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FOREWORD

The Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023 was prepared following a period of extensive public consultation and was adopted in February 2017 by the Elected Members of Kildare County Council.

The Development Plan is one of the most important policy documents for the county as it sets out an agreed vision that will guide the future growth and sustainable development of our county over the next 6 years.

Kildare is one of the fastest growing and diverse counties in Ireland with vibrant towns, villages and rural areas and many historic sites and landscape features of local, national and international significance.

This County Development Plan has come at a time of change globally. Kildare by virtue of its location within the Greater Dublin Area, its young and highly educated population and strong economic base is in an excellent position to embrace the future. The broad range of policies and objectives contained in the Development Plan, reflect the county's capacity to play a key role in accommodating sustainable growth and to support quality of life and prosperity among all citizens, whilst maintaining the county's unique natural and built environment.

The implementation of the Development Plan is fundamental to achieving the Council's corporate vision, which is to make County Kildare an attractive place in which to live, work and do business.

Everyone with an interest in County Kildare is a stakeholder in the County Development Plan and we can all contribute to realise its policies and objectives through a sense of shared vision.

I would like to take this opportunity to compliment and thank the Elected Members and the staff of Kildare County Council, who have worked in close partnership over the past two years on the preparation of the new Plan.



Peter Carey
Chief Executive

Kildare County Council
1st March 2017

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

The County Development Plan was adopted by the Elected Members of Kildare County Council on 1st February 2017. The Plan came into effect on 1st March 2017.

Kildare County Council has a total of 40 County Councillors from the Municipal Districts (MD) of: Athy, Kildare - Newbridge, Celbridge – Leixlip, Maynooth and Naas who together form Kildare County Council.

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION – REVIEW PROCESS

In accordance with the statutory process for the preparation of a Development Plan as set out under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the Council published notice of its intention to review the Kildare County Development Plan and to prepare a new development plan in April 2015 and carried out an initial stage of public consultation between April and May 2015; the Council published the Draft Kildare County Development Plan in May 2016 and carried out public consultation between May and July 2016; the Council published Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Plan in November 2016 and carried out public consultation

in November 2016. The Plan was adopted in February 2017. At each stage a Chief Executive's Report that summarised the issues raised in the submissions and observations received was submitted to the Elected Members of Kildare County Council for their consideration during the plan making process.

The County Development Plan, as published and uploaded to the Council's website in May 2017, supersedes the interim copy uploaded to the website on 1st March 2017 and incorporates the Material Alterations to the Draft Plan adopted by the members of Kildare County Council in February 2017 and consequential changes arising therefrom.

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