

Minutes of Special Meeting of Kildare County Council

Held at 2pm on Monday 08th June 2020

At Newbridge Town Hall, Newbridge, Co. Kildare

Members Present: Councillor S. Doyle (Cathaoirleach), Councillors, V L Behan, A Breen, A Breslin, F Brett, B Caldwell, B Clear, A Connolly, N Connolly, I Cussen, B Dooley, K Duffy, T Durkan, A Farrelly, A Feeney, D Fitzpatrick, C Galvin, P. Hamilton, N Heavey, I Keatley, C Kelly, N Killeen, V Liston, V P Martin, P McEvoy, F McLoughlin-Healy, S Moore, J Neville, N O’Cearuil, P O’Dwyer, T O’Dwyer, C Pender, R Power, E Sammon, M Stafford, P Ward, B.Weld and B Wyse

Apologies: Councillor M Coleman

Vacancy: One

Also Present: Mr. P. Carey (Chief Executive), Mr. E Ryan (Director of Services), Ml. Kenny (Senior Planner), Ms. A. Granville (Senior Executive Planner), Ms. M. Hunt (Meetings Administrator), and Ms. V. Cooke (Administrative).

The Cathaoirleach referred to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and acknowledged the distress that it was causing for members of the public. The Cathaoirleach thanked all frontline workers for their continued efforts in providing a service to the public during the

current difficult time and recognised the contribution made by workers in essential services, shops, medical and residential facilities. The Cathaoirleach also referred to the death of George Floyd, in America, and the meeting held a minutes silence as a mark of respect to Mr. Floyd.

The Cathaoirleach then thanked the members for their attendance and set out the order of business of the meeting which required that they consider the Chief Executive's report on submissions received regarding the Draft Variation No. 1 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023, the Chief Executive's response to the Notices of Motion submitted by the members and the consideration of the Draft Variation No. 1 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2017 - 2023 as set out in the document already circulated.

A Granville, Senior Executive Planner, briefed the members on the review process to date and informed the members that on the 05th March, 2020 the Chief Executive had issued his report on the submissions received regarding Draft Variation No. 1 of the County Development Plan to the members. Thereafter, the members had submitted their Notices of Motion and the Chief Executive had issued his response to those Notices of Motion, together with his proposed material amendments on the 3rd June, 2020.

M Hunt advised the members that:

- It was taken as fact that the Chief Executive's report on submissions received and the Chief Executive's report on Notices of Motion received had been read,
- In considering the Variation to the Draft Variation No. 1 of the CDP 2017 - 2023 the members were obliged to act in the interests of the common good and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area,
- The members must, in accordance with the 'Code of Conduct for Councillors' prepared under the Local Government Act 2001, carry out their duties in a transparent manner,

- The members must follow due process and must make their decisions based on relevant considerations and in accordance with the Planning and Development Acts and that
- The members were restricted to considering the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development plan relates, their statutory obligations and any relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or any Minister of the Government.

The Cathaoirleach informed the members that 74 Motions had been submitted and that they had been colour coded according to the Chief Executive's response. The Cathaoirleach sought their agreement to the acceptance of all Notices of Motion which had been colour coded green, due to the need to comply with Covid-19 related meeting duration time-limits, as the Chief Executive was in agreement with their content. The Cathaoirleach also asked members to be mindful of the length of discussion time availed of when discussing all other Notices of Motion and Chief Executive's recommended amendments and the members agreed with her request.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Hillis **and agreed** by the members present to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation regarding all responses colour-coded green.

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

Item No.		Resolution
1	Proposed Amendment No. 1 Chapter 1: Introduction & Strategic Context	Replace Map 1.1 under Section 1.1 (Page 17) to reflect updated Municipal District Boundaries since the adoption of the County Development Plan.

Item No.	Proposed Amendment	Resolution
2	Proposed Amendment No. 2 Chapter 1: Introduction & Strategic Context	Delete Section 1.4.1 (i) National Spatial Strategy for Ireland (NSS) 2002-2020 (Page 21) and replace with text in relation to the National Planning Framework. Create a new Section 1.4.1 (i)(a) in relation to the Implementation Roadmap for the National Planning Framework.
3	CE Recommended Amendment	Insert reference to role of the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) under Section 1.4 as follows; 1.4.1 (ii) Office of the Planning Regulator <i>The Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2018 provided for the establishment of an independent Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR). Under the provisions of the Act, the OPR have</i>

			<p><i>assumed the Minister's evaluation and assessment function of all statutory land use plans including local area plans. The OPR will provide statutory observations during the drafting of statutory plans to ensure consistency with relevant national and regional policies. Kildare County Council undertakes to take all observations received from the OPR into consideration and commits to working with the office to realise the most optimal planning and development outcomes within each respective plan area.</i></p>	
		Proposed Motion		
	4	<p>Cllr Vanessa Liston Given the fact that there is no clear direction from EMRA or the Minister on the possibility of an additional population increase of 10,000 for Maynooth, that this potential change will be subject to a further Variation of the County Development Plan if and when clarification is provided.</p>	<p>CE Response Section 5.7 of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) states that 'There is a further allowance of transition population targets in National Policy Objective (NPO) 68 by way of up to 20% of the targeted growth in the city being transferred to other settlements in the MASP'. It is further stated that 'This shall apply only to the three Metropolitan Key Towns in the MASP namely Bray, Maynooth and Swords, and only if they can demonstrate compact growth on high capacity planned or existing public transport corridors'.</p> <p>The RSES sets out that the determination of population targets for local authorities</p>	<p>Resolved by a majority of the members present to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.</p>

			<p>within the MASP in accordance with the NPF and RSES, including the population targets for the City and the Metropolitan Key Towns, should be agreed in consultation with the MASP Implementation Group.... to inform the preparation of the core strategies of the relevant city and county development plans.</p> <p>Arising from NPO68 of the National Planning Framework there have been discussions, but no decision of the Eastern Midlands Regional Assembly of any revised allocation and/or redistribution for Kildare or Maynooth. It is therefore considered that any additional population allocation for the town of Maynooth be incorporated into this or future County Development Plans at a later date following completion of the process to agree these figures.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Proposed Amendment No. 2 is adopted as proposed <u>with any additional population redistribution addressed once agreed.</u></p>	
5		<p>Cllr Daragh Fitzpatrick If the council are required to accommodate additional 10,000 persons in Maynooth or any town in County that this is addressed through a</p>	<p>CE Response See response to Item 4 above.</p>	<p>The members stated that a holistic approach was needed regarding the issue.</p> <p>Resolved by a majority of the members present to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.</p>

		separate variation of a County Development Plan which will afford relevant time for public consultation.		
6	Cllr Joe Neville	That the Council bring clarity to any designation on Maynooth or the possibility of any increases above the growth levels outlined in table 3.3.	CE Response See response to Item 4 above.	Resolved by a majority of the members present to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.
7	Cllr Tim Durkan	That a reduction of the population growth proposed for Maynooth is considered given it is the only town that can apply for extra population growth of up to an additional 10,000 people.	CE Response See response to Item 4 above.	E Ryan advised the members that as no official decision had been reached regarding an additional population figure of 10,000, it would be premature to amend population figures yet. Following a discussion it was Resolved by a majority of the members present to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.
8	Cllr Kevin Duffy	Given the proposed transfer of the phased population growth targeted in Dublin City and suburbs to Maynooth (circa 10,000) in addition to the population allocation in the Settlement Hierarchy (Table 3.3), which collectively is disproportional to the rest of	CE response See response to Item 4 above. It should be noted that the proposal for an additional allocation for the Key Town of Maynooth has not yet been agreed by the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA) and a redistribution of its current growth allocation would therefore be premature. CE Recommendation	Cllr Duffy submitted the following amendment to his notice of motion: <i>Section 5.7 of the RSES states that 'There is a further allowance of transition population targets in NPO 68 by way of up to 20% of the targeted growth in the city being transferred to other settlements in the MASP. This shall apply only to the three metropolitan Key Towns in the MASP namely Bray, Maynooth, and Swords and only if they can demonstrate compact growth on high capacity planned or existing public transport</i>

		the County and an overdevelopment of Maynooth; it is requested that the Council redistribute the Maynooth population growth to 2023 (1,839 population growth) proportionally across strategic towns along the Dublin-Cork Rail Corridor to support the sustainable, balanced and economic growth of the County; being +809 Naas/Sallins, +625 Newbridge +257 Kildare Town, and Monasterevin +148.	Proposed Amendment No. 2 is adopted as proposed with any additional population redistribution addressed once agreed.	<p><i>corridors. Any further allocation will be considered by Kildare County Council on direction from the Eastern Midlands Regional Assembly following agreement of its members. Subsequently, there will be a redistribution of the Maynooth population to 2031 in the Settlement Hierarchy (table 3.3) across Key Towns, Self-sustaining Growth Towns and Self Sustaining Towns along the Dublin – Cork and Dublin – Waterford Rail Corridors to support the sustainable, balanced and economic growth of the County.</i></p> <p>The members discussed the amended motion in detail and Resolved by a majority of the members present to accept the amended motion.</p>
	9	<p>Cllr Naoise O’Cearuil With an increase in designated population for Maynooth, that this Council will re-assign the growth targets to other towns and villages in Kildare where Maynooth has exhausted its ability to cater for further growth due to a lack of services and/or appropriate development lands.</p>	<p>CE response See response to item 8 above.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Proposed Amendment No. 2 is adopted as proposed with any additional population redistribution addressed once agreed.</p>	Resolved by a majority of the members present to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation
	10	<p>Cllrs Peter Hamilton, Angela Feeney & Tim Durkan</p>	<p>CE response Following the process to vary the County Development Plan the Council will proceed</p>	Resolved by a majority of the members present to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation.

	<p>That the council initiates an infrastructure led strategic planning and engagement process for Maynooth town and surrounding areas working with Councillors, relevant civic groups and appropriate public consultation processes, to support completion of the 2019 Local Area Plan process for Maynooth and CDP. The planning process should consider transport infrastructure, completion of the ring-road network, motorway intersection upgrades, train station development, infrastructure for bus transport and traffic design to avoid the major congestion problems experienced in 2019. The process should address sustainability considerations and residential, retail and business planning to create a vision for a town community design for 2030 and beyond.</p>	<p>to prepare a suite of local area plans which will include the Joint Maynooth LAP, prepared in conjunction with Meath County Council in accordance with RPO 4.35 of the RSES.</p> <p>A number of supporting reports/assessments will be prepared to inform the preparation of the Local Area plan including an Infrastructure Assessment to detail the capacity of physical infrastructure such as roads, water services etc. A Social Infrastructure Audit will also be carried out which will examine the current availability and capacity of social infrastructure facilities in the area, to determine future requirements and make recommendations on priority areas for future investment to ensure housing is delivered in tandem with the necessary social and physical infrastructure.</p> <p>Similarly, a Strategic Transport Strategy will be undertaken which will inform zoning decisions for the forthcoming LAP in tandem with solutions for improving public transport, cycling and permeability throughout the town.</p> <p>Appropriate consultation with elected members and all relevant stakeholders and</p>	
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		interested parties will take place at all phases of the plan preparation.	
		CE Recommendation Proposed Amendment No. 2 is adopted as proposed	

Item No.	Proposed Amendment		
11	Proposed Amendment No. 3 Chapter 1: Introduction & Strategic Context	<p>Section 1.4.2(i) and 1.4.2(ii) (Page 24-25) Delete Section 1.4.2 (i) Regional Planning Guidelines and replace with text in relation to Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy.</p> <p>Delete Section 1.4.2(ii) concerning the Retail Strategy for the GDA.</p> <p>Amend numbering of subsequent sub-headings.</p>	Resolved with 16 members voting in favour, 9 members voting against and 13 members abstaining to accept the Chief Executive's proposed amendment.

Item No.	Proposed Amendment		
12	Proposed Amendment No. 4 Chapter 1: Introduction & Strategic Context	Section 1.4.3 (Page 26-27) Create new Section 1.4.3(iii) and amend subsequent numbering	Resolved with 16 members voting in favour, 13 members voting against and 9 members abstaining to accept the Chief Executive's proposed amendment.
13	CE Recommended Amendment	Amend text to replace 'This Local Authority' with ' <i>This Council</i> '	Resolved by a majority of the members present to accept the Chief Executive's proposed amendment.

Item No.	Proposed Amendment		
14	Proposed Amendment No. 5 Chapter 2; Core Strategy	Section 2.1 and 2.2 (page 32) Amend Section 2.1 and 2.2; Insert new Figure 2.1; Amend numbering of Fig 2.1 to Fig 2.1 (a)	Resolved with 16 members voting in favour, 13 members voting against and 9 members abstaining to accept the Chief Executive's proposed amendment.
15	CE Recommended Amendment	Insert New Map 2.3 (a) Amend text under Section 2.2 page 21 as follows; <i>Supporting the achievement of more climate resilient communities in towns and villages through residential and employment opportunities with a focus on sustainable urban regeneration, compact growth together with sufficient social and community facilities and services.</i> Amend text under Section 2.4 of the Proposed Variation as follows; ' <i>Supports the transition to low carbon, climate resilient communities and a healthy environment with high quality air and water</i> .'	Resolved by a majority of the members present to accept the Chief Executive's proposed amendment.

Item No.	Proposed Amendment		
16	Proposed Amendment No. 6 Chapter 2; Core Strategy	Delete and replace text at Section, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.5.1; Delete and replace Map 2.3; Delete and replace Table 2.2.	Resolved with 16 members voting in favour and 11 members voting against to accept the Chief Executive's proposed amendment.
	Proposed Motion		

17	<p>Cllr Padraig McEvoy Given the challenge of reducing impacts from Climate Change, caused in significant part by dependency on high levels of private car use, the distribution of population in the core strategy should be more consistent with the capacities of the sustainable transport modes and where they can be improved upon.</p>	<p>CE Response In designating settlements across County Kildare, the Council is cognisant of the potential of towns and villages to deliver housing and employment (where appropriate) at locations which are proximate to high quality public transport services, recreational and amenity areas. The settlement strategy of the proposed Variation seeks to balance the delivery of housing, the efficient use of existing and planned transport and water services infrastructure with government policy that seeks to maximise access to and encourage the use of public transport.</p> <p>It should be noted that the designation of towns within each settlement type of the hierarchy will be reviewed in early 2021 as part of the full review of the CDP and this review will also form part of each successive Plan at which stage towns/settlements may within the settlement hierarchy.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Proposed Amendment No. 6 is adopted as proposed.</p>	<p>Resolved by a majority of the members present to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.</p>
18	<p>Cllr Joe Neville That a very clear meaning be set out to clarify the intentions around Self-Sustaining Growth Towns</p>	<p>CE Response Section 2.5 of the Proposed Variation sets out high level characteristics for each settlement typology in the settlement hierarchy in line with the RSES.</p>	<p>Resolved by a majority of the members present to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.</p>

		<p>versus Self Sustaining Towns.</p>	<p>Self-Sustaining Growth Towns are described as towns with a moderate level of jobs and services – includes sub-county market towns and commuter towns with good transport links and capacity for continued commensurate growth to become more self-sustaining.</p> <p>Self-Sustaining Towns are described as towns with high levels of population growth and a weak employment base which are reliant on other areas for employment and/or services and which require targeted ‘catch up’ investment to become more self-sustaining.</p> <p>Table 2.2 of the Proposed Variation also refers.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Proposed Amendment No. 6 is adopted as proposed.</p>	
19		<p>Cllr Mark Stafford That the Council notes that the proposed variation fails to acknowledge the specific characteristics of the towns and villages in County Kildare and provides for the same of model of growth in each. The Key Towns will have the greatest number of houses, the greatest</p>	<p>CE Response During the preparation of the Proposed Variation, a review of all settlements was undertaken. Indicators such as social and physical infrastructure provision (and constraints as the case may be), access to public transport and economic performance were reviewed. The Proposed Variation does not designate Key Towns, as this was a function of the Regional Spatial Economic Strategy adopted by EMRA in June 2019.</p>	<p>Resolved by a majority of the members present to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation.</p>

	<p>number of businesses and industry, the greatest number of retail units. The variation of the development plan should allow for certain settlements to develop as tourism hubs, economic hubs and retail centres.</p>	<p>In designating the remaining towns and villages across the county, cognisance was given to a town's potential to deliver housing and employment whilst seeking to balance the delivery of housing, the efficient use of existing transport and water services infrastructure with government policy that seeks to maximise access to and encourage the use of public transport.</p> <p>It is considered that the existing CDP provides significant and robust support for appropriately scaled tourism, retail and economic development proposals across the County. Section 5.16 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023 sets out a number of policies and objectives to encourage tourism including ECD 34 which sets out that it is a policy of the Council to 'facilitate the expansion of existing tourism and recreation related development and the development of new tourism and recreational development...'. The principal retail and economic hubs are aligned to the Key Towns and Self-sustaining Growth Towns outlined in the CDP Variation.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Proposed Amendment No. 6 is adopted as proposed.</p>	
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20	<p>Cllr Mark Stafford That the distinction between Small Towns and Rural Towns set out in clause 2.5 Settlement Hierarchy and Table 2.2 be deleted and the designation of Small Towns be reinstated.</p>	<p>CE Response The distinction between small and rural towns is based on the function of each town, in terms of their roles and geographical context. Small Towns are identified as local service centres with selected employment and retail functions and in many cases interact with a proximate larger urban centre. Rural Towns generally have a largely rural economy and employment opportunities in these settlements should build on local assets.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Proposed Amendment No. 6 is adopted as proposed.</p>	<p>The members discussed the issue of categorisation in detail. E Ryan advised the members that there had been no change in population growth assigned.</p> <p>Following a detailed discussion it was resolved by a majority of the members present to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.</p>
21	<p>Cllr Tracey O'Dwyer & Cllr Peggy O'Dwyer That the Council adjust Newbridge to a Large Growth Town 1 as per Table 2.2 Settlement Hierarchy and Typology, Page 27 of the Variation 1 – County Development Plan 2-17 – 2023.</p>	<p>CE Response Proposed Variation No. 1 is statutorily required to align the County Development Plan with the Regional Spatial Economic Strategy. One of the principal purposes of the variation is to designate settlements (in Co. Kildare) in accordance with the RSES as Self-sustaining Growth Towns, Self-sustaining Towns, Towns, Villages and rural areas. It should be noted that the RSES identifies Regional Growth Centres and Key Towns in the Region and it is a function of the CDP to designate all other settlements in the hierarchy.</p> <p>It should be further noted that the Large Growth Town is a designation from the Regional Planning Guidelines which have been</p>	<p>Resolved by a majority of the members present to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.</p>

		<p>superseded by revised designations in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy from EMRA.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Proposed Amendment No. 6 is adopted as proposed.</p>	
22	<p>Cllr Rob Power That Newbridge's position as the largest town in the county, a recent Key Growth Town and target location for FDI by Enterprise Ireland be given specific acknowledgement in the economic strategy of the plan that would put it on par with Naas and Maynooth in terms of delivery of future development.</p>	<p>CE response See response to item 21 above. Section 2.11 of the Proposed Variation highlights the overall economic strategy of the county in line with the NPF, RSES and the Kildare LECP. This recognises the importance of the economic cluster of Naas, Newbridge and Kilcullen and it is envisaged that this will develop in a mutually dependent way so that amenities and economies of the whole cluster are greater than the sum of the individual parts.</p> <p>The significance of Newbridge's employment base and the significance of the amount of zoned lands for employment, industry and enterprise in its northern environs should be noted and there is no intention to dezone lands at this location.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Proposed Amendment No. 6 is adopted as proposed</p>	<p>Following a discussion of this motion, Cllr. Power withdrew this Notice of Motion.</p>
23	<p>Cllr Daragh Fitzpatrick</p>	<p>CE Response The Forward Planning Team is currently preparing a Rural House Design & Siting Guide</p>	<p>Resolved by a majority of the members present to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.</p>

		<p>That rural housing guidelines are addressed as part of the variation.</p>	<p>to assist potential applicants and planning practitioners preparing applications which will be published in Q3 of this year. This guide will address various requirements of the CDP and other Section 28 Ministerial Guidance as they relate to rural housing and will highlight key areas which may affect the assessment of a particular application for a new house in a rural area. It is also intended, when the current public health restrictions allow, to host a series of Workshop/Seminars for Agents/Practitioners acting on behalf of applicants to discuss the contents of the new Guidance document.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Proposed Amendment No. 6 is adopted as proposed</p>	
24		<p>Cllr Noel Heavey Notwithstanding other issues with Variations of CDP; Kildare County Council shall prioritise its commitment to review its rural housing policy so that it is completed in year 2020. The schedule of meetings necessary for this to happen be published within three weeks of this motion being passed.</p>	<p>CE Response A review of the rural housing policy is currently being undertaken in advance of the commencement of the review of the County Development Plan in Q1 2021. It is not possible at this stage to set out a schedule for meetings required to facilitate this review, however it should be noted that the procedure and associated timelines for the preparation of a variation and a County Development Plan review are prescribed in the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended). It should also be noted that the DHPLG is working on a revision of its Rural Housing Guidelines (2005). Furthermore, it is likely that the review will be</p>	<p>Resolved by a majority of the members present to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.</p>

		<p>discussed and considered via the Planning and Economic Development SPC which are scheduled to meet quarterly.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Proposed Amendment No. 6 is adopted as proposed</p>	
25	<p>Cllr Tracey O’Dwyer & Cllr Peggy O’Dwyer That the Council remove RH9 and RH10 from the County Development Plan as they are unduly prohibitive.</p>	<p>CE Response Proposed Variation No. 1 does not address RH9 and RH10 of the KCDP 2017-2023 and therefore the removal of same cannot be considered.</p> <p>It should be noted however, that RH9 and RH10 form part of a multiple of individual policies and objectives to guide the development of housing in rural areas across the county. The suggestion that these are unduly prohibitive is not accepted as there is a practical and rational basis for inclusion, for example, there are 8 sub sections to RH 9 and some of these could be reviewed in due course.</p> <p>it is considered that the revised Rural House Design and Siting Guide currently being prepared will assist in addressing issues regarding these policies.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Proposed Amendment No. 6 is adopted as proposed.</p>	<p>The members discussed the fact that changes to rural housing figures were not being undertaken as part of Variation No. 1. The members stated that pilot schemes were required and also referred specifically to NPO 18b and to 72B.</p> <p>A Granville advised the members that social and physical assessments were being prepared in addition to Rural House and Siting Guides.</p> <p>Following a debate it was resolved by a majority of the members present to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation.</p>

26	<p>Cllr Tim Durkan That RH 9 & RH10 are removed from the County Development Plan.</p>	<p>CE Response See item 23 above.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Proposed Amendment No. 6 is adopted as proposed.</p>	<p>Resolved by a majority of the members present to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.</p>
27	<p>Cllr Tim Durkan That the Council outline if the one-off rural housing figures are included in the projected population growth for the county.</p>	<p>CE Response Yes. Section 2.5 of the Proposed Variation sets out the settlement hierarchy for County Kildare which includes for additional growth across all urban and rural settlements and the open countryside. Note table 3.3 of the Variation.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Proposed Amendment No. 6 is adopted as proposed</p>	<p>Resolved by a majority of the members present to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.</p>
28	<p>Cllr Tim Durkan That the Council publish the number of rural one-off houses built rather than the number granted in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020 to allow the members gain an accurate rural population growth figure</p>	<p>CE Response Whilst Variation No. 1 of the KCDP provides a revised settlement hierarchy for County Kildare (including rural dwellers) it does not address housing completion rates. The primary focus of the variation is to translate the transitional population targets set out in the NPF Roadmap and RSES.</p> <p>Since the beginning of 2016 Kildare County Council has granted planning permission for 656 one-off houses (to the end of Q3 in 2019) in addition to those existing units which are still occupied and are 'churned/recycled/reused as families go through the lifecycle.</p>	<p>Resolved by a majority of the members present to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.</p>

		<p>It should be noted however, that the number of units constructed in rural areas does not directly correlate to rural 'population growth' as many rural houses are granted to applicants who are already resident in these areas.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Proposed Amendment No. 6 is adopted as proposed.</p>	
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Item No.	Proposed Amendment	
29	Proposed Amendment No. 7	<p>Amend text under Section 2.7 (page 42).</p> <p>Resolved with 13 members voting in favour and 14 members voting against to reject the Chief Executive's proposed amendment. *****</p>

Item No.	Proposed Amendment													
30	Proposed Amendment No.8	<p>Delete Section 2.8 and Insert New text under Section 2.8; Delete Table 2.3 and Table 2.4; and Insert new Table 2.3 Population Projections to 2031 and Insert new Table 2.4 Population and Housing Targets; Delete Section 2.9 and Figure 2.3 and Figure 2.4 and Insert new text under Section 2.9.</p> <p>Resolved with 16 members voting in favour and 14 members voting against to accept the Chief Executive's proposed amendment.</p>												
31	CE Recommended Amendment	<p>To clarify the time periods in Table 2.4, further amend the table 'Population & Housing Targets' as follows:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Census 2016 Population</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Census 2016 Dwellings</th> <th style="text-align: center;">NPF 2020 - 2026 Population Growth</th> <th style="text-align: center;">NPF 2020 - 2026 growth</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Population growth 2020 - 2023</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Dwellings Target 2020 - 2023</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="height: 20px;"></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The members discussed the proposed reduction in population and housing targets, the fact that the period was being extended from 2026 to 2031, that sustainable development and</p>	Census 2016 Population	Census 2016 Dwellings	NPF 2020 - 2026 Population Growth	NPF 2020 - 2026 growth	Population growth 2020 - 2023	Dwellings Target 2020 - 2023						
Census 2016 Population	Census 2016 Dwellings	NPF 2020 - 2026 Population Growth	NPF 2020 - 2026 growth	Population growth 2020 - 2023	Dwellings Target 2020 - 2023									

			<u>(with 25% increase)</u>	<u>target in units</u>		
			<u>222,504¹</u>	<u>80,746</u>	<u>39,370</u>	<u>14,060²</u>
<p>infrastructure was required, the funding implications, the use of 2016 census figures, the need for planned growth and phasing, the need for social housing and the use of ESRI information.</p> <p>The members were advised that the reduction was relatively small, that the full yearly allocation was not currently being constructed, that reasons for not agreeing with the amendment would need to be stated, that a review of village growth would form part of the CDP review, that the CDP review needed to commence in 2021 and that small towns and villages needed to be surveyed.</p> <p>Following a roll call where the members voted as follows:</p> <p>It was resolved on the proposal of Councillor</p>						

¹ NPF implementation Roadmap rounded the population figure down.

² Occupancy Rate of 2.8 applied as per 2016 Census.

			<p>Keatley, seconded by Councillor McEvoy with 20 members voting in favour of the proposal - Councillors A Breen, A Breslin, F Brett, B Clear, N Connolly, Í Cussen, K Duffy, A Farrelly, A Feeney, C Galvin, P Hamilton, I Keatley, N Killeen, V Liston, V P Martin, P McEvoy, J Neville, C Pender, E Sammon and B Wyse and 18 members voting against the proposal – Councillors V Behan, B Caldwell, A Connolly, B Dooley, S Doyle, T Durkan, D Fitzpatrick, N Heavey, C Kelly, F McLoughlin Healy, S Moore, N Ó Cearúil, P O’Dwyer, T O’Dwyer, R Power, M Stafford, P Ward and B Weld to accept the Chief Executive’s proposed amendment.</p>
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The meeting was adjourned until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 9th June, 2020.
This concluded the meeting.