated as 'Open for Consideration' for windfarm development in County Offaly were to be developed, the overall contribution of County Offaly to national targets in this regard would far exceed any contribution which might reasonably be expected of any individual county. In working with key stakeholders on this matter, therefore, the Council will seek to ensure that the actual contribution of the county to wind generation targets is reasonable and proportionate to the contribution being made in

other areas of the country. This factor will also be taken into account by the Council when any individual application for permission for a windfarm development is being considered or when the Council is making a submission to An Bórd Pleanála in the context of an application for permission made under the Strategic Infrastructure Act. Such consideration may result in a particular application being opposed or on it's being scaled back to minimise the negative impact on the surrounding environment.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr. P. Ormond.

Mr. S. Duclot advised the members that proposal needs to be assessed to see if this is a minor or major alteration.

Mr. A. Murray confirmed that Leamonaghan is not included in targets, only operational windfarms up to 2027 are included.

The members agreed to recess for lunch and to allow the Chief Executive to assess Cllr. E. Dooley's proposal.

After recess a roll call was taken.

Mr. A. Murray advised the members that as there is no more public consultation and Cllr. E. Dooley's proposal, in particular the latter parts would represent a new policy and as such would not be a minor alteration. He informed the members that the first paragraph is considered a minor amendment and it reflects how Offaly County Council is progressing. He noted that paragraph 2 puts a focus on the commitment of the industry, putting onus on stakeholders but does not allow for a right to reply for the the stakeholders. He advised that the last paragraph, requiring taking into account actual contribution of the county to wind generation targets in individual applications, would effectively be a new policy and therefore a material change.

Mr. A. Murray provided the members with a potential amendment, following assessment of Cllr. E. Dooley's proposal:

These targets will be reviewed subsequent to the emergence of regional targets for wind and solar energy, and in doing so it will be of paramount importance to reflect on Co. Offaly's existing (operational) and committed contribution to Ireland's 2030 target for onshore wind energy development in relative terms, both within and outside of the region.

Cllr. E. Dooley reiterated that the plan must ensure wind farm development is proportionate for our county in relation to the national contribution. Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick highlighted the role

Offaly County Council has already played in the area of wind generation.

Cllr. L. Quinn pointed out that the amendment has been assessed by the Chief Executive and should be accepted as advised.

Mr. S. Duclot reminded the members that Cllr. E. Dooley's full statement could be considered in the future.

Mr. A. Murray also pointed out that the statement is now on the record and also that Offaly County Council policy since 2009 is to be open to renewable energy within a reasonable balance. He advised the members that the Rhode Green Energy Park is at a critical point following from ~~of~~ policies brought by Offaly County Council in taking a positive approach to renewable energy. He noted that looking to Dublin, electricity supply is becoming constrained and large consumers may need to re-locate and Offaly needs to be in a good position for the supply of electricity.

Mr. S. Duclot also pointed out that a lot of Just Transition policies are proposed in the draft Development Plan.

Cllr. E Dooley proposed to remove **MA50** and **MA76** (because they are superseded by the targets proposed in the CE's report) and to include paragraph 1 of his proposal and Chief Executive's amendment:

Paragraph1:

These targets will be reviewed subsequent to the emergence of regional targets for wind and solar energy, and in doing so it will be of paramount importance to reflect on: 1. Co. Offaly's existing (operational) and committed contribution to Ireland's 2030 target for onshore wind energy development in relative terms, both within and outside of the region, and 2. The commitment of the industry to County Offaly in providing opportunities to replace jobs lost in the transition out of peat harvesting and electricity generation.

Cllr. M. Hackett proposed to accept the Chief Executive's proposed amendment to Cllr Dooleys motion:

These targets will be reviewed subsequent to the emergence of regional targets for wind and solar energy, and in doing so it will be of paramount importance to reflect on Co. Offaly's existing (operational) and committed contribution to Ireland's 2030 target for onshore wind energy development in relative terms, both within and outside of the region.

This was seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll

	<p>A vote was called relating to the proposed amendment;</p> <p>For: Cllrs. J Carroll, C. Claffey, J. Clendennen, N. Cribbin, E. Dooley, E. Fitzpatrick, J. Foley, M. Hackett, D. Harvey, J. Leahy, T. McCormack, R. McDermott, F. Moran, S. O’Brien, P. Ormond, D. Owens, L. Quinn, K. Smollen.</p> <p>Against:</p> <p>Abstain: N. Feighery</p> <p>The Motion was carried.</p>
<p>LEMANAGHAN BOG</p>	<p>Cllrs. N. Feighery and J. Leahy declared conflict of interest and excluded themselves from this agenda item.</p> <p>Cllr. K. Smollen queried why Lemanaghan is being considered for wind energy development as Offaly County Council have met our Wind Farm commitments.</p> <p>Mr. J. Condrón brought the members attention to MA443 which related to an area 500 metres north of the disused railway line known locally as “The Banagher Line” and 700 metres in each direction from Lemanaghan/Pollagh junction east towards Ballycumber and west towards Ferbane around the Lemanaghan Monastic Site proposed to be excluded from the Area Open for Consideration for Wind Energy Development and advised that a list of names of those who made submissions is included in Appendix B.</p> <p>Mr J. Condrón outlined the submissions and the Chief Executive’s response:</p> <p><i>Submission Issue:</i> <i>Visual Impact of turbines on the general area/Lemanaghan Bogs designation as a Medium Sensitive Landscape Area in the Draft Plan</i></p> <p>C.E. Response The Wind Energy Guidelines 2006 state that the <u>designation</u> of an area for <u>protection of natural or built heritage</u> or as an amenity area <u>does not automatically preclude wind energy development.</u></p> <p>The impacts of any windfarm development would need be addressed in detail at project level.</p>

Submission Issue:

Impacts on archaeological sites on the bog, Slí Mór and the character of the monastic site. References to extracts from the Lemanaghan Conservation Plan.

C.E. Response

It is Council policy in the Draft Plan to support and promote the protection and appropriate management of all monastic sites in the county (BHP-42).

Submission Issue::

The 'protected zone' in the material alterations was created without a site survey and with no specialist archaeological or historical expertise.

C.E. Response

The **area proposed to be excluded** from the Area Open for Consideration for Wind Energy Development (under MA433) **contains the monastic site area** as shown on Figure 3 Site Map (page 19) and Figure 4 Geological Survey Map c.1840 (page 21) of the Lemanaghan Heritage Conservation Plan.

Submission Issue::

Noise, shadow flicker, vibration, health and safety impacts

C.E. Response

These issues are covered by **DMS 109** which requires **planning applications to address impacts on human health in relation to noise and shadow flicker disturbance** (including consistency with the World Health Organisations 2018 Environmental Noise Guidelines for the European Region) and the surrounding road network. There are Wind Energy Guidelines and draft revised guidelines which must be adhered to.

DMS 109 is not an exhaustive list - **other requirements may be considered.**

Neither the Wind Energy Guidelines 2006 nor the Draft Wind Energy Guidelines 2019 refer to radiation being a specific concern or ancillary impact of wind turbines.

Submission Issue::

Renewable energy is erratic and unreliable/there exists a lack of storage for energy generated

C.E. Response

The Draft Plan;

- **supports National Plans and policies** in relation to Climate Action and Renewable Energy through its range of policies and objectives.
- contains a specific policy, CAEP-03, to **promote the use of efficient energy storage systems** and infrastructure that **supports energy efficiency and reusable energy system optimization** while a **specific target for battery storage** by end of plan period is proposed for inclusion by Material Alteration in the CE Report in response to OPR submission.

Submission Issue::

Turbines in the area will be detrimental to wildlife, biodiversity and birds

C.E. Response:

All European Designated sites including Special Protection Areas (habitats designated under Birds Directive (79/409/EEC) as being habitats for bird species listed in Annex I of the Directive) **have been excluded** from ‘Areas Open for Consideration for Wind Energy Developments’ in the County Wind Energy Strategy.

The Draft Plan and its policies and objectives have been subject to an **Appropriate Assessment** which **did not identify any specific threats to protected birds or sites** as a result of the County Wind Energy Strategy.

Development Management Standard 109 in Chapter 13 of the Draft Plan outlines that planning applications for wind energy developments are required to **detail the impacts of the proposed development on nature conservation** (ecology, flora and fauna) including birds.

Range of policies and objectives contained in the Draft Plan related to **preservation of biodiversity and natural capital**.

Submission Issue::

Alternative uses for bog such as eco-tourism and carbon storage

C.E. Response

- Both **Policy CAEP-13** and **Objective RDO-05** in the Draft Plan recognise the potential of the industrial peatlands and associated infrastructure for a **range of after uses** such as amenity, tourism, biodiversity services, ‘wild areas’, flood management, climate mitigation, energy development, industry, education, conservation and many more.

- **Table 3.1** of the County Development Plan proposes a **number of specific actions and projects** relating to the creation and delivery of carbon sinks, afforestation and rewilding of peatlands.
- The Draft Plan requires planning applications for development on or immediately adjacent to peatlands shall be accompanied by assessments considering the following issues where relevant; peatland stability, hydrology, **carbon emissions balance** and ecological impact assessment (MA63).

Submission Issue::

The original description of Area 5 in the County Wind Energy Strategy in the Draft Plan was geographically completely incorrect – changing Area 5 description to ‘west of Doon’ and ‘north east’ of Ferbane at the final stage of public consultation is very unfair

C.E. Response:

This was a drafting error that was **corrected by Material Alteration MA436**. It should be noted that;

- **Lemanaghan Bog was included in the ‘Wind Energy Development Area’** in the County Wind Energy Strategy in both the **2009-15** and the **2014-20 County Development Plans**.
- It can be observed from following the **sequence of maps** in the sieve mapping analysis in the County Wind Energy Strategy in the Draft Plan that the subject area was under consideration whilst the **description of Area 5** made **reference to ‘Endrim Hill’, ‘Cor Hill’ as well as the townlands of ‘Clongawny’, ‘Clonlyon’ and ‘Castletown’**.

Mr. J. Condrón reminded that the Material Alteration **MA443** related to the removal of an area 500 metres north of the disused railway line known locally as “The Banagher Line” and 700 metres in each direction from Lemanaghan/Pollagh junction east towards Ballycumber and west towards Ferbane around the Lemanaghan Monastic Site from the Area Open for Consideration for Wind Energy Development.

Cllr. S. O’Brien highlighted the large volume of submissions of local, national and international significance, which show the interest and feelings of the public and that Offaly County Council has responsibility to represent the public. He questioned the legality in relation to the description, changed by the Material Alteration. He praised the local community for their work in maintaining the area over the years.

He proposed that all area 5 be removed from the description as area open for wind energy development.

This was seconded by Cllr. C. Claffey. She expressed concerns that the public should be listened to and the beauty of the area could be lost.

Cllr. K. Smollen noted his concerns that the area will be destroyed and highlighted that Lemanaghan could be equally important as Clonmacnoise as an historical Monastic site with enormous tourist potential.

Cllr. F. Moran noted that there is an obligation to public that a range of other uses could be developed and Bord na Mona must respect the concerns of the residents of Lemanaghan.

Cllr. J. Clendennen joined with the members in acknowledging the frustration and concerns of the public and he queried what are the options as only minor amendment is permitted.

Mr. S. Duclot acknowledged the amount of submissions received. He noted that it is a sensitive issue and he advised the members that only two options are available to either accept the buffer zone as per **MA443** or to revert to the draft plan with no buffer zone. He informed the members that Cllr. S. O'Brien's proposal to remove area 5 would not be legally.

Mr. A. Murray pointed out that Offaly County Council have taken an active position in renewable energy and that he had not stated, as repeatedly quoted, that targets/commitments have ~~been~~ already been reached. He further advised that all planning applications will be assessed, submissions can be made and most decisions on Wind Farms will go to An Bord Pleanala.

Cllr. F. Moran queried if a material contravention could be taken at a later stage.

Mr. S. Duclot responded that a Material Contravention can only be sought if a planning application is received.

Cllr. K. Smollen proposed to put the decision off until legal advice had been sought. This was seconded by Cllr. S. O'Brien. Cllr. L. Quinn sought clarity on the date for adoption of the County Development Plan 2021 – 2027.

Mr. S. Duclot confirmed that last date for adoption is 20th September 2021 and requested a break.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. F. Moran the members agreed to break.

	<p>After break</p> <p>Cllr. K. Smollen proposed that legal advice be sought for the members on whether it would be minor or major to exclude Lemanaghan Bog. This was seconded by Cllr. S. O'Brien</p> <p>A vote was called:</p> <p>For: Cllrs. C. Claffey, J. Foley, M. Hackett, F. Moran, S. O'Brien, K. Smollen.</p> <p>Against: Cllrs. J Carroll, J. Clendennen, N. Cribbin, E. Dooley, E. Fitzpatrick, D. Harvey, T. McCormack, R. McDermott, P. Ormond, D. Owens, L. Quinn.</p> <p>The Motion was defeated.</p> <p>Cllr. L. Quinn proposed to accept as per the Chief Executive's recommendation:</p> <p>Material Alteration MA443 related to the removal of an area 500 metres north of the disused railway line known locally as "The Banagher Line" and 700 metres in each direction from Lemanaghan/Pollagh junction east towards Ballycumber and west towards Ferbane around the Lemanaghan Monastic Site from the Area Open for Consideration for Wind Energy Development.</p> <p>This was seconded by Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick.</p> <p>A vote was called:</p> <p>For: Cllrs. J Carroll, J. Clendennen, N. Cribbin, E. Dooley, E. Fitzpatrick, D. Harvey, T. McCormack, R. McDermott, F. Moran, P. Ormond, D. Owens, L. Quinn.</p> <p>Against: Cllrs. C. Claffey, J. Foley, M. Hackett, S. O'Brien, K. Smollen.</p> <p>The Motion was carried.</p>
<p>ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS</p>	<p>Ms. Lorraine Mitchell gave a summary on the environmental assessments that have formed part of the Plan-making process. in relation to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) she stated that:</p> <p>Taking into account the measures that have already been integrated into the Draft Plan and the relevant proposed material alterations that provide for and contribute towards environmental</p>

	<p>protection, environmental management and sustainable development, any potential effects arising from the CE recommendations either are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Present already (beneficial) and will be further contributed towards, and / or (ii) Will be mitigated so as not to be significant (adverse) <p>Some CE recommendations would result in the relevant element of the draft plan being adopted rather than the proposed material alteration.</p> <p>Taking account of the foregoing, the CE’s recommendations would not be likely to result in significant effects on the environment.</p> <p>An SEA Statement and consolidated SEA Environmental Report will be prepared in the coming weeks to take account of the final plan.</p> <p>In relation to Appropriate Assessment (AA) she stated that:</p> <p>Members have been provided the following Appropriate Assessment (AA) information throughout the plan-making process for their consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AA Natura Impact Report for the draft Plan - AA Natura Impact report for the proposed material alterations - Advice on further modifications - Final consolidated AA Natura Impact Report <p>The CE’s recommendations have been reviewed from an AA perspective and it has been confirmed that there are no additional sources that have not been considered by the AA to date. None of the recommendations would affect the integrity of any European site.</p> <p>An ‘AA Determination’ signed by the CE was presented to the members in advance of the adoption of the Development Plan taking account of the advice and documents throughout the plan-preparation/ AA process.</p>
<p>RESOLUTION TO MAKE OFFALY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021-2027</p>	<p>Resolution to make Offaly County Development Plan 2021-2027:</p> <p>Having considered the Draft Offaly County Development Plan 2021-2027, the proposed material alterations which were placed on public display and the Chief Executive’s Report on submissions received on the proposed material alterations which was circulated to the members on the 11th August 2021 and the</p> <p>Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report for the Draft Plan; Appropriate Assessment (AA) Natura Impact Report for the Draft Plan; Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) for the Draft Plan; SEA Environmental Report for the Proposed Material Alterations;</p>

	<p>Natura Impact Report for the Proposed Material Alterations; Final, consolidated Natura Impact Report; Written submissions relating to SEA, AA and SFRA made during the Plan preparation process, and Ongoing advice on SEA, AA and SFRA from the Council's agents, in accordance with the provisions of Section 12(10) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the members agree, by resolution, to make the Offaly County Development Plan 2021-2027, as recommended by the Chief Executive and as further modified by way of motions and resolutions at the Special Council Meeting on Friday 10th September 2021 and to proceed in accordance with Section 12(12) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) to publish notice of the making of the plan.</p> <p>Cllr. P. Ormond proposed to adopt the Offaly County Development Plan 2021-2027. This was seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll.</p> <p>A vote was called:</p> <p>For: Cllrs. J Carroll, C. Claffey, J. Clendennen, E. Dooley, E. Fitzpatrick, J. Foley, M. Hackett, D. Harvey, J. Leahy, T. McCormack, R. McDermott, F. Moran, S. O'Brien, P. Ormond, D. Owens, L. Quinn.</p> <p>Against: Cllr. K. Smollen.</p> <p>Absent: Cllrs. N. Cribbin, N. Feighery</p> <p>The Motion was carried.</p> <p>The members resolved to adopt the Offaly County Development Plan 2021-2027</p>
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This concluded the business of the meeting.

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18th October 2021