

Minutes of Special Meeting of Kildare County Council
Held at 11.30am on Friday 14th July, 2017
At Aras Chill Dara, Naas, Co. Kildare

Members Present: Councillor M. Miley Jnr. (Mayor), Councillors, A Breen, F Brett, K Byrne, B Caldwell, D. Callaghan, M. Coleman, R Cronin, I Cussen, T Durkan, D Fitzpatrick, B Hillis, C. Kelly, P. Kennedy, A Larkin, M. McCabe, P McEvoy, J McGinley, T. Murray, J Neville, S. O'Neill, S Power, T. Redmond, M Stafford, P. Ward, B.Weld and B Young

Absent: Councillors M Aspell, A Breslin, M Dalton, S. Doyle, I Keatley, M Lynch, F. McLoughlin-Healy, S. Moore, N. O'Cearuil, J Pender, R. Power, D. Scully, M. Wall.

Officials Present: Mr. P. Carey (Chief Executive), Mr. P. Minnock (Director of Services), Ml. Kenny (Senior Planner), Mr. K. Kavanagh (Meetings Administrator), Ms. A. Granville (Executive Planner), Ms. P. Hyland (Executive Planner), Ms. V. Cooke (Administrative Officer) and other officials.

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Draft Celbridge Local Area Plan 2017 – 2023

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the following agenda item: “With regard to the Director of Services letter of 26th June 2017 to the Mayor & Members, and correspondence from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government's dated 14th June 2017 in relation to the Proposed Material Alterations to the Celbridge Local Area Plan 2017-2023, and the provisions of *Local Government (Performance of Reserved Functions in respect of Municipal District Members) Regulations 2014*, this council resolves that consideration of the draft Celbridge Local Area Plan 2017-2023 with Material Alterations shall be exercised by the full council.”

At 11.30am it was **resolved** on the proposal of Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Breen that Standing Orders be suspended and that the meeting not commence until 11.50am.

At 11.50am it was **further resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Murray, seconded by Councillor Breen that Standing Orders continue to be suspended until 12.10pm.

At 12.10pm the Mayor welcomed all members to the special meeting. K. Kavanagh read the agenda item into the record of the meeting. M. Kenny briefed the members on the work already undertaken regarding the review of the Celbridge Local Area Plan (LAP), on the 6 key development areas (KDAs) which had been identified as part of the review and on the issues raised during the public consultation period and informed the members that 2,742 submissions had been received during that period. M. Kenny also briefed the members on the key aspects of the Chief Executive's report and recommendations on the proposed Material Alterations to the draft LAP and provided the members with a copy of the submission received from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government.

Individual members of the Leixlip/Celbridge Municipal District (MD) raised concerns about the proposal that the Draft Celbridge Local Area Plan (LAP) was not to be considered at MD level and requested that the members of full council take into consideration the views of the membership of the Leixlip/Celbridge MD.

Councillor McGinley **proposed** that the following resolution be adopted:

That the decision on the Celbridge Local Area Plan remains with the Celbridge/Leixlip MD members. Councillor Byrne **seconded** the resolution.

In considering Councillor McGinley's motion a number of members stated that while the MD members might not agree with the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government recommendations (ref. Letter of 14/06/2017), they were prepared to reach a decision on the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Celbridge Local Area Plan 2017 – 2023 at MD level.

The Chief Executive advised the members that there was no intention to interfere with local democracy or to be divisive and that the executive had undertaken a huge

volume of background work on the LAP. The Chief Executive also referred the members to the provisions of the Planning and Development legislation and stressed that the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Celbridge Local Area Plan were not consistent with national policy.

Councillor S. Power stated that the council should take cognisance of the Chief Executive's report and **proposed** that the following resolution be adopted:

That this council resolves that consideration of the draft Celbridge Local Area Plan 2017-2023 with Material Alterations shall be exercised by the full council."

Councillor Fitzpatrick **seconded** the motion.

The Mayor then called for a vote on Councillor McGinley's notice of motion.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor McGinley, seconded by Councillor Byrne and agreed by a majority of the members present that the decision on the Draft Celbridge Local Area Plan remain with the Celbridge/Leixlip MD members.

The Mayor thanked all who had contributed to the meeting.

This concluded the meeting.